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[TEST] Clarification on SuperFerry

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Aloha all – Despite today's Star-Advertiser headline and story ([Ige floats proposal to bring back ferry service](#)), the governor has **not** submitted a proposal to revive the SuperFerry. The Dept. of Transportation provided the following information in response to the article:

- HDOT is abiding by Senate Concurrent Resolution 181 passed in the 2015 legislative session calling for a state study of an interisland ferry system.
- The study was not proposed by the Ige administration.
- In the 2016 legislative session lawmakers have introduced nine new bills regarding a ferry system that also call for studies and environmental impact statements. Six are from the House and three from the Senate.
- HDOT supports the intent of a ferry system study, as it could be a facet in the HDOT sustainable transportation initiative which promotes alternative modes of transportation.
- The greatest challenges to a successful interisland ferry system in Hawaii are community support, environmental impacts and profitability of services.
- A study will help determine if a ferry system is feasible, economical or embraced by the stakeholders including the community and potential riders.

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