HCR 47

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE NEED AND FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDIZED FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN THE ISLANDS OF MAUI AND MOLOKAI.

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Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

The Department of Transportation **supports** this resolution that requests a study on the need for and feasibility of a ferry service between Maui and Molokai.

Following the requirements of Act 196 (2016) as well as the intent of S.R. 116 (2015), the department will be conducting a comprehensive feasibility study for a ferry system and the areas of analysis requested by this resolution will be incorporated into this larger feasibility study. This study will include an analysis of successful ferry systems in other jurisdictions, appropriate and viable inter-island and intra-island routes, potential costs and revenues, financing options, the design and carrying capacity of vessels, harbor infrastructure required to support a system, and environmental impacts of a ferry system.

The department is in the process of securing additional funding from the U.S. Maritime Administration for this study to supplement the legislative appropriation included in Act 196. The study findings and resulting recommendations will be presented to the legislature prior to the 2018 Legislative Session.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

From: Brent K. Nakihei Submitted on: April 11, 2017

Testimony in support of HCR 47, Relating to a Request That The Department Of Transportation Conduct a Study On The Need And Feasability Of Establishing a Government-Subsidized Ferry Service Between The Islands Of Maui And Molokai.

Submitted to: The Committee on Transportation and Energy

Aloha Chair Inouye and Committee Members,

I strongly support House Current Resolution (HCR) 47. Molokai would greatly benefit from continued services to Maui on the Molokai Ferry System.

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