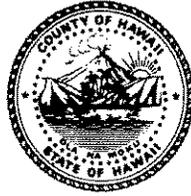


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May 9, 2005

Denise C. DeCosta, Clerk
City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Ms. DeCosta *Denise*

As directed in Resolution 68-05 (Draft 2), I am forwarding a copy of this Resolution, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Hawai'i on May 4, 2005.

Constance R. Kiriu

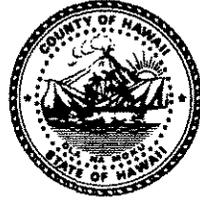
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Misc. Com. No. 1337

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I



STATE OF HAWAI'I

RESOLUTION NO. 68 05

Draft 2

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED STATEWIDE HAWAI'I SUPERFERRY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Superferry, in association with Austal USA, is proposing to provide roundtrip ferry services daily between the islands of Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Maui and O'ahu, commencing in 2007; and

WHEREAS, this service will provide Hawai'i with the world's newest and largest passenger vehicle catamaran, connecting the islands with a new "H4 highway" which could transform our communities, positively and/or negatively; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Superferry intends to provide an efficient, environmentally friendly, state-of-the-art ferry service for passengers and vehicles between the islands at approximately half the price of flying; and

WHEREAS, this system could expand the transportation infrastructure and economy by lowering the cost of travel and shipment of goods and agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, this Council supports the Superferry project in order to bring us closer to families, friends and events on other islands; and

WHEREAS, an environmental impact statement would help the County and the State plan to address issues such as restroom facilities and parking at Kawaihae, road capacity coming to and leaving Kawaihae, and the spread of invasive alien species; and

WHEREAS, an environmental impact statement also addresses economic issues; and

WHEREAS, an environmental impact statement can discuss the experience of similar projects in other locations; and

WHEREAS, it is not the Council's intent to delay or stop the Superferry, but rather to ensure that all the possible impacts of the Superferry are addressed prior to its arrival in order to protect Hawaii's people and its environment; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Maui and Kaua'i have called for an environmental impact statement on the Superferry project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I that the County Council requests that the State department of transportation prepare an environmental impact statement prior to the commencement of the Hawai'i Superferry operation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted by the County Clerk to the Honorable Linda Lingle, the department of transportation, the Congressional delegation, the Speaker of the State House, the President of the State Senate; the Hawai'i delegation to the State Legislature, and the County Councils of Honolulu, Kaua'i and O'ahu.

Dated at Hilo, Hawai'i this 4th day of May, 2005.

Introduced by:



 COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL
 County of Hawai'i
 Hilo, Hawai'i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on May 4, 2005.

ATTEST:



 COUNTY CLERK CHAIRMAN & PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NOES	ABS	EX
ARAKAKI		X		
HIGA	X			
HOFFMANN	X			
HOLSCHUH	X			
IKEDA			X	
ISBELL	X			
JACOBSON	X			
PILAGO	X			
SAFARIK	X			
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Reference: C-189.18/PC -18
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