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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Transportation

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair

Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 309

Wednesday, February 6, 2013; 9:30 a.m.



**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 660
RELATING TO SHIPPING**

The ILWU Local 142 supports the intent of H.B. 660, which establishes a working group to explore options for reducing the shipping time and costs for transporting goods from Molokai, Lanai and Hana to Oahu.

We understand the need for more efficient and cost-effective means of shipping goods to and from remote areas like Molokai, Lanai and Hana. Shipping costs increase the cost of goods, thus raising the cost of living for the residents of those areas, many of whom are ILWU members and retirees.

However, we are concerned about "alternative modes of transportation or other means of shipping freight between islands" that will adversely affect current shipping options and work opportunity for the existing workforce. Most of the workers on the docks are members of the ILWU and diligently work to ensure that cargo shipped between the islands are moved quickly and efficiently to their final destination in spite of often difficult conditions at aging ports. Harbor improvements will increase efficiency and productivity but may not reduce costs.

In light of these concerns, the ILWU supports moving H.B. 660 to the next committee for further discussion. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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**HOUSE HEARING
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

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9:30am

**Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street**

**Testimony SUPPORTING HB 660
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Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Respected Committee Members,

As a representative organization of the neighbor-island of Molokai, we appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 660 with recommendations. The Molokai Chamber of Commerce, which represents dozens of businesses that employ hundreds of people that provide for their families, is the largest and most trusted business organization on Molokai.

The high cost of shipping local Molokai products to Oahu and the rest of the State distribution channels, along with the high costs of importing many of our raw goods and product inputs, puts our island businesses at a tremendous disadvantage to compete in the market place and leaves few alternatives to sustain themselves in a manner beneficial to the economic well being of our community.

Our recommendations would be that the Molokai representative of this working group be a productive resident from our island who truly has an intimate understanding of business, agriculture and tourism and how the shipping of goods relate to our island and Statewide economy.

We also recommend that the member from the shipping industry be a representative from Young Brothers. Because they are the only interisland shipping company serving Molokai, Young Brothers has a better understanding and appreciation than any other, of the intricacies and delicacies of the industry, which would uniquely qualify them to make sound recommendations.

We humbly ask that you support HB 660 with our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Robert Stephenson, President & CEO

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lolani Kuoha		Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I strongly support HB660 which should establish a working group to explore options for reducing the shipping time and costs for transporting goods from Molokai, Lanai, and Hana, Maui, to Oahu. Appropriates funds. It will help with supporting the small Hawaiian Homestead farmer. Mahalo, 'lolani Kuoha for Freemans Farm

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Rosie F Davis	Individual	Support	No

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Gene Ross K Davis	Individual	Support	No

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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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TESTIMONY ON HB 660
RELATING TO SHIPPING

Room 309
9:30 AM

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the Committee:

I am Dean Okimoto, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,950 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFBF supports HB 660 which establishes a working group to explore options for reducing the shipping time and costs for transporting goods from Molokai, Lanai, and Hana, Maui to Oahu.

HFBF continues to pursue methods that will improve shipping and we encourage any dialogue that could result in reduced rates to all farmers and ranchers. Furthermore, we are supportive of the creation of a working group that would specifically explore options to seek ways to further reduce shipping costs for the transportation of goods from Molokai, Lanai, and Hana, Maui to Oahu (and vice versa), as shipping input costs for farmers and ranchers are an important and large part of our cost of goods, which contributes to our challenge of competing in the local Hawaii markets.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: Faith Tuipulotu [auli@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 6:49 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Support of HB 660

Aloha,
I'm a Hoolehua homestead farmer in support of HB 660.
Mahalo,
Faith Tuipulotu

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From: Faith Tuipulotu [auli@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 6:51 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Support of HB 660



I'm an Organic papaya and soon to be watermelon farmer in Hoolehua, Molokai. I'm in support of HB 660.
Please consider the bill.
Thank you,
Keola Tuipulotu

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From: Faith Tuipulotu [aui@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 6:54 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Support HB 660

Aloha,
I'm an organic farmer on Molokai and a Homesteader. I'm in support of HB 660.
Thank you,
Noah Freeman
freemansfarm@live.com



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From: Faith Tuipulotu [aui@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 7:00 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Support of HB 660



Aloha,

My siblings (2 brothers and my sister) and my nephew are organic and conventional farmers in Hoolehua, Molokai. Shipping cost are already high coming and going from Molokai. I'm in total support of HB 660. Need to support our farmers and community.

Thank you,
Barbara Sentel

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