
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN INTRA-ISLAND WATER FERRY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM ALONG THE LEEWARD COAST OF OAHU WITH ONE FERRY LANDING ORIGINATING FROM THE WAIANAE SMALL BOAT HARBOR.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature, in Act 221, Session Laws of
2 Hawaii 1998, authorized the Department of Transportation to
3 implement an intra-island water ferry transportation system with
4 landings at various locations along the southern coast of Oahu
5 as one method to address traffic congestion; and
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7 WHEREAS, Act 221, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998, also allowed
8 the Department of Transportation to conduct an intra-island
9 water ferry transportation system demonstration project and
10 transition this project into a permanent project as needed; and
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12 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu initiated an
13 intra-island ferry system called TheBoat from Kalaeloa to Aloha
14 Tower in 2007, but suspended the service nearly two years later;
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17 WHEREAS, an intra-island water ferry transportation system
18 is still needed to address traffic congestion and other
19 transportation-related problems in the State, particularly for
20 areas along the leeward coast of Oahu, and with one ferry
21 landing originating from the Waianae small boat harbor, such a
22 system could potentially alleviate these congested traffic
23 conditions; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Legislature in Section 2 of Act 6, Special
26 Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, prohibited any net increase in
27 commercial vessel permits involving ocean-related activities for
28 State small boat harbors for ocean waters between Kalaeloa Point



1 and Kaena Point, so any intra-island water ferry transportation
2 system originating from the Waianae small boat harbor would
3 require an exemption from this prohibition; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
8 Transportation is requested to conduct a study on the
9 feasibility of establishing an intra-island water ferry
10 transportation system along the Leeward Coast of Oahu to
11 include:

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13 (1) Identifying appropriate routes and harbors for an
14 intra-island ferry transportation system on the
15 Leeward Coast of Oahu, with the possibility of one
16 ferry landing originating from the Waianae Small Boat
17 Harbor;

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19 (2) Financing options for an intra-island ferry
20 transportation system, including estimates of rates or
21 fees to address operating costs;

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23 (3) Determining requirements for compliance of an intra-
24 island ferry transportation system with the State's
25 environmental protection laws, including chapter 343,
26 Hawaii Revised Statutes, which determines requirements
27 for environmental impact statements;

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29 (4) Consideration of the operational particulars of an
30 intra-island ferry transportation system, including
31 vessel design and speed, passenger capacity, cargo
32 capacity, automobile capacity, and compatibility with
33 harbor infrastructure; and

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35 (5) The effect that an intra-island ferry transportation
36 system may have on traffic congestion for the commute
37 between the Waianae region and downtown Honolulu
38 during peak traffic periods; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
41 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its study
42 including its findings, recommendations, and any proposed



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1 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
2 to the commencement of the 2017 Regular Session; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
6 Transportation, Administrator of Boating and Ocean Recreation,
7 and Harbor Agent of Waianae Small Boat Harbor.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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