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S.C.R. 103 / S.R. 47
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY
ON THE NEED FOR AND FEASIBILITY OF A FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN ALOHA
TOWER MARKETPLACE AND SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA.

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy &
Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Department of Transportation **supports** this resolution that requests a study on the need for and feasibility of a ferry service between Aloha Tower Marketplace and Sand Island State Recreation Area.

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 specific areas of analysis requested by S.C.R. 103 and S.R. 47 can be incorporated into this larger feasibility study. The Department of Transportation notes that the route proposed by S.C.R. 103 and S.R. 47 may alleviate roadway congestion, but also that the short distance between Aloha Tower Marketplace and Sand Island may make the ferry service infeasible.

This larger ferry feasibility 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 of Transportation 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.

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Comments: Feasibility studies seem to be a welfare handout to an educated class of self-proclaimed experts who are undeserving. A good project should be the will of the people. Save the money and put it to better uses.

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