
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HARBORS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, pursuant to section
2 266-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the department of transportation
3 has jurisdiction over Hawaii's commercial harbors, including
4 control and management responsibility for commercial harbor and
5 waterfront improvements. Among the major new developments
6 demanding attention with regard to Hawaii harbors is the
7 proposed operation of Hawaii Superferry, Inc. or other inter-
8 island ferries. Hawaii Superferry, Inc. plans to introduce
9 inter-island roll-on/roll-off passenger and freight ferry
10 service within the Hawaiian islands in July, 2007.

11 The State and the city and county of Honolulu are directing
12 new development and population growth to west Oahu. With the
13 population increase, adequate transportation is necessary to
14 alleviate the inevitable traffic congestion. An alternative to
15 surface transportation is ocean transportation furnished by
16 ferries and water taxis.

17 The Oahu metropolitan planning organization is a quasi-
18 public agency charged with coordinating transportation planning



1 on Oahu as part of metropolitan planning under chapter 279E,
 2 Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Oahu metropolitan planning
 3 organization has expressed serious interest in an intra-island
 4 ferry or water taxi system. The use of public-private
 5 partnerships for development has proven to be economical and
 6 effective for government to build public facilities.

7 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of
 8 transportation to partner with a private developer to purchase
 9 or lease land for an intra-island ferry or water taxi service at
 10 west Oahu.

11 SECTION 2. (a) The department of transportation may
 12 partner with a private developer to purchase or lease land for
 13 an intra-island ferry or water taxi service at west Oahu.

14 (b) The department of transportation shall involve the
 15 city and county of Honolulu in the planning to provide bus
 16 service to the new west Oahu harbor or marina facilities.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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