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Public Comment on YB sailing schedule change:

To: PUC Commissioners

The Hawaii Papaya Industry Association members would like to express our concerns regarding the removal of the Monday barge sailing from Hilo to Honolulu. Removal of this sailing would force papaya farmers to pay for refrigerated trucking from Hilo to Kawaihae port. This fee is roughly \$42.00 per pallet in addition to the current charge of \$76.00 per pallet for the barge sailing fee. This is a huge increase for farmers to pay at this time as many are just recovering from the recent lava flow in Puna and have our own Covid - 19 financial problems.

Lastly, papaya can be very easily be damaged with all the extra trucking and extra forklift handling occurring with the removal of Monday sailings.

Thank you,

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