
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY AND
RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS TO RESOLVE SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES CAUSED
BY BARGE DELAYS TO LĀNA'I.

1 WHEREAS, many of Lāna'i's small businesses rely on the
2 delivery of produce and other goods through interisland barges;
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5 WHEREAS, poor weather and ocean conditions, such as Kona
6 weather systems, have caused shipping companies, such Young
7 Brothers, to delay barge services to Lāna'i, with severe storms
8 sometimes causing barges to be delayed for weeks; and
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10 WHEREAS, these delays have caused local businesses on Lāna'i
11 to temporarily close or reduce service and have resulted in
12 supply shortages for residents; and
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14 WHEREAS, alternatives to barge transportation, such as air
15 freight, are too expensive for many of Lāna'i's small businesses;
16 now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
20 Session of 2024, that the Department of Transportation is
21 requested to study and recommend solutions to address the supply
22 chain issues caused by delays in the timely delivery of barged
23 goods to Lāna'i; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in performing the study and
26 considering recommendations, the Department of Transportation is
27 requested to consider options that involve increasing storage
28 facilities near Kaumalapau Harbor for refrigerated and non-
29 perishable goods; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
32 Transportation is requested to work with businesses that provide



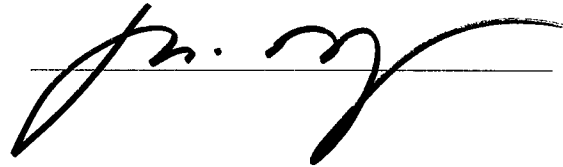
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1 barge services or otherwise deliver goods to Lānaʻi and other
2 stakeholders in performing the study; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
5 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
6 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
7 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
8 the Regular Session of 2025; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.
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OFFERED BY: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. M.", written over a horizontal line.

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