HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY TO REESTABLISH AN INTERISLAND FERRY SYSTEM IN THE STATE.

WHEREAS, Hawaii is an archipelago comprising one hundred thirty-seven islands, six of which have major population centers; and

WHEREAS, residents of, and visitors to, the State rely primarily on aircraft for inter-island transportation; and

WHEREAS, between December 2007 and July 2009, residents and visitors were provided an additional option for interisland transportation: the Hawaii Superferry; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Superferry was a high-speed ferry service that efficiently transported persons and property, including motor vehicles, between the islands of Maui and Oahu; and

WHEREAS, reestablishing an interisland ferry system in the State would provide residents of, and visitors to, the State with an efficient, cost-friendly alternative to air and barge transportation between the islands; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, that the Governor is requested to take any actions necessary to reestablish an interisland ferry system in the State; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of Transportation.

OFFERED BY:

