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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERRY SYSTEMS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 268-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "**§268-1 Ferry system and facilities authorized.** It being  
4 hereby declared that the establishment of a ferry system to  
5 provide the people of this State with an economic means of  
6 transportation is a public purpose, the department of  
7 transportation, hereinafter referred to as the department, [~~may~~]  
8 shall acquire by lease, charter, contract, purchase,  
9 condemnation, or construction, and partly by any or all of such  
10 means, and thereafter operate, improve, and extend, as a public  
11 undertaking and enterprise, a system of ferries between the  
12 islands of the State and connecting with the public streets and  
13 highways in the State, the system of ferries to include such  
14 boats, vessels, wharves, docks, approaches, landings,  
15 franchises, licenses, and appurtenances, as shall be determined  
16 by the department to be necessary or desirable for the efficient  
17 operation of a ferry system to best serve the public. In



1 general the department shall have all the powers necessary or  
2 convenient to carry out effectively the purpose and provisions  
3 of this chapter. The department may acquire by purchase,  
4 condemnation, or construction and include in such ferry system  
5 such approaches and connecting roadways as may be deemed by the  
6 department advantageous in channeling traffic to points served  
7 by the ferry system. The department may enter into any  
8 contracts, agreements, or leases with any person, firm, or  
9 corporation whether public or private and thereby provide, on  
10 such terms and conditions as it shall determine, for the  
11 operation of any ferry or ferries or system thereof, whether  
12 acquired by the department or not. The department may further  
13 exercise the power of eminent domain for the acquisition of  
14 either real or personal property, necessary for the ferry  
15 system. The department of land and natural resources shall  
16 conduct any necessary environmental impact statements pursuant  
17 to chapter 343 for an inter-island or intra-island ferry system  
18 authorized by this chapter."

19 SECTION 2. Section 268-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended to read as follows:



1           " [{}]§268-2.5 Intra-island water ferry transportation  
2 system; authority to implement. [{}] The department of  
3 transportation [~~is authorized to~~] shall implement an intra-  
4 island water ferry transportation system subject to chapter  
5 103D. The intra-island water ferry transportation system shall  
6 be premised upon the transportation of commuters during peak  
7 traffic periods and may be used for other revenue-generating  
8 purposes during non-peak traffic periods. The system may  
9 include landings at various locations along the southern coast  
10 of Oahu and shall be integrated with ground transportation.

11           The department of transportation and the department of land  
12 and natural resources are authorized to:

- 13           (1) Waive or assess nominal fees for the use of public  
14           infrastructures and terminals by the operator of the  
15           intra-island water ferry transportation system; and  
16           (2) Lease public lands at a nominal cost to the operator  
17           of the intra-island water ferry transportation system.

18           In return for concessions as determined jointly by the  
19 department of transportation and the department of land and  
20 natural resources, the operator of the intra-island water ferry  
21 transportation system shall provide the ferry service at no cost



1 or nominal cost to the State for the duration of the  
2 concessions. Operating expenses may be further supplemented by  
3 other revenue-generating activities during non-peak traffic  
4 periods.

5 The department of transportation shall aggressively explore  
6 the possibility of obtaining federal funds to implement the  
7 intra-island water ferry transportation system."

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for costs  
11 associated with the implementation of a inter-island or intra-  
12 island ferry system.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
14 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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# H.B. NO. 2670

**Report Title:**

Ferry System; Environmental Impact Statement

**Description:**

Requires the department of transportation to implement an intra-island or inter island ferry system.

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