

ACT 178

A Bill for an Act Providing for the Preparation of the Establishment and Maintenance of a State Ferry System and Making an Appropriation Therefor.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to provide for the initial preparation of the establishment and maintenance of a State ferry system to promote inter-island travel and transportation of goods to aid the economic development of the State.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of the general funds of the State the sum of \$75,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the department of transportation for the following purposes:

(a) To contract for the services of a consultant or consultants to analyze the data contained in the various transportation studies already made, and to collect such additional information as may become available on hydrofoils and together with the study entitled "The Market for a New Inter-Island Ferry System," project volume, schedules and costs to be submitted to the legislature and from which they may recommend a program either for state or private operation of an inter-island fast freight and passenger system.

(b) To determine the types of ferries, both air and water including hydrofoil, which are available or will be available for a state ferry system and the cost of purchasing, leasing, or leasing with an option to purchase the different types of ferries.

(c) To prepare bid forms and evaluate proposals for the maintenance and operation of the different types of ferries by private entrepreneurs.

SECTION 3. Progress report. The director of transportation shall prepare a progress report in writing of the nature and extent of his activities along with recommendations under the provisions of this Act. Such report

shall be delivered to each member of the legislature at least thirty days before the 1962 regular session convenes.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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