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Aloha,

I have lived on Oahu for 4 years and have boarded my beloved horse here as well. I am a professional Chef (at A Peter Merrimen restaurant)and will be a chef in kauai as well. I am also a Military spouse, my husband and daughter have decided to make our final move to retire on the beautiful island of Kauai. We both have dedicated 22 years to our professional fields. We are currently in the process of moving and are now faced with the price gouging that YB is doing for the transport of our family horse. Charging \$2400 to ship interisland for a 15 hour boat ride, demanding people load and unload horses at the destination in 20-40 foot shipping containers requiring special haulers/ trailers. I was quoted in April at a price of \$450 and now it is \$2400 because they took it upon themselves to put into effect (using covid-19 as an excuse) changes that the PCU put aside to be discussed in June/ July and were never even implemented by the state. This is taking advantage of people at the worst times.

We the Equestrian community need your help to stop this! Many people on these islands still depend on ranching as their livelihood and make it their life's work to respect the land. How are we going to continue to use local farmers to supply our restaurants and food service if we can not treat the farmers with the utmost respect they deserve? Many youth depend on rodeos and competitions for college scholarships. We should be encouraging historic outdoor farming practices for our future, all local is always the goal, how will big island goat cheese receive more animals when it gets too expensive for them? This needs to be changed and we need your help to keep the historic hawaiian ranching alive on these islands!

With aloha,
Stacy Rampton

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