
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERRIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the traffic in the
2 State is consistently ranked among the worst in the nation with
3 drivers spending an average of eighty-eight hours a year in
4 congestion. Congestion not only increases commute time but also
5 results in an economic loss of millions of dollars and
6 environmental costs contributing to air pollution. A water
7 ferry system in the State, especially on the west side of Oahu,
8 would reduce traffic congestion on the roadways and make better
9 use of our waterways.

10 The legislature further finds that the department of land
11 and natural resources manages the State's aquatic resources as
12 well as oversees all boating and ocean recreation in the State.
13 The department has the ability and authority to undertake
14 environmental impact statements on behalf of the State and to
15 protect the State's interests. An environmental impact
16 statement is needed to implement a ferry system in the State.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
2 land and natural resources to conduct any necessary
3 environmental impact statements to enable the department of
4 transportation to fully implement a Hawaii state ferry system.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 268, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
7 and to read as follows:

8 **"§268- Provision for an environmental impact statement.**

9 (a) The department of land and natural resources shall conduct
10 any necessary environmental impact statements pursuant to
11 Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for an inter-island or
12 intra-island ferry system authorized by this chapter.

13 (b) Any private ferry system currently in operation or
14 created in the future may utilize environmental impact
15 statements conducted pursuant to subsection (a) for future
16 operations."

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the environmental
18 response, energy, and food security tax pursuant to section 243-
19 3.5 the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
20 necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 and the same sum or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 to carry
2 out the purpose of this Act.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Ferry System; Department of Land and Natural Resources;
Environmental Impact Statement.

Description:

Requires the department of land and natural resources to conduct any necessary environmental impact statements to enable the department of transportation to fully implement a Hawaii state ferry system. Makes an appropriation.

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