

Bill's Movers Shares What to Know Before Shipping Belongings to Mainland

Honolulu moving company breaks down container shipping timelines, costs, and planning tips for residents relocating between Hawai'i and the mainland U.S.

HONOLULU, HI, UNITED STATES, July 7, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Bill's Movers, a Honolulu-based moving company serving O'ahu and beyond, is sharing what residents need to know before shipping their belongings between Hawai'i and the mainland United States, a process that involves more planning than a typical local move.

Unlike a move across town, relocating between Hawai'i and the mainland means navigating shipping methods, timelines, and regulations that many residents encounter for the first time. Bill's Movers works with trusted carriers including Matson for container shipping and Hawaiian Airlines for smaller freight loads, giving customers options depending on the size of their move and how quickly they need their belongings to arrive.

"Interstate moving from Hawai'i takes more than just packing boxes," said Jesse Killebrew, owner of Bill's Movers. "People are often surprised by how far in advance they need to plan, and how much the shipping method they choose affects both cost and timeline. Our job is to walk them through those decisions so there aren't surprises later."

According to Bill's Movers, container shipping typically takes two to four weeks depending on destination, while air freight moves faster but is generally better suited to smaller loads. Costs

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Bill Movers Team

vary significantly based on volume and distance, ranging from a few thousand dollars for smaller moves to \$20,000 or more for larger households shipping the full contents of a home.

Proper preparation matters just as much as the shipping method itself. Bill's Movers offers full and partial [packing services](#) using professional-grade materials, which the company says makes a meaningful difference for interstate shipments given how long belongings may sit in transit or storage before reaching their destination.

Fragile and high-value items in particular benefit from professional packing, since a damaged item is far more difficult to replace or repair once it has already crossed the ocean.

Bill's Movers recommends booking [interstate movers](#) at least six to eight

weeks in advance, particularly during peak moving season, since container space and scheduling can fill up quickly. The company also advises residents to downsize before shipping, since container costs are tied to weight and space, and donating or selling unneeded items ahead of time can meaningfully reduce the final bill. Clear labeling on every box is another detail the company emphasizes, since long-distance shipments can take weeks to arrive and confusion during unpacking is easier to avoid than to untangle after the fact. Important documents such as passports and identification should stay with the traveler rather than packed into a shipping container, given how long transit can take.

Bill's Movers is licensed and insured with the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission and the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the company keeps every move in-house from the initial quote through delivery rather than subcontracting the work to outside crews. That direct involvement, customers say, has made a difference in how moves are communicated and handled from start to finish.

The company serves households and businesses across Honolulu, Pearl City, Kapolei, Kailua, and Hawai'i Kai, alongside its interstate and inter-island shipping services.

For more information or to request a free moving quote, visit billsmovingandshipping.com.

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