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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Farmers in the Hilo area and our markets on Oahu are very concerned about the removal of the Monday Barge from Hilo to Honolulu from Young Brothers shipping schedule. We can't switch to Thursday because it arrives in Honolulu on Saturday and Young Brothers works only half a day on Saturdays. This means most of our agricultural products must wait till Monday for pick up and lose freshness and quality. Markets also lose the peak weekend sales. Also many of our farmers and workers are "WEEKED WARRIORS" that have jobs during weekdays preventing them from harvesting for Thursday barge shipping. We are now having to pay Trucking Companies to haul to Kawaihai Barge on Tuesday. This is difficult because they do not have capacity to receive, store plus haul and it adds 4 cents/ pound to our freight cost which means higher prices for customers and reduced sales for us. Please ask Young Brothers to reconsider and cancel the Thursday Hilo Barge if they must.

Mayor Kim supports this.

Sincerely,

Michael Durkan