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**Representative Della Au Belatti
Comments on Speaker Calvin Say's Superferry Ties**

I am very disappointed to learn that House Speaker Calvin Say chose not to disclose his ties to Hawaii Superferry before beginning negotiations with the Governor and the company on behalf of the State. Speaker Say, who is responsible for monitoring unethical behavior in the House of Representatives, should have disclosed that his son is an Account Executive with the Hawaii Superferry much earlier, rather than have members of the House Democratic Caucus and the public learn about his conflict of interest through newspaper reports.

As a fellow Legislator and citizen, I request that Speaker Say step down immediately as a negotiator with Superferry Executives following this untimely disclosure. Majority Leader Kirk Caldwell, who is free from any conflict of interest, or Representative Roy Takumi, a recognized policy leader who is respected within our caucus, are legislators who are more than capable of taking over negotiations.

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