

SB 2618

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Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

The Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly **supports** SB 2618 that proposes to fund a feasibility study for the establishment of an interisland ferry.

There is much data and analysis that needs to occur prior the decision on whether to implement such a system. As example, attached, please find a link to the US DOT Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) National Census of Ferry Operators (NCFO) data.

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP- 21) (Public Law 112-141, section 1121(a))1 set aside \$67 million in 2013 and 2014 for the maintenance and improvement of the Nation's ferry system. It also required the Federal Highway Administration to use the BTS NCFO data for 2010 to set the specific formula for allocating Federal ferry funds.

(LINK: https://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov.bts/files/subject_areas/ncfo/highlights)

The link highlights Ferry Operators in the US for calendar year 2009, and covers general information on subjects such as:

Ferry Passenger and Vehicle Traffic Volume
U.S. Ferry Operations
The U.S. Ferry Fleet
The U.S. Ferry System
Methodology of the census

And tables covering

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Table 1: Passenger and Vehicle Boarding Estimates by Census Region (2009)
Table 2: Ferry Operators by Census Region (2009)
Table 3: Percent of Revenue from Funding Source (2009)
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Table 5: Ferry Fleet Vessel Characteristics (2009)
Table 6: Ferry Terminals by Census Region (2009)
Table 7: Route Segments by Census Region (2009)
Table 8: Ferry Route Miles by Census Region (2009)
Table 9: Segment Type and National Park Service by Census Region (2009)
Appendix A - Passengers, Vehicles, and Route Miles by State, 2009
Appendix B - State Groupings by Census Region
Appendix C - Operator, Fleet, and Terminal Characteristics, 2009
Appendix D - Operators, Vessels, Terminals, and Route Segments by State, 2009

In addition to these statistics, the proposed feasibility study should look at the data collected for the prior State DOT ferry pilot project, the City's TheBoat operation, and the former SuperFerry concept. We believe a market survey and business plan would also need to be a part of the study to determine how such a ferry operation could be fiscally sustainable with minimal impact to consumers and tax payers

We appreciate the renewed interest in the discussions of a ferry system, and if such a proposal is approved and adopted by the Legislature, an Environmental Impact Statement will be conducted after studying factors such as possible routes, speed, impacts, benefits and ridership.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL NO. 2618

A BILL FOR AN ACT
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 4, 2016, 2:45 p.m.
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Honorable Chair Inouye,
Vice Chair Gabbard,
And Members of the Committee on Transportation and Energy

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2618, regarding the study of an interisland ferry system.

I agree with the purpose of this bill which requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study of establishing an interisland ferry system and to make an appropriation for the study. Currently, air transportation is the only means of travel between the Hawai'i islands. An interisland ferry system will provide an alternative means for transporting of passengers and cargo.

Please recommend approval of this bill.

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Brad Parsons	Aloha Analytics	Oppose	No

Comments: Still not viable.

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Don Aweau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In full support of this legislation to provide transportation alternative for island residents that are immediately needed due to the high cost of inter-island air travel. Mahalo.

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Robin Kaye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: A colossal waste of money. The DOT should focus on our deteriorating airports, not on an environmental disaster like the Superferry. Please don't pass this bill.

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