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Subject: [EXTERNAL] YB Sailings and Shipping Requirements

The Hawaii State Administration constantly promotes the concept of "Food security" in Hawaii. The foundation of this concept is encouraging local production of food stuffs on the Hawaiian Islands to be sold to local consumers. I would think the PUC would support the efforts of the Administration by regulating the transportation of food stuffs between islands in such a way as to make it affordable and convenient to the producers of the food stuff.

The requirement to use 20' and 40' containers to ship livestock between islands is totally unreasonable, not only for commercial producers but for recreational shippers as well. This requirement to use a 20' or 40' container, loaded & unloaded off site will effectively illuminate the shipment of recreational livestock between islands. This requirement effectively eliminates the sale of recreational livestock between islands. In good conscience how can the PUC promote and or allow such restrictive regulations to go into effect.

The people of Hawaii have no other economical way to move livestock between islands. Now that the Super Ferry is history, the YB monopoly authorized by the PUC and sanctioned by our legislators is the only economical mode of transporting livestock. This mode of transportation must be kept convenient and affordable otherwise Hawaii's consumers will have no other choice but to import their food stuffs. I would hope the Cover-19 experience would send a clear message to our legislators and the PUC that this a dangerous and unsustainable proposition.

I would like to hear back from you as to why this situation is even occurring.

Aloha,

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