

Resolution

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OPPOSING THE PROPOSED COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICE OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY AT KAHULUI HARBOR

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Superferry is scheduled to commence service to Kahului Harbor in April 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Kahului Harbor is the only commercial harbor on the island of Maui and is an important lifeline for goods, supplies, equipment, agricultural products, and vehicles to and from the island; and

WHEREAS, the plan for the Hawaii Superferry at Kahului Harbor will result in the displacement of approximately 23 percent of the existing space occupied by inter-island shipping company, Young Brothers, Limited (YBL); and

WHEREAS, the reduced space at Kahului Harbor will necessitate reduction in services by YBL, including discontinuance of its less than full container load (LCL) service on the islands of Maui and Molokai, and the loss of this service will adversely affect a number of businesses on these islands; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Transportation announced in May 2006 that the recently approved 2025 Kahului Harbor Master Plan is obsolete and that work will begin on an updated plan in late 2006; and

WHEREAS, questions remain regarding the impact of the Hawaii Superferry operation on traffic circulation, potential County costs, existing harbor users, and other concerns; and

WHEREAS, Kahului Harbor is inadequate to accommodate current users and the Hawaii Superferry in April 2007; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby opposes the proposed commencement of operation of the Hawaii Superferry in April 2007 at the Kahului Harbor, pending update of the Harbor Master Plan, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 343, and

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construction of necessary improvements to adequately accommodate current harbor users and the Hawaii Superferry; and

2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Linda Lingle, Governor, State of Hawaii; Rodney K. Haraga, Director, State Department of Transportation; Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui, State Senator 4th District; Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, State Senator 5th District; Honorable J. Kalani English, State Senator 6th District; Honorable Joseph M. Souki, State Representative 8th District; Honorable Robert Nakasone, State Representative 9th District; Honorable Kameo Tanaka, State Representative, 10th District; Honorable Chris Halford, State Representative, 11th District; Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, State Representative 12th District; Honorable Mele Carroll, State Representative 13th District; Honorable Alan M. Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui; John L. Garibaldi, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hawaii Superferry; and Glenn Hong, President, Young Brothers, Limited.