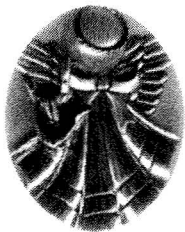


LATE TESTIMONY



FRANCINE MAE AONA KENYON

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Monday, February 10, 2010 at 9:00 aM in Conference Room 309

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL 2667 – RELATING TO FERRIES

My name is Francine Aona Kenyon and am a deaf advocate. I have rheumatoid arthritis on both of my knees.

I strongly support the House Bill 2667, Relating to Ferries, that establishes the Hawaii state ferry system and the Hawaii state ferry system special fund for the operation of a feery system between the islands.

I am VERY DISAPPOINTED that Environmental Protection Agency FAILED to consider the needs among people with disabilities who COULD NOT HAVE flown from one island to another island to see their friends or relatives when I heard many SILLY complaints from people blocking the Hawaii Super Ferry from boarding at their harbors. I was on the tour with other people with disabilities for FULL ACCESSIBILITY and SPECIAL CARE for the whales and the dolphins. After the tour, we were satisfied and put our full trust in them.

Why bring the silly "war" on them as we saw on the TV news with closed captions? We thought they were CRAZY and CHILDISH!

My friends and I were planning to go to Maui on Hawaii Super Ferry but we were stunned and shocked when we hear that Hawaii Super Ferry had left the island forever. FOREVER????? NO, we want to bring back the Hawaii State Ferry and REBUILD our economy in the state of Hawaii. .

I FIRMLYSUPPORT the amendment of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to add a new chapter for Hawaii State Ferry System because of the special needs among people with disabilities who could not possibly fly from one island to another.

I strongly support the passage of this important bill.

Thank you for the opportunity for me to testify on behalf of the Deaf community.

Sincerely,

Francine Aona Kenyon
Deaf Advocate

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony In Support of
HB2667 Relating to Ferries

By Al Lardizabal, Director
Government Relations
Hawaii Laborers' Union

To the
Committee on Transportation
February 7, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Rm. 309

Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Laborers' Union is in full support of HB2667 that establishes the Hawaii state ferry system, special fund, and authority for the ferry system.

It's time has come.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this supporting testimony.

LATE TESTIMONY

Bob Liljestrand
3935 Round Top Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

February 8, 2009

To: Representative Souki; Representative Awana; and Representative Say

Re: Testimony in support of House Bill Number 2667

I am testifying in support of House Bill Number 2667 which establishes the Hawaii State Ferry System Authority and the Hawaii State Ferry System Special Fund for the operation of a ferry system between the islands.

As one who lives in Honolulu but has agricultural land on Maui, as one who travelled on the PT Boat ferries of the 1950's and on the hydrofoils of the 1970's, and as one who enjoyed the Hawaii Superferry, I believe that the establishment of a ferry system between the islands is crucial to the environment of Hawaii, to the people of Hawaii, and to business of Hawaii. The Superferry was the first means of transportation that actually catered to local people and local business. Finally, we could visit friends and family on other islands with convenience and at a reasonable price. Finally, we could transport agricultural and other goods quickly, easily, and economically. Finally, we were no longer victims of fluctuating airline ticket prices, additional fees, luggage restrictions, and security hassles.

Once again, however, we depend on jet aircraft - aircraft designed for long flights - to travel twenty minutes to a neighbor island. In a world of diminishing energy resources and increasing energy prices this dependance on aircraft is environmentally and economically irresponsible. Further, it is unsustainable. The rest of the world knows this. Europe, Asia, the American Northwest, Alaska, New York, Maine, Nova Scotia - the list is endless - all have ferry systems. The ferries between Maine and Nova Scotia, by the way, are the same design as the Hawaii Superferry. Imagine the outcry - and the personal and economic hardship - were these ferries shut down.

Additionally - and as mentioned in the bill - alternative means of travel between the Hawaiian Islands is crucial to public health and public safety. Imagine a natural disaster that destroys harbor facilities and runways; and then remember that the Hawaii Superferry was among the first ships to arrive in Haiti after the recent earthquake.

In summary, I support House Bill 2667. An alternative transportation system between the islands of Hawaii will be beneficial to the environment, to the people, and to the business of Hawaii. Further, an alternative inter-island transportation system is essential for public health and safety.

Thank you,



LATE TESTIMONY

February 5, 2010

TO: Representative Souki
Representative Awana,
Representative Say

RE: Testimony for HB2667 Relating to Ferries

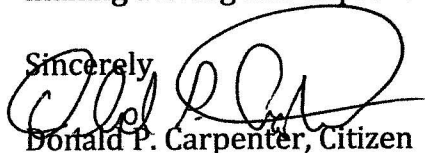
I am Donald P. Carpenter, a resident of the State of Hawaii. I am providing this testimony for HB2667 Relating to Ferries. Although I live and work in Honolulu, I also have agricultural land on Maui. Therefore, I can speak from experience with the ferry and the need for it to be reactivated.

I used the ferry during its brief time in Hawaii. Many of the people on the ferry with me were families visiting friends and relatives. Another major group on the ferry were people who were able to work on another island by bringing their equipment and tools with them in their own vehicles. They, as I, were elated to be able to have their opportunities broadened. There were also a number of businesses who started to use the ferry because it was more practical and convenient, while being less expensive and time consuming (e.g., a major bakery and flower merchants).

I personally used the ferry to bring over my tools to work on our agricultural land. I was looking forward to expanding the production so that I could bring the produce to Oahu and eventually to Hawaii and Kauai. When the ferry stopped, I was forced to put my vehicle on a barge and to fly between Oahu and Maui. I am very aware that this is doubly polluting and costly.

Ocean going ferries are in use between Islands all over the world, and are certainly more Hawaiian by nature in terms of a mode of transportation than any other. Therefore, I am providing testimony to support HB2664 Relating to Ferries because it is long over due in an island state to have low cost transportation that is built in an ecologically sane way. I believe we need the authority to start the ferry going again. I would be here today, but I had to fly today and could not change my reservation by the time I heard about this hearing. My thoughts will be with you as I work on my place in Maui. I will be back at the end of the week to work in Honolulu. During these tough times, we need the ferries so that we can expand the possibilities for making a living and improve the local economy.

Sincerely,



Donald P. Carpenter, Citizen

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