A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the purpose of Act
- 2 221, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998, codified as section 268-2.5,
- 3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, was to authorize the department of
- 4 transportation to implement an intra-island water ferry
- 5 transportation system with landings at various locations along
- 6 the southern coast of Oahu as one method to address traffic
- 7 congestion. To assist with operational costs of the intra-
- 8 island ferry system, Act 221 also established the ferry project
- 9 special fund codified as section 286-2.6, Hawaii Revised
- 10 Statutes. Act 221 also allowed the department of transportation
- 11 to conduct an intra-island water ferry transportation system
- 12 demonstration project and transition this project into a
- 13 permanent project as needed.
- 14 The legislature further finds that action is still needed
- 15 to address traffic congestion and other transportation-related
- 16 problems in the State, particularly for areas along the leeward
- 17 coast of Oahu.



1 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of 2 transportation to implement an intra-island water ferry 3 transportation system along the leeward coast of Oahu with one 4 ferry landing originating from the Waianae small boat harbor. 5 SECTION 2. Section 268-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 6 amended to read as follows: 7 "[+] §268-2.5 Intra-island water ferry transportation 8 system; authority to implement.[]] The department of 9 transportation is authorized to implement an intra-island water **10** ferry transportation system subject to chapter 103D. The intraisland water ferry transportation system shall be premised upon 11 12 the transportation of commuters during peak traffic periods and 13 may be used for other revenue-generating purposes during non-14 peak traffic periods. The system may include landings at 15 various locations along the [southern] leeward coast of Oahu and 16 shall include a landing originating from the Waianae small boat **17** harbor. The system shall be integrated with ground 18 transportation. 19 The department of transportation and the department of land

and natural resources are authorized to [+

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1	(1)	Waive] waive or assess nominal fees for the use of
2		public infrastructures and terminals by the operator
3		of the intra-island water ferry transportation
4		system[; and
5	(2)	Lease public lands at a nominal cost to the operator
6		of the intra-island water ferry transportation
7		system].
8	In return for concessions as determined jointly by the	
9	department of transportation and the department of land and	
10	natural r	esources, the operator of the intra-island water ferry
11	transportation system shall provide the ferry service at no cost	
12	or nominal cost to the State for the duration of the	
13	concessio	ns. Operating expenses may be further supplemented by
14	other revenue-generating activities during non-peak traffic	
15	periods.	
16	The department of transportation shall aggressively explore	
17	the possibility of obtaining federal funds to implement the	
18	intra-island water ferry transportation system."	
19	SECT	ION 3. Act 221, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998, is
20	amended b	y amending section 3 to read as follows:

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1 "SECTION 3. The department of transportation may conduct an 2 intra-island water ferry transportation system demonstration 3 project which shall be exempt from the statutory provisions of 4 chapters 103D and 271G, Hawaii Revised Statutes [-] and section 2 5 of Act 6, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005. The department 6 may transition the demonstration project into a permanent intra-7 island water ferry transportation system. The exemptions from 8 chapters 103D and 271G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not apply 9 to the permanent intra-island water ferry transportation 10 system." 11 The department of transportation shall submit a 12 report to the legislature on the implementation of an intra-13 island water ferry transportation system no later than thirty 14 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2018. 15 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. **17** This Act shall take effect upon its approval. SECTION 6. 18 INTRODUCED BY:

Report Title:

Transportation; Intra-Island Water Ferry Transportation System; Leeward Coast; Oahu

Description:

Authorizes the department of transportation to implement an intra-island water ferry transportation system along the leeward coast of Oahu with one ferry landing originating from the Waianae Small Boat Harbor.

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