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**YOUNG BROTHERS WELCOMES SECOND OF FOUR NEW TUGBOATS IN 20 YEARS**  
*Kāpena Raymond Alapa ʻi Tug Arrival to Hilo Port Celebrated with Traditional Hawaiian Blessing*



**HILO, HI** - Young Brothers, LLC, Hawaiʻi's inter-island tug and barge company, blessed the *Kāpena Raymond Alapa ʻi* upon its arrival to Hilo. The new tugboat is the second of four new technologically-advanced tugs to be added to the fleet in 20 years. With seven ports on Oʻahu, Kauai, Maui, Lānaʻi, Molokaʻi and the Island of Hawaiʻi, Young Brothers transports nearly 100 percent of all cargo by ocean that originates and ends in Hawaiʻi.

“The *Kāpena Raymond Alapa ʻi* represents our commitment to provide unmatched inter-island freight handling and transportation services and superior customer service to the people of Hawaiʻi,” says Joe Boivin, president of Young Brothers, LLC. “Our new tugs will reduce carbon emissions, increase fuel savings and help advance Hawaiʻi’s energy sustainability goals.”

The *Kāpena Raymond Alapa ʻi* is named after Raymond Alapaʻi, one of the original Young Brothers’

captains. The blessing in Hilo featured hula performed by the Alapa'i 'ohana, remarks by Senator Lorraine Inouye and Representative Chris Todd. Young Brothers was presented with a proclamation congratulating and recognizing the company's addition of the new class of tugs, which are designed to accommodate Young Brothers' fleet of modern high capacity barges. The tugs will produce a significant reduction in fuel consumption, meet strict Tier 4 emission standards, protect the environment and contribute to cleaner air and oceans for Hawai'i.

"It's an honor to know my father left a legacy," said Jay Cee Alapa'i, Kāpena Raymond Alapa'i's son. "We're the type of family that is very low key, but to have a prestigious company like Young Brothers do something like this for our dad is something remarkable. He would be overwhelmed as well as very humbled."

As the second of four new Tier 4 tugs, the *Kāpena Raymond Alapa'i* joins Young Brothers' fleet of six tugboats and eight barges making 12 regulated sailings per week, over 600 per year, in all weather conditions. The *Kāpena Raymond Alapa'i*, along with all of Young Brothers' Tier 4 tugs, will improve the company's ability to provide on-time cargo service to Neighbor Island communities, while enhancing service through lower maintenance down time, better tow speeds, greater operating efficiencies, and lower emissions.

Young Brothers plans to hold a blessing for all four new tugs in Honolulu in June 2019.

### **About Young Brothers**

Young Brothers, LLC, with approximately 370 employees across the state, has served Hawai'i since 1900. Young Brothers is a publicly regulated water carrier providing 12 weekly port calls from Honolulu to the state's neighbor island ports, including Hilo, Kawaihae, Kahului, Kaunapau, Kaunakakai and Nāwiliwili. For more information visit [www.youngbrothershawaii.com](http://www.youngbrothershawaii.com).

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