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From: ixaya chaska [ixohana@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: re: HSF meeting Sun. oct. 21

Greetings~

i am writing re: HSF meeting with the Senators on Sunday October 21, 2007 here on kauai.

yes, i did attend and i did give my testimony.

yes, i feel it is CRUCIAL to do an EIS BEFORE the HSF may operate.

Actually, in my testimony, i shared, i DO NOT think the HSF should ever run in our waters, or any waters for that matter the way it is set up.

that boat consumes about 12,000 GALLONS of fuel to make ONE round trip from Kauai to Ohau and back.

to me, at this time, this is a RIDICULOUS idea.

Please, elected officials, THINK GLOBALLY AND ACT LOCALLY.

Hawaii is a part of the US and the US has now been at war with Iraq for years.

This war must end!!!!!!!

Alen Greenspan came out about a month ago and said this war IS about oil.

Please consider, if you allow this boat to run, consider what message that shows to the public and to the world. that you support war for oil. plain and simple.

there are technologies available whereby clean energies such as water, wind and sun can be harnessed to run cars, boats, ect.

I feel very very very strongly that we MUST look 7 generations into the future and consider how our actions effect the aina and the people.

Fuel running entities have been around for a little over a century and in that time the co2 content in the atmosphere has gone up way above what it has been in 750,000 years. Watch a movie called The Planet to find out more.

Please also, take a moment to look at www.nomorevictims.org and SEE for yourselves why we must end the war and 'legal' terrorism going on in Iraq by the US military and even by US private companies like black water.

Children are losing legs, and arms and their lives.

THIS MUST END!!!!

and i feel very strongly that our way to act against the war is to consume less oil every day and to create a sustainable reality.

so please do not let the HSF run on gas and please plant gardens and fruit trees with the money instead!!!

mahalo nui loa,

ixaya chaska
Kauai resident

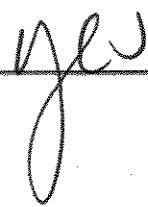
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From: Lois Miller [loismiller@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support for SuperFerry

Yes,,,of course,,,I want the SuperFerry, as do most of us,,,I thought the majority was supposed to rule,,,let's get on with it and quit letting the tail wag the dog,,,Lois Miller

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From: Akana, Cree K [cakana@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Sail the Super Ferry

To All concerned,

With all fairness there should always be a certain degree of concern when comes to our environment. But the over extreme view and approach from all environmentalist to the Super Ferry is way " over board " no pun intended. The scrutiny that the extreme environmentalist has put on the Super Ferry has not been equal, in regards to other modes of transportation.

If we all will look at the benefits this will provide to all Hawaii it is immeasurable. There will always be resistance to change, but progress continues on. It shouldn't be looked at who has the stronger will to prevail, we will all lose in the end, everyone will pay for this miss opportunity.

Let's not forget how the Hawaiians inhabited these Islands by boat / canoe, they traveled from Island to Island over the ocean, we live in the 21st century so we travel with new technology, but the concept is the same we are traveling over water. Hawaii let's set sail, let's all experience what we have all forgotten. To all the so called Hawaiians that has jumped on the environmental band wagon don't forget how we got here!!

Hana Hou " Super Ferry " all aboard, pull up anchor and let's set sail to a brighter horizon !

Aloha, and Mahalo

Cree K. Akana

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From: Karen Dejesus [KDEJESUS@aighawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am in total support of the bill to allow the Hawaii Superferry - interisland service. Reason being it is an opportunity for families to spend (quality) time together in route to visiting family and friends, as well as an educational experience for our youth on another island. Let's LIVE ALOHA as we profess in ads for tourists and not segregate ourselves and our islands!

Mahalo & LIVE ALOHA, Karen De Jesus

testimony

yes

From: Marci Williams [marci@hepa.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support SuperFerry

I am writing in support of the SuperFerry. I have just come back from a visit to Seattle, where ferries run all the time. They do not have a problem with boats hitting the orcas, spoiling the islands for locals, or invasive species. I am sorry that a vocal and hostile minority is making it hard for supporters to be heard. Please support the SuperFerry for the majority of Hawaiians.

Marci Williams

testimony

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From: Lenoraloans@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry Support

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

10/23/07 8:57 am

I am in support of the SuperFerry. I believe that having the SuperFerry in service in Hawaii will open new avenues for travel for the local communities and for the visiting Tourist industry. Not only, will it support new avenues for travel but it will assist in supporting the economy with jobs. Most all of us that live and enjoy Hawaii do support protecting our environment. The environmental issues should be carefully studied during the continued service of the Superferry.

Mahalo,

Lenora Haff

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From: Sheri StGermain [sheristgermain@honpub.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Super Ferry

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Aloha,

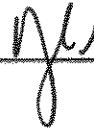
I support the Hawaii Super Ferry providing an alternative method of transportation between the Hawaiian Islands. I believe that there should be the same restrictions and requirements that the current transportation, whether airplane, jet, boat or ship must meet, no more, no less

Thank you.

Aloha, Sheri

testimony

From: liz ronaldson [growinggreens@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry



Aloha Senators:

Regarding the SUPERFERRY: your decisions will determine whether the service will continue or not, as a farmer looking to the future, the SUPERFERRY is not only a viable form of transportation, but a necessary alternative to Young Bros. If we are truly concerned with Homeland Security it will have to begin with the production of foodstuff. As you all know 90% of our food comes from foreign sources; which if the cost of energy continues to rise, and I presume it will, the impact of the cost of living for all of us will continue to escalate and the greatest impact will be on the poor. Agriculture is not a panacea for all our economic problems, but it can dramatically cut down on our outside dependency and all the negative side affects such as, invasive species and disease that come with the importation of food and other commodities. The farmer, in order to stay solvent and still grow low cost fruits and vegetables will have to EXPORT. Some form of specialty crops like the Kona Coffee or other high end value added niche products make farming attractive as a business and will be the key. Again, EXPORT is the key and that is where the SUPERFERRY will be most beneficial. Getting the product to market, getting the product to the distribution centers and getting the product to the processing plants is of utmost importance. Our present interisland transportation is not the answer, the SUPERFERRY is and we need a flexible and viable form of transportation for our farmers and farm products.

Aloha,
William and Liz Ronaldson
Kauai

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From: jjragdale@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I think it is very important for us to have the SupperFerry here. We need to have the choice to ship our cars with us. Also, to have other supplies go with us instead of having to use "the barge"

Please do what you have to. We need show Hawaii is a good place to do business and to give our residents choices.

Thank You

testimony

From: Jones, Ryan S MAJ RES USAR USARPAC [ryan.jones@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: We support the Superferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate,

I humbly ask for your support in crafting legislation that will allow the Hawaii Superferry to begin service immediately, while the Environmental Impact Study is being completed. Despite the fact that there is no precedence to conduct this study, I appreciate what the environmentalists trying to protect. In Hawaii, then environment is our most precious resource.

I have served our great country for over 22 years in the Army and have been stationed in paradise for over 16 months. I have a family of five and due to economic reasons we cannot afford to travel to the eastern US annually to see our families. My wife and I have decided our time and money is better spent on enjoying the Hawaiian Islands and the culture. As a part of that decision, staying at the military sponsored resort areas like Barking Sands or KMC are our preferred choices.

To minimize the cost of our vacations, we see the Hawaii Superferry as a great alternative to flying, not being able to take everything you need for a week, and then having to rent a large enough car to fit everyone and their bags.

The Hawaii Superferry has far more pros than cons. For example, in my 39 years, I've seen many of the 48 states just by driving from one to another. In Hawaii, has the question ever been asked, "How many native Hawaiians are afraid of flying and have never seen the other islands in their own state?"

I urge you to consider carefully the message your actions will send to the majority of your constituents who have voted in support of the Superferry and to the tourism and economic communities in the US.

Be a leader and look to the future because the only thing constant in this world is change.

Yours in service,

MAJ RYAN S. JONES

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From: Cyd Nishino [cy_cyd@lava.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Hawaii Superferry

10/23/07, 8:45 a.m.

To the Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs and Energy and Environment,

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry as an alternative means of transportation between the islands.

It is unfair to single out the Superferry, who has voluntarily upgraded its standards beyond those required by maritime laws, and push them out of our state by unnecessary delays created by the vocal minority.

Cyd Nishino

testimony

yes

From: Russell Arikawa [rarikawa@hisemail.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Aloha,

Please allow the Super Ferry to provide interisland ferry service while the studies are being done. It is a vital part of sorely needed transportation in the state of Hawaii. There are hundreds, if not thousands of positive possibilities that could be created by this service.

Thank you.

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From: hunter adams [halfbreed_24cuzzn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry



i support Hawaii Superferry because i have family and friends on other island and i dont see them as often as family and friends should. And id like to visit them and not have to pay tourist rates (plane,car rental, and hotel) on my travel instead i could camp or pack all i need to fish and have a good life in Hawaii.PLEASE ALLOW THE Hawaii Superferry TO CONTINUE THEIR SERVICE TO ALL HAWAII OHANA.

MAHALO,
NICK K. CHUN

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From: Elayne Man [elayne@sent.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I am in SUPPORT of the Super Ferry

I am in SUPPORT of the Super Ferry.

Regarding:

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Mahalo,

Elayne Man
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testimony

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From: Leo Baricar [leo.baricar@haw.tamc.amedd.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: FW: Urgent: Your Testimony Needed

Leo Baricar has forwarded you this email with the following message:

To: Senate Committee - Judicial and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment.
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

I'd like to state that the reason why Hawaii needs this is to give we the people another choice of traveling mode. It will *save us money when spending a period of time on the other islands by using our own vehicles vs renting, give the people other cites to see, help those who are afraid of flying, and travel in comfort among other things.* Give us the opportunity to choose and not choose what others believe is right for us. Thank you.

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State Senate Legislative Hearing

Aloha Friends,

Mahalo for your tremendous response to the recent polls. Overwhelming public support for Hawaii Superferry was dramatically shown.

But our biggest challenge is now before us. The state senate has scheduled its first legislative hearing and is requesting testimony.

NOW IS THE MOST CRITICAL TIME TO HAVE YOUR VOICE

HEARD.

This special session will decide the fate of Hawaii Superferry and the opportunity to have interisland ferry service.

Please email or fax testimony in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

There is no standard form, testimony is most effective when brief, simply stated with support for Hawaii Superferry and your personal reason why.

Please indicate the following committees, date, and time in your email or fax.

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Testimony must be emailed OR faxed by Tuesday (10/23) at 10:30 a.m.

Email to: Legislature's Public Access Room

testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Fax to: Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands)

If you know someone else who may be interested in submitting testimony, you can easily forward five copies as many times as you want.

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From: Gwen Kaopua [gkaopua@harrisrebar.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry!

Aloha to All,

I am definitely in support of having the Superferry in place! I would however, like to have the environmental studies in place also, as it will drastically affect our waters and our coastal lands. I believe that the Super Ferry will serve to enhance our islands, giving us more inter-island access at a cheaper and enjoyable way, while allowing those people who can't fly a means by which to travel to and from the neighbor islands. I believe that any negative impact this would have on our marine shores, would be minimal if at all, and unless there can be studies that show otherwise, I would like to see this project underway and running! Thank you and Mahalo for allowing me to voice my opinion!

Mahalo,
Gwen

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From: Thompson, Yolanda [Yolanda.Thompson@shawgrp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Hawaii Superferry.....Hawaii needs other alternatives to travel to islands.

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From: BILLY DAVIS [grampshi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I believe that the Superferry will be an asset to locals & tourists on our islands. It will provide an economical alternative of travel between the Islands. I beleive that it is less of a threat to to marine life than other vessels that are currently on Hawaiian waters.

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yes

From: Carla [konacarla@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

In response to the Neighbor Island hearings on the Superferry, as a resident of the Big Island of Hawaii, I am totally in favor of the Superferry and want our government to do everything in their power to see that they are able to operate.

I am willing to dispense with hearings on the outer islands, I am okay with legislation that waives their waiting for an EIS before operating.

I think this is an important step for our islands - you only have to look at the areas where ferries operate, Seattle, Canada, Alaska, to see how much it helps the economy.

I beg you, don't let the vocal minority carry this issue as they have in the past. You are elected to represent the majority even if they are not as visible. They are a great part of your constituents. We are of value too.

Carla Brown,
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

access2

yes

From: Bobbie Cosco [BCosco@CoscoSupply.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:48 AM

To: testimony

Subject: in favor of super ferry

I am in support of the super ferry and wish to urge the legislators to vote in favor of it now. thank you very much,
bobbie cosco

testimony

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From: Michael_Akama/WILCOX/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:48 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry

There are always two sides of the of the issue.

Do what is fair. The cruise ship and shipping companies should also be held to the same standards.

Should one of the airlines, (go, Hawaiian Air, Aloha Air) leave Hawaii, the Superferry will help keep prices in check.

Young Brothers just got approval to raise rates. The Superferry will offer an alternative for some.

There are also other economic issues at stake. Not only now but in the long run as well.

My neighbor was employed by the Superferry. It was a good paying job and he needed to work just 3 jobs and not 4 to support his family.

The polls from each island show that the people are clearly in favor of the Superferry.

Please represent the majority of the people of Hawaii and not the vocal minority. Aloha

testimony

yes

From: Edward M. Ane [edane.pactitle@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: FW: RE: In Support for the Superferry

-----Original Message-----

From: Edward M. Ane [mailto:edane.pactitle@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:29 AM
To: 'testimony@capital.hawaii.gov'
Subject: RE: In Support for the Superferry

To Whom It May Concern,

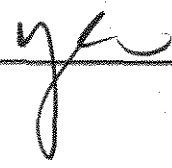
As a State of Hawaii taxpayer, I am in support of having the Superferry operating in our Hawaiian Islands. I've been hearing about a lot of the negative things regarding the Superferry, when there is a lot of good that have been unsaid. It gives another alternative for us to travel to the neighboring Islands, which is a plus, In time, I truly believe that the Superferry will be a plus for the Islands.

Mahalo,

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I would like to support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I think another alternative to interisland travel is good for the state. It will give the people choices on how they prefer to travel. There are those who are deathly afraid to fly in an aircraft, but would be able to travel interisland via the ferry.

Thank you,
Val Correa

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From: Uhane Pono [uhanepono@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: do what's right for the aina and the kama aina

WHY I VOTE NO ON THE SUPERFERRY BILL (AND DO NOT SUPPORT A SPECIAL SESSION)

- It overturns the unanimous Hawaii Supreme Court decision.
- It overturns Judge Cardoza's decision indicating potential irreparable harm; he heard 22 days of testimony.
- It leaves it to Governor Lingle to create the superferry's operating conditions, BUT - It offers NO specific protections for marine animals.
 - It creates NO specific safeguards to protect each island from invasive alien species.
 - It makes NO provision to mitigate traffic and harbor congestion.
 - It neglects to protect residents from inter-island crime and drug shipments.
 - It leaves us vulnerable to theft of natural and cultural resources.
 (Unfortunately, to-date Governor Lingle has frustrated all efforts to get any mitigation measures.)
- It allows the superferry to operate free of HRS 343, the Environmental Protection Act.
- It sets up a potentially stacked, 13 month "oversight committee" with NO enforcement capability.
- It denies the County any ability to regulate the superferry.
- It sets a precedent that our courts may be over-ruled by legislators meeting in a "special session" while the public is given only 2 minutes to comment.

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I DO NOT SUPPORT A SPECIAL SESSION TO PASS THE SUPERFERRY BILL.

IF YOU PASS THIS BILL I ASK THAT YOU INCLUDE MAUI TOMORROW'S 29 CONDITIONS. And I would like to add, NO RADIOACTIVE STRYKERS ON THE FERRY!

MAHALO,

Superferry Operating Conditions

Submitted to the Legislature on Behalf of Maui Tomorrow We strongly oppose operation of Hawaii Superferry during the time it takes to prepare an EA or an EIS. Such operations violate unambiguous Hawai'i law. Maui Circuit Court Judge Joseph E. Cardoza correctly found that such operations caused the possibility of irreparable harm to marine mammals and an increased rate of alien species introductions. Evidence received during the hearings made it obvious that the Hawaii Superferry project "may" have a significant effect on the environment and, as such, a full EIS is required. Legislative recognition of this inevitability is no real concession to environmentalists. We urge the Legislature not to pass this unconstitutional special legislation benefiting a single business, depriving us of vested Constitutional rights and violating the separation of powers by overruling a judicial decision. If the Legislature has already decided (a) to convene a special session and (b) to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EA or EIS is being prepared, it would be irresponsible of us to abandon the protection of the environment to the same administration that has been dedicated for many years to minimizing legitimate concerns about the Superferry project.

We are compelled to recommend conditions of operation to be imposed by the Legislature, not because we agree that the Superferry can operate (we do not) or because we agree with the proposed legislation or its purposes (we do not), but because it is now necessary to protect Hawai'i from the impacts of the improvident actions of the Lingle Administration and the Legislature if they were to allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate, even after a month long trial amply demonstrated that this would be unlawful and would cause irreparable harm in multiple fashions.

Based on one month of daily testimony from highly qualified experts, the consensus of prevailing expert opinion was that the following mitigation measures are absolutely required to minimize to some responsible degree the possibility of irreparable harm caused by Hawaii Superferry operations during the time it takes to prepare an EA or EIS:

CONDITIONS OF OPERATION

Protection on Marine Mammals and Turtles

1. Hawaii Superferry vessels shall travel in routes that are in waters that are in excess of 1000 fathoms.?
2. If Hawaii Superferry vessels travel in a route that is in any part in waters less than 1000 fathoms, its vessels shall travel at the NOAA recommended speed of no more than 13 knots. The 13 knot limitation shall be inclusive of the first 10 miles of exists and entrances to Honolulu, Kahului and Nawiliwili harbors. At all times, regardless of fathom depth, the ferry shall travel at lesser speeds than provided above as determined by the Captain to provide safe passage to passengers and to minimize strikes of whales.?
3. Should a Hawaii Superferry vessel strike a marine mammal, a written report of such strike shall be immediately transmitted to NOAA and any other agencies responsible for monitoring and regulating strikes.?
4. Hawaii Superferry shall immediately apply for and receive from NOAA an incidental take permit and in engage in Section 7 consultation with NOAA regarding the impacts of its ferry operations on protected marine mammals.

Protection Against Introduction of Alien Species

1. Hawaii Superferry shall conduct thorough undercarriage washes of all vehicles during embarkation at all ports to help dislodge seeds, insects, and animals. Such undercarriage wash systems shall include appropriate debris traps and filters.
2. Hawaii Superferry shall utilize sufficient vacuum stations to vacuum the floors of all vehicles during embarkation. An Appropriate filter system to trap and contain all debris shall be employed.?
3. Hawaii Superferry shall not permit the transport of plants or plant propagative materials.?
4. Hawaii Superferry shall secure and pay for all costs to have a dog handler team present at all harbors to conduct inspections of all vehicles at the time of embarkation. These dogs will be utilized to prevent the inter-island transmission primarily of invasive species and secondarily, of drugs.?
5. Hawaii Superferry shall inspect (a) the trunks of all cars, (b) the beds of all pickup trucks, (c) the engine compartments of all vehicles and (d) the interiors of all vehicles, items such as coolers, boxes, trunks and luggage shall be opened and inspected.?
6. agricultural inspections shall not be conducted on a random basis. Every vehicle and passenger shall be inspected or screened.?
7. Hawaii Superferry shall not permit the transport of fishing nets.?
8. Hawaii Superferry shall conduct, publish and disseminate a risk assessment within three months of operation to further assess potential impacts and better identify potential mitigation options.?
9. Hawaii Superferry shall post signage at all harbors about invasive species, Specific information about invasive species shall be disseminated during the ticketing process on Hawaii Superferry's website. Said signage and information shall have been reviewed and approved by a representative of the Maui Invasive Species Committee.

?Protection of Customary Native Hawaiian Practices

1. Passengers, upon checking in at a harbor, shall declare whether they intend to camp at any destination island. Hawaii Superferry shall disseminate to all passengers who have declared their intent to camp written rules and procedures for camping on the destination island.?
2. Passengers shall only camp at Federal, State and County campgrounds at destination islands, and then only if they can demonstrate upon checking in

that they have obtained in advance permits to camp at those campgrounds.?

3. Passengers shall not be permitted to transport to another island cultural or natural resources or products from the ocean, from the shoreline or from the inlands of another island, unless the can demonstrate through a written receipt that the have purchased these items from a legitimate commercial establishment.?

4. Should Hawaii Superferry, through the inspection process, discover an attempt to transport natural resources to another island, this transport shall be disallowed and Hawaii Superferry shall immediately notify local DLNR DOCAR officials.
Agricultural Inspections

1. There shall be two (2) qualified Department of Agriculture agricultural inspectors present and participating in agricultural inspections at all times of embarkation and disembarkation at each port. The DOA inspectors shall supervise all HSF screeners.

1. Hawaii Superferry , as an impact fee, shall pa all costs of the agricultural inspectors required in the foregoing paragraph.

2. The State Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Governor, the State Legislature, and the Department of Agriculture shall forthwith allocate positions and funds for the additional agricultural positions necessary to staff the inspection personnel set forth in paragraph 18 above.?

3. Hawaii Superferry shall post a bond in the amount of \$40,000,000.00 to reimburse the State for the balance of the funds due, in the event that the Hawaii Superferry does not operate or refuses to follow mitigation measures required b the EIS.

Permission to Operate Applies Only to the Alakai

1. The permission to operate in this Bill is limited solely to the operation of the Alakai and shall not extend to any other vessel or vessels operated b Hawaii Superferry. The "no action" provisions of Chapter 343 shall be fully applicable to all other Superferry vessels, except for the Alakai.

Time Limits

1. Hawaii Superferry shall not be able to utilize the lack of a time deadline in HRS Chapter 343 for the completion of the EIS as a means to keep operating for whatever period of time it may take to prepare an EIS. The Alakai shall not be entitled to operate after the expiration of the last day of the fifteenth (15th) month after the date of the adoption of this legislation.

2. These conditions of operation shall, however, be applicable to any and all Hawaii Superferries irrespective of whether they operate before or after the preparation of the EIS.

Verification of Compliance

1. Designated representatives of Plaintiff groups shall be entitled to verify Hawaii Department of Transportation's and Hawaii Superferry's compliance with all the foregoing.

2. In order to accomplish the foregoing, the designated representatives of Plaintiffs in Sierra Club et. al. v. HDOT: Civil No. 05-1-0114(3) shall be granted access to all State lands granted at all ports to Hawaii Superferry for its operations Enforcement of Conditions

1. The foregoing conditions of operation may be enforced by the Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i and by Plaintiffs in Sierra Club et .al. v. HDOT: Civil No. 05-1-0114(3).

2. These conditions may be enforced in any Circuit Court in the State of Hawaii and the prevailing party shall be entitled to the reimbursement of reasonable attorney's fees and costs. ?

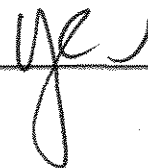
3. An allowable remedy in any such enforcement action shall be the cessation of Hawaii Superferry operations until and unless compliance is achieved with the foregoing conditions.

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From: R G BOB and LOUISE FRYE [bobloufrye@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:48 AM
To: testimony
Cc: wtate469; Susan Seu; Sally Youngblood; MaryLou Lee; Doy Farwell; da pardy; Burt Sutherland
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

We are absolutely sure that our State needs the Super Ferry. Having travelled extensively we have seen the need for and economical use of Ferry Systems. Most neighbors we have talked with in Sunset Hills support the Ferry idea. Bob and Louise Frye, 59-368 Wilinau Road, Sunset Hills, Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712. Tel: 808-638-7012

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WZ

From: Gail Baker [gbaker1953@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Ferry

Dear Legislature,

I think that the Hawaii Ferry will be an asset to the islands in many ways. It will help with tourism to be able to easily go from island to island. It will be an asset to the locals needing to get to Oahu for business, family, sports, or medical reasons. Please take this letter as one who is very supportive of the ferry service.

Sincerely,

Gail Baker

Mauna Lani, Big Island

testimony

yes

From: Robert Miura [robmiura@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I think you should be listening to the silent majority on this issue. Our opinions are more important than the few vocal news getting minority. Do what is right for Hawaii. Thanks,
Robert Miura

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From: Nelly Getz [salsagata@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment


Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Aloha!

I am sending in my support for the Super Ferry. As a resident of Oahu I was delighted with the Ferry's arrival. I was very sad to see my fellow brothers and sisters on the neighbor islands receive the ferry with such a bad example of how we give Aloha here in the islands. I believe the Ferry will be a great asset to our state!

Nelly

testimony

From: deb pink [dpink03@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I have just returned from Hawaii in September.

Hawaii inland is fantastic.

The view of Hawaii from a cruise ship is awesome.

I think it should be shared with as many people as possible.

However; the cruise expense is not affordable for young people, couples with children and many other age groups. Low income groups as well as higher income groups that have financial challenges such as high medical bills, just plain financial struggles. Please allow everyone to enjoy Hawaii to its fullest.

I am not a resident of Hawaii but

I feel that there are Hawaiian residents that have not had the opportunity to see the awesome views that can be seen only from the "outside in".

The most amazing scenery to be viewed from the ship.

I feel that the Hawaii Superferry will be affordable to people that can not afford to pay for a cruise or even an excursion that already exist from the island.

I know that personally it has been a financial sacrifice to afford the cruise. I have dreamed of that vacation for years and only because of a free flight over to the island and much saving was I able to afford the cruise.

If the Hawaii Superferry remains my hope is to be able to return to the island and take advantage of the more reasonable pricing and see more of the beauty in that great state.

My question lies in the wonder why a huge cruise ship is allowed and the smaller ferry isn't.

Please allow the ferry with the limitations that are needed to assure the safety of wildlife; but do not remove the vessel that can be such a great asset in the education of the children. And a great pleasure to anyone that boards it to see more of the surrounding beauty that exist on the other islands that even your own residents haven't been able to see.

Thank you for your concern for the wildlife; but let's look at the advantage for the mankind that can take advantage of the Hawaii Superferry.

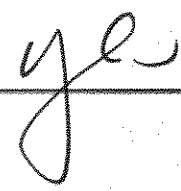
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From: Casmero, Jacqueline [JCasmero@OMM.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

The Superferry is a great asset to the islands not only for travel between the islands, but for any disasters that maybe on the horizon for Hawaii. If there was an emergency, the Superferry could be one of the greatest assets of the islands. Not only is it hypocritical to not let the Superferry do business, it flies in the face of all the other boats, ships and cruise lines from foreign waters that threaten the ecosystem of Hawaii, in addition to tons of soot emanating from jets and inter-island jets travel. Regular athletic shoes which can harbor seeds from any country is also to be considered as polluting and invasive. What do we do, make everyone throw out their athletic shoes when they come to Hawaii and make them wear slippers? I believe the great technology inherent in the Superferry will enable the ships crew to avoid any mishaps to the whales, and a cursory inspection of cars could be applied to cars boarding the Superferry to make sure that no rocks or criminal activity is not using the Superferry to broaden their illegal activities.

I vote for letting the Superferry sail to bring the islands together and not tear them apart.

Jacki Casmero
resident of Makaha

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From: JPR000@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:03 PM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony for Super Ferry

State of Hawaii government Officials,

I am a staunch supporter of the Super Ferry remaining in Hawaii. I am tired of the old boy network deciding by what means and at what cost we are able to travel to the neighbor islands. The Super Ferry will give local people the opportunity to travel with their own vehicles to the neighbor islands. The travel on the Super Ferry allows us to remain with our vehicle and not have to send it ahead or wait a week for return. I believe that the Super Ferry represents substantial economic and healthy competition for the airlines and Matson/Young brothers. The monopoly held by the current transportation companies needs to stop and the local people of Hawaii must demand this alternative mean of travel. The cruise lines and foreign trade and fishing vessels are allowed and encouraged to pollute and over fish our waters, and its' time to force ALL seafaring vessels that enter our water ways to be held to the same standards that the Super Ferry is being subjected to. If these surveys must be performed BEFORE the Super Ferry can operate, and not while they are operating, than ALL vessels must be subjected to this same scrutiny, without exception or "grandfathering". "Grand-Fathering" is just another word for "favoritism". These so called "ecological" groups should, in my opinion, remain on the mainland where they are from, and allow the people of Hawaii to decide what is best for ourselves without outside interference. I wonder if these groups are willing to accept the financial consequences that their interference is sure to cause. The residents of the State of Hawaii will have to dig deeply into their pockets to pay for the legal ramifications that will inevitability result when the Super Ferry sues the State of Hawaii for breach of contract, discrimination and unfair business practices.

I hope that you will take these comments into consideration, and I thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Julie P. McFarland
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Mililani, HI 96789

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From: GARYPHF@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:36 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Super Ferry Special Session

This is an open letter to all members of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii.

I am an owner of flooring and textile Distributor that has been doing business in Hawaii for over 50 years. We ship goods to all islands to our dealers that sell these products to residential and business customers. The only means of shipping these goods has been Young Brothers. This monopolistic shipper continues to increase shipping costs and reduce service because they are the game in town.

I urge our Legislatures to save the Super Ferry as a viable alternative to ship goods to the neighbor islands. When you have competition in the business arena, everyone wins because it causes businesses to be more attentive to consumers in order to get their business. The backbone of our economy is small business and we need an alternative shipping company to bring goods to all islands.

We believe the people of the Super Ferry followed all state and federal requirements before they launched their business. The courts had years prior to their launch, to make a ruling if an EI was required. Therefore, you leaders need to step to the plate and make a decision that is for the benefit of the whole state and not a few vocal protesters that don't represent the SILENT MAJORITY!

Gary Orimoto
Thomas Lee
Owners of PHF Hawaii INC.

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From: Expresscopy Santana [expresscopys@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Superferry

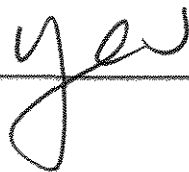
My family and I have been looking forward to the superferry. We have a daughter and grandchildren in Maui and were planning to travel in August 07. We were very disappointed that it was stopped. Kauai was very discouraging and is probably one of the few places I would recommend to visit. Everyone I talk with would like the ferry. If 90% of Hawaii would like the ferry, WHATS THE PROBLEM!

Thank You

Raymond & Rita Santana
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Wahiawa HI 96786

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From: Ed and Kathy Van Dyke [evkm523@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Superferry

To: Senate Committees Hearing: 10/24/07 10:30 a.m.
RE: Superferry - In Favor

I am in favor of permitting the Superferry to conduct business while the environmental impact report is done. Also, by running the Superferry during this time period, it will also give them more information on their studies and how it truly does impact the environment. So my vote is to run the Superferry during the environmental impact report. On a side note, the local families of Hawaii need to be able to visit inter-island at a more affordable cost.

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From: Kenichiro Osada [osaken@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:53 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Superferry

I am looking forward to going to Maui and Kauai with my family and with my brand new car. I really appreciate to be able to reserve more sophisticate way by internet. Ken Osada, IT Consultant

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From: Sherri Carden [Sherric@maui.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony for superferry

Aloha,

I think it is no accident that the major users of interisland shipping services announced a rate increase just when the Superferry was given it's latest smack in the face.

I am appalled that the Superferry has been made to jump through so many hoops when it will clearly help the people who live in the islands. It creates competition, and it will allow for numerous athletic and theatrical events to run more smoothly for the youth.

I remember when they announced the huge increase in the amount of cruise ship visits to the harbor. They may have done an EIS, but I doubt that anyone actually oversees it, or takes into account the huge amount of trash left on the island by the cruise ship visitors, or the increase in use of the harbor and it's impact on the marine environment from the fuel. Sure, cruise ships go slower, but they definitely pollute the water. And yet, nobody has made any objections to the huge increase in the cruise ship traffic.

If Kauai and Hana do not want the Superferry, I don't believe we should insist upon it for those locations. But for me, I strongly support the Superferry's route from Hilo to Oahu and Maui. The sooner the better.

I believe that it would be unfair not to allow the Superferry to operate at this stage of the game. And I don't believe the people who oppose the Superferry speak for the majority of the people. I think we need to send a message to the rest of the nation that Hawaii is good for business. If the Superferry doesn't operate, I doubt if we can ever attract the kind of businesses here that we need to keep our economy strong. I think we need to appreciate all the hard work and efforts of the Superferry, allow them to operate, and be grateful that we are finally able to have a ferry here.

I think it's time that we sent a message to the airlines, rental cars and shipping services that they are NOT the only game in town, and that there can finally be some healthy competition.

And finally, it seems to me that the Superferry has jumped through plenty of hoops already, for years now. If it were to be stopped, it should've been stopped years ago, when it was in the initial planning stages, not at the 11th hour when it's already in the water. Let's welcome them, and watch them too. If they hurt a whale, all of us will be sad. But I really don't think that's going to happen.

Sincerely,

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From: Melissa C. Bojorquez [mbojorquez@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Support of the Super Ferry

I am writing in support of the Super Ferry. I urge our legislators to allow the Super Ferry to function during the process of an environmental assessment. The Super Ferry is a symbol of innovation for our Islands. It provides jobs, increase commerce between the islands, another form of affordable transportation between the islands etc. If you say NO to this opportunity - you say NO to the future new Business Culture of our islands. I see the Supper Ferry as a sign of progression for our State. We cannot be stalled for 30 years, like the building of the H3 Freeway. Growing up in Hawaii - the H3 was stalled and it is known as the most expensive freeway in the US. We do not to want to have the same thing again with the Super Ferry. Haven't we learn. We need to move forward with new ideas and address the concerns of the environmental groups, but this should not stop the Super Ferry from running. Please vote to have the Super Ferry run. Our children will thank you! It is for Hawaii's future!

Sincerely,
Melissa C. Bojorquez
Hawaii Resident - of Pearl City District

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From: CLMLBYARS@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:16 PM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony for the ferry system

The ferry is not a bad thing. It'll help the economy and help the residents with more competitive transportation within the islands. The ferry is not as bad as all these fishing boats out there that not only exhausts fuel into the air and ocean but they are changing the ecosystem by fishing out the oceans everyday. That is more of a bad impact on the environment than the ferry going across the ocean everyday. Look at other areas with ferry systems. Canada has ferrys going by several times a day and whales are abound everywhere in their oceans. Never heard of any danger to the whales there so why should it happen in hawaiian waters. Why are you listening to a few surfers and beachgoers who are anti-development. They don't rule the ocean waters. They need to share the ocean like we do everything else and if we have to put up with them skateboarding all over the place then they need to put up with the ferry going all over the place too. And why didn't they protest when the ferry issue was first brought up in the news and wait until they started their business.
Laureen Byars

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From: Earl Mostoles [earlm007@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony For The Hawaii Superferry

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Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to voice my support for the Hawaii Superferry.

The so called environmentalists and protesters claim what they are saying is the voice of the people. I do not believe they speak for the majority. I believe they are only a select few that are trying to protect their own interest. I believe the majority of the people on Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island want to have the services of the Superferry just as much as the people on Oahu. They claim they are protecting their harbors, they seem to forget that it does not belong to them. The harbors belong to the state and all people of Hawaii, not to just those on that island.

When making any kind of decision one must weigh the advantages against the disadvantages, pros & cons, the good it will bring vs. the harm. Let me just present a few. I believe the Hawaii Superferry will stimulate the economy in Hawaii.

I work for a furniture store here on Oahu. When a customer on a neighbor island purchases furniture, we take the furniture to Young Brothers on a Thursday to ship to whatever island they live on. The customer must wait days for the barge to arrive. Then when the barge arrives they must wait for Young Brothers to unload the barge, by the time their furniture is available for pick up, several more days may have past.

One of my customers from Kauai pointed out to me that if the Superferry was in service they could

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bring their pick-up truck over, pick up the furniture here on Oahu, and drive it back to Kauai. This would take a minimum of two days, since the Superferry (currently) only makes one trip per day to the neighbor islands.

I have a few customers who live on the mainland and own a second home on the neighbor island. Because of the time window (days) their furniture would be available to pick-up at the dock, it is difficult to coordinate a trip from the mainland to the neighbor island to coincide with the availability for pick-up of their furniture. With the service of the Superferry, coordination of that trip would be so much simpler.

Another advantage is businesses on the neighbor island would be able to save time and money in transporting goods from Oahu to the neighbor island. Businesses on the neighbor islands could just send a truck over to Oahu, load up on the goods to transport back, and drive back to the neighbor islands. Therefore, saving time and money.

I really hope the legislature truly listens to the voice of the majority of the people, of the state, rather than the select few environmentalists and protesters, on each island.

Sincerely,

Earl Mostoles

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From: Anthony Arakaki [kula_mau220@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:05 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony FOR the Hawaii Superferry

Dear Legislatures:

My name is Anthony Arakaki and I am the part owner of Pauwela Cafe & Bakery in Haiku, Maui. I feel that the Hawaii Superferry will benefit the neighbor islands more than Oahu as it will open an alternative means of transportation so that commerce can flow easier between the islands.

This alternative means of transportation creates competition and is good for the free markets as Young Brothers is just not cost effective as it is a monopoly. By providing competition then interisland shipping prices will have its own checks and balances and keep shipping prices in line by letting the free markets reign.

Anthony Arakaki
Partner of Pauwela Cafe & Bakery
Haiku, MAUI, Hawaii
www.PauwelaCafe.com

P.S. I am a MAUI RESIDENT who is in SUPPORT of the Hawaii Superferry!

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From: Lemuel & Joycelyn Borja [lemjoyborja@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2007 12:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of the Hawaii Superferry

To our State Senators,

Please know that we are in complete support of the Hawaii Superferry providing inter-island service to and from Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. We have family and friends that we would like to visit riding the Superferry. I am the only one from my immediate family living on the Island of Oahu. We have waited long for this kind of option being provided to us, as residents of Hawaii and on the island of Oahu.

I do not believe the Hawaii Superferry will do any harm to our oceans and environment. We already have many barges, cruises, ships and other vessels traveling inter-island that has not caused severe damage to our environment. In fact, they are a blessing to our economy in providing goods and services we would not otherwise be able to accomplish if there was air service alone. The Hawaii Superferry is a blessing to our beloved islands and vibrant economy.

We are grateful for your hard work, concern and dedication in taking the time to intervene on behalf of the Hawaii Superferry. Thank you for listening to us, your constituents. We are praying that there will be a positive resolution in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

Sincerely,

Lemuel & Joycelyn Borja
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From: bonifacio misola [basionnguapo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:19 PM
To: testimony
Cc: bonifaci misola
Subject: TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SUPERFERRY

Senator Espero, Rep. Cabanilla, and State Transportation Commission,

My family and I are very much in favor of the superferry for Hawaii. Please listen to the voice of the locals. I'm part of the silent majority who strongly endorse the superferry. It's really unfair to us. Young's Brothers, Matson, airlines did NOT go thru all of these hassles compared to getting the superferry service.

Please look again at the faces of the demonstrators in Kauai and Maui. They are NOT locals, they just have the money to push their own agenda. They DO NOT represent the majority !!!

Thank you for listening,
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From: jake [shakeyj4@alohabroadband.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

Sirs,

I feel as a resident of the island of Hawaii that the Super Ferry services will be a boon for the Big Island. I am hoping this will allow us a more competitive field for goods and services. As long as the travel for us remains competitive with the airlines that will be good for me though I wonder how soon the travel agencies and tourist start pushing out local travel. Still I think all in all it will be good for the state. Like any new business the added influx of traffic has to be addressed and I hope you get that right as that will determine just how welcome visitors from other islands will be greeted for/against. Mahalo's for your attention, BI resident, Jacob Bailado

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Subject: SuperFerry Testimony



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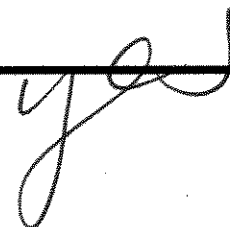
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As a State resident, I was looking forward to being able to travel between our Islands on a more leisurely pace than hopping on a plane. My husband and I have Mainland friends who were also looking forward to being able to do this ever since they heard several years ago that the SuperFerry was coming. In fact, they told us before we were even aware! How disappointed we all were to learn that it appears a vocal minority are stopping this from happening. I've talked to co-workers, friends and family and have not heard any negative feedback on the SuperFerry. To the contrary, everyone was looking forward to it. I am sure that just as many people on the outer Islands were just as excited about being able to travel to Oahu to visit and, most probably, to shop and return. People could commute to jobs and travel from island-to-island, like having an ocean-interstate highway. What new opportunities for everyone! My son-in-law was born and raised on the Big Island and his parents, relatives and friends also were excited about the SuperFerry. What we all don't understand is that it appears everyone else (inter-island barges, inter-island airplanes, personal ocean-going vehicles, other cruise ships which have stopped in Hawaii ports, etc.) seem to be treated differently from the SuperFerry. The SuperFerry went through all the red-tape and supposedly received the go-ahead. Why the turnaround? It seems the SuperFerry is being singled out and discriminated to prevent competition of one form or another. We all think there is room for all. Keep the SuperFerry.

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From: Owen Henderson [downout@xsmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the ferry



Aloha from Maui,

I wanted to give my testimony. I support and will use the ferry. I think it will be an incredible asset for the state and for the people of Hawaii. I have family on Hawaii and Oahu and that is the major reason I support it. They want to come to see me with the ease of driving their car onto a ferry and driving it off. They don't want to come here to take Maui's recourses, they just want to see me, their family just like I want to see them. We see each other as it is now, but once a year is not enough, and travel is getting more difficult with my parents who are in their 80's. This will be great for us and for our family.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Aloha,

Owen Henderson
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Kihei, Maui

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From: KAEMHP@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

Dear Senate and House:

Please make every possible effort to ensure that the SuperFerry is able to operate as soon as possible. I have friends in Hawaii who are dismayed and frustrated by the sudden halt of the SuperFerry service, and cannot believe that the islands are going to let this wonderful opportunity for all the residents slip away. As a mainlander who visits Hawaii frequently, I would love to have the opportunity to travel among the islands with my car and not have to fly constantly. As an outside observer, I also find it hard to fathom how the SuperFerry--which seems to have done everything it was told to do in order to follow the right procedures--is now being put in the position of going out of business through no fault of its own. I'm sure no other ferry will ever again try to set up operations in Hawaii if this venture is allowed to fall apart.

Keith Ehrman,
Mill Valley, California

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From: Lois Miller [loismiller@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: FW: support for SuperFerry

Not sure that you received this,,so I am ending it again,,,Lois Miller

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From: Lois Miller [mailto:loismiller@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 AM
To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: support for SuperFerry

Yes,,of course,,I want the SuperFerry, as do most of us,,,I thought the majority was supposed to rule,,,let's get on with it and quit letting the tail wag the dog,,,Lois Miller

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From: Don Perry [DonP@leisinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:44 AM
To: testimony
Cc: John
Subject: I support the Ferry
Importance: High



Gentlemen,

It is time for Hawaii to move forward and allow the ferry to operate during EIS, Let the business stand on its own merits, People that want it will either make it or break it!, Government has no business in regulating success or failure of a Private venture. I am hoping that sane legislative minds return a favorable interpretation of this convoluted law.

I am sure the COUNTIES and STATE have already figured that this business is a CASH COW! Future surcharges (taxes) FEE'S for vehicles and material traveling to and fro between the counties, which alone should add millions in the state coffers, the counties would share in this TAX monster. Or is the problem, KAUAI COUNTY IS NOT GETTING THEIR FAIR CUT? HOW ABOUT IT MAUI? YOU NEED NEW ROADS! TAKE YOUR CUT AND ALLOW THE FERRY TO OPERATE, & Y/B DON'T WORRY, ! YOU JUST ADDED 4.0 MILLION IN PROFITS WE ALL KNOW IT WON'T STOP THERE! MAYBE THERE SHOULD BE AN EIS FOR YOUR NEW BARGE ! & ALL YOU AIRLINE PEOPLE, LETS GET REAL, THE FREQUENCY OF YOUR BUSINESS FAR OUT STRIPS A COUPLE OF SAILINGS DAILY! CAR RENTAL COMPANIES, HEY, GUYS, THOSE TOURIST KEEP YOU GOING, NOT WE LOCALS !

Hey! SENATORS DO WHAT YOU POLITICIAN'S DO BEST. let it go ! And the TAX THE HELL OUT IT! Like all other things you get your fingers in!!!! Don't miss the opportunity to get your cut !!!!!

Remember, it is easier to maintain the status quo, But COURAGE! Is what is needed here! Do the right thing! And allow this venture to proceed. We need the TAX money !!!

Thank You

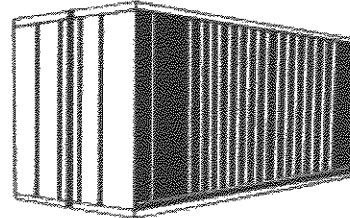
Mr. Don M. Perry
Kaneohe, Hawaii

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yes

From: Gail Thometz [g.thometz@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

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To: Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor,
Transportation and International Affairs, Energy and Environment

I am in support of the bill to allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate during the time it takes to perform an Environmental Impact Statement and am in support of the draft bill as published on the State Capitol website in its current form.

I think the Hawaii Superferry is a good alternative to air transportation and a good option to businesses that would like to pursue new options on the outer islands. Young Brothers has been the only way to ship goods and equipment and we need to have a competitive alternative.

I agree that an EIS is necessary for the Superferry to properly and legally operate, but to restrict operations until it is completed will drive the ferry out of Hawaii.

Thank you

Gail Thometz
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From: Coleen Uyechi [cuyechi@tonygroup.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:46 AM

To: testimony

Subject: for the super ferry

We need the super ferry in the state. Having the ferry will give us alternatives for transportation to the other islands with the luxury of taking our vehicles with us.

By the way, have all of the other large shipping companies submitted environmental statements to the State of Hawaii?

Coleen H K Uyechi

YES

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From: Thomas Deponete [depontet001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Let the superferry run while doing an EIS.

The superferry is no different than Young brothers, Matson, NCL, Pasha lines, Horizon lines, Whale watching boats, commercial and sporting boats using Hawaii waters right now and for the past 40 years. All of these other companies don't not have an EIS, EA or measures for invasive species, crime, traffic, whale avoidance but are allowed to operate un-disputed. The superferry has taken measures voluntarily to address these concerns. Why the unfair singled out treatment of the superferry? The protestors are funded by the competition Matson, Young Brothers and the 2 major airlines. They see the super ferry as a threat to profits and business. The protestors are uneducated, lawless, misguided, misled, trouble makers whose only interest is keeping KAUAI and MAUI their rural undeveloped UTOPIA. They are not thinking of the best interest of all of the Hawaiian islands economy and quality of life. The Pacific Whale Foundation owned by Mr. KAUFMAN has collided with several whales in the past 5 years off of MAUI. He was cited and fined 3 times for it. Why is he allowed to operate without an EIS. There has never been a vessel in the state's history that has undergone an EIS. Only the improvements to the harbors needed and EIS but not the vessels. Why no EIS for the improvements to the airports for the airlines? Why no EIS for the harbor improvements for Matson, Young Brothers, and the NCL that was done only a few years ago? Matson just purchased a new ship that is larger, faster, and heavier and will start sailing soon. Why no EIS for this new ship? I was a tugboat captain and sailor for over 35 years and all of the ships barges and vessels exceed the 25 plus knots rule when they are behind schedule. No one gives out speeding tickets on the seas or monitors all the vessels in Hawaiian waters. If you think otherwise than you need to get on a boat a see it for yourself. TOM

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From: Medical Intervention Services [medintserv@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: 10-23-07 SUPERFERRY

ALOHA,

I SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY BECAUSE I FEEL IT WOULD BE A BENEFIT FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN HAWAII TO VISIT FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS. IT WOULD ALSO BE MORE COMFORTABLE FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS WHO NEED TO TRAVEL TO OAHU.

Mahalo,

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From: Holly Bent [holly.bent@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Please put a stop to all of the politics! Allow the superferry to run. If the Environmental impact study must be done then complete it with the ferry being operational. We need and want this great service!

--
Holly Bent, RN, RA
Darryl Bent
Mike Maklary
Carol Maklary
Michelle Quinn
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From: John W Bodenburg [jwbodenburg@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Aloha

I live in Kailua-Kona on the Big Island. I would like to add my testimony for the Super Ferry. This is a service that is needed for our entire state. It is very important for the image and benefit of our State that the Ferry be able to start immediately.

John Bodenburg
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John W. Bodenburg
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yes

From: DShin95480@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPORT SUPER FERRY

To whom it may concern,

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

I very much support the Hawaii Super Ferry to operate between OUR islands. Buy not allowing this very needed transportation to start operation it would be a disservice to all of us her on the islands. Please allow the super ferry to stay in Hawaii. WE WANT IT TO STAY!!!

Thank You,

Lori Mattos

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RL

From: Lea1031@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: (no subject)

To the Senate Committee:

We are in support of the bill that will permit inter island ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. Why is it the big cruise lines can go from island to island and the Superferry cannot?

Robert & Lea Porter

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yes

From: Arturo Ferrar [arturof@groupbuilders.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I know that with the Super Ferry in service I could bring my car
For work or for fun.

It is more convenient for me to move around from the Ports to any point
Within the other Islands.

It will lessen me the burden of looking for rent a car to move around or flag a taxi.

It gives me more convenience to bring all the stuffs I need for work or for pleasure.

I could inter act fully with people I am about to see with less hassle.

With such convenience, I could gain more freedom in going around
And use my time to the fullest.

If I benefit from the Super Ferry service, somebody else somewhere may also
Benefit from it.

I know that if there's freedom to move people and goods everybody gets benefited from it.

I hope Super Ferry be allowed to serve us.

Arturo D. Ferrer

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JK

From: Jocqueline Kowrach [sunkow@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I support the superferry coming to the Big Island!

Please do what you can to quickly and efficiently provide this service BUT comply with the required hoops to jump through that were in effect when the process of getting this service was put into motion.

Aloha,
Jocqueline Kowrach

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From: Jean Zee [jean.zee@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: RE: Support of Superferry

Good Morning!

I hope the silent majority will not be silenced this time...I think this is a very good service for all of us.

The EIS evaluation is just an excuse for these environmentalists to argue against the Superferry & I think it is so unfair as the other cruise ships, Young Brothers tug boats & etc. do not need one (cars on the Young Brothers do not need a car wash or vacuum or inspection?). I heard testimonies that people will go to the other islands to pick ophii...I am sure without the Superferry, there are people out there who will fly in to pick them too...just some stupid excuses...if the locals there love nature so much, they should leave the ophii alone, or simply drive a smaller car, or do not drive just go back to the old days - walk...

We are one state and one country, why people are acting so selfish & wanted to keep everything to themselves...I guess pretty soon we need a passport to visit these islands...totally absurd arguments against the Superferry.

I hope all of you stop the politics and maintain some common sense here & be reasonable. It started to sound like preschoolers arguing & try to negotiate a solution here that will help both sides, and now it is just one sided...it is really ashame that such a good service is being scrutinize because of some small special interest groups.

I hope the silent majority will not be silenced this time!!! We elected you to represent us and voice our opinions & concerns, so please do something right this time around!

Sincerely,

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From: Phyllis Shimabukuro [p_shimabukuro@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

It is important that we have the super ferry because it will provide jobs for our people. It will allow tourist and our local families to be able to travel between the islands at such reasonable prices. It will provide opportunities for our people so they may be better able to support their families. Hundreds of people stand to gain because of the ferry. Give it a chance! Help people get off government handouts and let them have some dignity with a secure livelihood.so they have a chance to build a future for their families.

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From: Kurt Nishiguchi [kndds@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am in support of the Superferry and I believe that they should be allowed to operate while an EIS is being completed. I think that the impact to our environment will be minimal, but the potential for litigation is huge not to mention cost of infrastructure improvements already made.

The people of Hawaii deserve another alternative mode of transportation to the outer islands.

Thank you.

Kurt I. Nishiguchi DDS

testimony

ye

From: Kayleen Olsen [gmolsen72@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimonial

October 23, 2007

Legislature's Public Access Room
Time: 9:00 AM

To Legislature's Public Access Room:

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe that Hawaii needs other alternatives of traveling to the outer islands. Especially when you have family members that live on any of the outer islands such as Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. You can save on airline tickets and rental car expenses that would otherwise drive our local people away that would not be able to afford visiting their relatives especially for long periods of time. It gives the people of Hawai'i a choice. And if you take away the ferry system you will be taking away our freedom of choice and speech.

Mahalo,
Kayleen M. Olsen

Peek-a-boo FREE Tricks & Treats for You! Get 'em!

access2

From: Poolbuilder1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the super ferry

Dear Sirs: The super ferry should be allowed to operate. Having them comply with rules after the fact does not allow for fair completion. Other carriers are not held to the same standard. The purpose of the harbors are to move people, materials, supplies and equipment. Thousands of vessels move in our waters every year. No one seems to be concerned about their environmental impact. Our company ships work vehicles and supplies inter island regularly. The supper ferry would inspect what we ship. No one else would check our shipments. The ferry actually improves on the current methods. They have a right to operate their business. The super ferry has done all that has been asked or required prior to starting business. To des criminate against the ferry at this point seems to be unfair restraint of trade. The majority of the voters in this state support the super ferry and look forward to using their service. Do not let a few protesters who are hiding behind environmental concerns make this the only place in the world where a ferry service cannot operate. Bill Wood

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testimony

YH

From: YONASHIRH002@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:03 AM
To: testimony
Subject: ferry

Please pass the ferry bill. WE need it.

Thank you

Harold Yonashiro

testimony

From: Pam Patrinos [ppatrinos@hawaiieventmanagement.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Special Session

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Aloha All,

I am a resident of Oahu, born and raised on the Island of Kauai. I would like to express my full support for the Hawaii Superferry and would ask for a special session to be held. Opportunities are hard to come by and this one should not be decided by the minority.

Thank you very much.

Pam Patrinos

access2

No

From: Terry Smith [tsmith@koatradingcoinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:19 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Home
Subject: super ferry

IF YOU MOVE FORWARD TO APPROVE THIS COSTLY MISTAKE, YOUR SHOWING YOUR ATTITUDE THAT WE THE PEOPLE DO NOT COUNT. THE STATE OF HAWAII DOES NOT NEED TO HAVE THIS TYPE OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH OUT ANY SAFE GUARDS TO THE ISSUES THAT ARE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE, THAT'S YOUR JOB.

TERRY SMITH
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KALAHEO HI
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testimony

No

From: Timothy Joseph Freeman {freeman@hawaii.edu}
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:03 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony on Superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Aloha,

The Superferry should not be allowed to operate while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. If the Superferry is allowed to operate before the environmental impact study is completed then it is clear that the government of the state values short-term economic gain for the few over environmental concerns for all the citizens of Hawaii now and for all future generations to come. The Senate should consider this matter very carefully as this decision will have a lasting impact on the environment of the Hawaiian islands.

I live on the Big Island and have witnessed the invasion of the cocqui frogs the last few years. I do not see how the spread of the cocquis to all the major islands if the Superferry is allowed to operate. I would think that if the cocquis do spread to all the major islands as a result of the Superferry that the people of Hawaii will look back at this decision and not remember too kindly that our legislators sacrificed the peace and tranquility of the nighttime for the economic gain for the few.

The Superferry is not something that is in any way necessary. It will not provide cheaper transportation between the islands. The only thing that it provides is the capacity to transport more personal vehicles more easily between islands. Vehicles can be shipped now, of course, through barge transport. The Superferry will only dramatically increase the volume of vehicular transport between the islands, and thus dramatically increase the transport of invasive species, not only just the cocquis, but other plant invasives as well. It has been reported that the Superferry will also pose a significant hazard to the whale population in Hawaiian waters.

Thus, because the Superferry is not really necessary, and poses a potential risk to the long-term future of the environment of the Hawaiian islands, it would be very foolish to allow the Superferry to operate before the environmental impact study has been completed.

Timothy Freeman
Lecturer in Philosophy
The University of Hawaii at Hilo

testimony

yes

From: dljm [dljm3@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:37 AM
To: testimony

PLEASE KEEP THE SUPERFERRY IN OPERATION AND ALLOW IT TO TRAVEL TO ALL THE ISLANDS

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access2

ye,

From: Julie M. Aoyagi [jaoyagi@hpu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:41 AM
To: testimony

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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Our family has been waiting for the Super Ferry, which will be a great asset to the Islands. Now we have to deal with the fiasco that hands full of people have created. We are an embarrassment to the world.

Julie M. Aoyagi

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From: Brandy Laphorne [brandy@makalaconstruction.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: RE: I Support the Superferry

ye)

I support the Superferry in Hawaii. This will only help competition, accessibility, and economy factors.

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Brandy Laphorne
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808-876-1654

testimony

From: Michael R Kelly Sr [kellysrm001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:07 AM
To: testimony
Cc: kellysrm001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Ferry Service

Aloha,

I am in favor of implementing the Ferry Service between the Hawaiian Islands. I have taken the same type of service in Western Samoa and also from Seattle to Canada. I strongly believe this is a move forward for our people of Hawaii, helping to educate our children and family. To be able to see our own land to appreciate the beauty. More and more land is being sold to Haoles (foreigners) the latest development in Maui by a designer Miss Wong. Why couldn't this land have been kept within our aina. So you can understand the value a ferry service would be for our own peoples future. aloha,

Michael r Kelly Sr.

access2

yes

From: JOHN MEDEIROS [IBJJ@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

WE on the Big Island need the Super Ferry. It will help small business and families visit others on outer Island. The numbers speak for wanting the ferry, Why should such a small number of protesters cause such a delay. I see Young Brothers and Matson not having problems with the enviroment. WHY?

JOHN A. MEDEIROS
Oct 23, 2007 8:34 am
Hilo Hawaii

testimony

ye)

From: Kathleen Kim [kkim@panda-group.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please save the Super Ferry!!!
Importance: High

Dear ~~Committee~~,

I am pledging my support for the Hawaii Super Ferry. It is the one thing Hawaii is missing and one thing that Hawaii needs the most. For people like me who hate to fly, it would be a wonderful opportunity to visit my family on Maui (I have no intentions of going to Kauai after all this mess) and I know that the ignorant and misguided protesters are only a very small percentage of Hawaii and the rest of us – who rely on facts and accurate information – are the silent majority that are gaining our voice and showing that a few bullies can't make the decisions for the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo,
Kathleen Kim – 4th generation Oahuan

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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testimony

ye

From: Rballasi@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In favor of the Hawaii Super Ferry.

I believe the Super Ferry is vital to the future of these islands. We as residence need the opportunity to efficiently flow inter island for the purposes of family, commerce and education. The issues of environmental impact have some legitimacy but, can be handled. The concern should not be on the impact in the ocean environment but rather the isolation of species exchange. Mongoose, insects etc. However we have the same issues with our current commercial and recreational exchanges and have been able to deal with the issues. If particular island (Kauai) chooses to bar landing enough traffic exists to support the ferry in the Big Island. Please vote positively for the approval of this important addition to a positive life style here in the islands

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testimony

ye

From: joan fleming [tutujoan@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Members of our Hawaii State Legislature:

I support the Hawaii Superferry. Our beautiful State needs this alternate form of transportation! These "environmentalists" aren't really concerned about our environment, they are just small group of loud mouthed rabblers who are against everything and have highjacked the environmental issue.

Please, please do everything in your power to save the Superferry for the majority of Hawaii residents -- just plain kamaaina folks like the rest of us!

Joan Fleming
Kihei, Maui and Kailua, Oahu

joan fleming
tutujoan@earthlink.net
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testimony

ye

From: Peggy Duvall [peggyduvall@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Go Ferry!

This whole fiasco is sooo silly... let the ferry start and if anyone breaks the law put them in jail. Would they do the same for the rapid transit?

Vote Yes for the Super Ferry

Peggy Duvall

Mililani, Hi

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testimony

ye

From: Mishael Mariano [ski.chicki@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support

I strongly support allowing the Superferry to begin operations. This will be good for the economy of the State of Hawaii. My wedding company will also benefit from this Superferry because I can expand operations to the other islands where people want to get married, and yet be able to have their families there, thanks to the cheaper Superferry.

A few protesters SHOULD NOT be allowed to run over the wishes of the majority who would like to see this Superferry happen.

Respectfully,
Mishael Mariano
www.tidetheknot.com

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Mishael Mariano
677-0469

"All human actions have one or more of these seven causes: chance, nature, compulsion, habit, reason, passion, and desire." ~Aristotle~

testimony

yes

From: takaraw005@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Educators Support Superferry

Dear Senators,

As an educator in a very large Leeward District public school, I feel that the choice of traveling by Superferry will allow our students and chaperones to travel on field trips, sporting events, etc. at a more affordable cost.

Many of our students, when traveling with the school, often are traveling for the first time. One more choice will enable even more to participate.

Joy Takara

testimony



From: Sheri Kajiwara [sherik@pruhi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of Super Ferry

Aloha,

This is to relay my support of the Super Ferry operation.
I was born and raised in Hawaii and am part Hawaiian.
My children attended Kamehameha schools.
I have a Master's degree in Education from the University of Hawaii.
I am an educator.
I vote.

My entire family supports the Super Ferry, and I feel it is a shame that a small, very vocal group of non-natives can control the future for all of us.

Allow the ferry to operate and let the laws of economy and consumerism determine it's fate, as with any other business venture here in Hawaii.

Thank you.

Sheriln T. Kajiwara
Moanalua

testimony

yes

From: Lenore Johnson [johnsonl011@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 1904 12:39 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I feel very strongly that the Superferry should be allowed to start operating immediately.

we already have barges, cruise ships, private boats going inter island transporting all kinds of goods. Individuals are now almost entirely limited to flying which has been until recently very pricey and limited.

The superferry offers a reasonable way for families to travel for vacations with their own cars and goods.

It gives small businesses reasonable ways to ship their vans full of goods, for example, to another island.

Please let the Superferry begin!!

Lenore S. Johnson

Long time resident who enjoys interisland travel and looks forward to taking the Superferry soon!

testimony

yes

From: Mahealani K Monteilh-Zoller [monteilh@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: my support for the superferry

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Mahealani Monteilh-Zoller and I am writing this letter in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I am a married, working mother of 4 children.

I would like to see the Superferry operate in Hawaii for many reasons. It will give us more flexibility in visiting the other islands. It will enable my children (who all participate in sports) to travel to the other islands for sporting events at a more reasonable cost.

Please accept this as a show of our family's support for the Hawaii Superferry.

Thank you,
Mahealani Monteilh-Zoller

testimony

From: Phil Whitney [pwhitney@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry



Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee

Dear Senators,

My wife and I feel strongly that the Superferry will be a great addition to the State of Hawaii. It will provide an alternate means of transportation to the neighbor islands and allow us the option of taking our car when we go.

Beyond our personal needs, the Superferry will provide a means to assist the neighbor islands in case of any emergency where rapid transit of supplies and equipment is essential.

The Superferry will enhance commerce among the islands by speeding up the process of moving goods.

The Superferry should be allowed to operate while any Environmental Assesment or EIS is completed since the advantages to the public outweigh any minor disadvantages that may be part of the operation.

Legislation to allow the Superferry to operate should not contain restrictions that do not apply to existing means of commerce to the neighbor islands as now provided by large ships and barges or aircraft.

We look forward to your passing legislation that will allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the Environmental Assessments are completed.

Sincerely yours,

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Superferry

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Auditorium State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

I am writing to support the very important decision to require an EIS before the Superferry is allowed to run in our waters and to our island.

The major differences of human impact on the ocean and the environment on land over time is a big issue here. One cannot look at freight practices and compare them to tourist options. The increase in all traffic over time simply needs to be regulated. Kauai is way overloaded with cars and people at the present time. Look at the environment of a small island and the lifestyle that people have chosen and understand that the residents of Kauai do not want the traffic jam conditions of too many people traveling on our country roads. Can we not respect that the residents of a rural environment wants to retain those features and not be required by the money interests of tourism to fund the building of 4 lane highways. We don't want them – we don't want miles of concrete replacing our beautiful country road atmosphere. We also have practical needs of getting around our island without vehicle traffic jams because there are too many people driving cars here.

We are pleading for a common sense and respectful practice of preserving an irreplaceable small island environment. Do not allow the Superferry to operate without a thorough EIS that honestly addresses the total environment of these islands.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Langan
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10/22/07

testimony

From: mark corba [m_corba@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT SUPERFERRY



Aloha,

I am business owner/building contractor/ 35 yr. resident from Maui and didn't go to the meeting Monday to support the ferry and do battle with all the "MALCONTENTS" Most people here think and want our island to be 'NEIGHBORLY". I don't know why some people on Maui can't be neighborly or show the Aloha Spirit?

The folks voicing there concerns opposing superferry aren't very smart or represent the majority of residents or tourists that come.

- 1) If Oahu folks come visit via air...don't they rent cars? No more cars vs. people because of superferry
- 2) Everybody knows, even Gov. Lingle, that the owner of Pacific Whale Foundation just bought a bunch of boats and would feel his livelihood threatened when superferry runs thru his territory to the Big Island. Thus the lawsuit. He makes a business out of aiming his boats straight at the whales to disturb them while they're calving, then cutting the engines...calling it legal. Some businesses here even take tourists to swim with the whales,NAKED!! Something highly illegal. Who is the invasive species? Is it HUMANS? I don't see protesters up in arms about that. Greg Kaufman is an intelligent business owner operating under the guise of a tax shelter foundation. He is also the only one to do a subdivision at Makena Beach and no one protested that. Attorney Issac Hall makes money whether he wins or looses, probably more if he looses, because he can charge more to continue in a higher court.
- 3) Since when does a business need public support to open shop? I thought only government needs that. If a business fails, it is their own doing. No business except government should be given this scrutiny.
- 4) The behavior of the 'MALCONTENTS" should not be rewarded. What's next? shut down sugarcane?Pineapple? Tourism? Abortion clinics?
 The Malcontent behavior does not reflect "ALOHA spirit at all or showcase Hawaii as the aloha state. Something many of us have worked hard for generations to establish. The DUKE would roll in his grave if he saw this. Young Hawaiians use to greet the boats by diving for coins in the 'good old days'. King Kamehameha I

would crack heads to unite the islands.

5) With oil prices shooting to \$100 barrel and the US dollar falling equally as fast, I think we should all be careful about our future and where our tourists are coming from, etc. A falling dollar will generate more foreign tourists coming here, our best hope if most americans income becomes reduced, because of the economy.

ECONOMY EQUALS TAX REVENUES!!!

As we always say during an election year" It's the economy, stupid" Will the Superferry add to the economy and tax revenues and tourism? Off coarse it will.

I hope higher intelligence will prevail here and the aloha spirit will come thru. Our Islands are all about tourism and only aloha and uniting us will be in our best interests...not dividing us more, or rewarding the malcontents!

Mahalo,
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From: Renee Adaniya [reesadaniya@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:04 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Support of the Super Ferry

I haven't been keeping up too much with all the debate, but I think it's ridiculous (and embarrassed) that this is becoming such a large issue with our State. I'm not even sure I would be one to utilize the Ferry, but I do realize it would be a great asset to some small businesses, individuals who have challenges flying and a great potential for a visitor attraction and surrounding businesses at the harbors.

Change is difficult for some. But, progress is something we can't prevent.

So far, I haven't heard an argument against the Ferry that "makes sense." I don't even think the car rental companies and airlines will be hurt by this, so I'm really not sure what the underlying issues are that those few are against it so passionately.

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From: Jacey Jetton [jjetton@jacjamtech.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I am writing to voice my support of the Hawaii Superferry. It is only just to allow a law bidding corporation to conduct business as usual if originally granted by the State. It is not just for protestors to protest in illegal ways and for the courts to rule in favor of these criminals. It is also unjust for the courts to rule against a corporation that has followed the legal process of starting a business in Hawaii. I feel that the Hawaii Superferry has done an incredible job building a boat that is both safe and efficient for it's customers, but is one that is extremely environmentally safe. The innovations used in this boat are those that future boats should be built upon. These *illegal actions against Hawaii Superferry both destroys the belief in free enterprise and a free society and deters future developers from outside the state to consider Hawaii. Lets stop destroying what our country was built upon and let new technology flow through the islands to improve our quality of life. New technology that is good for the people and the environment.*

I am in support of allowing the Hawaii Superferry conduct business while the environmental study is being conducted.

I am not in support of the environmental study.

I am also not in support of the Courts that have broken the law and have changed the laws.

Thanks,

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From: billmaloney15@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

Judiciary Labor committee Transportation committee

I and my 15 employees heartily support the SuperFerry and want:

1. The environmentalists investigated
2. The Superferry to be allowed to run without restrictions

Mahalo

Bill Maloney
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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:41 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Hawaii Super Ferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

To Whom It May Concern:

It is hard to believe that in today's society we still have a "few in the crowd" who insist on petitioning against anything and everything without due justification and facts bearing on the matter. This is my home and I embrace the concept of "malama" wholeheartedly as well. I just can not understand why the few raise so much fuss and waste so much time in petitioning against one small boat when we have hundreds of other ships and boats sailing in our Hawaiian waters on a daily basis? I urge the few to use some common sense and reevaluate what they are really standing behind and for. The Super Ferry is a positive step forward for our state and we should welcome its services as well as the future rail transit system.

I urge our elected officials to listen to the majority who supports the Super Ferry and allow to ferry to operate while an environmental impact study is underway. Let's take a step forward and use common sense. Thanks

Lee Barnes

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

testimony*yes*

From: Sandy Haruno [sandyh@gentryhawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii's Superferry

I would like to testify on behalf of the Superferry. I have lived in Hawaii for over 35 years and have seen it prosper and grow, some good...some bad. But, one thing that we have never seemed to have is another mode of transportation to the outer islands (hydrofoil tried, but did not succeed). As far as, environmental issues, I believe that the Superferry is one of the best designed crafts in the Hawaiian waters. How many barges, cruise ships, etc. can maneuver effortlessly in the water or would be able to back up or stop so quickly. They have taken precautions for any debris on vehicles (has to be clean before it goes on the vessel), etc. One question I would like to ask...why is the Superferry being singled out...has everyone else done environmental assessments, in particular Young Brothers or Cruise Lines????? I could go on and on about this issue, but not enough time or space. I just want to say that this issue is a major blow to Hawaii and we cannot allow a small group of people to dictate what happens in this State...it's time the silent majority stand up for what is right. Mahalo!

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To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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The Superferry will have a promising impact on the Hawaiian Islands.

- a) Increase in employment to support thousands of family members.
- b) Our children can appreciate and learn what each island has to offer.
- c) Increase tourism within the islands of Hawaii.
- d) Families are able to take vehicles for camping & educational purposes.

This is just a few of the positive points on how the Superferry will bring success to our little nation.

Having the Superferry will allow me and my family to travel within the Hawaiian Islands instead of going out of state to spend money. Keeping the money flowing throughout our nation will contribute to the future of the people living in Hawaii. I have faith that the Superferry will harm no sea creatures especially the whales, and if anything the whales are one of the most intelligent sea creatures and pretty sure they will keep out the super ferry's way.

Aloha,

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testimony



From: Howard Holt [hholt@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

I believe the SuperFerry should be allowed to operate in Kauai. If the government wanted an EIS they should not have given the 40 million, and SuperFerry would not have built the vessel. I think the Super Ferry would be good for the islands and help to connect us all. The protesters are really upset about development on the island, the high cost of living here, the traffic congestion and they are attributing all the problems to the SuperFerry. The protesters should face consequences for their actions and be fined or jailed for their actions. I support the Governor and hope this battle is won for the SuperFerry. I think the protestors have given Kauai a bad name and I think we should spread the feeling of ALOHA to all our neighboring islands.

Maureen Holt

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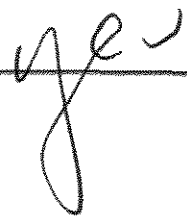


From: Nakamura [wawa@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I'm am in favor of keeping the superferry in Hawaii. As a born and raised resident of Hawaii I have used the ferry system in Canada before and enjoyed the freedom of traveling on them and was excited to know we were going to having one also. My family and I looked forward to being able to travel freely between our beautiful islands and to think of the revenue that would be generated for each island as more and more residents and tourists alike could have the opportunity to do so. Sincerely, Michele Nakamura(Mililani District)

testimony

From: Judy Pietsch [judypeachhawaii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry



Aloha,

It is unusual for me to take a stand like this...but I am appalled at the events on the outer islands that have prohibited the ferry from operating. I believe that an island community needs alternate forms of transportation for residents and tourists. I hope the ferry is allowed to operate soon and that the legislature does the right thing for the majority...not the screaming minority.

I hope the special session is called and this issue is solved quickly!

Aloha, Judy Pietsch

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From: Mike Souza [miksouza@maui.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am in support of the Superferry because it brings an alternative means of travel within the state and at the same time prohibiting inter-island air travel costs from being monopolized. It also helps the small business owner, by taking jobs on other islands. Mahalo.

Mike Souza

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From: Henry Mitsuyasu [hmits@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Support to have superferry

My hope and dream was that someday we would have some kind of transportation with a ship that carries both people and all kind vehicle to the outer islands. I'm a 70 year old guy with a wife that was born in Ewa Beach and I believe the superferry would be another way of travel.

Aloha & Mahalo,

Henry & Thelma

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From: Theresa Cabulizan [Tcabulizan@maunalani.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Aloha,

I am testifying in behalf of the Super Ferry. I have family on both Maui and Kauai that are afraid to fly. They rather travel via boat. Why are you the people of Maui and Kauai so against this. We still have family and friends that fly in to enjoy their time with family and friends on

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the neighbor islands.

PLEASE GIVE THE SUPER
FERRY ALAKAI A CHANCE -
THAT'S ALL WE'RE
ASKING FOR. Mahalo

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From: Tholke, Fred [FTholke@sppc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

I am a small business owner in Nevada and property owner in downtown Kona, Hawai'i.

Currently spend around a month per year in Kona but, have been looking for a way to move my personal business to Hawaii. Prior to the Superferry I could not have considered this as I would need accessible statewide transportation in order to conduct business. The Superferry makes that possible. Air travel is not a useful option. Stopping the Superferry stops me.

However, I do believe it is important to protect marine life, especially whales. Because of the speed of the Superferry, visual lookouts while effective would less able to see one submerged. That should NOT prevent detection.

We are awash in marine technology there must be some reasonable means of improving detection? Perhaps a supplemental means could be that you ask the Superferry to operate with forward looking sonar or some similar technology to help detect and avoid whales. This would also permit the detection and avoidance to be logged and monitored to help prove the incidence of whale avoidance. Sure it adds cost but it's far better than stopping the ferry altogether. Perhaps this could present a reasonable compromise for those who are completely at odds with allowing the Superferry.

High speed Ferry service of all types is available in the Pacific Northwest and Washington State. Please contact them and discuss what other means of mitigation there are. Stopping the Superferry need not be the only solution.

Thank you and Best regards;

Fred Tholke
Reno, Nevada.

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From: boue [boue@diamondbakery.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

I am sending this email in support of the Superferry. I feel that the Superferry is needed to help the economy of Hawaii. It will help provide competition to our current shipping sources to the neighbor islands. Recently, with all the problems that are surrounding the Superferry; we have seen Young Brother Tug and Barge take two major price increases to their shipping rates to the neighbor islands. I feel the Superferry will provide the competition that is needed to put a stop to the monopoly that Young Brothers has.

Mahalo,

*Brian Oue
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From: nobet21@peoplepc.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I'm all for protecting Hawaii. However, stopping the Superferry is just stupid.

It is time to let new things come to Hawaii, WE NEED SOME GROWTH.....every time some business come to Hawaii ,the special interest groups contact there kids or environmentalist to do there dirty work .

The Superferry would be a a great addition to Hawaii and inter-island travel, especially for locals who are tied in by high cost to travel inter-island and it will only get worse if you do not offer other alternatives.

It creates new jobs.....stop being left in the 20th century.

Also,if you make the wrong decision.Make the other shipping companies wash and do a proper through inspection before shipping inter-island,also the cars from the mainland.

PLEASE MAKE THE PROPER DECISION!!!!

Local taxpayer.....David Wetzler

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From: Herman & Diane Nakagawa [hdnaka@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in support for the Hawaii Super Ferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, Oct 24, 2007

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

To Whom It May Concern:

Please hear the voices of Hawaii's true locals. **We WANT the Hawaii Super Ferry!**

Please don't let a small minority of so called "environmentalists" take away the livelihood and welfare of Super Ferry employees and their families. Imagine the financial hardship the laid-off employees and their families are suffering because of the problems the so called "environmentalists" are causing.

Now is the time for all of you elected officials to unite to enact legislation in support of your constituents who elected you to office.

For the record, I do not know, nor am I related to any Super Ferry employee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Herman Nakagawa

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From: Les Pedersen [lp@yamadasons.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:54 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Testimony in favor of the superferry, Senate Committees of Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment, October 24 Hearing, 10:30 a.m.

Dear Senators,

I am very much in favor of the interisland Superferry and ask you to take quickly all necessary action to allow the Superferry to operate immediately. Some of my reasons are as follows:

1. Of all places, the people and businesses of island State of Hawaii need transportation alternatives. **We need alternatives** both for competitive balance but **especially in times of emergency** we will may find the Superferry indispensable to transport essential goods and service.
2. The Superferry will **stimulate and diversify the economy** of the State.
3. This is an issue where the **overall welfare and benefit of the State must take precedence over the preference of special interest groups or individual counties**. Long ago King Kaumuali'i of Kauai relinquished sovereignty over the island to Kamehameha, recognizing the overall welfare of his island depends on the welfare of all Hawaii Nei. The same is true today. If some, or even a majority, of Kauaians opposes the Superferry, the statewide need for transportation alternatives and especially statewide emergency transportation outweighs the concerns of Kauai residents opposed to the Superferry.
4. If conducted, no doubt an EIS would show some risk to marine wildlife. **Risk to wildlife is inherent in all modes of transportation**. An EIS for interisland air traffic would no doubt show the same. For instance, airplanes taking off and landing can and does kill bird life. Just the noise of aircraft and real estate devoured by airports disturbs the habits and nesting of birds, including native and endangered species. Similar environmental trade-offs exist for tug and barge transportation as well. Perhaps Superferry opponents would prefer Hawaii return to the days of double-hulled canoes for interisland transportation. Then again, I am sure the EIS would show that double-hulled canoe transportation would have a negative impact on forests used to construct canoes and on the native bird populations that inhabit the forests.
5. **This is an issue of basic fairness**. The Superferry is not at fault for not completing an EIS. The State advised the Superferry that an EIS was

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not necessary. Perhaps the administration erred in not requiring the EIS, but the Executive Branch of government is the branch that is responsible for implementing the laws of the State. If the Executive Branch tells the Superferry an EIS is not necessary, the Superferry has every reason to rely on that statement as fact and they have done just that. Now to prohibit Superferry operations is just plain unfair. People and businesses in Hawaii must be able to have confidence that the State of Hawaii will treat them fairly.

6. Unless we allow the Superferry to operate, and do so quickly, **the Superferry will sue the State** and no doubt be successful. The court found that the administration erred in not requiring the EIS but that will not matter should this become a lawsuit against the State (the people) of Hawaii. What will matter is that the State told the Superferry an EIS was not required, the Superferry relied on that statement, the State reneged on their statement and as a result, the Superferry lost millions of dollars. Paying for that decision would be a very foolish way to spend the money of Hawaii's taxpayers. Let's spend the money to fix our roads and schools instead!

Please convene in Special Session and will all speed enact legislation to allow the Superferry to operate.

Sincerely,

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From: Kent Ross [rossk040@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: testimony
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Subject: Testimony in favor of the Superferry

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am resident, 4th generation in Hawai'i. I beg you, please allow the Superferry to operate in Hawai'i so that we, the overwhelming majority of people FOR the Ferry may visit the other Islands in the comfort and economy of our own transportation. Please don't allow a group in distinct and provable minority to dictate through intimidation and threats, the demise of this great opportunity for adventure for us regular folks. This is a democracy and the majority opinion to let the Ferry operate, now a proven fact, should take precedence over that so offensively perpetrated on us by closed- minded individuals with hidden agendas.

Mahalo for accepting my testimony.

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To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Favor of the SuperFerry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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I am in favor of allowing the SuperFerry to operate while a full environmental impact statement is completed.

The State in effect owes the SuperFerry this short-term opportunity, because the State gave the SuperFerry the all clear to proceed in the first place. The SuperFerry was not at fault because it in fact complied with all known requirements and restrictions. Now, the SuperFerry has been severely hurt because the State did not comply with its own laws.

The State caused the SuperFerry's current woes. Now the State should step forward and take responsibility for its errors and help out the SuperFerry with temporary permission to operate with a full EIS is completed. It's the least the State can do.

John Lindelow
Kailua, HI

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From: Ayau, Gregory [gayau@boh.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of Superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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I am in favor of permitting the Superferry to operate during the period an EIS report is being completed. Mistakes have been made on both sides of the fence. The company has acted in good faith and moved forward. It is only fair and right that the State honor its commitment until the study is complete. Then, let the cards fall as they may.

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From: Karen St. Onge [st24pool@hotmail.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of Hawaii Superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to advise all decision makers that we are in favor of allowing Hawaii Superferry to be able to conduct business while the environmental study is being conducted.

The reasons being that Hawaii Superferry will allow Hawaii residents and visitors to Hawaii an option to travel to all Hawaiian Islands by sea vs. plane. It will also serve to send a positive message to companies considering doing business in Hawaii that Hawaii will allow business to grow and diversify our economy.

Let's end the message that there is too much "red tape" and politics for new businesses to grow in Hawaii. We need to look at options to create more jobs in our islands that will help to slow the "brain drain" that is occurring here. Please consider options to stimulate our economy vs. sending negative messages to the world. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen and Mike St. Onge
Douglas and Caroline Choo
Longtime residents of Hawaii

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From: Hoxie, Tim at KCC [thoxie@abinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: FW: Testimony in favor of Hawaii Superferry

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Transportation and International Affairs
Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, Oct 24

Time and location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capital

I support the Hawaii Super ferry and any bill which will allow it to operate in Hawaiian waters with all the other ships, Tugs etc.

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From: ~W~ in Hilo [winhilo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor for Hawaii Superferry

To whom it may concern,

Let this email serve as my testimony, that I am in favor of letting the Hawaii Superferry operate interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

William Palmer
Hilo, Hawaii

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From: Stephen Kealoha [kealohas004@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony IN FAVOR (HB draft bill relating to Transportation) - Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

I am in favor of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EIS is conducted.

While I do not have expertise on many of the items stated in the Draft House Bill on Transportation, I do have an opinion regarding the following:

1. The Hawaii Superferry must be a member of the temporary Hawaii inter-island ferry oversight task force. Some have opposed this on the grounds that Hawaii Superferry should not have a part as it is the beneficiary of the outcomes. However, as I see it, all members of the committee have a vested interest and Hawaii Superferry is not the only one while it is a critical entity as the provider of service.
2. I question the need for a performance audit at this time and in this bill regarding the Administration's actions regarding exemptions in this matter. There is a time and place later for this if so desired. Let's not politicize this important issue facing the legislature.

The Hawaii Superferry provides a very desirable option to inter-island transportation for the people of the State of Hawaii. There are many benefits that are associated with it which have been stated many times in many venues. Please make it happen so that the people of this State of Hawaii will at least have a chance for this option of travel. Yes, mitigation measures are important, but they must be reasonable such that it provides Hawaii Superferry a fighting chance to serve us and such that they are not targeted to this one transportation provider only.

Finally, I must comment on the hearings on Maui on October 22, and to some extent on Kauai a day earlier. The rude behavior of those who oppose the Hawaii Superferry at the hearings is the reason why many of the silent majority of people in favor of Hawaii Superferry do not publicly testify. So please take that into consideration when weighing the public sentiment on this whole issue.

Sincerely,

Stephen Kealoha (Pukalani, Maui)

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From: Kimo [kimo@3dguys.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony Hawaii Superferry

About the Superferry issue.

The Superferry is here, 99% of the work has been accomplished and now there is a decision point? It is a boat not a nuke plant so let it survive please. I have spent 8 years in the ship building industry, there are no major environmental issues created by the Superferry.

Hawaii will have a black eye permanently from this issue if the lawmakers handle this wrong from this point on. It is as if someone set you guys up to pass a test and I wouldn't want to be you after the Superferry fails. The radicals will sink back into the trees and beaches because they are not mainstream Hawaii, just a bunch of exports from Berkeley, I should know, I was born and raised in Berkley 53 years ago but I grew up.

I am a "High Tech" businessman who has been in front of the Hawaii Investors group a couple of times to bring High Tech industry to Hawaii, I will paying very close attention to how this turns out and I will likely not encourage the investors either way now that I have seen this lack of control with our government.

Hawaii is 20 years back in time and desperately need to get up to speed with our ways. Radicals should not be steering Hawaii.

Hawaii Superferry was the largest step I have seen in Hawaii in the 8 years. I have lived on Maui and radicals are going to push our politicians around? That is a mistake by them but a larger mistake by you if you don't get reasonable allow the superferry.

Ron & Rhonda Barranco

Maui

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From: Robert Evanston [evanston65@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for the SuperFerry

Email to: Legislature's Public Access Room testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

With responsible beliefs for the good of Hawaii this testimony is given in support for **Hawaii Superferry**. The Superferry is like a city bus. It transports economically, safely, and with reduced impact on the environment. The Superferry (unlike the city bus) very effectively competes, more options, with the airplane (liken to a city taxi):

- Where as the city bus and taxi services are limited to transporting humans; Superferry transports humans, vehicles, farm products, pets, and other market items... in abundance very economically.
- It serves quality food and drink to its passengers as apposed to airline peanuts.
- Tourism is enhanced by providing main land travelers an affordable entraining experience...likens to a cruise ship.
- The Superferry is more environmentally friendly than propeller driven water vessels.
- Hawaii is beautiful. The Superferry advancements can only be seen as enhancing Hawaii's beauty.

I believe the Superferry is a treasure chest to the Hawaiian culture.

Sincerely,

Robert Evanston
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From: Tanya T. Power [tpower@aloha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for the Superferry

Through a lot of conversation with my contemporaries in Kailua Kona, aka The Silent Majority, of which I do business with every day, we are overwhelming in support of the Superferry. I have hopes that cooler heads will rein and understand that the economics of the Superferry help everyone. It provides jobs, it will provide goods and services to the neighbor Islands, and it will provide the opportunity for individuals to travel from Island to Island without being held hostage by the airlines. High Speed Boats/Ferries have been used in the Northwest with no problems for decades. In Greece, it is a standard of travel between the Islands. 'Change' seems to be hard for Hawaii and when anything new is proposed, there is a vocal minority that resists this change. I'm hoping the Silent Majority will be heard.

The Superferry provides a valuable service for the Big Island and I, for one, am going to go to work today and hope my legislators will think with calm, focused common sense and compromise to S.O.S. - Save Our Superferry!

Warmest aloha,

Tanya Power
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From: Glenna Wong [gwpr@glennawong.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony FOR the Superferry

Aloha, as a small business owner in Hawaii, I urge our legislators to allow the Superferry to operate for the State of Hawaii. I trust that with today's technology and trained pilots, that there will be no (negative) environmental impact on our Hawaii waters, coastline. Further, as our state looks forward, we need another form of inter-island transportation. The cost of living in Hawaii is already high, and the people of the neighbor islands will pay even more dearly as time goes by for any and all imported goods. We cannot continue to be left behind all other states with regard to transportation. My friends on the West Coast and Midwest continue to laugh, then shake their heads in dismay at how backwards the State of Hawaii continues to treat (new) business in Hawaii, and how a limited few with loud voices dictate our future economy and growth.

The Superferry can positively affect all islands, if you let it operate.

Mahalo,
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To: testimony
Cc: scottm808@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for the Superferry
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like for the voice of the future of Hawaii to be heard. If we do not allow the Superferry to service our islands we are looking and many other business opportunities to fall out of our reach. As we all know our people can no longer survive on just Agriculture we survive with the assistance of the outside business and government. I have listened to many preach how the Superferry will destroy there island however the majority of people who use the Superferry are the people of our islands so why we would destroy what is our own. People say that the Superferry will bring developers, destroying the lands of the islands and less space for the people of each island. However that can happen now with Interisland flights. As for the military using it for the Strikers or other military vehicle that is obsored. I work for the military and these vehicles are too big to be on the Superferry as well as the military has there own way to transport their vehicles.

Please don't let a handful of ignorant people who don't understand or want change of growth for our islands. As for the environment the Superferry could stop faster than a cruise ship, but we will allow them to come in without an environmental assessment. I went recently to Catalina Island where they are all about protecting there Marine life and they have a ferry that takes people from the main part of California to Catalina Island. This has not affected there Marine life at all.

I would hope you would all consider as well the people that are protesting the Superferry have acted so improperly to our own local people.

Mahalo,

Lisa L. Aki
Concerned Hawaii Resident and Hawaiian

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From: Lois Marne [meldeanhernandez@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony for the Super Ferry

To the Legislators-

Please allow the Super Ferry to operate--it would add new travel opportunities for residents and visitors alike bringing the state additional revenue.

Thank you.

Lois Reynolds, property owner in Oahu
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From: EkeNuiFarm@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:41 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

*To our Wisest and Most Dedicated Leaders,
I would like to voice my support for establishing the Superferry as another option for travelers, businesses, and residents here in the state of Hawaii. What a wasted opportunity for economic development and added incentive for travel interisland if this vessel is turned back to the mainland.*

As I look at it, I believe more will be gained than what will be lost in building a strong ferry operation here. We will have the jobs to offer folks that no one can foresee from this point in time, with the increased need for restaurants, reporters, etc., who would keep folks aware of ferry travel, weather, etc., purchases of produce and goods and services that otherwise would not occur, social network development for residents of Hawaii, alternate employment interisland, and finally, just another option for the unforeseen needs.

Disasters of all kinds can occur and having this option for disaster planning is a progressive and smart way to go. Who wants to think, "If only we had had another way to travel between islands..."? We have it here and it is ready to go to work. Let's not be penny wise and pound foolish.

We will have more tourist and resident travel interisland due to the "uniqueness" of the Superferry, but also to accommodate those who would not travel on an airplane for various safety reasons...real or imagined.

If the whales are in danger, why were they not in danger before the Superferry arrived? The ocean vessels in the waters around Hawaii are numerous and fast and were they not a threat as well? It seems disingenuous to predict disaster for whales at this point in time. I was on a whale watching vessel, skippered by a naturalist about 12 years ago in Monterey Bay off the coast of California. That skipper told us then that whales hear an engine start from miles away and that approaching them was very carefully done, if one was to see them. The whales, according to the skipper, would not be near the boats that approached the area going too fast...by choice. What is the threat to the whales here? I want to hear from a marine biologist who studies whales to confirm these claims that whales would be hit by the Superferry. And, how often does the Navy or the tourist cruise ships hit whales?

Environmental impact studies should have been done before the Superferry ever left the mainland, perhaps before it was even built. Why Why Why is this just now becoming an issue? I believe in the EPA and its efforts to preserve our environment. I would not want to see it used as a political tool,

as it has already been used, regarding other issues in the news. This is something that can be done while the Superferry is online and going about the business of establishing a reputation for itself here. We need to give it a chance to do this business the best way it can.

May the Best for All be considered.

*Aloha,
Marla Hunter
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From: Patricia Gutterman [patriciagutterman07@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:03 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

I am hopeful that the Hawaii legislature will be thoughtful enough to see the importance of what could be a tremendous asset to all our local communities. The Hawaii Superferry will unite family and friends in a way that nothing has before. Our island families need the superferry and these are the people you should be considering. . . the people you represent and who, by a substantial majority, NEED and WANT the Superferry.

Patricia Gutterman

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From: Mike & Sharon Ishikawa [ishikawa@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:03 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry support testimony

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am in complete support of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an Environmental Assessment is conducted. There is no reason to single out the Superferry from other forms of transportation: Matson, Young Brothers, Aloha & Hawaiian Airlines etc. Furthermore, the Superferry has made fair and sound business decisions in good faith with the State of Hawaii with the understanding that an EA was not required. The 11th hour decision to require a study should not impact their scheduled operation.

The benefit to the residents, tourists, and businesses here in the State of Hawaii far outweigh the minimal risk of environmental impact. In fact, if you listen to the majority of those that oppose the Superferry, the motivation is to prevent others from any use of "their" island resources and are not concerned with the environment at all.

I strongly urge you to hear the voice of the majority and not allow the small group of misdirected opposition to dictate your decision.

Thank you,

Mike Ishikawa

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From: Bignacio808@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:03 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I support the bill that will allow the Superferry to operate while environment impact studies are made because for me it represents the opportunity to not only visit family members on other islands but also will be a good indicator of how sensitive the Superferry will be to the ocean, land and environment.

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From: Iris Hirose [ayame_808@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: supperferry

KEEP THE SUPPERFERRY!!!!
FORM OF TRANSPORTATION EVERYONE CAN USE!!!!
WE ARE PAYING TAXES ON A RAIL SYSTEM THAT 75% OF OUR POPULATION WILL
NEVER USE! KAUAI, MAUI AND THA BIG ISLAND, THINK ABOUT THAT!!!!
PLEASE KEEP THE SUPPERFERRY!!!
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MAHALO,

IRIS HIROSE

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From: Silva Shapiro [SilvaS@willetttravel.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I would like the option of using for my clients of advantage of choosing the Super Ferry opposed to flying to the other Islands

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From: Kris Scanlon [kvscanlon@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Attn: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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I know that the Senate is in a difficult position right now ,But I think for the future of the states economy and it's reputation in the business world we need to act now. The majority of the people in Hawaii are for the Superferry and for legislative change ,It would be a shame if the small but vocal minority could shut out such a wonderful opporitunty for the people of Hawaii.

For personal reasons the Superferry would greatly improve my personal and business life. My wife and I own a small Photography company here in Hawaii for the past 18 years and do most of our business outer island , The costs and time involved in traveling by air has cost us tremendous amount of time and money , if the Superferry go's away and with the resent court ruling on GO airlines I don't see a bright future for the people or business's here in Hawaii.

I also own a second home in Volcano and would love to bring my three dogs there sometime and hope that the Superferry would start service before they are to old to travel.

I thank you for your time and hope the Senate can do the right thing for the people of Hawaii

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Kris Scanlon
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From: MICHELLE welch [ME11860@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:03 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Support

My family and I strongly support the Hawaii SuperFerry!!!! We look forward to being able to take our own vehicles to Oahu, to be able to have a small vacation from time to time without having to rent a car while there. I look forward to enjoying the ferry itself on the beautiful cruise from Maui to Oahu. The ferry will allow schools to get to their athletic games with much less hassel, construction workers from outer islands can get to their jobs with all of their tools and eliminate the baggage problems by being able to drive their own trucks with all of their tools onto the ferry. The additional traffic on Maui (and Kauai--if they ever let it come there--)I would think would also have the same amount of traffic leaving the island as arriving on the island--so no big problems. 300 cars arrive...and yep 300 go back.WE as a whole population look so absolutely *foolish* to the rest of the world about fighting over something that the majority of the state people want. I have always heard "the squeaky wheel gets the oil"---well it's the non supporters that are being heard, the squeak of their voices---and gosh the hearings....they still seem so small...barely filling an auditorium.....Be sensible, give us the Ferry...its long been needed, we want it, its here , let it be used and enjoyed.....

and that EIS statement---was one or several done by the large crusie lines? any done for MATson? why do non supporters only rely on this one argument.....????

**GIVE US OUR FERRY.....THERE ARE MORE
SUPPORTERS OF ITS USEAGE THAN THERE ARE NON
SUPPORTERS!!!!**

We want the ferry!!!!!!

Michelle Welch & James Welch
Kelly Kohls & Audrie Green

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From: kamakani souza [kamasurfah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Favor of Superferry

I'm in support of the Superferry. It will help the outer islands generate more income. Oahu taxpayers pay for many of the things on the outer islands. The superferry allow outer islands to have more opportunities to bring in more income to pay for their island services.

Kaiana Souza

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From: Don Hendrickson [DOM1@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

I strongly support the Hawaii Super Ferry. Do the cruise ships and barges need an Environmental Impact Study to operate? Why can't the Superferry operate while the study is being conducted. Get real!

***Don Hendrickson
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From: jfg hudson [hudsonj015@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

aloha sir/madam,

we firmly believe the superferry will enhance the local travel from island to island. Upon hearing that the superferry was scheduled for hawaii, we began planning a vacation. that vacation is currently on hold as you decide the fate of the ferry.

we firmly believe that the company did all that was required of them prior to their arrival, but as change happens, people are not enthusiastic and set blocks to keep things the same. the superferry offers the general public the opportunity to travel by other means and cut cost of a vacation as you are afforded the luxury of your own vehicle, and able to pack accordingly (camping supplies).

we hope that you will consider all the company has done thus far, and allow the superferry to continue to business here in hawaii!

sincerely, Mike and Jarma Hudson

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From: Wojtala, Theresa [TheresaW@kapiolani.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

October 23, 2007 6:30 a.m.

Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environmental Committees,

This email is being sent in support of the Hawaii Superferry. As a resident of state of Hawaii and island of Oahu, I am in full support of having another mode of interisland transportation. I believe that the use of the Superferry will be of benefit to the residents of the state of Hawaii for employment as well as recreational opportunities. It is quite ridiculous to be limited to only airline transportation for interisland travel throughout the state. Wasting the money of those who have invested so much in the Superferry already is insulting. We should be supporting those who are trying to improve our quality of life and opportunities here on the islands.

Theresa Lynn Wojtala
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From: Michelle [snapdragnc@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Dear Madams and Sirs,

As a small business owner, I feel that the Superferry is an economical mode of transportation between the islands when attending craft fairs and trade shows. I am able to bring large displays and more inventory than I would be able to when traveling by plane. The Superferry benefits commerce for the "little people".

Thank you,

Michelle Carter
MAY's Crafts
aka MAKC's Collection

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From: Roger Elgram [relgram@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I totally suport any action the legislature may take to allow the Superferry to sail to all islands

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From: Randolph S. Coon [trilogy@maui.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry testimony

Aloha from Maui,

I support the proposal to allow the Super Ferry to operate while a full EIS is conducted. In fairness, I would suggest that other forms of ocean transportation also be required to comply with more stringent oversight- namely; the cruise ships discharging ballast water from foreign ports with potentially catastrophic consequence, not to mention the millions of gallons of gray and black water that are discharged into our island waters every year by these 'Flags of Convenience'. Mahalo. Capt. R.S.Coon

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From: robert [bshims@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Keep the SuperFerry open

Please keep the Superferry open

They have obeyed the laws of the land which you are supposed to enforce w/o undue influence of special interests.

They provide jobs and economic growth by offering an option which consumers want to be able to choose from.

They are sensitive to the needs of the environment.

Please do your job and enforce Hawaii law. Let the Superferry continue operations immediately.

Thanks you

Robert Shimizu

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From: john@coller.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I am in favor of the Superferry

Aloha,

After living here most of my life, I shouldn't be too surprised at the saga of the Superferry. The state government has again showed both its colossal incompetence and its anti-business bias. Do not let the extreme opinions of a vocal minority and the behind the scenes manipulation of some influential special interests scuttle a business that is ultimately good for the people of Hawaii. Mahalo.

Respectfully,

John Coller

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From: Rod and Katherine Russell, The Trance Channel Team [AllowLove@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the SuperFerry!

Aloha,

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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We want the Hawaiian islands to have the SuperFerry!!!!

Rod and Kathy

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From: Lemuel & Joycelyn Borja [lemjoyborja@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2007 12:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of the Hawaii Superferry

To our State Senators,

Please know that we are in complete support of the Hawaii Superferry providing inter-island service to and from Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. We have family and friends that we would like to visit riding the Superferry. I am the only one from my immediate family living on the Island of Oahu. We have waited long for this kind of option being provided to us, as residents of Hawaii and on the island of Oahu.

I do not believe the Hawaii Superferry will do any harm to our oceans and environment. We already have many barges, cruises, ships and other vessels traveling inter-island that has not caused severe damage to our environment. In fact, they are a blessing to our economy in providing goods and services we would not otherwise be able to accomplish if there was air service alone. The Hawaii Superferry is a blessing to our beloved islands and vibrant economy.

We are grateful for your hard work, concern and dedication in taking the time to intervene on behalf of the Hawaii Superferry. Thank you for listening to us, your constituents. We are praying that there will be a positive resolution in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

Sincerely,

Lemuel & Joycelyn Borja
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From: HISPRINGS@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:01 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of the Hawaii Superferry

Dear Senators,

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry as it offer's the residents and tourist's an alternative to taking flights interisland and because we live in a country where freedom of doing business is a basic right and special interest groups should not allow the majority to be denied their right to choices

This email is being sent on Oct 22nd at 9pm. and intended for the following:

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Sincerely

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From: Irene Tanioka [irene@oconnor-hawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of the Superferry

To Whom It May Concern,

I am in favor of the Superferry being permitted to run while the impact study is being done. I feel it gives the local population an affordable alternate means of travel especially for those who constantly travel to Oahu for doctors appointments. If it is not permitted to run while the impact study is being done then the freight and cruise ships should not be permitted to run as well.

Thank you,

Irene Tanioka

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From: rileyhakoda@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry testimony



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dear senator,

please consider the net gains and losses of your decision. besides the obvious situation with dealing with the superferry issue, its residual consequences endanger the business future of hawaii. the credibility issue of whether or not state government is empowered to effectively make key decisions that affect the economic well-being of its people is at stake.

if superferry is sent packing, what kind of message are we sending to other potential investors in our state? you have heard the concerns of an outspoken, loud and vocal minority...look at the polls and check the numbers. a vast majority of our population need and want the superferry.

there may be valid environmental concerns that need to be worked out, but it will take allowing the ferry to operate to work out the details and integrate the ship into our island waters.

if superferry fails on its own, so be it. but to have encouraged it to enter the marketplace with unfilled promises and squelch it before its given a chance does not seem fair.

thank you for the opportunity to make this testimony.

respectfully,
riley hakoda

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From: gusmank001@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

My name is Kevin Gusman and I live on the island of Kauai. I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry to operate during the environmental assessment period.

I believe that the silent majority is not speaking up. We all want the superferry for an alternate means of transportation between the islands. We will finally be connected as a state through a different mean.

I have 2 daughters that live on Oahu for educational purposes. The Superferry will make this dream a reality for more families within the state to have that option to choose. Those that have sports teams may choose to play in a tournament on another island. The positive reasons are tenfold.

I have experienced riding a ferry in Europe last summer. Wonderful!

It is my hope that you will take into consideration allowing the Superferry to operate during the environmental assessment and eventually within the State of Hawaii so each island can share what we have amongst ourselves and appreciate the beauty of Hawaii.

Mahalo,
Kevin K. Gusman
Resident of Kauai
Commuter to Oahu by air hopefully by sea!

access2

From: KMiz800@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am for the superferry and would want them to give them a chance to get up and running. If the ferry is such an environmentally friendly vessel, it will come out in the course of operation and the brief time that it would be running would not impact the environment permanently. The environmentalists really don't have a leg to stand on at this point. Even an EIS may be incorrect and filled with flaws. I say let them run and see how it goes. We can always shut down the superferry in the future. They have invested millions of dollars in this business venture. Let them run.
Kevin Mizuno

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From: Kfletchb@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony for October 24

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs

Wednesday, October 24

10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I made Hawaii my state of residency last year after living here for 8 years. I don't want to be one of those people who leaves for the Mainland after a while because the Hawaii government cannot get things done which most benefit its citizens.

I have been involved in the Sanctuary Whale Count for 6 years and have been a Honu Guardian at Laniakea Beach for 1 1/2 years. I am very aware of the dangers for sealife in our ocean.

I truly believe that the Superferry will not cause harm to our whales. It is a few of the charter companies who break the rules. I watch it occur from my vantage point at Mai'ile every year.

It is difficult enough to live here with rising costs. Mainland people purchase vacation homes for tax right-offs while our government continues to allow it. This is, in part, causing the rising homeless situation.

Why can't we, *for once*, do something FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII which makes perfect sense?

Although my family lives on the Mainland, I have outer island friends I could visit much more easily with the Superferry. And, I have plenty of local friends who really need this Superferry.

Please don't let our government continue to be the butt of jokes because of doing nothing to help its people.

You government officials were elected from your districts to help your people. Please do so. Let the Superferry survive.

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From: russell yamada [tfpt2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry only can help

The Superferry is going to give the people of Hawaii another viable option to be able to travel from island to island to visit family and friends. As a parent of two teenaged children, I can see the opportunities it will provide for their respective clubs including boy scouts and girl scouts to visit and learn about the outer islands. I don't see how we can not have a Ferry system being a resident in a State with many islands. It also seems a lot of the gripes from the opponents don't make sense since Young Brother's takes items to other islands without all the restrictions the SuperFerry has to follow. How about if there's a catastrophe, wouldn't the Superferry be placed in action to support the National guard and the Red Cross to provide help and needed supplies to areas of disaster? PLEASE SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY!

Russell K. Yamada

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From: mike wong [mikew993@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry support

To the State Senate,

I have lived here for 40 yrs and I believe it's the duty of the the senate to follow the majority of the people needs. We do live in a America and no Island should be any different from the rest. Just because a lot of rich people live in Maui there they want their way and so does the judge, we need to go forward not backwards. This is why we look so stupid to the rest of the mainland, that we don't think a head!

Mahalo,
Mike Wong

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From: Mario Beekes [camex@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry service

Gentlemen,

My wife and I will retire in Hawaii next year. We are fortunate enough to have a condo in Kapolei and a home in Lahaina. The announcement of a Ferry service that could take both people and cars from island to island was an exciting and practical idea for us and others who live on the islands and those who may visit the islands. A more friendly and less stressful way to travel these days when compared to airline travel.

We ask that the State Legislature allow service that was agreed to by the State in the first place to continue while environmental studies are conducted and this approach should be approved to in the majority

since the majority wish the service to operate in the first place.

The Ferry operator should agree that if the findings are found to be sufficiently negative then service must be discontinued. Those who represent us in the Legislature must realize that their misjudgement in eliminating the environment study should not harm those that made huge investment to bring this service to the islands nor harm their constituents who look forward and support the Ferry Service. This is already sending a very negative message to those who would consider to live in Hawaii and those that currently make their residence there and those that wish to do business in the State of Hawaii. If the Ferry Service is thrown out of service while a one year or longer study is conducted they will certainly leave and they will certainly ask for compensation for their losses and/or reserve the right to claim for losses after the study is held and in the end the taxpayer of Hawaii will pay the tab for a mistake our representatives have made (please dont pass the buck on this one !)

There are many other issues that are important to the environment in Hawaii that should also be considered with even more urgency. We dont see surfers paddling out into the middle of the ocean in the midst of a sewage overspill complaining about the need for improved waste water treatment facilities, we dont hear about the leaching of chemicals into our drinking water supply/oceans from garbage dumps or heavily fertilized golf courses. These are all issues that deserve more attention than the transit of ferry boats between the islands.

What about the cruise ships that ply the water every day around the islands- should they be stopped as well ?

This has become an emotional issue and we hope it doesnt become a political one. Keep it scientific and rationale and you and your constituents and the ferry company, all working

together, will be the winners in the end.

Aloha

Mario & Henrietta Beekes

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From: chuck comunale [chuckcomunale@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry 10/23/2007

Members of State Legislature;

Get out of the DARK AGES and allow business to flourish. The small minded ((FEW) should not stand in the way of PROGRESS.

Allow the Super Ferry to operate--unhindered by amendments, riders, stipulations and outside influences.

Ma halo

Y

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From: Keith Watanabe [kwatanabe@alsco.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superfery

I'm in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. I think it would bring more business to the outer island. I don't think people of Hawaii wants to take over the outer islands. The Superferry is just another option of traveling to the outer islands and a way to bring your own vehicle without the hassles of renting a vehicle.

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From: Deborah King [deborahsmyth@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: hawaii superferry

Re: Support of interisland superferry

I am in complete support of the Hawaii interisland superferry. The superferry will allow locals to work on Oahu while living on outer Islands and vice versa. It will also make it easier and more affordable for locals to travel among Islands.

Thank you,
Deborah

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From: Denis Swenson [DenisSwenson@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

I wish to voice my support for the ferry system, before coming here seven years ago, I lived for 25 years on Whidbey Island in Washington State which was serviced by the Washington State Ferry System.

Whidbey Island is serviced by 100 car ferrys that run each way every half hour so I know what "ferry traffic" is and I know that 200 cars once a day is not going to be a hardship for the big Island.

On the whale issue, the whales either have incredible underwater hearing and sense of direction, claimed by the opponets of navy sonar testing, or are dumb animals with lousy hearing and no sense of underwater direction as claimed by the opponents of the ferry.

High speed catamarans have been operating in Washington for the last 30 years without incident so I am not concerned with the whales ability to track and avoid a very clear underwater noise as the ferry will create.

On the issue of changing a law when we discover a major flaw in wording and intent, that is a sacred trust that our legislators should make their highest priority. Far too many laws are on the books that have unintended consequences when twisted to be used as a weapon for one purpose or another.

I would like to see a continuous special session dedicated to cleaning up all our laws, restoring freedoms and common sense. Band aid legislation and complicated, stupid work-arounds of some poorly written laws just doesn't work anymore. There are simply too many of them and they run smack dab into each other causing gridlock at every corner.

Please fix our state.

Sincerely,

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From: Paula McKnight [paulainkona@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To whom it may concern,

I see the Superferry as an excellent way to travel. I went to Tahiti and their ferry was excellent, I was on Moorea for a month. Each week, sometimes twice, I could go to Papeete and shop and sight see and eat. It was different and something very exciting and wonderful to experience each week. I learned more about their French/Tahitian History and felt as though I really experienced Tahiti. I thought of those days when I realized we were going to have a superferry here in our beautiful Islands. It will bring families together, it will give a better view of sight seeing and learning about the Islands for the keiki's and they will get perspective on how important growth is. We don't have to grow super fast, I think the superferry is right on time, to help the Islands grow. Growth and expanding is important. These Islands are not just our Islands, they are to be seen by everyone who wants to come.

Good for the economy, I find it to be an all around "Win, win" situation. Employment, and bringing people to other destinations. We can not allow a few to stand in the way of something so terrific and economically sound for the Islands.....finally, it will touch and change so many lives. Those hindering this in any way need to grow up and get with the growth and prosperity being handed down now. It is time to get this superferry doing what it does best, bringing people together!

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From: Basilio Urmeneta [burmenetajr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPERPERRY

TO SENATE COMMITTEES JUDICIARY AND LABOR, PLEASE SUPPORT OF THE BILL THAT WILL PERMIT INTERISLAND SUPERPERRY SERVICE IN HAWAII WHILE ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS BEING CONDUCTED. THANKS, BASILIO,C. URMENETA

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From: William Sicklesteel [bidosis@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:38 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Bert Dowdy; David Glover; Donna Salisbury; Ad Pace; Linda Ladeira; JoMogle@cs.com; Charlie Clark
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Once again the Hawaii Sate Government has missed the mark big time. Why there was apparently no environmental impact study of subject before it was built and deployed comes as no surprise. This is coupled with the absence of vision concerning the much needed and much ignored pleasure boat harbor situation throughout the State.

Private enterprise has expended millions of dollars and commitment to provide much need alternative service between the islands to bolster the economy to include tourist alternatives and now some want to call a halt. Little late don't you think? Where was everyone during all the planning and talk about this venture?

My point at this time is where is the proof that there is a danger? Has there been a an accident or close call during the trial runs? I believe the USCG has approved the safety and operational matters. Is it just a few that envision a remote possibility that something might happen to harm marine life? Should all power, inter-island barge, container ship and sail boating stop. Don't think so.....Looks a cry for wolf unnecessarily. Let the service start.....

William Sicklesteel
Past resident for many years and annual part year visitor

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From: JEAN WILLIAMS [jrae6@nventure.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As a yearly winter visitor to your wonderful state of Hawaii, We urge you to permit inter-island service while the environmental impact is being conducted. We spend our winters in a condo and this year we were looking forward to ferry travel to visit the other island. The water is so pretty, along with the rest of Hawaii, we felt it would be a wonderful way to visit. We will be greatly disappointed is we will be unable to do this in 2008.

Sincerely,

Mr and Mrs. Bill Williams
Tacoma, Washington

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From: Mary Phillips [flags@lava.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

Please support the superferry by allowing it to operate during the impact study. thank you Mary Phillips

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From: mauijrm [phillipss011@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ferry testimony

I, Shiela Phillips, 5 yr resident of the State of Hawai'i support and give testimony
To the need for a ferry system.

Hawai'i is an island state. The peoples of Hawai'i got here via boat.

This should be a state run/supported system that is NOT burdened down with
Checks checks and more checks. This is not international, this is not interstate.

This is a intrastate system.

I support a ferry system

Shiela Phillips
Resident
Kihei

808 879 0526

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From: Sherry Natua [shior70@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please support Hawaii Superferry!

To whom it may concern,

I believe Hawaii Superferry will make a big impact for the State of Hawaii. I had my similar experience like the Hawaii Superferry from the island of Tahiti. "The Aremiti ferry" was convenient to sail out to the nearest island of Moorea. It benefits to the families, businesses and students who were commuting back and forth to go to school at the main island of Tahiti. The ride was about half an hour to forty five minutes. It was a pretty smooth ride. My family have enjoyed the views and activities on the ferry. I am sure that Hawaii Superferry will provide those benefits to help accomodate the people. My first experience was an unforgettable ride. It's something that the generations would never forget.

Imagine what it is like when there is a concert, convention or a festival on the islands? There would be a lot of people from all islands who would be attending to these activities. It would bring much boost and motivation to the local people knowing that there is an alternative avenue which would allow their own vehicles to commute to one island to another.

Once the Hawaii Superferry go back into business, I just hope that there would be a parking vicinity, a transportation bus that would help transport the people to and fro and a food court at the nearest pier location.

The whole environment process is pretty ridiculous because when you take a look such as the cruise ship and the cargo ship, who is really keeping track how fast those ships are coming into the islands? Does someone have the "radar speed gun" to see how fast they are coming in? Do the ship ever really worry whether if they accidently hit a Hawaiian seal, a dolphin, a whale or a Hawaiian sea turtle? Have the public ever protest because they are not in the "environment criteria"? When you think about it, how can those people who protest are such a hypocrite towards to the Hawaii Superferry? Why not protest to the cruise ship or the cargo ship? How can those people be so naive about it? Don't get me wrong, we do care and respect our "aina", but don't expect to keep the nature intact like how it was from the very beginning when we used to have our royal king and queen. Come on now and get on with the program. We need something for the island of Hawaii to keep on growing with tourism, creating more job opportunities for the people and bringing the "Ohana" much closer for everyone to commute more often from one island to another. Please allow the Hawaii Superferry make it happen for our islands.

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**Sincerely,
S.S.N. @ Waianae**

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From: greg@gregorylauclu.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ferry

I Support the Ferry for

A. More options for neighbor islander - Maui. Folks for services not done well or available here.

B more opportunities to visit the islands during the longer school breaks by taking ones own vehicle C when families are sent to l Long term medical care in Honolulu the family can ship a car for ease and budget which honolulu people don't have to worry or think about D the ferry will promote more competition amongst businessrs like auto dealers rent a car. Electronic and appliances. AND consumers from maui will be able to have a much larger selection base now not available I do want to say that I am environmentally conscience person but not to the extreme of the opponents I am from Maui and I support the ferry Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: Frank, Cheryl P [cheryl_frank@merck.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

As a visitor to your beautiful islands the past 2 years, I was excited when I first heard about the superferry for inter-island travel. I am planning a visit again in May of 2008, and was hoping to use the superferry for travel from Oahu to Maui. Please help get this bill passed...it will be such a wonderful addition to the amenities of the Hawaiian islands.

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From: Debbie Russo [Debbie.Russo@worldtek.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: FERRY SERVICE

AS A TRAVEL AGENT.....THERE SHOULD BE FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN THE ISLANDS NOT JUST AIR.....MANY PEOPLE DO NOT LIKE TO FLY IT REALLY. IF REALLY IS VERY TIME CONSUMING THESE DAYS WITH SECURITY AND SO FORTH AT THE AIRPORTS THE FERRY IS SO MUCH MORE CONVIENENT.

DEBBIE
WORLDTEK TRAVEL
VACATION/ INTERNATIONAL

P.S. I HAVE BEEN A AGENT FOR OVER 22YEARS. AND SELLING HAWAII AND HAVE VISITED HAWAII A COUPLE OF TIMES ALSO.

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From: joseph murray [josephmurray_1@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Gentlemen and ladies:

Please make every effort to smooth the waters and get Hawaii through the silliness and selfish behavior that has been so prevalent so far in the process of allowing the ferry to operate. I need not mention what a common site this is in other parts of the world where travel between islands and/or separated land masses is enhanced by just such a device as this ferry. (Seattle area, Canary Islands, Casco Bay in Maine, British Columbia, etc.).

This largely contrived controversy is a serious black mark on a state which has only recently begun to make headway against the reputation that it is not a good or desirable place to do business.

The ferry is one institution that is truly far more to the benefit of the taxpaying public of Hawaii with tourists running a distant second. It is a mode of transportation long overdue and very badly needed.

Please take advantage of this opportunity and get our ferry in operation. A vocal and occasionally screaming minority should not determine and deny rights to the public at large.

J. Ford Murray
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From: tzelko@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

To whom it may concern;

I am in favor of the Hawaii super ferry. It would help me in my work allot. I am a licensed contractor. Thank you Tom Zelko

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From: David Young [DYoung@leisinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT OF HAWAII SUPER FERRY

I wanted to acknowledge my support for the Super Ferry and its' operation during the environmental impact statement preparation and believe strongly that the interests of the minority is being heard instead of the "silent" majority. I encourage free enterprise to provide another option to interisland travel that I believe will generate more competitiveness amongst the rental car agencies, airlines, as well as Young Brothers (and their continued increased costs and longer wait times for shipments).

With the appropriate guidelines in place, the Super Ferry offers the opportunity for locals and mainland travelers with an alternative that does not exist today. I want to ensure that all entities undergo the same stringent guidelines that the Superferry is being held to. Why were the Cruise Ships, or even Young Brothers exempted from E.I.S. themselves. When you're pointing out the "faults" of others, three fingers point back at you.

I want to encourage your support for the Hawaii Super Ferry to be allowed to operate while preparing its' E.I.S. and will pass this on to other supporters.

Respectfully yours,

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From: Sally Ewing [sallyewing@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Proposed Superferry Bill - In Favor

Senate Committees: **Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment**

Hearing Date: **Wednesday, October 24**

Time and Location: **10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol**

Messer/Madam: I believe the proposed Superferry bill is reasonably balanced and allows each "interested" party to have an influence regarding their respective agenda. I encourage each Senate Committee to retain provisions as stated, in particular the composition of the Oversight Committee and the ability of the interisland ferry to operate while the EIS is being prepared.

My only concern is what I perceive to be holding the interisland ferry operator accountable or liable for health and safety issues that are precipitated by opponents' demonstrations and/or violence. I believe in free speech, but believe overzealous actions should be managed by the appropriate governmental body. People who purposefully put their lives or the lives of others at risk should be held accountable for their actions.

I encourage each committee member to accept this legislation expeditiously. Our State clearly needs alternative forms of efficient interisland transportation. And, I might add – it's not only the Neighbor Islands that could be adversely affected by such service... Oahu is a sacred Island, too.

Very respectfully,
Sarah C. Ewing
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From: NORMAN R AND BONITA SWIFT [nswift9005@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: reasons for Superferry

I would like the Superferry because we don't have a race track on oahu and we could take our race cars to the other islands that have and we can also use the Superferry for Canoe races to take the canoe's back and forth for races. I like it because we also have family and friends in Maui , Kauai and the big Island we would be able to take our cars to visit them all. My family on the other islands want this too but want to be silent so if this was on a voting ballot I know it would pass to have the superferry. I am also a fisherman and would like to travel by boat rather than a plane...Thanks
Norman And Bonita Swift
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From: Rcarpio23castle@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:30 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: In favor - Hawaii Superferry

Aloha -

I am a 45 year old woman, born and raised on Maui, now living on O'ahu. I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry because I believe it will provide a great service of bringing Hawai'i's people together easily and conveniently. I love our 'aina and our people and once the EIS proves that the Superferry is in fact, environmentally-friendly, we will be able to travel with our cars to visit friends and 'ohana.

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Mahalo for this opportunity to speak in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

With warm aloha,
Renette Carpio

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From: Sammo47@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, October 13, 2007 2:08 AM
To: All Reps
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

It would be in the best interest to let the Superferry go ahead and run.
Time and time again, we let a few control the rest.

Are you going to let us be held hostage once again but other big businesses and unions. We all knew who is holding the stick behind all this.

It would only be fair to let her prove herself with or without a review. If the other companies have never had one, then it is unfair to single out one company. If they have had reviews, then putting the Superferry through all this hell is totally redundant. She will be travelling in the same lanes doing the same things as all the other companies doing business in these islands. It is really very simple, back and forth, load, unload. No brainer here.

This boat was developed to do the least amount of damage to anything in this environment. The special paint on her hulls to prevent any transference of any foreign species. The jets and her shape to prevent less contact with living things. She will put out far less pollution as planes flying overhead. She has the capability to stop and out maneuver any other vehicle on the sea.

To cost so many people their jobs because of all this waffling has got to stop. For goodness sakes, it is the time to do the right thing.

Competition is always good for business.

The pros far outweigh the antis in this situation and maybe this should be brought to a vote.

Again, we are made a laughing stock to the world for our ineptness in our business practices. It is time for a change. These islands are not friendly for any company that is not an Hawaiian Company. We all know this, but that doesn't mean it is acceptable.

So when you finally stop the HSF and you get rid of Go airlines and the prices are through the roof again, and they will be, that has already been confirmed. Don't be surprised or act shocked when none of you get re-elected.

Mahalo for you time,

Ken and Suzan Omer, Ewa beach

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From: Sammo47@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:31 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Fwd: Superferry
Attachments: Superferry

An Addendum to the following letter.

It has been proven that it wasn't the Lingle administration that caused all of this and to play politics to make her administration look bad, only makes fool of you. There were two other judges and courts that okayed the passing of the HSF to procede. Do you really think if they thought for a minute that there would be this much consternation, they would have brought her here. There are many other island entities that would be proud to have her. Did you watch the show on the Canary Islands that have their Superferry? They love theirs, in fact they now have five of them.

Again, you are letting the rich dictate to the rest. I saw on TV who was at the Maui meeting and it was 98% white people who got their piece of the pie and don't want to share.

You must be very careful for what you wish for and for what you let others dictate to you. You are being used for their self serving ways. I hope you have the guts to make the right decision.

It is a sad thing that the fear of opihi being stolen has taken over. My goodness, what a sham. Believe, when I say if someone wants your opihi, Superferry or no, they will and can take it.

And to use the fear of the whales, that are only here for 6 months out of the year, pray tell what are the rest of your excuses? To use politics for gain is wrong.

Maybe it is time to put this to a vote since the majority are suppose to rule and they aren't being heard.

We can see the writing on the wall on who you favor. You are just going through the motions of these hearings. You are being bullied and letting it pass.

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From: Henry deButts [henry@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:30 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

Dear Sirs,

I support the Superferry service. I think the current bill will meet the needs of our state.

I live here and I want to spend my hard earned money here in Hawaii.

Buy Hawaiian is my motto.

The Superferry will allow me to really enjoy all of this beautiful state which is my home that I love.

The airlines won't let me carry all my beach gear, surf boards, chairs, etc. to the other islands without paying big extra charges.

This is something we have needed for a long time. Every other island nation in the world has ferry services.

The Superferry is a long time dream coming true for me and my family.

I want to use the Superferry for my vacations; I want to take my car with my boogie-boards, mask, snorkel, fins and cooler to Maui, Kauai and Big Island.

Please support the Superferry and allow it too operate as planned.

Henry deButts

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From: hudsonse@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:29 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

I write in support of the Superferry. It is unfair that a handful of people can ruin it for the rest of us. We have been looking forward to this choice of inter-island transportation.

Thank you.

Sharron Hudson
Manoa

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From: Cindy Carroll [cinbears@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:29 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Supperferry

My whole family, all 5 of us, support the ferry and want it to keep it running! we all vote for it. We need it for jobs and a place that we can go to other Islands and get a change of scenery with without pay a arm and a leg to the airlines.

Thank you
Mrs Cindy Carroll and Family

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From: Peggy Sucher [ladytattoo@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:29 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Dear Folks,

My husband and I, registered voters, property owner/taxpayers, stand in full support of the Super Ferry. It is a logical, effective means to travel between our islands and is desperately needed.

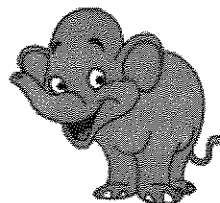
If the Ferry is required to conduct a EIS we feel that ALL carriers around the islands be required to do the same. Matson, Young, NCL, Aloha, Hawaiian, United, American, etc. Now lets add in the whale watching boats, the snorkel excursions, parasailers, fishing vessels, etc. How about helicopters, car rentals, tour buses, etc.? All of these businesses have impact on our land...Where shall we stop?

Please do not let the loud voices of a few effect the future for Hawaii and for the majority of residents.

Mahalo,
Peggy Sucher
Dave Sucher
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From: hilokd@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:29 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry HB

To whom it may concern,

I have read the proposed bill to permit operation of the Superferry and wish to express both my support and congratulations for your efforts to right a wrong. The economic importance of this public transportation option should over-ride the current laws as stated in the document. Clarifying the failed process that was intended for environmental impact should be done, hopefully in a professional manner that will provide better guidelines.

Hopefully, the conditions for Superferry operation will be practical from a business viewpoint also.

Dean S. Piercy

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From: Sky Pryne [slidingsky@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry supporter !

My name is Schuyler Pryne. I live in pearl city. Since Ive moved back from Seattle, my friends and I have been talking about traveling interisland together. I was so excited to see the superferry at the dock. Im not excited anymore. This is so pathetic. Come on guys. Even my friends on the mainland know whats going on!

This looks so bad.

Im all for being green, but green costs green. The superferry cant afford to sit by while enviromentalist have their way. Id like to be more green myself, but I dont have the \$\$\$ to either. No Prius for me.

Please use common sense. Our enviroment means a lot to me, but you cant protect it at any cost. We will lose this oppertunity if YOU, our govt, dont help it along.

They are not going to run over whales, whales arent that stupid. give em some credit.

PLEASE dont only listen to the impractical enviromentalist. If they had their way we would all be gone, because Im sure nature would do better without 1 million people here.

I hope we dont lose this great oppertunity because of the extremely slim chance of hurting a whale.

Could you imagine what would happen if we did impact studies on everyones cars. "Oh sorry sir, you could possibly hit a dog, cat, mouse, toad, or human with that vehicle."

Please please please use common sense.

Get this ferry sailing and get our islands further interlaced.

Thank you if you read this far!! =)

Sky Pryne

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From: jbello@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:28 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

Hello,

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. Having the ferry service in Hawaii gives me and my family a much needed alternative to the ever increasing cost to inter-island travel. We would like to benefit from having more choices and not be forced to unwillingly pay for high airline cost and exorbitant rental car fees and shipping cost. This service also provides to the people of Hawaii a more cost efficient way to transport goods and commerce across the state and provides to us much needed job opportunities. Thank you.

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From: Deann Costa [kaleo3025@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

My name is Deann Kaleookalani Costa. I am in support of the Superferry. I believe it has brought job opportunities to those who are in need of them, it brings alternative transportation, and helps people cut the cost of using the rental cars.

There are many people who have stated many reasons why the ferry should not operate but they have also not looked at the bigger picture.

They state it will hit a whale, well have seen they test runs on Superferry? From what I understand the Superferry turns as quickly as a vehicle and they also have state of the art technology onboard. My understanding the Superferry, is the materials used is so light and soft; if they were to hit a whale the Superferry is the only thing that may be damaged.

They say it will polute the waters, well what to the cruiseliners, young brother's, matson, and the tug boats do? If that is the case then why don't they look at the airlines for that matter, I am sure the fumes that come the engines are just as bad if not worse than that of the Superferry.

I understand everyone has their reservations about the Superferry but why don't you let it run? The fact that they did everything they were told to do should at least allow them to operate and let others see just what they can do.

If you think about it there were probably people that even protested Costco or Wal Mart, I will put money down that not all of those people actually kept their word and did not shop there, what do you think?

Sincerely
Deann K. Costa

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From: WADE THODE [wadethode@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPER FERRY

THE SUPERFERRY IS NEED TO MOVE THIS STATE AND OUR ECONOMY FORWARD. IT WILL STRENGTHEN PERSONAL AND BUSINESS TIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. WITHOUT IT HAWAII WILL BECOME A SECOND RATE STATE THAT IS BAD FOR BUSINESS.

WADE

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From: Dylan Nightshade [hilomakakoa@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:01 PM
To: testimony
Subject: allow superferry to operate

Please allow the superferry to operate. The People need an alternate to flying to go from island to island. Other Carribean Island nations and other islands and european nations have ferry services that do not pose a hazard to the environment or to the way of life of those on the islands. I believe that with appropriate regulations, the superferry will be a valuable asset to the Islands and not destroy the environment or the Island way of life.

Mahalo,
David Barron
Nanawale Estates, Paho, Hawaii

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From: Randall Cislo [randallcislo@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:27 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

October 22, 2007 9:55 pm

To: Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy
and Environment

Re: Support for Superferry

I have lived in Hawaii for 39 years. Finally we are offered an alternative to flying for inter-island travel. Why has there not been any environmental impact statement demanded for all:

1. inter-island barge traffic
2. container ship traffic
3. cruise ships
4. inter-island and all overseas airline traffic
5. private boat traffic
6. military planes and ships
7. fishing boats

The answer is because this "controversy" is not about the environment. If it were, then all these other forms of transportation would be held to the same standard (and protests) and placed in abeyance until a "environmental impact statement "was completed.

Please be fair and consistant. Allow the Superferry the chance to prove itself to Hawaii's people.

Sincerely,

Randall S. Cislo
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Kamuela, Hawaii 96743
808-885-8617



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From: Jay & Pat [jayfolks@wave.bicv.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:37 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry special session

Aloha!

We SUPPORT the Superferry and would like it to operate while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

Please don't let the vocal minority drown out the voices of the MAJORITY who want the ferry to operate!

Thank for your consideration.

Jay and Patricia Lambert
Hawi, Hawaii

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From: Rcarpio23castle@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:28 PM
To: testimony
Subject: In favor - Hawaii Superferry

Aloha -

I am a 45 year old woman, born and raised on Maui, now living on O'ahu. I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry because I believe it will provide a great service of bringing Hawai'i's people together easily and conveniently. I love our 'aina and our people and once the EIS proves that the Superferry is in fact, environmentally-friendly, we will be able to travel with our cars to visit friends and 'ohana.

Mahalo for this opportunity to speak in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

With warm aloha,
Renette Carpio

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From: Dianne [yamadaa012@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:27 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry SUPPORT - For the committee of the sentors and reps at the Oct 22 meeting and Gov Lingle

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3- The Ferry is here for the local people not the tourists like the big cruise ship. Its to bring family and friends together that are separated by the seas.The people at the meeting were talking like Oahu people never take baths or they are all going to bring drugs and their homeless here! Like they are subhuman or something.

4- The opposers at the meetings don't have family or friends to go visit on the other islands. We have kids who are in college , who need their car over there during school, and back here again so they can work during the summer. The Superferry can do that at a reasonable cost.(Shipping cost more than the cars worth!)

5- The last and most important point is Hawaii needs business diversity and competition to keep things AFFORDABLE in a very hard place to survive. The planes are fighting each other out of business so they can jack up the prices when one (Hawaiian is trying to get GO Airlines out)has to go.WE are at an economic crisis ,our children have to leave Hawaii to live. Soon our islands will be only supporting the part timers who don't have family to visit anyway.

Save our economy, save our Superferry. Its being blamed for the states woes and problems.

Thank you Dianne Yamada

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From: Cyberzone [cyberzone@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry support

I think we should have the Superferry.

The silent majority is no longer silent.

Please put this embarrassment to an end.

Marshall

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From: Mom [mother@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please support the Superferry NOW !

Dear Sirs,

I think the current bill will meet the needs of our state.
I live here and I want to spend my hard earned money here in Hawaii.
The Superferry will allow me to really enjoy all of this beautiful state which is my home that I love.
This is something we have needed for a long time.
The airlines won't let me carry all my beach gear, surf boards, chairs, etc. to the other islands without paying big extra charges.
The Superferry is the realization a long time dream for me and my family.
Please support the Superferry and allow it too operate as planned.

Ann

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From: Norman Sadler [norman.sadler@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:36 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Super Ferry

October 22, 2007

Dear Members of the Senate Committee for hearings on the Super Ferry,

Please vote for the ferry to continue operation. It is vital to our economic growth resulting in more jobs, alternate transportation between the islands, and our tourist industry.

It is a sad day when a hand full of terrorist like actions override the votes of the majority and it will be even greater travesty of justice if your committee agrees with the ones that oppose the Super Ferry with their acts of lawbreaking and radical actions.

Sincerely,
Norman J. Sadler
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Princeville, HI 96722-3155
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From: Gayle Behnke [gaylebehnke@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:36 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

To: Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs,
and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

This email is being sent as evidence that I am in full support of the Hawaii Superferry and feel that it would definitely benefit the State of Hawaii. I believe the majority of the people of Hawaii are in support of it and it's just a handful of those who oppose it and it's pretty sad that stipulations are now being imposed when the Superferry had the OK to proceed. Stop being swayed by the few who don't want progress and will seek any means to put an end to a service that so many of us can enjoy.

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From: Carol Tom [tomvgs@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:21 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

TO: The Judiciary & Labor, Transportation & International Affairs, and Energy & Environment Committees

DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007

TIME & PLACE: 10:30am, Auditorium. State Capitol

To All Whom This Concerns:

I support the Superferry for what I know may be deemed selfish reasons but for me are very important and valid.

Because my son lives his life in an electric wheelchair, neighbor island visits are difficult, expensive, and sometimes embarrassing, because of transportation issues. He has to be lifted from his chair or an aisle chair into an airline seat and vice-versa when getting off. Once he was dropped. Going on the Superferry would eliminate that issue.

But the most important issue for him and us is accessing transportation once on island. On Oahu there are only 1 or 2 accesible vans for rent and they charge approximately \$100 a day. (If there are any for rent on the other neighbor islands, I am unaware of them.) There are also taxis - fare from the airport to Ala Moana Center is a minumun of \$40. Bus transportation is fine for in-town use. But to attend a wedding in Makaha, which we plan to do in February, would be very inconvenient and time-consuming and would require him to make a long trip back late at night. We would like to travel as a family. The Superferry would make it possible to take his accessible vehicle.

At present, the lift on his vehicle is not working properly, but the only two companies who are able to repair it are on Oahu. He does not want it to be sent via Young Brothers because others who have driven it (during repairs) have had accidents because they don't know how to use the specially designed gears. We had thought the Superferry was the answer to our problem to get it where it can be repaired.

Add to that the fact that there are many of us who would like this alternative way of travel between islands, but are intimidated to speak up because of the very vocal and sometimes hostile opposition. I understand the need for an EIS but feel that the Superferry has been singled out for special requirements because of those who totally oppose it, regardless of what the environmental impact is determined to be.

Please vote to let the Superferry operate while the EIS is being done. Focusing on how this came about, who to blame, and whether it should have been handled another way is to me a separate issue.

Mahalo,
Carol Tom

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From: Noblewildman3521@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: (no subject)

Aloha,

I support the Hawaii Superferry. In my opinion, there will be very little adverse impact on the environment. In fact, the opposite could be true if the number of interisland flights were reduced because of the ferry.

Mahalo,
Noble Wildman

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From: JWatts122@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

We rejoiced to learn there is a ferry to facilitate travel. And then - before we could use it - it was gone! Please reconsider getting this ferry up and running for the usefulness of the traveling public.

Environmentally, from what we can understand, there is no danger.

Thank you for your re-consideration.

Warren and Joyce Watts

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From: Mike Vining [msvsails@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Request your support for the Super Ferry

Sir,

I request your support and a vote in favor of a bill to allow the Super Ferry to operate while the required environmental impact study is being performed. The citizens of Hawaii need an immediate option for inter-island travel, please allow this critical transportation infrastructure to continue moving forward.

Thank you for your support.

Mike Vining
Ewa Beach, HI

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From: Jon O [honu702@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save Da Ferry!

Save the SuperFerry. Although I've only read about it in the news (being that I'm out here in Florida, formerly from Las Vegas), I think it's a good thing for Hawaii.

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

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From: scoholic [scoholic@cablespeed.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Hello,

As a travel professional, I wish to voice my support of the bill permitting interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact study is being conducted.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

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From: Augie Rey Fernandez [augierey@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:27 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please support the SuperFerry

Please support the SuperFerry. We have hurt the State of Hawaii's business image enough. The people against the ferry need to wake up and look at the realities. But I doubt if they ever will. They are too narrow minded and easily swayed by the uninformed vocal few. They will protest anything that is good for Hawaii simply to get attention. Rationality does not have to make sense to them, only publicity and ignorance. I have family and friends on Maui and Kauai who all are in favor of the SuperFerry. It will bring us closer together.

Mahalo nui loa,
Augie Rey Fernandez

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From: Bertie Schleicher [bobnberti@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:21 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Allowing the ferry to forge ahead

Dear Elected Officials,

Please give the Hawaiian Superferry the opportunity to work during the environmental studies. Our family supports this mode of transport even as we appreciate the wonderful environment God has given us here.

We wouldn't want the ferry owners to give up and leave for this is a good thing for our state.

**Respectfully,
Robert and Luberta Schleicher
Kaneohe**

10/23/2007

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From: peter elbern [elbernpetermimi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:01 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry hearing

To whom it may concern:

I strongly suggest to make all necessary even out of the ordinary allowances to let the superferry operate as Hawaii already has the image of anti business. People, who take chances to do business should be rewarded for takink risk!

Peter Elbern

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Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:33 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I support Hawaii Superferry. It is time to have a new transportation to go on and visit our other Islands as one big part of our state of Hawaii. It is time to move on with progress and technology. Our children's will thank us later.

Sylvio Boucher
Hawaii Kai

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access2

From: Lisa Takayama Eveleth [lisa.takayama@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:05 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for the Hawaii Superferry

Below is my written testimony in favor of the Superferry.

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I am in support of the Superferry because I believe that the ferry will benefit the people of Hawaii in numerous ways. Families, schools, and sports teams will be able to travel to and from the different islands bringing their own automobiles for transportation. Businesses will be able to sell their products on the other islands. Hawaii's economy needs the Superferry as a boost to the economy. I believe that the long term result will be a positive one, for the State as a whole, as well as the people, families, small and large businesses of Hawaii.

Lisa Takayama Eveleth

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Yes

access1

From: friend of God [lionofjudah@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:02 PM

To: testimony

Subject: we want the alakai

my name is roy graham and i am in favor of having an alternate means of travel to MY island of maui, kauai, hawaii. AND molokai this is my state and when an opportunity arises like the superferry, oh boy this is a miracle where i can bring my whole family to visit my whole family.....mahalo, don't fail on this !!.....rg.....><>

**access1**

From: Jeannie Yukitomo [jyukitomo@HawaiiUSAFCU.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Young Brothers: Monopoly???

Aloha my elected officials:

Just wanted to share something, recently we had booked a move from Kauai to Hnl, way back in beginning of September.

On Superferry. Total cost including my hubby & my self & our car was just over 160.00. Due to this NOT going thru, we were forced

To book with Young Brothers, Costing just our car 257.62. And it took 4 days from beginning to end, Items stolen out of our car.

What amazes me is the impact this has caused us LOCAL folks. Forget the cruise ships we saw as we loaded our car at young brothers,

Forget we had dinner on the second night of protesting, near the pier. As we watched Local police did nothing.

What remains in confusion, is that my family on the mainland in Delaware & Ohio have seen footage. And they question me

" Aren't you all the same state"? So why can so few-speak for the MANY wanting this service. Could it be competition?

Please hear us Speak for us...Yes to Superferry!!

Jeannie -

10/23/2007

Yes

access1

From: Colette [Colette@HawaiiCareandCleaning.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:36 PM
To: testimony
Subject: You have my support

I support the Super Ferry and the sooner the better. My only suggestion would be to have vehicles inspected for rodents, etc. before driving onto the Super Ferry. I've ridden ferry boats from Seattle to Victoria and from Victoria to Vancouver – waters that have whales as we do – it was a wonderful way to travel. Why do we need special legislation? Just do it! Aloha, Colette Buis

access1

yes

From: chuck sakaguchi [tma@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:27 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Yes, Yes, Yes, Superferry

To Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Dear Committees,

The people of Hawaii deserve another option when considering inter-island travel and inter-island freight-forwarding. Everyone I talk to supports the Superferry. I support the Superferry. My hope is the Senate will see the wishes of the majority of their constituents and act and vote accordingly.

The voters of Hawaii are slowly becoming aware of the power of their vote. I hope this high profile story will spark a new tide of concern by voters and the this tide will clean the landscape of the of Hawaii Politics...

Chuck Sakaguchi

Yes

access1

From: Denise Oliveira [oliveirad94@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:50 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Yes, We Need the Superferry

It is only human nature to NOT want change initially, probably due to the secure feeling we have being in our comfort zone. But those who have vision, those who take the chance -- the leap of faith, if you will, those are the Sullivan's of the islands, the Castle & Cooke's, and many others who saw the potential of how their vision would benefit the people of Hawaii.

We are no different than any other American or any other person in this world for that matter. We want change, but only if it comes with a guarantee. In our case, the guarantee all of us want, of course, is to have our ocean life undisturbed, our land undisturbed -- for Hawaii to be kept beautiful and peaceful as it's always been.

How will the Superferry hurt us? Are we so afraid of the "what-if's" that we're willing to risk the safety of our people on a questionmark? What safety? Allow me to explain.

I live in Ewa Beach and have been living here my entire 40 years of my life. I've seen the car fatalities from having a dangerous one road in/one road out era to the car fatalities, which if i'm not mistaken occurs more now than ever before, with our multiple lanes in what used to be a very quaint and small city.

We've seen new houses and new neighborhoods and golf courses creep into our "space", and while we could've become negative like many have chosen, we see the pros of this growth and we have decided to remain living here.

People like having OPTIONS -- who wouldn't? The Superferry will bring options to the people of Hawaii. We can opt to drive in traffic one way for close to two hours traveling from Ewa Beach to Honolulu in the early morning hoping and praying there's no stalled cars or accidents, which of course, if there are, would mean hundreds and thousands of people arriving at work late and stressed. Not to mention, another two-hour drive after work from Honolulu to Ewa Beach against the excruciating Hawaii sun, making driving difficulties dangerous and making some drivers unnecessarily TIRED; contributing to drivers driving unattentively and sometimes so exhausted they fall asleep at the wheel. This occurs more than people know.


OPTIONS ... we can opt to get an hour more of NECESSARY sleep riding on the ferry into downtown. We can opt to start off and end our work day stress-free while we sit back and relax and let someone else do the driving on the Superferry. We can opt not to exchange the "evil eye" to other drivers cutting in front of you, changing lanes without using their blinkers. We can opt not to be involved in car accidents, whether or not we were the cause. We can opt to be happy and not unhappy.

OPTIONS ... We can opt to save hundreds of dollars on gas and parking fees by utilizing the Superferry. The savings would go towards paying other bills, putting food on the table for our family, paying for child care, taking our kids out to a movie, etc.

OPTIONS ... we can opt to be examples to our children of what it means to not settle on mediocre -- strive for excellence of what the Superferry brings, to not be afraid of change especially if it means improvmenet. Excellent examples for our children of it's OK to go against the masses as long as it doesn't break God's laws or man's laws. It's OK to want something and share a vision with others that the majority frown upon.

We opted to support the Superferry for what we see it will bring to the people of Hawaii ... many many years of options!

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 Denise Oliveira

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From: Paula Daligcon [paulaD51@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Yes! to Superferry

Yes, we want Superferry to operate during the environmental studies are being conducted. Those on the neighbor islands have forgotten - we are one state, not individual states. It is our right to travel anywhere in the state of Hawaii. This phobia regarding stealing "their" natural resources, "their" opihi, etc. is selfish, is small minded, breeding contempt for our "ohana" way of living. This does not exemplify the "Aloha" we were brought to share with each other. This contempt for others comes from outsiders, bringing their negative, shallow ways to our islands. These few act as though this is the way of Hawaii, but it's not. Most people I know, want Superferry as I do. Thank you Paula Daligcon

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Yes

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From: Gordie Hayduk [macgordie@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: YES to the SuperFerry!

To Whom It May Concern...

I'm out of state right now, but just wanted to say **YES** to the SuperFerry!

Gordie Hayduk
MacGordie@mac.com

October's Quote: *"The greatest worth is self-mastery."*

Yes

access1

From: Anna Sheehan [anna105@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Doug Sheehan
Subject: Yes to the SuperFerry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I am in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I believe that we need to have an alternate means of interisland travel other than air travel. I will be a frequent user of this service and look forward to them moving forward.

Mahalo,

Annamarie Sheehan, Kula, Maui

Yes

access1

From: JC [jecurnow@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: YES TO THE SUPER FERRY

I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE SUPER FERRY IN HAWAII, THIS WILL BE A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD FOR THIS STATE, LET THE NAY SAYERS HAVE THEIR 15 MINUTES OF GLORY AND THEN MOVE FORWARD , YES TO THE FERRY , THANK YOU JOHN CURNOW

**access4**

From: Latoya Ramos [lrosaga@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: My voice heard on HAWAII SUPERFERRY!!!

Aloha,

Due to not having the proper time to attend the meeting that was held today on Maui. I am emailing this in to you to say that I am for the Hawaii Superferry and can't wait until it starts again. I have lived on the island of Maui for all of my life that would be 26 yrs and I have generations before me and I for one and everyone that I have spoken to is welcoming this opportunity to save some money and time, to travel to the other islands. I have seen the changes on this island and on the others, and I wish it could go back to no traffic, fishing and camping right off the main roads with out paying a fee, open aina green and bountiful, no windmills on the mountains, no homeless, no high prices to live here, no pollutions and etc.. If you have lived here you would know what I am talking about. But that is in the past and we are in the present working into the future for our islands, our keiki and the next generation.

This Hawaii Superferry is not for the tourist it is for the locals to travel and save money. It's for us to jump in our car and take the whole family that would include the pets and go visit our other ohana's that we haven't seen in a while, go camping in a new spot, go shopping, participate in an interisland game and whatever it may be.

Why I ask is this EIS concern being brought up only now after years of meetings and planning and why only for the Hawaii Superferry. What about the barges or the cruise ship that also roam these waters. Where are their EIS concerns. There is no way you can tell me that for all those years back and forth they have never hit a whale, dolphin or anything else in the water. Where are all the missing reports of it. And why only in the water, whatever happens to the EIS concern on the island. Where are the EIS concerns for over development on these islands, pollution to the aina, and etc..

If anything they should be at the airport and at the shipping companies checking out what new sickness, bugs, materials, that they are bringing in from the mainland or other foreign country. Recently I have seen or heard of more bugs, poisonous spiders, snakes, plants on this island that I have never seen before. How and why did all of this alien species reach our beautiful island.

So in my conclusion please allow the Hawaii Superferry to happen. I and many others are awaiting its arrival.

Mahalo's
toya

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From: Lisa Mitsunaga [MITSUNAGL003@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Support Hawaii Superferry

To Whom I may Concern,

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs,
and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I support the Hawaii Superferry service while the environmental impact statement is being conducted. My support is for more selfish reasons. I would find it more affordable to transport my show dogs over to the outer island in order to participate in their All Breed Shows. As is now our air fares are prohibitive.

Thank you for your time in furthering expression of my support for the Hawaii Superferry Services.

Sincerely,
Lisa Mitsunaga

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From: John and Essie White [essie@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I wish to offer testimony IN FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry before the following:

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I testify that I am in favor of the possible legislation being considered in special session of the Hawaii State Legislature to allow Hawaii Superferry (a large capacity ferry vessel company) to operate as stated in the draft proposal being considered. This bill should be passed now because:

1. Judicially it is the people through their elected representatives who are responsible for laws. You have that responsibility. The Maui circuit court is duplicitous in its 2005 and 2007 flip/flop decisions that brings you to this point today; the same Judge should not have been allowed to hear the case in 2007. The Hawaii Supreme Court was not elected by the people as are you. What the legislature wrote 35 years ago is, at best, subject to more than 1 legal interpretation. That you meet to clarify it now is democratic and does more to guarantee all citizens their constitutional rights.
2. Transportation among our state is the right of all citizens, who, in common, pay for the transportation infrastructure for the entire state. This alternative, new technology, is accessible to everyone, without prejudice. Just as one can travel by car from Hawaii Kai to Waianae, so should one be able to travel by car from Mililani to Makawao, or Kula to Kapaa. Now we have a suitable, accessible method before us, and public infrastructure has been built at the harbors to accommodate it. The free market should prevail and should be allowed to determine the fate of any such large capacity ferry vessel company.
3. Environmentally there are concerns. Given. But what is truth? That can only be determined by allowing the large capacity ferry vessel company to be allowed to operate. Since it is a new alternative, and new technology, there are many unanswered questions. No one has a crystal ball. Not even an EIS can give us the answers we need to protect the environment. The operation of the service will provide truthful answers rather than what ifs. The good corporate citizen that Hawaii Superferry has shown itself to be in its pre-emptive proactive policies concerning the environment is responsible and is unparalleled by no other harbor users. Does anyone with any knowledge of business think the large capacity ferry vessel company would be able to withstand the damage caused by hitting a 60,00-80,00 adult humpback whale or even a 5,000 pound calf? Their asset would end up in dry-dock. That would be no way to run a business.

Our cultural environment would also benefit by the exchange of knowledge, ideas, friendships and family that has long been separated by the water that surrounds us.

Sworn October 23, 2007

John F. White
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 Honolulu HI 96826
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Yes

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From: Gary K. Tanimitsu [gktanimitsu@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I Support The Superferry

The Superferry is a good idea that's been a long time coming. It will reduce the disadvantage of being a state that is geographically separated into several major islands. We need it to be more competitive nationally and internationally. I wholeheartedly support the Superferry. Thank you.

Gary K. Tanimitsu

Yes

access4

From: Misti Aken [mkhka52006@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: in favor of superferry

Hi,

My name is Misti, and I am looking forward to having the superferry in the lives of the people of Hawaii. I trully feel that the protesters against the superferry do have points about having the enviromental investigations. **I say that we stop all ships including barges (ex. matson) from going to the islands that are not in favor of the superferry, until all investigations are done. It only makes sense for all big ships to stop sevice to these islands til then. Lets not discriminate on just the superferry.** I understand the other concerns that they have like drug traffic control, over population of cars and etc. I feel that certain security measures need to be taken before bording the superferry but as for cars, they sell them on every Island anyway. There are probaly other issues that people at these meetings have but I think that they just need to get over it and go on with their lives and let the employees of the superferry and the rest of Hawaii go on with their own lives also.

Thank you for taking time to read what I have to say.

mahalo nui loa, resident of hawaii since 1984,

Misti

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Yes

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From: Hawnaces@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am an Oahu resident all my life and I am in favor for having the superferry operate in Hawaii.

Curtis Wilmington

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Yes

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From: Phyllis Castro [phylliscastro@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the FERRY

Please know that I, Phyllis Castro, strongly support the new ferry.

Local people need viable options to travel outer island and to ship their cars outer island. Quite frankly, I believe that the current shipping monopolies are attempting to limit competition...once again.

Please vote to support the SuperFerry.

Thank you.

Phyllis Castro

Yes

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From: Peter Lunsford [peter_lunsford@petraworld.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry hearing

REF: HAWAII SUPERFERRY HEARING

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I am in support of allowing the Hawaii SuperFerry to operate while the environmental impact study is being conducted. I am also in favor of assuring that Hawaii SuperFerry is not segregated from cruise liners, ocean-going military vessels, fishing vessels and other motorized water transport in consideration of their impact to whales and the environment. If Hawaii SuperFerry can't operate, than neither should any of the others.

With oil reaching a peak and global supply depleting thereafter, and with global warming staring us in the face, there must be transportation between the islands that uses less fossil fuels per passenger. Hawaii SuperFerry is a more environmentally responsible choice than air.

Peter Lunsford

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Yes

From: Michael Vos [cvoss6@insightbb.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Support

Please consider this as more support for the Hawaii Superferry.

Yhanks,
Mike Vos
Ocean View, HI

Yes

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From: AlanCabot@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaiian Super Ferry

Request strong consideration for allowing the Super Ferry to operate among the islands during the time the environmental impact study is being completed. My wife and I had planned our once in a lifetime trip to Hawaii on the basis that the Super Ferry would be operating; if this should not be the case it is our intention to cancel our planned 18 Nov - 3 Dec 2007 trip on 1 Nov. 2007.

Respectfully,

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From: Jay Blossey [jgblossey@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

As a long time resident of Hawaii, I am absolutely stunned how a VERY vocal small minority of NIMBY people can hold the rest of the state hostage over this superferry issue. I have also lived in the Seattle area for a number of years and travelled extensively in British Columbia and Alaska. All three of these areas have ferry fleets with dozens of ships *and* the same wildlife and sensitive ecosystem issues that we face in Hawaii. I don't think you would find any rational person in any of those areas that opposes thier ferry systems. I urge you not to let the unreasoned will of the few supersede the wishes and will of the majority. REMEMBER...it is the role of the legislative branch *not* some activist judge's to establish law in the state of Hawaii. OK, do the EIS but in the interim allow the superferry to operate. I think if the naysayers would give this project a fair chance they would find that most, if not all, of the dismal scenarios they envision are tilting at windmills. Thank You

Jay H. Blossey
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Yes

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From: Genekama@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: (no subject)

October 23, 2007
Hawaii SuperFerry
Must go on.
Ride on!

I want the Super Ferry I was born and raise here 51 years today.
I want the options to drive my truck and travel to neighbor Islands
my choice.
Stop the Madness on Flights.

Aloha, Gene Kama

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Yes

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From: Mary Snider [mbmakeithappen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment, **Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24, **Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol
 Dear Committee Members:

Topic: **Support the Superferry Now, Support Your Local Artists**

Thank you for your time and please take into consideration how supporting the Superferry now, supports your local art communities. Currently it is very difficult and expensive for local artists to transport art, attend and participate in art festivals and art related events on neighboring Islands. With the introduction of the Superferry many local artists will be able to share their works at these events. There are several other benefits to consider:

Benefits

1. **Supports New Artists**- Helps new artists gain greater exposure by being able to participate in Art Festivals and Events on neighbor islands and being able to afford to do so.
2. **Supports Established Artists**-Allows for more cost effective transportation of original art to galleries and festivals on other Islands. Helps reduce shipping damage.
3. **Networking**- Expanding participation at events helps artists build networks with other artists within their craft, who may not have been able to do so without the Superferry service.
4. **Diversity**- Allows for a greater diversity of local art at festivals and events.
5. **Tourism** –
 - a. Gives Tourists the option to see the art work from multiple islands even though they may only visit one island.
 - b. Ferry service could help increase attendance at these festivals and events, the visitor(s) may not know about the event until they arrived on the island, a day trip on the Superferry could be an inviting option as opposed to getting on another flight.

Why Now?

1. **Missed Events** - There are several events in the upcoming months that would be otherwise missed without the Superferry. The Artist could wait over a year for another opportunity.
2. **Planning** – Several festivals require advance judging and registration, knowing the Superferry will be available will allow for proper planning.

Why should Superferry be allowed to run during the EIS interim?

1. **Responsible Passage**- The articles and news reports I have seen lead me to believe that Superferry *is* taking environmental precautions in the interim.
2. **Not Fair to Discriminate**- There have been and are currently vessels on these water ways that travel as fast as the Superferry. There are cruise lines and shipping barges that have been taking these routes for years. It is not right to hold one group to a completely different standard than the others.
3. **Local Jobs** – Local responsible people have been hired and trained by the Superferry organization. What about the impact to them and their families?

Please take this heartfelt and sincere statement into deep consideration, for myself and the Artists of

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these Islands.

MaryBeth Snider

Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

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Yes

From: copeland@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please allow the Superferry to Sail with no restriction - all Islands

It is an unfortunate circumstance that one form of waterbourne transportation must undergo special scrutiny while allowing operation of a host of commercial, military and pleasure ships/subs/tourist and pleasure crafts.

Superferry needs to be allowed to operate immediately for the benifit of the state as a whole. Please consider an interim operational certificate until the EIS is completed.

V/r
Neil Copeland
3415 Paty Drive
Honolulu HI

Yes

access4

From: Tom Hughes [hono@hawaiianisp.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:17 AM

To: testimony

The ferry will give us alternative mode of transportation. Besides most of these people protesting were not around when we had inter-island steam ships either. What do they know. Didn't have trouble with the whales then and there were more whales in those days. Go Super Ferry.

Thomas Hughes Family
Hilo

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Yes

From: Roscoe O. Ford [fordc001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supper Ferry Service

Dear Legislatures,

Subject:
State Senate Legislative Hearing
Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment
Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capital

I support the going into service while the EIS is being conducted.

I have lived in Hawaii for 37 years. I came when the first plans were being made for a rapid transit system. Look at traffic now.

I was here during the struggles for the H3 freeway. How many of those that were against it use it now?

The super ferry could be a vital link between islands should some catastrophic event occur to damage the only other means of public transit between islands, the airlines.

Sure there is concerns for the whales. It not that the ferry developers have neglected those concerns as they have provided lookouts for the whales. What other shipping company does that. Do the airlines do a cargo check to see that insects are not transported between islands? If so, the super ferry could do the same.

I repeat, I am strongly in favor of allowing the super ferry to provide service between the islands while EIS is being done. If they are forced to leave because of the inability to generate revenue to meet expenses, the state will have lost an important "alternate" means of transportation.

Roscoe Ford
Honolulu, HI

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Yes

From: solarhi@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: State Senate Legislative Hearing RE: Superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Aloha,

I'm writing because of our experience on the Superferry on August 27th the second voyage from Honolulu to Kauai. Our experience with Superferry was ideal until we were held hostage by hoodlum protestors. I respect the protestors' right to voice their point of view however I believe allowing them to disrupt public services encourages more riotous behavior in the future. Where's our protection for law abiding citizens? The Superferry complied with all the necessary permitting rules & restrictions yet were unable to carry out their business due to the lack of government support. The need to keep the protestors back in an orderly fashion should have been no surprise given the evidence of the day before! I'm embarrassed that the greatest military force in the world has been put to shame by a few dozen thugs. On a more personal note, this ten hour ordeal was most unfair to dozens of infants, children, elderly & pets on board. There is a multitude of food, formula, diaper issues etc. that could not be helped while stranded at sea.

I feel the Superferry provides an important service to Hawaii. The additional avenue for commerce between the counties will greatly benefit our economy. Without them we're subject to a monopoly of airlines & freight shippers. The ferry contributes fewer emissions to global warming than flying. It's very comfortable with many seating options & freedom to move about the deck. The children's play area was a huge plus. We love the ability to take our car to eliminate transfer of the child safety seat, no baggage claim, & no rental car fees.

I am in support of the bill that will permit the interisland ferry service while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Aloha,
Jill White
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Yes

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From: M & K Senn [sennk001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

If you are actually concerned about the environment. Mandate an environmental survey be done, not just for the Superferry but for all like sized or larger inter-island ships, but let the Superferry operate in the meantime.

Thank you, Mike Senn

Yes

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From: Melendez, Michelle [MMelendez@WILCOXHEALTH.ORG]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To: Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

I am emailing you in support of the superferry. I live on Kauai and I truly feel that I speak for the quiet majority in saying that I support the bill that will permit inter-island ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I feel that the superferry is for the people of Hawaii. It give us all more options for inter-island travel.

Sincerely
Michelle Melendez

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From: Ed Short [ekshort@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry BUT an Environmental Impact Statement must be done first and the ferry can not sail while the EIS is being done.

Ed Short
225 north Kalaheo ave.
Kailua, Hawaii 976734

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Yes

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From: Jack Dude [jackduden@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Please vote to run the Superferry, it would be a great benifit to the Islands! All the negs are just that don't listen to them they vote no just to be mean. The Superferry will help in case of disaster as well as overall economic improvement. It really should be used and not wasted. Hurry time is wasting!
Jack Dudenhoefer

Yes

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From: Ermacarl@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Please let the Super Ferry in to service as an alternative mode of transportation to us who would like to enjoy it. We have cruised all over the world and have flown all around the globe. We had a boat for many years and motored to all of the islands. It is such a peaceful mode of traveling to the outer islands to visit our friends. We enjoy the water. No one will intestinally try to harm anything in our waters. Please give us this peaceful sail as an alternative to going outer islands.

Mahalo,
Erma

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Yes

From: Genny Chang [mertngen@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Help Our Superferry

Aloha Legislators

Please help send a message to big corporations or anyone who wishes to do business in our state that we welcome them. We wish to protect the things that we all love about Hawai'i, but must be practical about slamming the very things that may help our state and our economy grow. PLEASE do NOT kill the Superferry!! If necessary, allow this wonderful means of transportation to work our what they must, but PLEASE do not send a message to the world that Hawaii is a bad place to do business.
Thank you.

Genny Chang
658 Hausten Street #1
Honolulu, HI 96826

Yes

access4

From: Hudson, Ronnie [Ronnie.Hudson@fnres.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Legislature's Public Access Room - Support Superferry

Yes, please accept this as a testimony in support of the superferry.
Warmest mahalos,

Ronnie Hudson

Yes

From: Bob Jones [bobjones@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry must be allowed to operate

To:

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Sirs and Madams,

As a lifelong resident of Hawaii I want to endorse the immediate operation of the Superferry. I was born and raised here. My Portuguese ancestors came here in the 1850s. I have the utmost concern for the preservation of the native flora and fauna and our cultural heritage.

The Superferry is not going to negatively impact these issues in any way. If people want to stop the destruction of these things, they should look to regulating the real culprits: Young Brothers. They are deflecting criticism of their operations by supporting the attack on the Superferry.

I can't believe that the Sierra Club continues to be the willing shills of Young Brothers, the Airlines and the Car Rental Agencies. Why don't they fight the overdevelopment of Maui instead of tilting at windmills like the Superferry?

The average local person wants to be able to drive on the Ferry and go visit their family on neighbor islands in their own car! We want to shop on O'ahu! We want to have our service industries like carpenters and musicians be able to carry their equipment to jobs all over the state instead of being trapped on their home islands!

Set us free!

Let the Ferry Run!

Mahalo Nui Loa.

Robert Miranda Jones

Yes

access3

From: Ray Paler [ray.paler@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

Please see to it that the Superferry gets fair treatment in being heard. The vocal minority who oppose it does not speak for the silent majority who are for it.

Sincerely,

Ray Paler

10/23/2007

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Yes

TO: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Senate Committees testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Fax: Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659

RE: *Superferry Hearing Testimony*: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Hearing Time & Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Please submit testimony from Karin and Zachary Phaneuf in favor of the proposed legislation to allow the Superferry to sail to and from Maui while the Environmental Assessment is completed. We feel that our state should be allowed the benefits other states enjoy and that the *majority of voters in our state want this vessel to be permitted to operate in the Islands.*

Since last Wednesday I have met 4 people who were “displaced” off of the cruise ship on Maui. These people have all settled on Maui and one of them had two family members join her from the Mainland. These people are from Kentucky, Texas, France and Colorado. If I have met 4 this week – imagine the others who have been dumped off on Oahu and Kauai! To me – this is the epitome of “Invasive Species” and should be included in the EIS that you require the Cruise Ships to perform! ***Stop picking on the Superferry, a service vessel in the islands for Hawaii residents – not tourists!***

The Superferry is performing a valuable service to the “regular people” of Maui and we deserve to have access to this method of transportation. Please hear the voices around you and give “regular folks” a chance to visit inter-island destinations without having to fly. Regular folks include disabled travelers, people who do not fly, animal lovers, rodeo participants who need horses and gear, special van drivers/users, families with children, service dog owners, sports teams and more. Please help the people who reside in the islands and stop focusing on only offering services for tourists.

Sincerely,

Karin & Zachary Phaneuf
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Yes**access4**

From: Anne [anne@puihawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of the Hawaii Superferry

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I have traveled to Hong Kong and see the efficiency of a transportation system that can join all islands closer. We all are able to exchange opportunities and network with other neighboring islanders. Please let us go forward (imua) and progress. A great amount of money has been invested in making this transportation successful. I support it wholeheartedly. Aloha and mahalo for your cooperation.

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10/23/2007

access4

Yes

From: Don Fernandez [don@epoxynet.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 7:27 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Must Prevail

Please allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while environmental impact studies are conducted. This allowance is within the law. All other vessels operating within these waters have not been subjected to this type of scrutiny or legal repercussions . I personally would appreciate the service offered since I do not like to fly and do not like dealing with rental cars. I have family on Kauai whom I would love to visit via Hawaii Superferry.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fernandez

**access4**

From: Jamie Lawrence [jamie@mauihelicopters.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:31 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Legislators,

I am a Maui born part Hawaiian. I was very interested in testifying at the hearing today on Maui because I feel both sides need to be heard on this issue. At the hearing, those against the Superferry did not show any respect whatsoever for the opinion of the Superferry supporters. They heckled, booed, and made extraordinarily rude comments to try to intimidate those that were in support of the Superferry. I for one was not comfortable testifying under such hostile conditions. This speaks volumes about the Superferry protesters. They are obsessed with stopping the Superferry at any cost, and feel it is just fine to intimidate and "bully" the rest of the people of this state. To those inconsiderate protesters I would say that those bully tactics may have worked in school, but this is the civilized world. That is not how it works if there is to be any order during these times. I pray that you, the legislators, will not be intimidated by these tactics. To hand the protesters a victory would open a "Pandora's Box" that will bring more and more protests and threats. This kind of behavior must not be rewarded. We should not stand idly by while a small minority of protesters tramples over our right to enjoy this wonderful alternative transportation system. If another "9/11" happened tomorrow, everyone would welcome the Superferry with open arms. The Superferry would be indispensable in statewide emergency situations. If the Superferry is forced to leave our islands we will all regret this mistake. For the good of the people of Hawaii, for the good of the reputation of our great state, I implore you to allow the Superferry to remain here in Hawaii and operate while the EA is completed.

Respectfully,

Jamie Lawrence
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808-875-7393

10/23/2007

access4

From: Lynn Scaduto [LynnScaduto@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Support Legislation

To the following Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

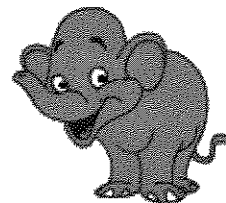
Regarding Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium at the State Capitol

Please support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. The Superferry will give all of us who live in Hawaii nei a valuable alternative means of travel between our islands - not only for pleasure and personal reasons, but also for sending assistance in times of emergency (such as earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunamis). It will also enable handicapped individuals to travel with special needs vehicles, wheelchairs, etc. Please don't let the very vocal (and sometimes very badly behaved) minority prevent the majority of island residents from using this valuable, necessary, and long-awaited service.

Aloha and mahalo,

Linda Scaduto
Hawaii Kai

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Yes

access4

From: Ralph D. Black [taxlaw@ralphdblack.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Supperferry...

To whom it may concern:

I am hereby submitting my written testimony in FAVOR AND IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPERFERRY!!!! The State of Hawaii clearly needs this system!!! In that we can't simply otherwise drive from island to island such as the citizens of Florida can, this will finally provide an affordable way all of our citizens can share all of the islands with their families...

Please please please.... Figure out a way to save the Supperferry for Hawaii!!!!

Respectfully submitted: Ralph Black

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Yes

testimony

From: John J Watkins [JohnJWatkins@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I think that all the dive, snorkel, and whale watching tours have a more negative environmental impact than the Superferry could ever have. The raw sewage that they dump everyday before returning to port is a lot more dangerous to both human and marine life than the risk which the Superferry poses to the whales. I would rather see the dive and snorkel boats be force to contain their waste and feed it into the sewage treat systems like our homes have to do.

Yes**testimony**

From: WILLIAM P BARNES [WPB3@HAWAII.RR.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 AM
To: testimony
Cc: BARNES POPS
Subject: SUPER FERRY

THIS STATE NEEDS TO SEND OUT A POSITIVE MESSAGE TO BUSINESSES THAT ARE LOOKING TO COME HERE. AS OF NOW WE ARE VERY ANTI- BUSINESS. THE BIG ISLAND NEEDS THE FERRY. FARMERS AND PRODUCERS CAN GET THEIR GOODS TO MARKET CENTERS (HONOLULU) AND RETURN WITH FERTILIZER, HERBICIDES AND TOOLS WHILE GIVING THEIR FAMILY A SHOPPING DAY IN THE BIG CITY. IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT INVASIVE SPECIES JUST SEE WHAT A GOOD JOB WE HAVE DONE WITH MICONIA AND THE COQUI FROG. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON INTER ISLAND BARGES OR AIRPLANES NOW. I JUST SAW A NEW SCHEDULE FOR THE BOAT CONNECTION (FERRY) FROM MAUI TO LANAI AND THEY NOW HAVE 2 ROUND TRIPS PER DAY FROM MAALAE'A IN ADDITION TO THEIR REGULAR RUNS FROM LAHAINA. HAVING USED THEM I CAN VERIFY THEY CROSS THE CHANNEL IN EXCESS OF 20 M.P.H. AND THEY HAVEN'T HIT A WHALE YET. PLEASE DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR THE STATE. IF THE FERRY FAILS LET IT DO SO ON ITS MERITS AND FAULTS, NOT THE VOCAL MINORITY.
W.P.BARNES ,VOTER, PAPAIKOU HAWAII.

10/23/2007

Yes

testimony

From: sammie roddey [msbhaven04@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:23 AM

To: testimony

The reason I support the superferry is because it gives us other means to visit the island and yet enjoy the scenery.

Im a boat owner and frequent the waters of Hawaii. We come in view of the SeaLife and much respect them however it is infrequent that we come across them closely. I believe others should enjoy the view also.

On top of that.. I see many many of boats on the ocean why arent they grounded?

Thank you,

Samantha Roddey
Pearl City Hawaii.

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Yes

testimony

From: Chuck Henderson [chuckhenderson@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I will use the ferry service to bring my auto while conducting business on neighbor islands.
Charles Henderson, Realtor

testimony

Yes

From: Lurline D [ntleina@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Distinguished Members

There has been considerable communication between many individuals regarding the disbandment of the Hawaii Super Ferry. Distinguished members, I wholeheartedly disagree with those individuals and members of such groups.

We hear of about the whales and the effect it has on them...the hurting of their calfs etc, and to no avail the constant bias media coverage. The removal of rocks, plants, just to name of few, is an isolated incident which has played over and over in the media. I fail to see the harm but rather the increase of business on all islands (i.e. Kauai, Maui and eventually to the Big Island).

Now, the so-call environmentalist states the Hawaii Super Ferry will cause further harm, well, let me remind you that there are lots of vessels that roam both pleasure and economic endeavors our waters. While these large vessels (i.e. Oil tankers, cargo & freight) are continually in movement on our waters, there is such thing as "SONAR". In addition to smaller vessels such as barges that are in constant movement bringing various types of cargo to the neighboring islands. In addition, the Cruise Liners that frequent our shores, was there an so-call "EAS" done? I highly think not.

Is all this controversy part of a smaller group as the polls have indicated, to prevent economic growth? Hawaii cannot be in a position to discourage business opportunities or be labeled as a NON-FRIENDLY state to do business.

I no longer can be silent any more. I believe the HAWAII SUPER FERRY is a GREAT opportunity for both the people of Hawaii and for business not to include governmental rescue opportunity.

Please allow the Hawaii Super Ferry to do business until what needs to be done be done.

Respectfully submitted & Voter
Lurline De Costa

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Yes**access2**

From: Hawaii Benton's [HawaiiBenton@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry support

My family and I strongly support the superferry. After taking a cruise on it this weekend I realize what a safe, comfortable mode of transportation it is. I don't see how the operation of the superferry will negatively impact on Hawaii's oceanlife. There's already is multitude of small privately owned boats to the monstrous Matson container ships navigating these same waters and no one seems to question the damage they inflict on Hawaii's oceanlife. I believe the inclusion of one or two more superferrys with all the current boat traffic in our waters will not increase the damage already done or being done to Hawaii's ocean environment.

Respectfully,
Laura Benton

Laura and Will Benton
HawaiiBenton@hawaii.rr.com

10/23/2007

testimony

Yes

From: Bob Martinez [bobm@aipaproperties.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: APPROVE THE SUPERFERRY

Please take a moment to sit quietly without the "minority of protesters" yelling at you to assess the viability of the Super Ferry. I believe this project to be credible. I know of many construction companies moving equipment between Islands which are covered with mud, dirt etc after being on other projects inter-island and have moved freely with the help of the barge companies.

When I go to another Island _ I am going to a hotel - I am not a camper, nor do I collect "ROCKS" maybe tourist items I do not take my SUV through the MUD and it is CLEAN all the time.

Also the fastest way around a SLOW moving WHALE is with a FAST BOAT!!!!

DO WHAT IS RIGHT!!!

Bob Martinez

Yes

testimony

From: Raymond Gorman [rayrayyhi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Our family always wants to travel to the outer islands to see other friends and relative but the costs are too high when we have to purchase that many plane tickets and rent cars. This service would make the outer islands much wasier to visit and I could still spend my money halping their economies grow.

Thank you,
Raymond gorman

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Yes

testimony

From: Durkin, Robert MD [Robert.Durkin@kapiolani.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:25 AM
To: testimony
Cc: pstice-durkin@punahou.edu
Subject: Hawaii Superferry - Urgent Attention Needed

October 23, 2007

Senate Sargent At Arms
State Of Hawaii
Senate Legislative Hearings

Please distribute copies to the following Committees:
Judiciary and Labor,
Transportation and International Affairs
Energy and Environment

Dear Senators

I am urging you to support the Hawaii Superferry operations in the State of Hawaii. Although airfares are currently competitive and cheap, the situation can change quickly. We need to promote many alternative forms of inter-island travel so all residents of this state have equal access to economical transportation. I firmly believe that the Hawaii Superferry can be managed in a safe and efficient manner to serve all Hawaii residents.

Please support the operation of the Hawaii Superferry in our state.

Aloha,
Robert C. Durkin
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Honolulu, Hawaii

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Yes

access2

From: Cindy Turner [Cindy@HotPixels.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii needs the Superferry

It is extremely important that the Superferry is allowed to sail to both Kauai and Maui while the EIS is being conducted.

The Superferry is a fantastic transportation alternative for Hawaii's residents. It will also make it easier for Oahu to take advantage of produce grown on the neighbor islands.

No other shipping service has been required to do an EIS. The Superferry followed all the rules and requirements that the State asked of them. It is not fair for a few vocal opponents to have to power to stop the ferry that will benefit so many.

In addition, these opponents are ill-informed. The Superferry is much more energy efficient than air travel -- using one-tenth the fuel to go the same distance.

Sincerely,

Cindy Turner

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Email: cindy@hotpixels.com
Website: <http://www.hotpixels.com>

Yes

testimony

From: Patty Jensen [keepervet@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

This is a good form of transportation between the islands - all of which are HAWAII. It is fun, educational, practical & an alternative for the struggles of airplane travel. Why would anyone not want this?

Patty Jensen
91-161 Waimapuna Place
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

Yes

testimony

From: Aaron Whiting [11kahoa@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Keep the Superferry Alive!

TO: Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Aloha,

I am speaking on behalf of keeping the Super Ferry alive in the state of Hawaii.

We need another mode of viable transportation throughout the state of Hawaii.

The Super Ferry would provide that valuable service to all who are interested. I

believe that we too must uphold strong Environmental Practices to protect our

environment. I believe in good faith that they will do as they say, with the states

permission to continue business with standards in place to protect the

environment. We the supporters of the Super Ferry need to speak up and be

heard

Aloha,

Aaron Whiting

testimony

Yes

From: Daida [daidag002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Sir:

I am totally in favor in allowing the Hawaii Superferry to continue it's service to Maui and Kauai from Oahu with the proper restrictions addressing the environmental concerns. I have not seen the results of the recent polls about the Superferry, but I am positive that I belong to the less vocal majority that were looking forward to their service between the islands.

The majority of Hawaii's population should not let the vocal environmental minority dictate the future of Hawaii.

Yours truly,

Gordon Daida

10/23/2007

testimony

Yes

From: Lanikai Sugar Co. [lanikaisugarco@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry issue - SUPPORT

ALOHA - Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony. I am in full support of the Hawaii Superferry being allowed to operate while the EIS is undertaken. I have full faith that the Superferry will not adversely affect our islands. I think it is unfair to single them out and make them responsible for literally everything under the Hawaiian sun. I look forward to being able to use the Superferry for our business and also for a SAFER and MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY form of travel than airlines.

I am PRO ENVIRONMENT and PRO HAWAII SUPERFERRY.

The two are NOT mutually exclusive.

Thank you and please correct the judicial branch. The 343 statute needs to not be used to hold every state project hostage.

Mahalo,

Patrick Janow
Kailua, Oahu

testimony

Yes

From: James Brennan [jasbrennan@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

I am writing to SUPPORT the Superferry. This is a service that is needed and will improve the quality of life here in Hawaii. YES for the Superferry.

Mahalo Nui,

James Brennan

yes

access2

From: Dale Moore [dmoore@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

To whom it may concern

The Hawaiian superferry is vital to the growth of Hawaii's transportation system.

Please do not drive the backers of this project away from Hawaii and looking for another city. Our council members should get their act together prior to making a commitment to a vendor spending millions of dollars as to what the ground rules are, and not lay them on him after the money has been invested and the water craft manufactured

Dale Moore

NO

testimony

From: Mssouza@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: (no subject)

My name is M. Sharon Souza. I live in Kona Hawaii. We DO NEED the superferry here. Everytime my grandchildren visit there is not enough room in my vehicle for them. If they brought their van from Honolulu it would be a tremendous help. I think the accommodations can be made to make sure that our whales and other environmental concerns can be taken care of simultaneously!!

Please reconsider this issue very carefully. All the protesting is overwhelming and hurting the many more people that truly want this.

Thank you for your attention in this matter

M. Sharon Souza
P.O. Box 1466
Kealahou, Hawaii 96750

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Yes

testimony

From: KALAULI [pkalauli@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SAVE OUR SUPERFERRY

Aloha,

We pray that you are going to go in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. Hawaii, especially the Big Island really needs something like this. Our island is growing so fast and nothing is being done to keep up with the amount of new people here.

Our County Council is shooting down every good improvement that is offered our way. They've chased away Costco from Hilo. They are costing the taxpayers so much money trying to keep out Wal-Mart Superstore which Hilo needs so bad.

Nothing is being done to eradicate the Coqui frogs, and now we may lose the Superferry.
WHERE ARE OUR CHOICES??? DO WE HAVE NONE????

The fishing boats and tourism activity boats do way more damage than anything else could do. THAT HAS BEEN PROVEN!!!

PLEASE, We pray that you will go in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

Pam Kalauli
Pahoa, Hawaii

testimony

Yes

From: Patti Salomon [salomonp@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimony, Hearing date Wed. 10/24

To Senate Committees of: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

RE: Hearing of Wednesday, Oct. 24, '07, 10:30 a.m., Auditorium, State Capitol

I whole-heartedly support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

As a resident and taxpayer of this state, I was looking forward to the opportunity for another choice in travel to neighbor Islands. I believe the service could benefit small businesses, and I think it will benefit tourism also, giving visitors another way to enjoy their Hawai'i experience. **Please** don't allow a small segment of very vocal critics to spoil things for the rest of us!!!

Sincerely,
Patti Salomon
salomonp@hawaii.rr.com
808-282-8611

yes

access2

From: Brenda Fabro [bfabro@Fluidmaster.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of interisland ferry service (Superferry)

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Hello – I support the legislation for this interisland ferry service or Hawaii Superferry. It is important to have good alternative transportation when isolated from major bodies of assistance, especially during an emergency. At the possibility of severely bad weather and tsunamis, it is important to be able to move large numbers of people to safety in such instances. Also, in case of a 'strike' that may debilitate the state in air transportation, this alternative form of transportation will assist the state in keeping mobile, let alone, having to deal with medical emergencies and the need to transport patients that may not be able to be air-lifted. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Thank you,
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**testimony**

From: Paaaina, Daniel [Dan.Paaaina@hawaiiancement.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry Concern

I'm definitely for the Superferry. Actually its a constitutional right of commerce to do business in the United States. Kauai or Maui cannot stop interstate/interisland commerce from happening. It's a strategic move on the part of the minority caucus(mostly local caucasian-business interest group) that is representing or speaking for the majority. Financial collapse and bankruptcy of the Superferry is the obvious ploy to undermine the success of the Superferry-is the stalling game of the minority caucus is about. Environmental study of 2 years without running the SuperFerry will cause the SuperFerry to leave the island. What the Special Legislation is about is to represent all peoples of Hawaii not just the small minority. The court judgement did not represent all the people of Hawaii but just a rule of law. The State had waived the environmental study and moved ahead with the Superferry-I'm not really sure what that was all about. I'm for the SuperFerry resuming business and will definitely patronage there services as at least 95% of Hawaii people who can travel back and forth with their family in there automobile. Yes it will be easier for construction enterprises and other business opportunities to compete amongst the islands. Maui and Kauai folks can come here to Oahu and make a business for themselves and still live in Maui or Kauai. It's a win win situation. Environmentalist are really reaching and have good points to make but business and environment have always come to a win win situation. I think the state put the cart before the horse about addressing the logistic part of harbor space and the availability of a terminal on Kauai and Maui. We are sending an Anti-Business attitude in the world. Hawaii is not just about Military and Hotels-Hawaii has a life of its own and the Airlines came in and replaced local waterway transportation. Stating that Airlines is much faster and for the people of Hawaii, Young Brothers moved Interisland Cargo and now the SuperFerry wants to move people with there vehicles to the interisland and that is progress for the people. The SuperFerry will transport out into open ocean. One SuperFerry in the open ocean is a tiny speck in the vast area of the ocean to hit whales on a daily bases-we have 100's of small craft boats that travel at high speeds on the open ocean.

Anyway-again I am for the SuperFerry please make it happen. Let it operate while we appease the environmentalist with there study and see how many whales the SuperFerry will near miss. The greatest fear for Maui and Kauai is not the whales but the business impact for Kauai and Maui which is understandable.

Dan

Yes

TESTIMONY BEFOR THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON THE JUDICIARY AND LABOR, TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

Chairman Taniguchi, Chairman English, Chairman Menor and members of the committees. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from the Hawaii Superferry continue working. My name is Shirleen Palacio and I work as a PROC Accounting for the Port Sales. This job means a lot to me because of the financial need to improve the quality of life for my family in the high cost environment of Kauai.

I feel good about working for the Hawaii Superferry because it's a company providing a needed service for a lot of people, farmer's handicaps, etc. The Hawaii Superferry provides good benefits and training to employees to help improve knowledge and skills.

If the Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be bad for Hawaii. People would not have a needed alternative when it comes to transportation between neighboring Islands. Church groups, teams, athletes, handicapped people, etc. would have more difficult traveling interisland.

I am speaking about how I feel, but I know that my fellow workers are in similar situations and feel the same and feel the same way, too. I hope you will help us all get back to work. Thank you for listening to my testimony.

Shirleen Palacio
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Yes

testimony

From: BRUNSKI655@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

October 23, 2007

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, Energy and Environment
Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Aloha,

I want to write to show support for the Hawaii Superferry. We have all waited such a long time for ferry service between the islands of Hawaii. Since the days of "Seafliite", we have all been waiting. The time is now here and what a great ferry the Superferry is. I am in complete support of the ferry.

There are issues to be considered, of course, but they can be worked out. The ferry needs a chance to get started. There is overwhelming support for the ferry. Unofficial polls show 90% pro, 10% anti. Although you would think it was the opposite because of all the "noise" the detractors are making! The vast majority of the Hawaiian people want the ferry. Please continue on with your plans to allow the ferry to start up operations as soon as possible. Mahalo for listening.

David Chabriel
Kailua resident for 32 years

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Yes

testimony

From: Stephen Gilbreath [sgilbreath@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:26 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Senate Committees: Judiciary & Labor, Transportation & International Affairs & Energy & Environment

To Whom it May Concern,

If the Hawaii Superferry is required to have an Environmental Impact Study then all forms of inter island transportation and commerce need one as well. The Superferry is simply another means of transportation.

thank you,

Stephen Gilbreath

Yes

testimony

From: Pat Racimo [patr@leisinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY

This is a support to the Super ferry to service in Hawaii, main objective is to allow contractors to bring their service vehicle to neighbor island of Hawaii without unloading and loading their tools. People want also to experience to travel by ship to see the beautiful view of the harbor for every island in Hawaii.

Pat S. Racimo

PLUMBING DETAILER
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Yes

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From: machilda31@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Attn: Senate Committees

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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I am in full support of plans to launch the SuperFerry in the Hawaiian islands. It is in the best interest of all concerned, as this innovative mode of transportation allows for further development of local agricultural products which will ultimately satisfy one of Hawaii's constitutional mandates. Awaiting approval of legal statements regarding environmental impact and other assessments should not delay plans to launch the Ferry.

-Mizuki Ogawa (Honolulu), Freshman, University of Maryland- College Park

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Yes

testimony

From: Katyah English [katyah_88@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: re: SuperFerry

What makes Hawaii waters different than Cape Cod where there are whales and they have many high speed Ferry's often to several islands?????
Just the people who prefer to keep their island to themselves!
Please open the minds of the blind and selfish!!!!

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Yes

testimony

From: Rick Gregg [rick-gregg@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Superferry

Please note my support for allowing the Superferry to sail now. The vociferous crowds at Kauai and Maui do NOT represent us, the people.

Regards,

Frederick W. Gregg, Jr.
76-211A Royal Poinciana Drive
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testimony

Yes

From: Remy Fukumoto [remyf@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

- > Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and
- > International Affairs, and Energy and Environment
- >
- > Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24
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I support the superferry with it's interisland traveling because:
everything is already built
there are already ships and carriers that come to the islands.
It will make transportation between the islands easier and safer.
they designed the ferry to be able to take the natural habitat such as the whales into consideration.
this shows me that they thought thru what this ferry means to the islands
they made sure to accomidate, to preserve our natural beauties and habitats, ofcourse with the
necessary few sacrifices.

~mahalo and good luck!!

Yes

testimony

From: Kristi Parker [kjparker@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: IN FAVOR OF THE SUPERFERRY

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I live in Kona on the Big Island. I am in favor of the Superferry and I want them to stay in Hawaii so residents have an alternative means of transportation to the neighbor islands. I want to be able to take our family of four to Oahu more often to visit my parents, brother and grandmother. With only airline travel available to us, it's too costly to visit our family very often.

Please let the Superferry continue service.

Mahalo,

Kristi Parker

73-1197 Hiolani St. Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Yes

testimony

From: Don Anderson [dona@aloha.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HawaiiSuperFerry Testimony

To: Senate Energy and Environment Committee

Aloha,

I am in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

I don't personally feel that the ferry will harm the environment at all. There are many ocean going boats that are going all over the Islands right now and they are not causing problems. The majority of the people of Hawaii want the HawaiiSuperFerry as a new way to travel to the neighbor islands. I personally would use the HawaiiSuperFerry to go between the islands for business and pleasure. I would take my car some of the time. I would take my family with me on trips more if we could use the HawaiiSuperFerry. I think our visitors would like to use the HawaiiSuperFerry also. Some people can't fly and this would give them an opportunity to finally go to the neighbor islands to visit families and friends. Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

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access2

Yes

From: Dave Buehler [dab5182002@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Interisland Ferry Service

ATTENTION COMMITTEES:

Judiciary and Labor
Transportation and International Affairs
Energy and Environment

Regarding hearing on Wednesday, October 24, 2007
10:30 AM, Auditorium, State Capitol

I am writing in support of the Bill that will permit Hawaii Superferry to operate its business while the environmental impact statement is being conducted.

The Superferry is a needed service for the islands which will make inter-island transportation more affordable for more of our residents and visitors, provide a better method of moving goods between the islands, and offer business expansion opportunities such as "driving" to another island to shop, etc.

I am confident you will see this legislation enacted since the majority of us citizenry want the service.

Mahalo

David A Buehler
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Yes

testimony

From: Solah [solah@islandcontrols.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY

Strongly support the Superferry!! Please move forward so we can plan our trips to the neighbor islands!!

*Solah Palaroan
Island Controls, Inc.
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(808)421 1622 Fax*

testimony

yes

From: neal@lava.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Ladies/Gentlemen:

Those against the ferry, whatever their cause, feel empowered by the law and recent rulings in their favor. They want the letter of the law to rule (at least in this case).

Those in favor of the ferry service, I believe, share a clearer understanding of both the state's predicament and the long terms needs of all the people. We need an alternative to the current modes of transportation. An overwhelming majority of the people have voiced their support via various poles. Only time will tell if Superferry is a suitable alternative.

What should have been done, when should it have been done and whose fault is it that it wasn't done aside, harbor facilities have already been built to accommodate an already up and (once) running business.

Superferry is here. The opportunity to have another mode of transportation is here. A business that is committed to providing that opportunity, not to mention jobs, is here.

The legislature must do what is right and practical when considering the facts of this case.

The Superferry deserves an opportunity to service the majority of the people of Hawaii, while an EIS is prepared and eventually shared with the public. To do otherwise would be downright foolish and irresponsible.

Thank you,
Neal Ikeda, Kaneohe

Yes

testimony

From: JAMES and EMMA KAUHI-Kaheaku [kaheakusmiley@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:27 AM

To: testimony

The people of Maui and Kauai are being unfair to everyone on the Islands who really wants and needs the Super Ferry for doctor's etc on the Island of Oahu. I understand their concern about the whales and the ocean environment but that's where the Superferry has to work on that, but all the islands need this whether those who oppose it will ride it will be seen. The very ones who opposes the Superferry will be the very one's riding it...there's no doubt about that. I think also that the way that the residents who was banging on the cars and shouting all kinds of things were really sad.

James Kaheaku

Climb to the top of the charts! Play Star Shuffle: the word scramble challenge with star power. [Play Now!](#)

Yes

testimony

From: Jane Howard [jane_howard@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

Regarding:

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Please give consideration to allowing the Super Ferry operate while performing the environmental impact study.

The Super Ferry provides me a very efficient and cost effective mode of transportation between islands that is very beneficial in servicing the tourist industry. My family has rental properties on different islands that allows tourists an opportunity to experience the "real Hawaii:". Having transportation that allows me to take my car makes it economically viable to move product between islands where they are not available and to service the properties regularly to ensure my guests have a superior experience.

Please come to an agreement to let the Super Ferry survive and prosper in an environment that lets everyone thrive.

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Yes

testimony

From: Ida Dunmore [ida.dunmore@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of the Super Ferry

I am originally from Kauai. I moved to Honolulu in 1966 to go to the U of H. My husband and I moved to the big island in 1990 where we continue to live. I was just back to Kauai on October 5th. The islands have changed over the Super Ferry issue. The imported environmentalists have taken over the islands as if they were coqui frogs! These are nasty, negative and very hostile people. Even my grandmother doesn't want to live here anymore.

And then there is the issue of Lingle administration. Yes, we voted for her but we also voted for all the Democrats in our district. My husband and I have been married for 36+ years, we are of different ethnic backgrounds, different religious backgrounds, don't always like the same foods and compromise on just about everything, yet we have never failed to get along. Dickie Wong and the Good Old Boyz is history.....learn to compromise and get along with each other, the State of Hawaii depends on it.

Ida Perry Dunmore
Honokaa, HI 96727

access2

Yes

From: Layna Torgerson [layna.torgerson@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii should allow Superferry to Operate now!

RE: Superferry Support!

Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Testimony must be emailed OR faxed by Tuesday (10/23) at 10:30 a.m.

Aloha,

The Hawaii Superferry will be an improvement to the way many small businesses operate. We would be able to provide services to Oahu clients when the Superferry begins service to Kauai. Now, it is almost impossible to transport our needed equipment via the barge. The Superferry will be an asset to the small business community and local families.

We need to protect our States investment and move forward with the Superferry.

--
Layna Torgerson
ET Services
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**testimony**

From: Aguiar, Lionel [lionel.aguiar@twcable.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supper Ferry

You politicians are too much. You schedule hearings on the outer island when people can make it (in the afternoon at a convenient place).

Yet you schedule the Oahu hearing in the morning when people are working and can't make it and if they could make parking is a major problem.

I fully support the Supper Ferry. There are more pluses than negatives. These people that oppose the Supper ferry call themselves environmentalist.

I think that terrorist is a better term. After all they have sent in DEMANDS and are holding the majority of the people who want the ferry hostage.

Since when does a minority rule? This is being made to complicated it's as though big money is behind it all and its time for you politicians to pay back those who contributed to your campaign funds and stand to lose a lot of money should the Supper Ferry succeed. Remember who voted you into office and who can vote you out.

Concerned citizen and voter.

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NO

testimony

From: Everly Brophy [everlybrophy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: NO SUPERFERRY BEFORE AN EIS.

We the poeple have spoken, loudly, clearly, and many times.
NO SUPERFERRY BEFORE AN EIS!
Killing or harming whales = inhumane
Polluting ocean and/or destroying reefs = environmentally irresponsible
More cars on the outer islands = Stupid planning or not caring
BE RESPONSIBLE! DO THE RIGHT THING.
DO THE EIS. The truth cannot lie.

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testimony

Yes

From: AOSHIRO002@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24 Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I'm submitting this e-mail on behalf of keeping the Superferry in Hawaii and allowing the Superferry to travel between the islands as was originally intended. There is a great need and desire to have this additional mode of transportation to travel between the islands.

It would help stimulate Hawaii's economy further and give locals and tourists alike a chance to see our beautiful islands and experience a nice ride on the ferry. It's a unique mode of travel that many of us are excited about. I think locals who don't visit the outer islands will now ride the ferry (with or without their cars) and visit the rest of the islands. What a great way to promote tourism and knowledge of Hawaiian culture.

Sincerely,
Ardis Oshiro

testimony

Yes

From: Linda Bessara [linda@bessara.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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Please put our Ferry back in the water. It will create jobs and generate more tourist income as well as bring local income to the islands in question. I can see more locals traveling from island to island if it is easier to bring their own cars to and from their respective islands. This will spread more dollars around the islands for gas, food, lodging, omiyage, local attractions, etc. Tourist car rentals will not be any more affected as tourists need to rent cars no matter what island they are on or how they got there!

If the locals were smarter, they would build an infrastructure around the Ferry to help nurture it and support it like the old Matson Liners and tourist attractions. Look how many more jobs this could create as well as a new tourist attraction to promote more Aloha~

testimony

Yes

From: Noelani Condo Resort [noelani@maui.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supperferry

Sorry I forgot the heading in my first email Donna Lorenz

----- Original Message -----

From: Noelani Condo Resort
To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:27 AM
Subject: Supperferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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Yes the superferry should be allowed to conduct their business with some regulations that should be applied to ALL marine craft regardless of their business. For instance, All of them should be subject to go slower in waters known to have breeding whales. All of them should be subject to agricultural inspections. None of them should be able to transport natural aina from one island to another. Yes to the superferry! Donna Lorenz - G.M. Noelani Condo Resort

testimony

Yes

From: Al Linton [allinton@kalu-fuller.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To the Hawaii Legislatures:

In the interest of the future of Hawaii, I implore you to pave the way for the Superferry Operation to move forward. There is much at stake, and I believe there are a minority of special interests that are hindering this procedure.

There is too much hypocrisy in the arguments against this endeavor. Please make this happen.

Mahalo,

Al Linton
President
Kalu Glass Co.
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Yes

From: Rungtiwa Kaewprasit [rungtiwa_keaw@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

To Legislators,

Here here is my short message regarding the Superferry issue. I am from Kauai and representing the many who is in favor of operating the vessel while the EIS is being conducted. Letting the ship sit idle is a big mistake and very costly for all parties concerned. The 300 or 400 or 1000 opponents is a small voice vs the 10's of thousands in the state of Hawaii who wants the SuperFerry as another means of transportation. I think Governor Lingle is correct to call all you people in a special session not to rewrite the laws but to make it fit the majorities wishes. MAJORITY RULES; NOT THE MINORITY!!!!

Aloha,
Roong

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testimony

No

From: Fred Dente [koikoi1@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:30 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Kaua'i County Council; JoAnn Yukimura
Subject: Superferry must not sail, impeach the Gov.

THE SENATE
 THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Sunday, October 21, 2007

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE:

King Kaumualii Elementary School Cafeteria
 4381 Hanamaulu Road
 Lihue, HI

Dear Senators and Representatives,

My name is Fred Dente. I've lived in Waipouli ahupua`a, Kapa`a, Hawai`i since 1989. I'm a music teacher and a semi retired carpenter.

I don't wear my "EIS FIRST" t-shirt anymore because I've changed my position re the Superferry. My position now is: NO EIS, NO SPECIAL SESSION, NO NEGOTIATION, NO SUPERFERRY!! The reason I've changed my position is because I'm appalled and disgusted with Governor Lingle's and the Superferry's blatant and consistent disregard for the rule of law, and for our state motto. The Governor has chosen money, lies and disrespect for the `Aina and the People, political and military influence, tourism, development and exploitation of the outer islands, over the U.S. and Hawai`i Constitutions, the Hawai`i Supreme Court, existing law, common sense, and any Aloha she may have personally possessed.

I firmly believe that the Governor, the Attorney General and the head of the D.O.T. should be impeached and or fired from their positions of public trust, for the acts they have committed or allowed to happen by their incompetence and their corruption. They are

directly responsible for any "bad reputation", which seems to be growing on a daily basis in our conflicted state. The HSF should never be allowed to do business or have military contracts in Hawai`i. They have consistently lied and deceived the people of Hawai`i, and they don't deserve to exist here.

A few minutes before departing to come to this briefing, I received an email from a Friend, who is a U.S. Supreme Court lawyer and a legal scholar. If there is any doubt that the Governor and the Superferry are breaking any laws by their acts and by retroactively rewriting HRS chapter 343 to suit their selfish whims, the following analysis of the law of the land portends lengthy and expensive legal battles, which the Governor will ultimately lose. This would do "irreparable harm" to her precious reputation, to say nothing of what it will do to any future credibility of our state government and business climate, and it will waste a lot of time and resources. It is crystal clear that the State and the Superferry have broken existing laws which cannot be rewritten at the Governor's whim, for her political expediency. Please convene a special session to impeach her before she does any more damage.

Very Sincerely, With Aloha, Fred Dente P.O. Box 974 Kapa`a, Hawai`i 96746

p.s. Legal analysis of the Separation of Powers Doctrine follows. This general rule is adhered to by the state constitutions, and may be applied against the Legislative Branch of Hawaiian state government:

"Since the U.S Supreme Court's seminal ruling in *Marbury v. Madison*, 5 U.S. 137 (1803), federal constitutional law has been clear that the Legislature cannot overturn a prior decision by the Judicial Branch in a specific case. As the U.S. Supreme Court explained in *Springer v. Government of the Philippine Islands*, 277 U.S. 189, 201, "It may be stated then, as a general rule inherent in the American constitutional system, that unless otherwise expressly provided [in the constitution] or incidental to the powers conferred, the Legislature cannot exercise either executive or judicial power...." The Legislature can only adopt a prospective law (i.e., that applies in the future) of general application, not a retroactive law that usurps the judicial function by overturning the judicial branch's interpretation of existing law in a particular case."

testimony

Yes

From: Mike Collins [mikec@maui.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:29 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Michael Collins; Hawaii Superferry
Subject: Testimony for Hawaii Superferry

Attachments: titlebarharoa.jpg; ATT22525528.txt



titlebarharoa.jpg (21 KB)
ATT22525528.txt (10 KB)

Testimony in favor of the Hawaii Superferry:

My name is Michael Collins, boat captain, boat owner, recreational fisherman and small business owner.

How the Superferry can be singled out among all the cruise ships, Young Brothers tugs & barges (including the hawser, tow cable) and other large commercial vessels is beyond me.

Lets take the cruise ship industry for example.

First, the total amount of time/hours cruising on the water. Could not find the total number of cruise ships operating in Hawaiian waters on a daily basis. However, it is in large numbers. The ships are constantly cruising from port to port, anchorage to anchorage and Island to Island (mainly ay night). Please see the Department of Transportation (DOT) 2008 cruise ship schedule for Kahului Harbor below.

Second, vessel specifications. The cruise ships average 921' in length, beam (width) 106', draft 26' (depth below the water line) and speed cruising speed 23 knots. Versus the Superferry., 349' length, beam 78', draft 11'8" and cruising speed 30+ knots (?).

I am out at sea a lot on my fishing boat at night and constantly seeing the cruise ships, tugs & barges. When at sea, a cruise ship looks like a small city approaching fast. If anybody thinks these ships are not hitting whales and other marine life in large numbers they are mistaken. They are not even looking for whales and marine life. Even if they detected one, they have very little maneuverability. This is a fact.

Please do the math.

There is much more I would like to add, however I must go to work.

Sincerely,

Michael Collins

testimony

Yes

From: Jeremiah [jeremiah@watertightprojects.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

To Whom it May Concern,

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I strongly believe that the Hawaii Superferry adds an important choice in traveling between our beloved islands. Many families have loved ones living on separate islands, and visiting one another can be difficult in the face of airfare and rental cars, especially for large families. However, the Superferry enables family to be together more than our existing choices. I am in support of allowing the Superferry to continue interisland service while an environmental impact statment is conducted.

Thank you.

Aloha,
Jeremiah Ho'oku'u Gruenberg

testimony

Yes

From: Hamakua Macadamia Nut Co. [hawnnut@hialoha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Legislative Hearing.

Dear Judiciary, Labor, Transportation, and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Committees.

Please approve legislation that will allow the Super Ferry to continue operations while the EIS review process is on going. The Superferry has the great potential to be for the state of Hawaii what the Internet has been for the world. It is a way to connect the islands, culturally, economically and socially. This is about the promotion of Commerce, Tourism, Agriculture, Interstate Cultural and Social events as well as Civil Defense which will allow us to better service all of our islands in times of natural or economic disasters.

I believe that all of us in our hearts know that once everyone gets past the hype the truth is that the operation of the Supper Ferry and the protection of our environment do not need to be mutually exclusive. In fact both protection of our environment and a successful interisland ferry operation are achievable to the overall benefit of our islands communities.

Please allow the Super Ferry to operate during the EIS review process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard Schnitzler
President
Hamakua Macadamia Nut Company

testimony

Yes

From: Evelyn Monde [evelynmonde3@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Representatives and Senators,

I write you from Lahaina, Maui. I watched the testimony on Maui last night on Maui public tv. I did not attend for fear after watching what happened on Kauai with Governor Lingle. I am a supporter of the ferry and I want to tell you all that my family and I support the ferry and we support a special session so that the ferry can operate while the enviromental impact study takes place.

Aloha,
Evelyn Monde
404 Alio St, Lahaina, HI 96761

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testimony

No

From: Joyce Louden [refjoyce@hialoha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Aloha,

As a Big Island resident I want to voice a strong **NO TO SPECIAL LAWS FOR THE SUPER FERRY.**

I'm so sorry that the Super Ferry folks were led to believe that their service would be "greeted as liberators", and that they were exempt from Hawaii Laws. But, this business, or any business should be required to comply with all law as are on the books today.

I for one would like to see more, not less regulations when it comes to transporting good **into, and between** the Hawaiian Islands. My concerns go beyond just the Super Ferry, but all products coming into Hawaii, the continual import of new pests and diseases has to be stopped.

From the Wili Wili trees, to the bee mite, the pests must be **stopped and contained.** (I think the Christmas trees are very suspect, the big island could grow a crop to provide the State on the upper slopes of the volcanoes.)

I must admit that at first I liked the idea of the Super Ferry, that when I went to Oahu for sporting events that I would not need to rent a car. Then when I gave it more thought, the problems became obvious.

The Bee industry on the Big Island must be protected!

The forests and natural resources of the Big Island need protecting!

The Cocque frogs do hitch rides on autos! You'll be sorry if those buggers get in your back yard!

The list could go on and on, so that is why the Super Ferry should comply with the law and do an Environmental impact study before they start service.

Thank you,

Joyce Loudon
Honokaa

10/23/2007

testimony

Yes

From: Patrick Kudlich [omia@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:27 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment - Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry operating whilst the Environmental Impact Statement is being conducted. Let the Hawaii Superferry show what they can do for the people of Hawai'i and how important the interisland ferry service will be to our islands. I intend to use the ferry service for my business.

Thank you,

Patrick F. Kudlich
President

Patrick F. Kudlich
Ocean Marine Insurance Agency, Inc.
735 Bishop Street, Suite 327
Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: 808-532-1000
Fax: 808-532-1009

10/23/2007

testimony

Yes

From: Liz Delos-Reyes [lizdelosreyes@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:29 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry

I see the Superferry as Hawaii people move from island to island. I see Hawaiian people reaping the benefits from island to island. I see Hawaiian people enjoying all the islands. I see Hawaii's future. What I cannot see is Hawaiian people angry over the Superferry. It is so unfortunate that it has come to this. What were they thinking all this time? It is the future, it is Hawaii, it is NOW!

--

Liz Delos-Reyes

10/23/2007

testimony

Yes

From: Gary Wise [kali01@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Attn: Judiciary and Labor; Transportation and International Affairs and Energy and Environment Senate
Committees

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry because it offers an alternative to travel instead of the Hawaiian/Aloha monopoly.

Gary of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

10/23/2007

testimony

Yes

From: Topping, Miles (US SSA) [miles.topping@BAESYSTEMS.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:58 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Super Ferry

After spending time in Washington and Canada and utilizing the ferry systems there, I look forward to integration of our states road ways.

I do understand the concern from the outer islands and careful handling with a focus on education of the benefits, as well as the drawbacks and allow people to draw their own conclusions.

A Ram Rod approach to ferry service will probably lead to altercation and people may not want to use the ferry, for fear of vandalism to their cars.

Please use good implementation to keep the super ferry in service.

Miles Topping

BAE Systems

Sensor Systems - Identification and Surveillance

Electrical Engineer

808.441.2508

testimony

Yes

From: H/K Vasi [khvasi@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony

I testify in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environment impact statement is being conducted.

The State and the people of Hawaii need the ferry service to grow and facilitate transportation.

To: Legislature's Public Access Room.

Senate Committees: Judiciary Labor, Transportation & International Affairs and Energy & Environment.

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24th, 2007. Time & Location: 10.30am Auditorium, State Capitol

Katy Vasi

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testimony

Yes

From: Ali'i Court Reporting [aliireporting@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Go Superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

As a small business owner in Hawaii, I believe the operation of the Superferry will benefit my business by allowing myself and my independent contractors whom I hire other means to go outer island.

As a resident, the operation of the Superferry will allow much more freedom in travel that is way overdue for this State and I look forward to utilizing its service.

I do believe an EIS is necessary, but I also believe it is discriminatory to only require it for the Superferry and no other vessels. It seems that people's fear of change is becoming very costly for this State and to me as a tax paying citizen, it is very disturbing.

Please allow the operation of the vessel during the EIS.

Mahalo,

Laura Savo, RPR CSR
Ali'i Court Reporting
956 Uwao Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

testimony

Yes

From: joseph sager [26tutuzager.jose@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supperferry

Aloha,

I am in favor of putting the Supperferry in service while an EIS is conducted.

Sincerely,
Joe Sager

testimony

✓/as

From: Mayfield-Dial, Patricia [Pat.Mayfield@uhf.hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of the Superferry

I, Patricia Mayfield-Dial am in full support of the Superferry being allowed to operate while an environment impact statement is conducted. It is essential that the residents/vistors in Hawaii have as many alternative options of travel between the islands as possible. Family relationships can be established/re-established creating a stronger *ohana*. *Business opportunities can be realized and expanded. The wealth of Hawaii's economy can be more effectively shared through expanding the buyers market between the islands by servicing the people who can not/will not fly.*

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Yes

From: Troy Wright [twright@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:29 AM

To: testimony

Subject: TESTIMONY!

This mess with the Superferry not being able to operate has surely already discouraged further investors to come to the State of Hawaii!

10/23/2007

testimony

Yes

From: Marge and William Akana [w.akana@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Legislative Hearing

To: Senate Committees: Judiciary & Labor, Transportation & International Affairs, and Energy and Environment.

Hearing date: Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007

Location: 10:30 am, Auditorium State Capitol

I am part Hawaiian born and raised on Kauai 83 years ago. I am in favor of the Superferry operating immediately and I look forward to having an alternative method of transportation.

William A. S. Akana
6466 Kalama Rd.
Kapaa, HI 96746
808-822-4198

testimony

Yes

From: lkg@808glass.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I am unable to make the above referenced hearing today but am writing to you in support of the superferry. I feel that Hawaii should be allowed the opportunity to have another mode of transportation to visit the islands. I have grown up on Oahu and have family on Maui and the Big Island. I truly feel that the superferry is being unfairly discriminated against. We should hold them to the same standard that any other company that sails in waters in Hawaii (i.e. Young Brothers, Matson, etc.).

Thank you for your consideration in support of the Superferry !

Lorie Granger
lkg@808glass.com
808-845-8999

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Yes

From: Carlin G. Robinson [Bosco808@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

As a long time resident of this state (even when it was a territory), I am now retired and living on the big island. When I need to travel to the other islands, I must fly, to swim or go by personal boat, is not practical. I will still fly when time is of the essence, but I would take the ferry when I could, if only for the ride.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY, AND RELEASE IT FRO SERVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Mahlo , Carlin Geer Robinson

10/23/2007

access3

Yes

From: Steve Hilyard [shilyard-alltemp@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

As a resident [20yr] and a business owner on Maui I want the Superferry to start operation immediatly! I am tired of being held captive by HEI [Young Bros.] and the airlines. Please let the Supperferry operate NOW!! Thank You, Steve Hilyard

10/23/2007

access3

Yes

From: Hawaii Performance Warehouse [hpw@hawaiiperformance.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I,m in favor of the operations for the Hawaii Superferry between Kauai, Maui & Hilo. It would be so much more relaxing option to travel with you family. Using the Superferry will eliminate the stress of Airport parking and dealing with full flights, standing inline to board the plane and on top of that you go through the same procees to rent a vehicle.

Thank you
Danny Luis
Hawaii Performance Warehouse
PH: 808-528-2062 ext 312
Fax; 808-528-2078
email: danny@hawaiiperformance.com

access3

Yes

From: Mary Nurse [mdnurse@aloha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

We are e-mailing to you today to show our complete support for the Superferry here in Hawaii. I was born and raised here. My husband has been here 25 years. What is happening here as a result of a minority of people is very disturbing to me. A look at the bigger picture, and there is no doubt that the benefits of having the Superferry far outweigh the possible problems, which can be dealt with. But in the mean time, please let them begin to recapture some of their losses so that we can move forward with what will hopefully be a long relationship with them in having a great option for inter-island travel. Lastly, this sentiment is shared by all of my family, friends and acquaintances. I know many, many more feel the same way. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Mary Nurse Rogers & Stacy Rogers

10/23/2007

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Yes

From: Sandra S. Marchinsky [smarchinsky@TGHAWAII.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha Senate Committee,

I support the continued operation of the Superferry while environmental studies are being conducted.

Please allow this to happen and vote in favor of it.

Mahalo,

Sandi Marchinsky

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Yes

From: Cardanwool@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

I support efforts to allow the Super Ferry to operate under close supervision while an environmental impact statement is prepared.

Our state needs the best and most cost effective means of transporting people and goods throughout the state. Neighbor island citizens are always at a cost disadvantage and at the mercy of the barge and airlines companies for receipt and delivery of materials.

I believe the same standards of safety and environmental impact should be applied to all shipping vessels here in the state. Should the EIS show that the Super Ferry has a net negative impact on the environment, then it should not be allowed to operate. The same should apply to all other shipping in HI.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony. Dan A. Woolley 78-6996 Kewalo Street, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740 808-322-4320

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Yes

From: Mitchell, Angie S Ms CIV USA USARPAC [angie.s.mitchell@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

In regards to the Hawaii Superferry:

The Superferry is a wonderful alternative for travel for people living on the Islands of Hawaii. It is doing what other shipping companies have been doing for years and years. The only difference is that it would be the Hawaiian residents who are benefiting from it, rather than all the money going to the pockets of the privately owned shipping companies. It would boost tourism to the other islands, as well, as tourists will see it as a great way to travel between the islands rather than climbing aboard another plane after just spending hours and hours on a plane to get to one island.

I feel that to stop the Superferry would be a grave mistake. Give it a chance. That is the only way to really see what benefits it can bring.

Thank you
Angie Mitchell

*Angie Mitchell, Accounting Technician
Financial Management Branch, SSD
Phone: 808-656-0113
Fax: 808-656-0039
angie.s.mitchell@us.army.mil*

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

access3

No

From: jet heng [herrheng@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: EIS! EIS!

aloha,
i'm writing this testimony in opposition to the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. clearly this a serious corruption; gov. lingle is trying to cover up things for the HSF. no surprise, she received thousands and thousands of dollar in contribution from the HSF. the bottom line is an EIS is the right thing to do. please help the environment legislators!
jet heng
hilo/asuh-hawcc

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testimony

Yes

From: Fred Verceles [fredv@bbisland.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

Senate Committees:
Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing: Weds October 23, 2007

Time and Location: 10:30 am Auditorium State Capital

To whom it may concern,

I am for the Super Ferry and support it's right to do business here in Hawaii. Despite the opponents arguments regarding environmental issue, wasn't all this addressed when they built this multi million dollar vessel. There was a TV special that showed all the new high end technology that the Super Ferry was built with to make sure that it would be environmentally friendly. Did anybody see that? This is a ridiculous argument from Kauai crying foul to drugs(did they see the most recent drug bust on there island) to mud leaving the islands on vehicles. Ever consider that people flying in and out especially construction clean there boots when getting on planes?

The Super Ferry is needed here in Hawaii to provide another avenue for all people to get island to island.

Everyone will have a fair share of the transportation business. I fly 3-5 times a month. I am not going to stop flying because of the Super Ferry but I will use it to take my family every once and awhile to do something different.

Besides, how do we look to the mainland business people? Pretty stupid if you ask me. Making headlines on CNN because of ridiculous issues. Embarrassing for us as residents but even more so for you our politicians who represent us.

Go Super Ferry! See you on Kauai.

Fred Verceles

testimony

Yes

From: Sana, Emily [Emily.Sana@vacationclub.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry support

I support Superferry in full operation for the state of Hawaii. Thank you.

Emily A. Sana * Quality Assurance
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testimony

VCS

From: Gerald H. M. Schieven [gh_ms@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Yes to SuperFerry

I write in support of keeping the SuperFerry in operation while the EIS is in progress, for the simple reason that there must be more than one means of transportation across the state.

- Who can forget the several days of paralysis following the attacks on the World Trade Center, when there was no way to get to another island, even in an emergency.
- Secondly, this current situation of low interisland fares among the airlines cannot last. Do we want a return to having no choice but to pay high prices if we have to travel to another part of the state?
- Finally, surface travel uses much less fuel per person-mile than air travel. In this era when global warming has at last reached the public's consciousness, we must take this factor into account.

Thank-you for the opportunity to express my opinions.

Regards,
Gerald Schieven
Keaau, HI

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testimony

Yes

From: khemenwa@byuh.edu
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Please allow my voice to be heard in support of the Hawaii Superferry. It is such a great way to keep the people of our great state connected, when so much water divides us. It is not as if we can get in our cars and visit any other way.

Sincerely,
Karen Hemenway

testimony

Yes

From: Lenora Willy [lenora3377@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry Support

I support a special session of the Hawaii State Legislature to identify a solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

The people of Hawaii want inter-island transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to our state.

It is not fair judgement for a handful of less than 100 people that are part of the Sierra Club to represent all of Hawaii's people's best interest, not withstanding conservation issues but coming to a compromise for the betterment of all.

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option and protect Hawaii's business and accessibility climate.

Mahalo,

Lenora Willy

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testimony

Yes

From: Colleen Pang-Wong, R [colleen@realestateoahu.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry - Support It

I support the Super Ferry.

We need this. The majority of us support it. Do not let the vocal minority steer us the wrong way. Do you notice that it is not the kama'aina that is protesting this?

We're getting a black eye for Hawaii's business environment. Politicians need to guide our state to stronger business and economic growth.

*Aloha,
Colleen Wong
94-241 Oluu Place
Waipahu, HI 96797*

access4

Yes

From: GARY PLATH [gaplath@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Allow Super Ferry


Aloha:

Please allow Super Ferry to operate in Hawaiian waters.

Mahalo,

The Gary A. Plath Family]
66-345G Kaamooloa Road
Waiialua, HI 96791-9702

808 637-3543

 for you/gap

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Yes

From: eli [strawne001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: supeer ferry

Please pass legislation to get the ferry running while the study takes place.

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

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Yes

From: Maurice [maurice10@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

October 23, 2007

To: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Committees.

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I support the Hawaii Superferry as an alternative to flying and renting cars when I do so.

In my business the ability to carry my paperwork gives me greater flexibility by not having to check in and increase my chances of lost luggage and paperwork.

Maurice Velez
Mililani

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Yes

From: RENEE SILVA [rgswaianae@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: My testimony

Cape Cod and Seattle has ferries--why no us????? Yes, I want the ferry. Renee Silva

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yes

From: t f [tjfulkerson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:28 AM
To: testimony

i feel that the superferry should be allowed to operate between the three islands. this will be in the long range of affairs very good for the economy and tourism of the entire state. one of the things that should be looked at is, so many people do not want to fly and can carry the items they need along with their vehicle and have transportation without renting.

i thank you for the chance to comment.

t.j. fulkerson

access4

Yes

From: Dave Carruthers [carruthersd1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Aloha~

As a local boy from the Big Island, I can tell you from first hand the benefits of having the super ferry in our islands. The issue is not environmental but economical. When one looks at the cost that an outer islander pays for produce, dairy products and skilled workers you'll see that the underlying truth is that these outer island business' don't want there monopoly to be threatened.

On all the outer islands, skilled workers are in great demand. Why would one want to pay almost twice the amount for the same work done here on Oahu? Outer island plumbers, electricians and heavy equipment operators know that if Oahu tradesmen come to their islands that they would have to compete with fair prices. Small produce distributors and other vendors would bring goods to the outer islands at fair market value forcing "local" vendors to compete at fair market value. It would allow local fishermen the chance to sell their catch to a wider market without being forced to sell to a narrow one with fixed prices. It would bring school and church groups the opportunity to take youth to the outer islands to ground and educate them. Something those of us raised here as youth never had.

If you take a close look at the protesters, you'll find self proclaimed "locals" from the mainland (thanks to the real estate lull of the 90s) who have made a living off our ohanas, who have generations of roots here with the no ka oi spirit. They set up small business' and fix the prices of service and goods at a higher cost. It is those "locals" that are trying to protect their greed and the spirit of aloha, selling milk for \$8 a gallon. It is the kanakas who have been blinded with hyped up enviromental issues by "local" businesss'. Besides, where are all the enviromental impact studies on tour buses, whale watching boats aircraft which impact our aina as well?

Looks like history repeating itself on a micro scale, a minority of prominent business owners making the decisions for the majority of the kingdom. Where is the democracy?

Aloha nui loa, Kawika Carruthers.

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Yes

From: Robert May [lopaka139@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Justice

To members of the Hawaii State Legislative body considering the fate of the Hawaii Superferry, Dear members;

By now it is fairly obvious that the Hawaii State Environmental laws are flawed to the extent where the Judiciary tries to make the law and the very vocal minority controls the direction of the state in their twisted favor. It's time to pull your heads out of the sand and look at not only the historical experiences of similar operations all over the world, but also at the reality of the pseudo concerns being raised by the obstructionist. It is extremely unjust to burden the Superferry with the mistakes already made without therefore requiring similar assessments of existing waterborne entities. For the sake of our economy, our worldwide image, and for the relief of our citizens against the existing transportation monopolistic enterprises, allow the ferry to operate and expedite the review and approval of a subsequent EA. The ferry has adequately addressed prevention of marine mammal strikes, has addressed vehicle inspection way above and beyond anything currently practiced, and employs a technologically advanced paint system that denies biological hull growth. The ferry will not deposit sewage on our beaches (how absurd), it will not run over canoes in the harbor (how ridiculous), it cannot be held responsible for increased drug traffic [in a state where drug use is already out of control (just go on any public school campus)], and it cannot be held responsible for reckless individuals who would rape the land and the shoreline no matter how they travel. Let the ferry run, expedite the EA process, fix the law (do your job and legislate professionally), and/or clamp down on the barge service, the cruise line service, the airlines, the car rental companies, the container services, etc. Think of it this way, if you plug the hole in the dike to stop the flood, but you do nothing to repair the leaky foundation, or the wide cracks next to the hole, or the seawater level seeping over the top, you've done nothing, wasted our time and money and severely insulted our environment and us, the people. Be smart. Respectfully, Robert Alan May CPL 83-1011 Kahula Place, Captain Cook, Hawai'i Island. 808.895.8822

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access4

Yes

From: Faith Freitas [faith@tradepublishing.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Pro SuperFerry

Aloha-

I support the SuperFerry – we need an alternative route between the neighbor islands. We're no different from other mainland states – which have transportation between cities. I would rather have the SuperFerry over a new H-4! Good for business – good for the people of Hawaii. Aloha-faith

10/23/2007

access4

Yes

From: Kim Tomas [kiminhawaii2004@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii superferry

I'm a cancer patient. I had no options to the care I am receiving here on the Big Island because we don't have the physicians we need. I cannot handle the stress of the airport to fly back and forth to Oahu where I would have medical care options. The last flight I did take to Oahu a few weeks ago... No parking available at the Kona airport, had to park in overflow and walk a mile both ways!!! Searched at the airport security because I was wearing head cover... Cab fair on Oahu... outrageous! My husband and I live in Kawaihae, how nice to be able to drive a mile, drive onto the ferry, have a stress free ride, drive off and drive to the medical facility of my choice and see doctors of my choice.

How nice for my **Hawaiian** husband and I to be able to visit family and friends easily and affordably on neighbor islands. Most of the protesters I see on TV are haole transplants from the mainland. I have heard these transplants say "I'm here now, this is my island now, shut the gates, don't let anyone else in!" Hundreds of times I have heard this. This island is being destroyed by all these new subdivisions, none of which local people can afford. All these people moving in and taking over beaches and areas where my husband can no longer have access to and fish. Do all these opponants think that the cruise ships (full of visitors to spend \$\$), the barges (that bring us all the items we need to live) don't have accidents with whales or cause the same environmental problems they think the ferry will bring... This is ridiculous. Engulf and devour... that's the mainland attitude, do we need that here? Is it too late??? Let the protesters go back to where they came from and protest there.

SAVE THE FERRY...

10/23/2007

testimony

Yes

From: Virginia Parish [viriniaparish@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: For the "Super Ferry"

To whom it may concern,

I AM FOR THE SUPER FERRY!! It will provide jobs and will give other resources between the islands to assist neighbor island and Oahu. I feel that the Super Ferry will benefit the islands as another way of travel besides the airlines. It should be our choice as to how an individual wants to travel.

The State should have made sure their "T"s were crossed and their "I"s were dotted before giving the go ahead to have the "SF" sent here. These issues should of been resolved ahead of time, so they wouldn't be going through this now.

Yes the whales and the environment are concerns and should be protected by all means, but I don't feel the "SF" will set out to cause damage to whales or the environment. There are many other large and small vessels that travel the waters. Ships go faster than the "SF" and cause more environmental issues over time. The "SF" doesn't seem to go any faster than "The Boat" run by the City and County of Honolulu as it passes the coastline.

I have never seen so many people act so irate and disrespectful as they have been with this issue. Where are their values and morals? That's not acting local. They should be ashamed of their actions. As we all know, these certain people are not local, they are transplants from the mainland. Their own actions cause these problems and they don't bring results to the situation.

KEEP THE SUPER FERRY AND LET IT START TRAVELING THE WATERS WITH REALISTIC GUIDELINES. LET THE PEOPLE MAKE THEIR OWN CHOICE OF HOW THEY WANT TO TRAVEL.

V. N. Parish
 Ewa Beach, Oahu

Other concerned issues:

I'M NOT FOR TRANSIT - BAD IDEA. IT WILL NOT RESOLVE THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM ON LEEWARD SIDE!! THE MAYOR IS JUST TRYING TO PUT A NOTCH IN HIS BELT. TERRIBLE WAY TO SPEND TAX PAYER'S MONEYSSS

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testimony

Yes

From: Parish, Michelle [Michelle.Parish@hawaiianair.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor of the Superferry

I am for the Superferry because it offers job opportunity to Hawaii people. In addition, the neighbor islands will benefit from those traveling on the Superferry, such as purchasing gas, souvenirs, etc.

Thank you,

*Michelle Parish
Administrator, Safety & Security
Phone: (808) 835-3270
Fax: (808) 835-3265
Email: michelle.parish@hawaiianair.com*

10/23/2007

testimony

Yes

From: Realty Masters [realtymasters@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I feel strongly that the Super Ferry should be given an opportunity to start its operations immediately. It appears that the opposition's concerns are "what if" scenarios. We don't live in a perfect world. However, I believe the proper procedures and precautions are in place to address future concerns. And like most things, they will probably change overtime. Let's get on the boat and see how it goes.

Sincerely,

Galen Miura
Cell (808) 754-0326 - Fax (808) 484-9306
Paddle Surf Hawaii LLC
1980 California Ave
Wahiawa, HI 96786

testimony

Yes

From: Alaina deHavilland [alainadeh@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Please add my name in big bold letters to the lengthy list of ferry supporters.

Here are a few of the many reasons why I believe the ferry must be allowed to run:

Business reasons.

We have a 5 acre coffee farm in Kona, the average size. A large part of our sales come from supermarket and retail stores. The requirements with these outlets is that we stock and maintain inventory ourselves. Here on the Big Island its no problem, once or twice a month we, like the majority of niche farmers, be it coffee, exotic fruits, flowers, organic produce, specialty mushrooms etc., will take a day to drive around the island to these stores. But thats it, we cannot do the same on the neighbor islands, even though we have endless requests and a large potential market. We cannot go stock inventory in Honolulu, or Maui, Kauai. The cost is prohibitive. By the time we have paid for airline tickets, car rental and extra hundreds of dollars to ship boxes of product with us, we have spent our potential profit five times over. (Not to mention dealing with the nightmare that air travel has become). With the ferry we can load up our van once a month, do all our business, visit friends and shop for items not available at home.

In addition I, like a number of my friends, am a working artist. There are many galleries in Honolulu and Maui we'd love to be able to approach to exhibit our work, as well as state, county and private sponsored exhibits. But we cannot carry our art work, or canvas's on inter-island flights, in the same way we can stack them in the back of a van and drive to a gallery with easels and stands for a showing or exhibition. Missing out on so much is continuously frustrating.

Personal reasons.

Our eldest son and wife live in Honolulu and are gong to have a baby. Wouldn't it be wonderful if as parents and potential grandparents we could be part of this. Instead, even though we are just a few hours away, we must make do with photos and phone calls.

Our youngest son is a paddler on an outstanding outrigger team. We have missed all but one of his winning races due to costs with flying and transport. Members of his team have sometimes had to bow out due to costs of flying, overnight hotels, car rentals etc. Team members would be thrilled to load up some vans with their equipment, ferry to the events, get permits to camp on some of the neighbor island beaches. And while they are there teams from other sports could be doing the same on this island. A last, but not least, personal reason. My husbands very dear friend, in a freak accident some years ago, is now paraplegic. We send him photos regularly of the farm, the picking, milling, roasting etc., and of our lives. He, without the ferry, will never be able to share this with us, to talk story while he drinks a cup of our coffee on the lanai, or visit Mauna Kea and experience the stars and planets as never before. He'll never drive down the Hamakua coast and take in the breathtaking waterfalls. He'll never get to visit the Volcano and watch the lava flow, or feel the power of the aina around him. As a Hawaiian you would think this would be his right. But without some reasonable way of getting him here, this is his right denied.

Mahalo for giving us a voice,

Alaina deHavilland
Kailua-Kona
808 324-0003

10/23/2007

No

testimony

From: Deborah Burnham [aquacranial@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supeferry needs a successful EIS first

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING
DATE: Sunday, October 21, 2007
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:
King Kaumualii Elementary School Cafeteria
4381 Hanamaulu Road
Lihue, HI

Dear Senators:

I value keeping the preservation of our land and our life-giving natural resources as a high priority. I support the current Hawaiian laws requiring a successful EIS prior to initiating a business venture such as the Supeferry. I urge you to heed the wisdom of your predecessors and vote against the creation of new legislation to counteract the intent of our current laws.

Mahalo for your consideration and service.

Aloha,

Deborah Burnham
POB 1023
Kilauea, HI 96754

testimony

Yes

From: Reid E. Choate [ReidC@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

We support the Superferry and want to see it operating to all the islands.

All forms of transportation have environmental problems that need to be reasonably balanced with the higher needs of the people.

REID E. CHOATE & ASSOCIATES, LLC

Reid E. Choate
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10/23/2007

TESTIMONY OF CYBIL RAWLINS
47-712 Hui lo Place
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Yes

OCTOBER 23, 2007

RE: HAWAII SUPERFERRY

Good Morning chairs Hee, English & Menor and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs & Energy and Environment. I am Cybil Rawlins, a resident in the State of Hawaii.

I am pleased to participate in this hearing and appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an environmental assessment is being conducted.

I have lived in the State of Hawaii all of my life. The Hawaii Superferry provides citizens with another option for transportation between the islands. An option, I feel, that is long overdue. I understand that there concerns for the safe operation of the Alaka'i in Hawaiian waters, but feel that they have been adequately addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

testimony

Yes

From: V. Franco [vicki.franco@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor of Hawaii Superferry Sailing Now

Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Honorable Senators and House Representatives of Hawaii:

I am in favor of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to sail while the EIS is being done. I am very excited and have waited a long time for ferry service to return to Hawaii. Allowing another form of transportation in the state is good for free enterprise. I agree we need to take care of the 'aina so have HDOA and DLNR agents at the check in of each sail of the Hawaii Superferry to monitor the issues of invasive species and the potential for depleting natural resources. This mode of transportation is good for Hawaii and should not be penalized because the powers to be changed the rules in the middle of the game. Again I say, let the Alakai sail while the EIS is being done.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Franco
60 N. Kuakini St. #7A
Honolulu, HI 96817

testimony

Yes

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Legislature's Public Access Room Testimony

For the sesion listed below please enter my testimony.

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I believe the SuperFerry should be allowed to operate while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. During this process as information is identified that may cause problems with our environment, a solution to mitigate this problem should be immediately implemented and paid for by the SuperFerry revenues. At the end of the study, determination should be made if the solutions implemented are still required or not.

Most of the people I have spoken with support the SuperFerry operations. From what I understand, it will be more helpful to our island economy then detrimental. Please allow the SuperFerry to operate today.

Ron Schwegel
2040 Nuuanu Ave
Apartment # 1703
Honolulu, HI 96817
808-536-0456

10/23/2007

testimony

Yes

From: Curt DeWeese [cdeweese@sunstonecompanies.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:33 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry Support

Dear Legislators:

You are requested to support new legislation that will allow immediate operation of the Superferry. The benefits to all state residents will be far outweighed by the issues that the minority of protesters have voiced. Mahalo for your support.

Curtis D. DeWeese and family

testimony

Yes

From: Jim Metzler [jmetzler1958@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: regarding Superferry - I am a supporter

Dear my Legislature,

Thank you for taking testimony on the Superferry. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that my wife and I support the Superferry and plan on using it to travel to Oahu and Kauai to see our children (on Oahu) and friends (on Kauai). My friends on Kauai also support the ferry but they feel the vocal minority on that island is trying to speak for them.

Again, we support the Superferry and would like it to begin serving our state as soon as possible. Please pass legislation allowing it to operate while an environmental impact statement is prepared. So many in this state will benefit from it.

Aloha,

Jim Metzler
Lahaina, Maui

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testimony

Yes

From: Hilo Art & Glass Supply [hiloart@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Aloha Esteemed Senators,

Thank you for your extra hard work deciding this matter. I am writing in support of allowing the Superferry to run while an EIS is being conducted. I have general confidence in the Superferry company's assessment, but I do feel the EIS is a proper step that must be taken. The benefit of this Ferry to the peoples of Hawaii is huge, and I think that the EIS will show that the possible impact is not prohibitive. The expense to Hawaii and loss of tax dollars if the Ferry leaves would be a real shame when we can least afford it. I will welcome the Ferry to the Big Island, and I am excited to bring my special skills and services to the people of Maui, Kauai, and Oahu. If the Superferry runs, I will be a traveling art teacher. I teach all types of glass arts, so it requires more equipment than I can bring on a plane, but it is easy to load into a vehicle. My store, Hilo Art & Glass Supply is the only in state source for many of the crucial supplies used by glass artists, and I would be able to bring a van full of glass and specialty supplies to the other islands to supply the artists there. I already have customers that fly to Hilo to shop, so my clientele is in place, and just waiting for me to become more mobile!

Thank you for your time,

Eva Anderson
Hilo Art & Glass Supply
126 Keawe st.
Hilo, HI 96720

testimony

Yes

From: Jonathan Plechaty [islandhearingaids@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry testimony

I am writing on behalf of keeping the superferry. I've been waiting my whole life for something like this, and will be devastated if it doesn't sail the islands. It has so much potential.
thank you,
-jonathan Plechaty 2827698

10/23/2007

testimony

Yes

From: Johnson, Wenona-FICOH [wenona.johnson@fcoh.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: FW: Urgent: Your Testimony Needed
Importance: High

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe the majority of Hawaii's people are in favor and support the Hawaii Superferry.

As in other Pacific Islands, this would offer an affordable interisland travel option for many of Hawaii's families who would otherwise not be able to afford interisland travel.

Thank You

Wenona Johnson

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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testimony

Yes

From: William Loose [lclose@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:32 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry

I support the superferry! Lets get on with making it a reality for all of us.

Larry Loose

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testimony

Yes

From: Limo, Ernie [Ernie.Limo@twtelecom.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:32 AM
To: testimony
Importance: High

Please give the Hawaii Superferry a chance to live or die on its own merits.

From what I have been hearing on the streets, in the office, on the golf course, in karaoke bars...it is the desire of the many that they be given an alternative means for transportation. As the voice of the majority, please do the right thing and let the Hawaii Superferry operate.

Please note that this is the Hawaii Superferry...not the Oahu Superferry.

Thank you for your time

Best Regards,

Ernie

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testimony

Yes

From: Jen Rankin [laine@myhelio.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I strongly allowing the superferry to begin operations!!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Rankin

testimony

Yes

From: Jack Stevenson [ulua3@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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I, John Stevenson, am in favor of the working out some way for the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the environmental review is being done. The superferry will provide another means to travel between our islands

testimony

Yes

From: Tanja Foulds [Tfoulds@maunalani.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Super Ferry

Re: Upcoming Hearing

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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Please note my strong support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

As a state we have granted the Super Ferry every permit to go ahead and when they are ready to sail, we shut them down. Hawaii has an unfavorable reputation as being anti-business and this is another example of why we have this reputation. I am personally embarrassed about what the state has put the Super Ferry through. We have an obligation to honor our commitments to this enterprise.

Aloha.

Tanja Foulds

68-1927 Puu Nui Street, Waikoloa, HI 96738

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testimony

Yes

From: Camille Sirivattha [tomcamsiri@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry During EIS

I am e-mailing to voice my support for the Superferry during preparation of the EIS. The Superferry is a wonderful, new and innovative method of transportation that will benefit the entire State in the long run and we need to do everything possible to support it so that it can survive this period of controversy and setback for the future of Hawaii.

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testimony

Yes

From: Bert M. Wagatsuma, CPA [bmwagatsumacpa@interpac.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

~~Senate~~ Committees: Judiciary & Labor, Transportation & International Affairs, and Energy & Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Time & Location: 10:30am Auditorium, State Capitol

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry.

Reasons: 1) We need alternative means of transportation of people. If and when our airports go down due to natural and unnatural disasters as evidenced by last years earthquake, the superferry could be utilized to move people and goods. 2) We need to show the world, that Hawaii is NOT a bad place to do business. This is the third incidence I know of, in which a private company gets the go ahead from the government and later finds itself in a predicament that it was not alright, The other project was the Hokulia development on the big island. The third was a japanese company wanting to do the eucalyptus tree farming on the big island. I understand they were given the green light, then upon investing several million dollars, they were denied some sort of permit. So they left the islands and took their money with them. Why do these things happen? 3) What is the difference between the super ferry and the cruise ships which transport passengers and Matson or Young Brothers which transport goods? Were they subject to the same study as is being requested of the super ferry? 4) We keep exporting hundreds of thousands of dollars each week to Las Vegas, the super ferry may be another way to import some monies from tourist.

I am hoping the super ferry will be able to operate within the same guidelines as the cruise ships and the shipping companies. It would be a disaster, business wise, for the state of Hawaii if they are not allowed to operate. Why would anyone in their right mind, ever try to do business in Hawaii again?

Bert Wagatsuma

testimony

Yes

From: Gregory M. Wood [GWood@mwgroup.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Legislature's Public Access Room - SUPPORT OF SUPERFERRY

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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Please accept this email as testimony in support of the Superferry.

If the Superferry fails to sail, we'll have set the state back 20 years!!

This is a no-brainer decision. The people actually contributing to Hawaii's growth and well-being do not have the time to show banners of support on the evening news. We're doing our part everyday....now it's up to you!

Aloha and Mahalo.

Gregory M. Wood (S)

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testimony

Yes

From: Ron Blanset [r.blanset@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawai'i Superferry

Ronald J. Blanset
163 Kaiulani Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
(808) 935-4226

ATTN: **Senate Committees:** Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment.

DATE: October 23, 2007

TIME: 9:25 AM

Aloha,
We need alternative personal and merchandise transport avoiding the monopoly that currently exists.

You must allow the interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while, and then after the environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Blanset

Yes

testimony

From: jennie DeGeorge [degeorge2006@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry....

Why can't Oahu visit your Islands? Where did the aloha go? My family does not want to move to your Island, just visit a few hours, leave a little money with some of your stores. See some of the beauty, which lately has been overcasted by some of the negative outbursts. Taking a nice cruise on a state of art built boat, which I don't see speedboating into your harbors. Fellow Islands, we are one State...separated by water but one State still. You are not a "Gated Community". Jennie DeGeorge

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testimony

Yes

From: arita-ohana [arita-ohana@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:33 AM
To: testimony
Cc: kamahao@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24 for SuperFerry

The Hawaii Superferry SHOULD be allowed to run between the islands NOW and forever. I'm local, born and raised on Oahu and believe the people of Hawaii should be afforded another option to travel interisland besides flying. Thanks~ Renee Arita, PO Box 1292, Pearl City, HI 96782, ph#386-4909

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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testimony

Yes

From: Nicki Livingston [nicki@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

TO: Legislature's Public Access Room

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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Dear Legislators:

Why do we continue to function like a Third World County? The Hawaii Superferry was given the legal authority to proceed. In good faith private business invested millions in capital based on the State's authority.

This is a mode of transportation need by local residents, farmers and small business.

Do what is right. Permit the Superferry to operate immediately,

Sincerely, Nicki Livingston

10/23/2007

testimony

Y

From: williamgkwong@hawaii.rr.com [wongg051@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:30 AM

To: testimony

Subject: support superferry

We need the superferry. When the next hurricane hit Kauai, the people of Kauai and Maui and all the neighbor islands will need all the water, food, gasoline. and the supplies needed to repair the roads, hospitals, homes, schools, etc to help our families and friends there. We can deliver all the things they need on the super ferry. When I was a young boy, we had steamer ships that would carry people and cargo to the neighbor islands for a long time. We did not have any problems with whales and invasive species. Why should we have these problems now. W.GK Wong, Pearl City.

testimony

Yes

From: Bobbie Esperanza [bobbie@wcc-hawaii.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPER FERRY

Please allow the Super Ferry to operate in Hawaii. Mahalo, Bobbie Esperanza

10/23/2007

Yes

access2

From: Jan Martin [jmartin_96816@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: hawaii superferry

i support the superferry running while an eis is being conducted. i feel that the people of hawaii want and need this method of transportation for interisland travel. i believe the environmental impact being talked about is no more in danger than what is being caused by the young brothers barge, the cruise ships that stop at each island, the whale watching tour boats all around the islands. human germs and pest infestations will not stop going to outer islands because the super ferry does not take them. planes take them. cruise ships carry them. was an eis for all of these methods of inter-island travel carried out? the results?

i also believe that if the superferry does get booted out of hawaii, the citizens of hawaii will all pay for it in some way--by higher taxes of some sort. i also believe that a very small minority are being allowed to make a very major decision for the entire state merely by being more vocal. most of them appear to be transplants from the mainland and are demonstrating the not in my back yard, i've got mine and you can't share it mentality. it's just not fair to the rest of the state.

janet c. martin
honolulu, hi 96821

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testimony

Yes

From: Lisa Winborne [lisawinborne@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor of SuperFerry

Aloha,

Please make sure that all aspects of the SuperFerry are concerned equally. Having an MBA from UHM '87 and returning to Hawaii after a 16 year absence, I am seeing that many business-related decisions are made on emotion rather including a thorough review of business factors as well.

Stopping the SuperFerry will serve as another strong indicator to businesses both at home and internationally that the state of Hawaii is anti-business. They will seek other states with a welcoming business climate. With such a "black eye" our state's economy will suffer greatly. We need to continually seek and welcome economic and business development or face stagnation. This will be devastating for every single person living here, including those who feel so strongly opposed to this alternative mode of transportation.

So yes, take into consideration "strong feelings and emotions" that have poured forth and been most prominent in the media. Yet also step up and be the akamai business leaders that we hoped you'd be when you were elected, as you make one of the most crucial decisions of your political careers.

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