

testimony

Yes

From: Lothar Eiserloh [eiserloh@pacbell.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Fwd: Superferry

Lothar Eiserloh <eiserloh@pacbell.net> wrote:

Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 12:26:27 -0700 (PDT)
From: Lothar Eiserloh <eiserloh@pacbell.net>
Subject: Superferry
To: testimony@hawaii.capitol.gov

Attention:

- cc. Senate Judicial and Labor Committee
- cc. Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee
- cc. Senate Energy and Environment Committee

Dear Committee Members:

As 24-year long residents of Hawaii (Maui & Oahu), our extended family (grandma, grandpa, son & daughter-in-law, 4 Hawaii-born grandchildren; niece, her spouse and their children; and my elderly sister), we strongly support the Hawaii Superferry being granted sailing and docking rights at all the proposed major Hawaiian islands; access to this economic form of interisland transportation will allow our family more frequent visits with each other between Maui and Oahu, as we can bring along one vehicle for use, reducing the consumption of resources; the ferry will also promote education of the youngsters, with economic visits to the other islands to explore their sights such as the "Grand Canyon" in Kauai, Haleakala hiking on Maui, and the new observatory/museum at UH/Hilo;

Please support the granting of sailing and docking rights for the Superferry; mahalo for your consideration, Lothar Eiserloh.

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Yes

From: Bob Rogers [bob@coconutjoe.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

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

We both strongly support the Superferry in Hawaii. We need alternatives to Young Brothers and the airlines so that we can enjoy and work in our entire state.

Mahalo,

Bob and Barbara Ann Rogers
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From: Ray N. Gibo [Ray.Gibo@hawaiiantel.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:37 AM
To: testimony
Cc: raygibo@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: RE: Testimony in Favor of the Super Ferry

Yes

From: Ray N. Gibo
Sent: Tue 10/23/2007 9:24 AM
To: testimony@capital.hawaii.gov
Cc: raygibo@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony in Favor of the Super Ferry

I'm in Support of the Super Ferry. I believe the people of Hawaii should have an alternative for Inter Island travel other than air. I also believe that the people of Hawaii should have another means of transporting their personal belongings between the Islands other than shipping them through Matson or Young Brothers who charge ridiculous prices and cannot insure that those items will get to the prescribe destination in one piece.

I also believe that any guidelines and restrictions that are imposed on the Super Ferry should be also imposed on all Inter Island and Domestic Air and Ocean travel and shipping, since invasive species are brought into this State by those means also.

I also believe that all commercial and private tour companies, i.e. Whale Foundation Tours, should be stopped from operating until they can prove that they will not harm any whales or be restricted to no closer than 1000' for these mammals and have water jet propelled boats, since their boats are the ones that are causing injury to these mammals and also caused the death of a child. The captains of those boats should have had their pilot's license revoked and the foundation fined dearly since they are the ones that are not following their own guidelines.

Mahalo;
Raymond Gibo
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testimony

No

From: sherry ann [sherryellison57@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

We do NOT support the super ferry, and its attempts to operate before any and all environmental impact reports have been studied.

Thank you,

Ron and Sherry Ellison
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Yes

From: zeuswoof@worldnet.att.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:35 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Rep. Gene Ward; Hawaii Superferry; Sen. Sam Slom; Linda Lingle; Sen. Fred Hemmings; Barry Fukunaga; Rep. Lyla B. Berg
Subject: Superferry: Special Session

Requiring businesses to complete operational plans before serving a single customer is fine, but totally different from restraining one which had already opened their doors and was up-and-running. The court stoppage was much too late for the ferry to make necessary corrections without suffering a loss in multi-millions of dollars. That final ruling from our courts should have been issued well over a year ago, not a few days before the Superferry sailed.

An EIS takes time — *anyone* realizes this --- our courts did not!

Restraining orders against individuals or businesses come about only *after* something happens, not before. For Superferry, **nothing** has happened that requires a court-ordered stoppage, only **if** something happens.

Whatever happened to "innocent until proven guilty?" The Hawaii Superferry has been convicted and punished even before it harms a single whale, transports one invasive creature, desecrates any cultural area. This seems like what a "third-world" country, *or perhaps* Hawaii, would do.

The legislature must fix this problem in Special Session. That is your duty to all of the people in this state.

Henry Miyamoto

10/23/2007

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Yes

From: Bob Chancer [bob@luxurylandco.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Superferry

I would like to go on record as supporting legislation allowing the Superferry to operate during the environmental review and permitting process. I have been a resident in the State and County of Hawaii since 1977 and feel that the benefits of allowing the Superferry to operate outweigh any potential negative impacts.

Thank you,

Robert Chancer
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Yes

From: AKESDOTTER@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

WE ARE FOR THE SUPERFERRY.

THE QUESTIONS ARE:

DOES DEMOCRACY RULE IN HAWAII?

DOES THE MAJORITY HAVE A VOICE?

OR, ARE WE RULED BY THE TYRANNY OF A MINORITY?

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Yes

From: Nancy Miller [nkona@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Interisland Ferry

Aloha to the Legislators,

I am affiliated with several agricultural organizations and have lived on the Island of Hawaii since 1991.

There is much concern over introducing invasive species (this includes cars and people) to the islands. If the ferry operators follow the same procedures for check-in that the airports do we should not have any different problems. If there is "easy check'in" without government ID checks then maybe "bad" people will go from island to island (although they can do that now with private interisland carriers).

The ferry would make shipping rates more competitive and give outer islands another way of getting supplies.

We have two cruise ships a day anchor in the waters off Kailua-Kona. I don't think the interisland ferry would be much different. Why does the ferry have to do an EIS? Dock them at the same place where all the cruise ships go. They are all legal to cruise and dock around the island each week.

Please check ID's and inspect goods for invasive species to eliminate potential problems and let the ferry sail.

Thanks for listening

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Yes

testimony

From: Dickyamazaki@aol.com
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Subject: Uniting these Islands, Uniting this State, Uniting the Hawai'ian People.

Uniting ' the ' People is of " Major Importance". As the demonstration's on the otter Island's has shown, There is much work to be done to " BRING THESE PEOPLE TOGETHER".

" Free" and Open Communication's,

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Will be Essential to bring these Hawaiian Island's Together'.

" The Supper Ferry" Will help to Unite The People of Hawai'i'. We Pray you secure it's 'Future'.

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Yes

From: Scot Griep [hapaguy67@hotmail.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Support of the SuperFerry
Importance: High

To whom it may concern:

I strongly support the SuperFerry for several reasons; 1) creat jobs for the people of Hawaii, 2) more options of transporation for the local people to see their family and friends on the outer islands, and 3) more shipping options for small businesses to do business on the outer islands, just to name a few.

With regards to the EPA, I don't know why they are making the SuperFerry jump through hoops. Other ships and boats go in and out of the harbors and I don't see those companies being put through this. The outer islands complain about the SuperFerry but I guarantee you that if it does continue service interisland, they are the ones that would be utilizing it or maybe their families. They should think twice before saying 'no' to the SuperFerry.

Thank you,

Scot Griep

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Yes

From: Kathy Tsark [ktsark@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:36 AM
To: testimony

Aloha,

I have been a resident of Hawaii for more than 60 years. I have traveled between the islands by air maybe 20 times. It's very expensive, just as it is to live here. I have family on all of the islands and it sure would be nice to have a travel alternative. My mother was born on Kauai but I've only visited there 5 times in all these years. My first trip off Oahu was to Kauai when I was 16 years old. My parents could not afford to pay for us to visit, so I had to wait until I got a job!

All of the complaints of the environmentalists that I've been hearing and reading about is unbelievable to me. I was so happy when they announced that the Superferry was coming to Hawaii to provide us locals with an alternative way of transportation between the islands. It's really the locals that they are hurting. A tourist is less likely to take a car to another island. There are so many other ships and boats traveling at will between the islands already--how is the Superferry going to make such a big difference except in a positive way?

I believe that Governor Lingle is on the right track and I am totally in support of the Superferry! I hope that we can save the ferry and give those furloughed jobs back to all those good locals.

Mahalo for listening,

Kathleen A. Tsark
Aiea, Hawaii

10/23/2007

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Yes

From: B. Suyama [suyamab004@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

To Whom It May Concern:

Both my husband and I are very concerned about the ruckus regarding the Super Ferry.

We are both very much in support of having the Super Ferry in Hawaii.

It will bring more jobs and provide another mode of transportation between the islands.

We have lived here all our lives and were looking forward to taking trips around the islands using the Super Ferry versus having to fly.

Please, please hear the majority of the people of Hawaii and support the Super Ferry for us!

If you need confirmation of this email, you can contact us.

Brian and Karen Suyama

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Yes

From: Tom Gimber [tgimber@starrcohawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with great concern of mine and many other Hawaiiin residents that the Superferry operates as planned. The right to travel within our own chain of islands has never been so challenged. The majority of the People here want it to operate. Other shipping companies do not suffer this type of "dismantling". Everyone knows this is more of political decision than anything else. We are extremely outraged.

Tom Gimber

testimony

Yes

From: Nanci Wolfus [nwolfus@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry.

We support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

As a mainlander, I found on my recent trip to Kauai, in speaking with the Kauai islanders it was obvious that only a small percent of them do not want the Superferry. It is excellent for the economy, and allows so much more employment for the people of Hawaii.

The whale problem can certainly be addressed and during the season they should slow the ferry down and have spotters, but to stop the Superferry when you allow large cruise ships to enter your ports is not right.

Nanci I. Wolfus

testimony

Yes

From: Camille Sirivattha [tomcamsiri@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

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

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 will give all residents (Oahu and neighbor islands alike) another option in commuting between the islands. I was very disappointed, along with many others, when the Superferry service was halted as my family and I were looking forward to taking a trip on the Superferry to the neighbor islands. We need to do all we can to support the Superferry so that it can survive this time of controversy and setback and be able to stay in the islands while the EIS is being prepared, and for many years thereafter.

Sincerely,

Camille Sirivattha

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Yes

From: Calvin Fujita [fujitac003@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

I support the super ferry as it will serve majority of the people in Hawaii and those who come to visit.

testimony

Yes

From: Fukuda,Janice-FICOH [janice.fukuda@fcoh.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am in favor of allowing the Superferry to operate while an EIS is being conducted. I don't think the Superferry should be subject to an EIS because the assessment was done and there was no opposition then. Historically, similar operations around the world have been in existence with little negative impact to the environment and marine life. I feel this operation is less threatening to marine life than all of the whale watching boats off Maui and Kauai.

Please allow the Superferry to operate !

Janice Fukuda
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testimony

Yes

From: genwiz@flex.com on behalf of Ken [genwiz@shaka.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry is GOOD!

Hi,

Please allow the Superferry to operate in Hawaii. I really think it would help our economy alot. I myself are from Oahu and would love to be able to travel by ferry sometimes with my Auto and tools to work or attend classes. I really am all for the Superferry to operate here.

Thank You,

Kenneth J. Silva

Generator Wizards

testimony

Yes

From: Caron Ling [caron.ling@islandrealtorsllc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of the Superferry

To whom it may concern,

In my brief experience as a taxpayer, I have seen much of this state's money wasted due to people inserting their opinions for a cause. And while I am definitely a friend to the environment, I choose to recycle and save energy as my part in fighting to protect our planet, I do also understand that without business, we as a state, cannot thrive nor survive. After 9-11, this state suffered severely since our main item of income was tourism. This state is constantly striving to find multiple ways in which to create a thriving economy and because of people, who may not even be from Hawaii, want their voice to be heard, they are basically starting a downward spiral in which Hawaii may never recover. If the Superferry is to be banned from doing business in this state, other major businesses will check Hawaii off of their list of destinations for business. We will no longer be on the radar for big business and I don't think this is the direction Hawaii wants to go in. My testimony is in support of the Superferry.

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testimony

Yes

From: Christine A. Pascua [crispy@bizwind.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:41 AM
To: testimony
Subject: For 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

This is my testimony, I am for the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. I will use the Superferry for business and pleasure. It opens so many avenues to so many different types of activities.

**Thanks "SEW" much!
Christine Pascua
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testimony

Yes

From: sam erbe [samerbe@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry

To the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment committees,

In regards to the Hearing on Wednesday, October 24 at the State Capitol Auditorium on the Hawaii Super Ferry, I support the Super Ferry and the power it has to unite families separated through out the islands. I am excited to be able to have an alternative form to visit family on the outer islands.

Thank you,
Samuel Erbe

testimony

Yes

From: Dean Nakamaru [deann@dtric.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the Super Ferry

Please save the Super Ferry!!!!

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Yes

From: fstangel@email.arizona.edu
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:03 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The people of Hawaii need an alternative mode of transportation between the islands now. I would support running the Superferry without an EIS as long as the rights of the minority are respected in the process and the proposed legislation honors these rights. Not everyone on both sides of the issue will be happy with the results but it is necessary to have a just solution that will benefit the people of Hawaii and protect the environment.

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testimony

Yes

From: Mich Windsor [mich_wind_56@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I want the Superferry!!!

Hello,

I would like to state for the record that I want the Super Ferry and want it to start sailing now, while an environmental review is completed.

Thank you,

Mich Windsor
Maui

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From: janis [jyrkchun@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

I would like to say that I am in favor of the Super Ferry and that it is long over due in coming. I think any alternative means of transportation between the islands would be a God send to the folks who need to commute and for small businesses who wish to transport their goods to and from.

I hope that our legislators would see the benefits of alternative transportation, especially since we are on islands. Our people tend to be conservative but in issues that involve the majority of residence, our legislators should take into consideration the silent majority.

Case in point: It took us over 20 years to complete the H-3 but it is now very much used and is a beautiful ride into Kaneohe. The ferry has been in discussions since the 1970's and really should have been approved and operating long ago.

Mahalo

Janis Y Chun

If you have received this Email in error please notify me. Thank you.

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John D. Rockefeller 1839-1937

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Yes

From: Kraig Smith [kraigsmith@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:39 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry

I Support the Superferry as alternate means of transportation to and from the outer islands

Kraig Smith

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testimony

Yes

From: Ybbq91a@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

The Superferry must be allow to continue. It is a vocal few that don't want it, the rest of us do. As far as invasive species, the Superferry will go from Island to Island, unlike other ships that come from all over the world.

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Yes

From: mkmasunaga@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: From Margaret Masunaga, Claudia Chang, and Valerie Corcoran of Kona re: SUPPORT of Superferry

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPERFERRY

To whom it may concern:

We are voters in Kona who SUPPORT the Superferry on the Big Island.

We would like to have the opportunity to ride the Superferry from West Hawaii. We believe the future success of the Superferry will be dictated by the market forces of how many people pay for and ride the Superferry. We want to have this opportunity to do so in Jan. 2009.

We are apprehensive about showing up at the public hearing at Kealakehe High School on 10/23/07 because of the opponents of the Superferry. In addition, we are working class citizens or students and cannot show up at 3 p.m. in Kailua-Kona (we would have to drive from Kealakekua in the TRAFFIC as well.)

We, however, want to let the legislatures to know we SUPPORT the Superferry. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for listening and allowing us to email testimony to you.

Sincerely,

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Yes

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To: testimony
Cc: hawaiiisuperferry@hawaiiisuperferry.com
Subject: Support of the Superferry

His testimony is intended for consideration by the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Committee hearing, proposed on Wed Oct 24 in the Capitol Auditorium.

I am William k. Leonard Jr a resident of Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii. I have lived in these islands since 1968 and have seen many changes. Some good, some not so good. The Superferry is definitely a good change

For our residents. It gives a reasonable choice to visit or carry on business in the other islands at a fair cost. There is no reason for the unjust treatment of this vessel. In fact most of what I have seen is out right criminal and it is a shame that out law makers have not prosecuted these people. They talk about environmental impact: Stand on the runway at Honolulu International Airport and watch the fuel that is dumped by every aircraft on everyday coming to this island. Where do you think it is going. And they worry about the whales and this vessel traveling at 35 knots. Well I work for the government at Pearl Harbor and I can not tell you the top speed because it is Classified, However I can say we have submarines that travel in excess of 45 knots (And they can't see where they are going!). There has been so much propaganda about the vessel, there is no doubt in my mind that the Airline companies and Rental Car company's are stirring up the pot because of the lack of Revenue that they will incur.

From what I have read in the Honolulu Advertiser the majority of the Hawaiian People want this convient form of transportation. It's the lesser majority that are fighting it. Lets for once do the right thing and authorize the use of this vessel and if others want to obstruct it with boats, surfboards and swimming in front of it. Then treat them as what they are, not just protesters, but criminals.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Respectfully;

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testimony

Yes

From: Keith A. Finkboner [keithf@financeinsurance.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:39 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

As a lifelong Hawaii resident, business owner, scuba diver, sailor and a runner, I wholeheartedly support the Ferry. While I respect the right of a minority to object, the majority should rule. Aloha, Keith A. Finkboner.

10/23/2007

testimony

Yes

From: Toalua Tuiasosopo [imuboyz@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Superferry

Aloha-


My name is Toalua Tuiasosopo. I was born and raised here in our beautiful islands of Hawai'i. I make my home here in Ewa Beach. My testimony is in support for the Superferry, economically it will help provide jobs and it will also provide another MUCH NEEDED venue for AFFORDABLE interisland travel.

Hawaiian Air and Aloha has dominated and monopolized and dictated who travels interisland, due to unaffordable airfares for so long.

The Superferry has been a BLESSING that is Long overdue here in Hawai'i. So, my VOTE IS LET THE SUPERFERRY SAIL....and let it sail for a loooooooooong time here in our beautiful island waters.

Mahalo nui Loa-
Toalua Tuiasosopo
Ewa Beach Resident



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Yes

From: Joe Littlefield [joel@gslinsurance.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

I am testifying in support of Hawaii Superferry. My reason is not because I would rely on the service nor use the service, but because of the abuse of legislative, enviromental, and special interests involved in this case destroying Hawaii's image and reputation of being business friendly toward potential mainland and international prospects without evidence.

I believe allowing the Hawaii Superferry to continue operations on all islands while an enviromental impact study is being conducted would serve Hawaii in the best possible way. An enviromental impact study would eventually provide enough information based on facts to make a sound decision on the state of Hawaii Superferry's operations, whether to continue as is, make changes, or discontinue operations, as the fate of Hawaii Superferry should be made based on facts from a study and not by bankrupting them by impeding their rights to operate.

Allowing them to operate during this time would help retore the Hawaii's image of being pro business and fair to those companies and governments who want to do business with Hawaii. It makes no sense to be sending our constiutents to Japan , Korea, and China to promote Hawaii when you have the same government impeding on the opportunities of business.

Thank you for hearing and considering my testimony.

Regards,

Joe Littlefield
Hawaii and US taxpayer
1568B ohu Street
Honolulu HI 96819

testimony

Yes

From: Sean Nicholson [snicholson@gammaknifehawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:32 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

I am in complete support for the Superferry to run in the Hawaiian Islands immediately. I feel it will benefit the islands economy and population tremendously.

Please support the ferry to operate immediately and do not place so many restrictions on it during the EIS that it is impossible for them to run their business.

Mahalo,

Sean Nicholson
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testimony

Yes

From: Broderick, Jennifer L. [Jennifer.Broderick@gd-ais.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Hawaii Super Ferry

Let this email express my support for the Hawaii Super Ferry and as my request for inter-island service to resume immediately while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. As a resident of Kauai and a *participant/parent in the school system, KIF athletics, and youth swim team there is a real need for alternate / diverse transportation options.*

While I am a strong supporter of the preservation of the environment including all animal life and support impact studies for the protection of said, I believe that these impact studies should be conducted early in the process and applied uniformly and fairly across all possible threats. In short the environmental impact study should be conducted against all inter-island water-based shipping companies (Matson, Young Brothers, etc) and all cruise operations big and small. In the future all impact studies should be conducted proactively and not reactively.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Broderick

testimony

Yes

From: mack perlin [mperlin@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

The superferry is essential to our economy and expend our ability to move easily between islands.
The enviornmental study is also important but can be done during operation of the ferry.

Mack Perlin

testimony

Yes

From: hawaiian kealoha [kealohasf49ers@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: supprot the super ferry

to whom it may concern;

i would like to encouerge you as my representitives to support the super ferry to be in operation in the islands. it is diefinately a good thing for hawaii and please consider the majority of us who support it!

aloha! kealoha soriano

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testimony

Yes

From: MrSkippy [mrskippyster@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supper Ferry

Honorable Senators and Lawmakers

I am sending this email to you to let you know that I am in favor of the operation of the Super Ferry. I believe it is good for the people of Hawaii to have an alternative venue and transportation method to the outer islands. The Super Ferry offers a option that no other current transportation (air and water) method offers. Families can visit relatives and do it economically, interisland folks can come to Honolulu via the ferry and go to the UH activites and sports, go to the Malls, there can be so much more usage of our national parks and public beaches. I see a economic boom on all islands. I believe it is a win, win situation for both the business, government and civilian sectors of our economy.

Please provide a sound legislation that will allow the operation of the Super Ferry to all islands as well as take care of the environment and sea life.

Thank you for your hard work and dilligence.

Phillip Nicholas
808 265-1102

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testimony

Yes

From: Carol Arney [arneycm@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of SuperFerry

I am the pastor of an Episcopal church in Kealahou, Hawaii. I was unable to be present at the Big Island hearing because of a conflict. I want to voice my support for allowing the Super Ferry operate while the environmental impact study is going on. The majority of my members have expressed to me their support of the ferry, and their dismay that a small but vocal minority is blocking this excellent improvement to our islands.

In the past days, I have received much incorrect propaganda from those opposed to the ferry. It makes me angry and offended that they have waited until the 11th hour, then flooded the public with scare stories. Also, while your neighbor island hearings were well meaning, the fact that the crowd was packed with this vocal minority is intimidating for one supporting the ferry to speak. If one seems to be opposing their neighbors, they could be ostracized in their communities.

Please let calmer heads prevail. This ferry is good for the economy, good for Hawaii, good for the local people. Killing the ferry by making it impossible for them to operate will damage our image and economy for years to come.

Thank you.
The Rev. Carol M. Arney
Christ Church Episcopal
Kealahou, HI 96750

access4

Yes

From: JENNIFER BAILON [j_talia79@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:08 AM

To: testimony

I, Jennifer Calamaan, am for the superferry. Please bring it back and give the rest of the community a chance to decide. Many have suffered due to all this commotion and it was all unnecessary. Everyone around the world is seeing this and it's all crazy over something like this. Think of how many ships there are in the world and the protester are complaining over the superferry. I feel that it would bring lots of business for Oahu and Neighbor Islands. Families can travel back and forth with the car and have a scenic route. Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Calamaan

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Yes

testimony

From: tyaukeith@aim.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In suport of the Superferry

I am in full support of the Superferry, if you are going to impose all these restrictions, then all other sea going agencies should be ask to do the same things required by the Superferry.

Keith Tyau
Hawaii Resident

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Yes

testimony

From: Leslie Allen [laallen650@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry testimony

Aloha, I support allowing the ferry to continue service while an EIS is conducted. I support it's continued service because I think having as many forms of transportation as possible available for interisland travel serves the people of Hawaii and that we all will benefit from it's service.

Thank you.

Leslie Allen
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Kaneohe, HI 96744

Yes

access2

From: Cynthia Foust [alowha2u@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

This testimony is intended for the meeting to be held Wednesday, October 24 at the State Capitol auditorium at 10:30 am.

I am in favor of allowing the Superferry to operate while an environmental impact study is conducted. I have been a resident of Hawaii for over 30 years, and my children were born and raised here. I love this beautiful state and wish it to remain beautiful, however, I do believe we could use another travel option between islands.

Cynthia Foust

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Yes

From: JLUPIBA@hawaii.rr.com

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:22 AM

To: testimony

I am 100 percent in favor of the operation of the SuperFerry while the EIS is being done.

Jim LuPiba, 68-1774 Halona Place, Waikoloa, HI. 96738 , jlupiba@hawaii.rr.com

Yes

testimony

From: cherie8419@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

The Superferry is a means of transportation sorely needed by the State of Hawaii. Please consider not only the environmental impact on our State but the impact it will have to help generate additional income for all of our islands.

I fully support the Superferry and believe it is what we need here.

Thank you for your consideration

Cherie Medeiros

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testimony

Yes

From: Kirk Hottendorf & Blue Kaanehe [leap96@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:30 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

I support the immediate approval of the Superferry to do interfiled trips while the EIS is being conducted. The super gives our family an opportunities to see other family members on the other island with a vehicle at reasonable cost. Please vote 'yes' to allow the superferry to do business in Hawaii.

Mahalo,
Kirk Hottendorf and family.

Yes

testimony

From: JAY COLBERT [JDCRENTALS@HAWAII.RR.COM]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:30 AM

To: testimony

to whom it may concern,

please let the ferry go on it has so much to offer for hawaii jobs. why let the decisions of only a few harm the fate of the multitude! let her be FREE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

ALOHA JDC RENTALS

Yes

testimony

From: KOKALV2FLYLV2FSH@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: (no subject)

I am in "Support" of the Hawaii Super Ferry. I believe that this service "Would Not" create additional problems to our environment. It will have a positive effect on our Tourism numbers to all islands and it will reduce the cost of shipping and flying inter island for majority of locals. I do understand that the families of the airlines and shipping companies may suffer a little with cuts to their wages. But, I feel that this Super Ferry Service will be affordable to so many more locals and tourist to use.

I say let the Super Ferry operate! Either while the EIS is being completed or after it is completed. But "WE" need to keep this golden opportunity here in Hawaii. Because its "Right" and it "Benefits Everyone"!

Sincerely,

Scott Lum
Palolo Valley, Hawaii

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Yes

testimony

From: Tiktoomy2@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Superferry

Dear Committee:

It is totally disgusting to see the turmoil the protesters have caused in our islands. The Super ferry is the best thing we have had offered to our state in a long time. It will unite families that live on different islands as well as allow all the people of Hawaii to visit their friends and families. Evasive species are on all boats, container ships, cruise lines and airplanes. Airborne viruses are very high on airplanes. This is a smoke screen that certain people are using to shut the ferry down.

I have traveled all over the world and used ferries and ships similar to the Super ferry to get from point A to point B. I have never heard of large numbers of whales being injured. Seattle has a huge ferry system, and the Orcas migrate every year in their water.

If these are really valid concerns, then lets look at all the vessels that are operating in Hawaiian waters, The state should require E.I.S's on all of them. Maybe Kauai and Maui will take harder look at this wrong doing when their supplies are not coming in because the E.I.S. should be required on all vessels, not single out the Super ferry.

Please support the Super ferry. The majority of the people in Hawaii need this alternative form of transportation.

Shawne Garliepp
Kailua HI
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Yes

testimony

From: Don Anderson [dona@aloha.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HawaiiSuperFerry Testimony!

To: Senate Judiciary and Labor 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. It would also provide jobs for many people on all the Islands.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Anderson

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dona@aloha.com

testimony

Yes

From: George Wilson [wilson008@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

As a resident of the Big Island for over six years I feel that I must speak out for the Superferry. It will provide inexpensive and convenient inter-island transportation, something that will benefit island residents and tourists alike and, with proper environmental controls, it will not do harm to Hawaii's wonderful natural environment. If we fail to approve the Superferry, which the overwhelming majority of Hawaii's residents want, simply because the opposition of a small but highly vocal minority it will have a devastating effect not only on the lives of island residents but on any future capital improvements. Investors and business in general will not risk investing in improving Hawaii's infrastructure if things like the Superferry, whose benefits so clearly outweigh its limited environmental risks, goes down to defeat. Done properly the Superferry can benefit the people without doing damage to the environment and this is clearly the path that Hawaii needs to take.

George Wilson
77-212 Mahiehie St.
Kailua Kona, HI.

Yes

testimony

From: spencer chilton [baechill@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha Senate Committee:

I would like to show my support for the new Superferry. I feel it is a much need new mode of transportation for the State of Hawaii. I feel that the Superferry should be allowed to run while an EIS is being done w/ restrictions and if it is found to be safe to all, it should be allowed to run full time w/ restrictions according to the EIS. If it is found to be unsafe, adjust those restrictions and adjust the transportation plan to meet the EIS.

I would just like to give one example of these types of businesses. I work for an airline and last week, our aircrafts had two birdstrikes and two this week. Should we stop all airtraffic because of this? We always try to limit this as much as possible, just like they Superferry should and I know will do.

Please, it is not for the tourists as everyone thinks, it is for our local community and business community. Let's get the Superferry up and running.

Mahalo-

Spencer
Honolulu

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Yes**testimony**

From: Ray Goo [rgoo@waltzengineering.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supperferry

To the Senate Committee,

As I watch the news and look into the crowd I noticed that the people that are against the supperferry are all young/haoles. Ask them how long have they been living in the islands? Do they pay the State Tax? I am just disgusted and tired of hearing all these groups destroy the ALOHA of the islands. These groups live to protest what ever they can. As a middle income person we have to pay the taxes and never get ahead but just continue to pay for other problems that arise. I feel that if you stop the ferry you had better look at all the other transportation also (cargo ships, young brothers, and most of all the whale watcher boats.) Don't just single out one company. Look at all the other companies.... I also feel sorry for the locals that try to speak out for the ferry coming at all these meetings that you have and just get turned off by the loudness of the crowd and booing..... I feel that the people that are against the ferry should pay back the taxes and not us who are for the ferry and lets see how many will change their mines.

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From: james wiedman [jameswiedman@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY

I am writing for support of Superferry. Stop the double standard of the ferry versus Young bros / cruise ships. We do not live in a bubble.

James Wiedman

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Yes

From: CKeiter836@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

Let's move Hawaii forward for the People! The majority want the Hawaii Superferry approved now!

Mahalo,

Bill & Colina Keiter

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Yes

testimony

From: makahasun@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Hawaii Superferry

Respectfully submitted to the following Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Aloha,

I support the Hawaii Superferry because it has raised the bar in inter-island travel for passengers and vehicles. In short, there is a preponderance of ignorance driving the emotional outcries we keep hearing in opposition. Please raise the bar and approach this situation with facts, logic and common sense.

In considering my support, you may refer to the following reasons:

1. From what I can determine, it is the most environmentally designed ship that sails in Hawaiian waters.
 - a. It is a zero eject ship, discharging NOTHING into the ocean. (If you've ever been to sea and observed the "standards" in reality of most ocean-going vessels, you would be amazed at their lack of environmental concern in terms of actual practice.)
 - i. Since it is a NO SMOKING vessel, not even cigarette butts go into the ocean. It may be the only ship on the Hawaiian seas to accomplish that. "Cigarette butts are the most common form of plastic litter on the beaches of the U.S. and world-wide. Toxic chemicals can leach out of the cigarette filters." (<http://www.longwood.edu/cleanva/ciglitterarticle.htm>)
 - b. Its hulls are treated with a special coating of non-toxic silicone so as not to accumulate detritus that could be transported between island environments.
2. The Hawaii Superferry (unlike other ocean transporters or inter-island air carriers) practices the following to restrict the transport of invasive species:
 - a. Most thorough screening of cars to be transported.
 - b. Conducts agricultural screening of every inter-island passenger.
 - c. Opens vehicles' and looks into the wheel wells and under the bumpers and other compartments.
 - d. Rejects muddy vehicles.
3. The Hawaii Superferry is conscious and aware of the potential impact of vehicular traffic embarking and disembarking from the ferry. They have:
 - a. Implemented a vehicle and management plan based on traffic studies

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- b. Revised arrival and departure schedules to avoid the busiest traffic times to minimize impacts.
 - c. Allows for early arrival, lessening short-term traffic impact.
4. For residents pointing to the vehicular traffic increase on their respective islands, they need to get the facts before they make an issue of it:
- a. What has the percentage increase in vehicular traffic since Go! Airlines came to the islands bringing an airfare war, creating a marked increase in inter-island travel? That needs to be factored in.
 - b. In addition, the number of vehicles traveling on the ferry, embarking and disembarking, will include residents of the respective islands – the vehicles will not just be “interlopers”. The number of vehicles daily impacting each island is a combination of outer island travelers and Oahu travelers. The outer islands are not being “invaded” by vehicles from Oahu. Vehicles will be traveling FROM the outer islands to Oahu also. It is not just a one-way path from Oahu to the outer islands.
 - c. The ferry will also be carrying vehicles a number of the vehicles traveling will be for the transport of goods and services. These incoming vehicles potentially will be offset by less vehicular delivery traffic carrying goods from other ocean-going vessels or freight carried by the airlines offloaded to trucks for delivery.
5. The Hawaii Superferry is a service for local people – to travel personally, and for their business use. The company also employs local people and if the ferry sails, and grows as its business plan projects, many jobs will be provided. Additionally, the ferry provides cost-effective transport for inter-island businesses and their products.
6. Finally, this business needs to be acknowledged as the environmental bar to which all existing transport businesses should be held. If people are really concerned about their environment, restrictions need to be imposed on the airlines and all ocean-going vessels, transporting passengers, goods and vehicles:
- a. Are those cars transported clean and inspected?
 - b. Are the crew and passengers on the other forms of transportation questioned as to their potential detrimental impact on our environment?
 - i. Have they been hiking, where they might have picked up invasive species?
 - ii. Have they been fishing and cleaned their gear?
 - iii. Have their backpacks been inspected?

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide input.

Ann Cosson,
Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007
7:30 AM

testimony

Yes

From: John Tanaka [john@reliablefire-hawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I John Tanaka support the bill to allow the superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. I would hate to see this great service being lost. I cant wait to use this for travel to the outer islands and see the beauty of our islands from the ocean.
Mahalo, John

testimony

Yes

From: steven.teck@partners.mcd.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

To The Senate Committees:

I am in complete support for the Superferry. It will allow families to move more comfortably and economically from Island to Island and will be using less fuel than if they were to fly in a plane. It seems this would be a much more environmentally positive way to create travel and possibly lessen the amount of autos needed on the islands by moving the auto from one Island to another. Please don't react too quickly to those residents who resent having visitors on the Islands. Many of them are unable to conceive what it would do to the Hawaiian economy if visitor population lessened. My family and I love the Islands and care for them and feel this would be a positive addition.

Thanks for your consideration,
Steven Charles Teck
2412 Kuhio #2504
Honolulu, Hawaii

Yes

access4

From: Judi Wohlman [mooncaat@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I urge the senate to approve the bill that will allow the Superferry to service the islands in Hawai'i. This will ease the crunch (and monopoly) of airline traffic and quit polluting the airways over the islands so much. I think they need to be given the chance to prove how little the impact can be.

Judith S. Wohlman
77-301 Noelani Way, #24
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Yes

access4

From: wayne [wayneking01@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To whom it may concern:

Please consider putting the ferry into service, it will make travel between islands so much easier when renting a car and saving jet fuel.....We are from Oklahoma City and travel to the islands at least 3 times a year, we just love it there.

Thank You

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Goodgion

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Yes

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From: Sandi777@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Please allow the superferry to continue, it would be so good for inner island visiting, and also for tourist that want to travel from Island to Island
Sandra Bowen

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Yes

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From: Grisel Saez [gladbeach@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:47 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

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support the Superferry. As a local, it is an affordable, practical, and easy way to visit the neighbor islands.

Thank you,
Grisel

Grisel Saez Giles
gladbeach@hotmail.com

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

Yes

access4

From: gboydjr@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Vote "Yes" for the Superferry

The Superferry is both a nicety and a necessity.

George G. Boyd
Waianae

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Yes

From: elaine peterson [leolani001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

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

I was so looking forward to having the Superferry as another option to travel between the islands. It was quite disturbing to me that a small group on the neighbor islands became violent and disrespectful when this service started. This sets a precedence for future dealings with the people of the outer islands if this kind of outrageous behavior is allowed. It seems some members of the senate think the outer island people needs to be heard but isn't that all we have been hearing and giving in to the past few weeks since this fiasco started? Have you heard the silent majority who is sitting back watching what elected officials are doing about this problem?

Don't we have a right to enjoy this mode of transportation between islands?

I am part of this huge silent majority watching every step of the way on how this will pan out and how each elected official votes.

I also find it very odd that every other mode of transportation between these islands (cruises, ferrys etc) never had to go thru this much scrutiny.

Why not have all modes of transportation be subjected to the same environmental impact study as the SuperFerry. We have seen waste dumped into the ocean, oil spills, whales hit, but I never heard a commotion such as this and it hasn't stopped them from going between the islands.

I and many, many others know there is another faction that does not want this ferry to happen. We live in the United State of America where FREE ENTERPRISE is a right. I hope your decision is fair, unbiased and in the best interest of ALL the people.

I am a registered voter in favor of the SuperFerry.

Elaine L. Peterson

Yes

access4

From: Thomas Baldrige [thomasbaldrige@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry .

I am supportive of the ferry. This new service will provide great economic value to the state making it possible for commerce to move throughout the state easily and economically. Small businesses, farmers, tradesmen will be greatly benefited. Please support the ferry service in the special session.

Thomas Baldrige
2850 S. El Rio Drive
Meridian, Idaho

Yes

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From: Mona Wood [ikaikacomm@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY SUPPORT - 10/24, 10:30 A.M.

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

The Hawaii Superferry should be allowed to operate during the EIS period. Period.

They followed the law in good faith, spent millions of dollars to operate, hired local staff, and were given the green light by the State government. We should honor that.

Opposition groups say the environmental review is needed to address concerns about the introduction of invasive species, possible collisions with whales and more traffic congestion.

Well, experts have testified that the whole "invasive species" argument is "negligible." And somebody tell me, exactly what foreign species would Oahu cars be bringing to Maui and Kauai that could not come over with other current modes of transportation?

No one wants any boat to hit and injure or kill a whale. We've had recent incidents by the supposedly more "environmentally-friendly" whale tour companies hitting whales in much smaller boats. The Hawaii Superferry has a whale detecting device and screening procedures in place - something most of the other boats in operation do not have. I'm sure the Superferry would be willing to accommodate other suggestions by whale experts. Why aren't these experts out there blocking other boats who do not even have a whale detecting device or screening procedures?

And traffic...I agree it's a pain. I'm sure there will be some slowing down that certain time of day when the Superferry arrives, but that will soon dissipate as riders go to grandma's or auntie's house, to their hotels, or on their adventure to some scenic point, or to shop or dine and spend money...instead of making a stop at the rental car base yards. Perhaps the schedules can coincide with lower traffic periods on the islands.

Let the Superferry sail...that will be its greatest EIS test. They already know well what the consequences would be if any of the dangers the environmental groups warned against were realized.

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Yes

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From: Adam Silva [adamsilva21@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

With all our transportation problems in Hawaii, it's insane not to let the Superferry sail. The people have spoken!

--
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Yes

access4

From: Coach J.R. Olaso [j_r_olaso@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Legislature's Public Access Room - 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 Capitol

I support the Hawai'i Superferry as another means of transportation for all who live and visit our islands. I am confident that all parties involved can reach a mutual agreement in full support of the Hawai'i Superferry AND the continued protection of our environment.

Coach J.R. Olaso

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Kapolei Oahu Hawaii

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yes

From: Jerry Pilcher [rrdude@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:51 AM
To: testimony

Pleas support the Hawaii Super Ferry.

I have always dreamed of being able to take my automobile from island to island.

Don't stifle American ingenuity, don't "give-in" to the extremist thinkers. This is good for everyones concerned. (except the rental car agencies!)

Thanks.

Support the Super Ferry! Or watch and listen as the rest of the free world laughs at how 'far the pendulum has swung' in these United States.

--
Jerry B. Pilcher
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Yes

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From: Robert Baysa [drbaysa@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I testify in favor of having the SuperFerry work in Hawaii. It is amongst the various ocean transports who already occupy the routes. It offers other option for consumers to travel or have vehicles transported. It is another alternative to dilute the monopoly of barges, and airlines.

Aloha

--
Robert A. Baysa DDS
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Yes

access2

From: Scott Crockford [crock808@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

I think it is very important that the Superferry be allowed to operate during the EIS process. It is a vessel and should not be treated any differently than other vessels that currently operate in Hawaii.

Further, the opponents to the Superferry are really not interested in anything other than stopping it, in my opinion. Just as they did with the airport runway extension, once the EIS is filed, we can expect a suit with the argument that the EIS is inadequate. The Superferry will be an improvement to the islands transportation infrastructure and should not be stopped.

Mahalo, Scott

Yes

access2

From: Chris B. [emcb69@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Attention:

To the committees of,... JUDICIARY AND LABOR, TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, and the ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES.

For the subject hearing date and time of: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24, 2007, at 10:30 AM.

To be held in,... the AUDITORIUM OF THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING.

To whom it may concern, and to the Citizens of the Great state of Hawaii,

I am a resident of the state of Illinois, and will be a possible tourist that has interest in traveling to the state of Hawaii to enjoy, and learn about the culture of the state of Hawaii, and all it has to offer.

Being a traveler to your great state, I would hope, and would only expect, that as myself being a citizen of the United States I would have the freedom to choose to travel by any mode of transportation available from Island to Island unrestricted.

I learned about the "Hawaii super ferry" many months ago, and was very impressed, and excited at the lengths this company has taken to assure, and reassure the state and country, and its citizens of the safety measures it has taken in the construction of this vessel. Not to mention the care in which the well being of the environment through this vessels unique, and advanced systems will be respected, and assured.

This vessel, as far as I have been able to research, is one of the most environmentally safe, and friendly modes of transportation afloat in the world, if not one of the safest, and most versatile vessels as well.

I do not understand why there has been such adversity over such a positive move to improve the well being, freedom of movement, and safety of individuals, while also improving the environmental impact over any other previous system currently in use.

Other systems, and companies have had no hindrances, or question as to its operations in these waters even though all other systems have a very clear and negative impact on the air, water, and environment, compared to that of the new, advanced, and updated improvements a environmentally friendly vessel like the Hawaii Super ferry will have.

As a citizen of the united states I am offended that anyone would hinder my freedom of movement around this great country by any mode of transportation available to the general public such as the Hawaii super ferry.

I and many others like me have fought, and given of my body and our lives, through our service to our country to uphold our freedom of movement throughout this country, as well as all are freedoms upheld by our constitution.

Due to the fact that no other mode of transportation has ever had this much controversy as to it's operations in and around the state of Hawaii, I cannot help but think that this issue has less to do about the environment, and has more to do with special interest groups, and there private agendas.

I only see a positive change in allowing this ferry system to operate in the state of Hawaii. I see only great things

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ahead for the improvement of quality of life for all, that extends way beyond your borders!

The freedom of movement, increase of jobs and agricultural exchange, and this being another mode of transportation for our citizens freedom of movement is a great thing.

In closing I would hope that the citizens and the governmental body will make the right decision to allow the Hawaii super ferry to operate unhindered, and to improve the rights, freedoms, and lives of it's citizens.

Most sincerely,
Chris Buell,
U.S. Navy Retired

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Yes

testimony

From: SilviaWirtzfeld [silvia@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

To the SENATE COMMITTEES for Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and int'l Affairs, and Energy and Environment :

Please consider our families following comments in Wednesdays, the 24.th. of Oct.07 ,hearings, scheduled for 10:30 AM at the Auditorium at the State Capitol :

We strongly support interisland ferry service even while the requested E.I.-Statement is being prepared. We do not like to be solely dependant on flying, like to take our car along occasionally, encourage competition, and believe it would be good for the Islands.

Silvia Wirtzfeld.

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Yes

From: Teresa Peterson [tcpeterson@mchsi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

This email is to show my support for the Hawaii Superferry, I don't live in Hawaii but I think it would be beneficial for locals as well as tourist whom would like to travel between islands.

Teresa Peterson
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515-965-6761

Yes

testimony

From: MarkInfo@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SIMPLE TESTIMONY SUPPORTING THE SUPER FERRY

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From: BancRep@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs

Ladies and gentlemen. The issue of the Super Ferry has become completely ridiculous. Authorization was given to the company, based upon their business plans and assurances that everything would be done to protect whales, avoid pollution etc., they were also told to go ahead and build the second vessel for the Big Island service. The question of an EIS was raised and they were told by the people who are now protesting the Super Ferry, that no EIS was necessary.

The people of these islands want and need the Super Ferry. Only those whose incomes will be negatively affected, airlines, barge companies, car rental agencies etc. are lobbying to stop it.

Please listen to the people who elected you and not a few rag tag protestors breaking federal law (and going unpunished) on Kauai.

Mahalo.

**Bryan G. Pearson
P.O.Box 88212
Honolulu, HI 96830**

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Yes

testimony

From: Stephen W. Knox [swknox@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:01 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Senators,

With the overwhelming majority of Hawaii residences is favor of allowing the Superferry to operate while an EA is conducted, I hope all of you listen to your voters. We cannot allow just a few to direct Hawaii's future. Now is the time to show true leadership. Steve and Moira Knox

access2

Yes

From: Gerald Pozen [gerpoz@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I support the Superferry and vote to allow it to operate during the EIS study. Please do not let the obnoxious and vocal few drown out the law abiding and supportive majority. The sessions you have (are) holding are a wonderful concept, but, as you can see from the two that have been held, the behavior of those in opposition is appalling. Their right to express their point is one thing, to ridicule, harass, scream, vow to break laws is outrageous.

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

Gerald Pozen

'O ka 'oia'i'o nō ho'i ka 'oia'i'o 'ike 'ole 'ia nō...

"The truth, even when unknown, is still the truth"

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NO

testimony

From: Michael Griggs [mikegriggs@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferrry

I am a resident of Kailua-Kona. My feeling is that the public was not brought into the superferry discussion until after the fact and that is very unfortunate. I think if the the environmental law question had been brought into the public debate early in the approval process people would have protested and the law would have been followed. I like the Governor but think she is wrong not to accept blame for the current mess. If the public was involved more in the early stages I think they would have demand the law be followed. I favor the Judiciary's position on the matter. I also think the much of the debate at the moment might not really matter in the long run for the Superferry because I think the sea conditions and distances between Islands (travel times) will be its undoing. The commercial side might b e it's saving grace but to compare Hawaii to the much tighter island chain of the Canary Islands is badly flawed. There is a big difference between 35 minute and a 3 hour boat ride. I traveled on Seaflite and loved the craft, but once was enough.

Michael Griggs
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Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

Yes

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From: D C Mike Kneubuhl [suziduz@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

We would like to give our support for the superferry. We live on Balboa Island, Ca. but visit our daughter on Kauai three times a year. My husband, Mike Kneubuhl was born in Am. Samoa and attended Punahou where we are going to celebrate his 60 yr. reunion this next June. It is hard to understand why, when airplanes, cruise ships, etc. are o.k. with the activists but a ferry that will mostly benefit the local islanders is not.

Thank you for letting us voice our opinion.

Tofa Soifua,

Suzie and Mike Kneubuhl

Yes

testimony

From: Kenny Noe [kenny@kenscohomes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

To Senate Committees
Wed. Oct. 24th
State Capitol

I cannot make it to the special session because of work but please allow the Superferry to operate while this environmental study is done. It just makes sense. Thankyou.

Kenny Noe
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Yes

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From: Carol Williams [carol@photographywest.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ferry system in Hawaii

I grew up in Washington and we have a wonderful ferry system there around the San Juan islands. There are orcas whales which continue in such abundance that they have a very active whale watching business there too.

I have a home on the Big Island and my concern is that they have needed (for ten years at least) a four lane highway between Kawiahae and Kona, which to date is still just two (although they are putting a four lane between the airport and Kona finally). Until that four lane highway is built the full length of the Queen Highway, I wonder how all this traffic is going to move through the island. The people in that corner of the Big Island are already suffering incredible traffic jams and no one seems to be moving forward on the road system there.

I support the superferry, but the State of Hawaii needs to intervene in whatever is delaying the road building in that corner of the Big Island and put an "urgent" sticker on it — and "just do it". I'm not sure what the politics of road building are over there, but it has gone past bearable to critical.

Good luck with getting the ferry servicing the islands that have roads to handle the traffic!

Carol Williams
Kohala Ranch

**testimony**

From: Errol Yim [eyim@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: re: Superferry

Please do not determine State policy and business rules and regulations according to a few militant activist that only care about themselves. Go with the majority of people that live and enjoy the great state of Hawaii. Please go forward and allow the Superferry to operate while an environmental impact study is being conducted. Do the right thing for Hawaii and the businesses of Hawaii, be strong and straightforward! Do not allow the Superferry to be like the fiasco on the Big Island with Hokuli'a project, I do not think the Superferry has the patience or the deep pockets to withstand such an insult.

Errol Yim

Yes

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From: Elizabeth Escalera [escalera@maui.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

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

My name is Elizabeth Escalera and I am 65 years old and have lived on Maui for over 25 years. I have seen lots of changes over that time. One thing I know for sure is that our livelihood is mainly from mainland visitors. The Super ferry will help to keep this industry alive with another means of transportation.

I feel the Super Ferry is an important part of our community. If another 911 happens we will still have transportation for supplies needed by residences of Maui.

The organizations officers that are blocking the Super Ferry from coming to Maui are mainly from the mainland and recent residences to Hawaii. Their thoughts and actions are not woven into our culture and do not have our best interest in mind. After all, the original Hawaiian did arrive by water. Growth and keeping up with the 21st Century is important for Hawaii and I feel the Super ferry will help with this.

Why can't the decision makers come to a "meeting of the minds" and get on with our lives and our everyday business?

Mahalo,
Elizabeth Escalera

testimony

Yes

From: Ron Ardis [ronardis@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save The Hawaii Superferry...

The Hawaii Superferry is badly needed for inter-island travel for us all.
Please allow it to provide service to the islands NOW.
Don't let special interests(airlines?) sink the ferry... again.

Mahalo.

Ronald E Ardis
Mountain View, Hi
96771

Yes

testimony

From: Pacific Sport Events [jemerson@pacificsportevents.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Having the ferry would greatly help many businesses on both islands. I think this invasive species is silly and we need to move on. The way the whole matter has been handled is very embarrassing for residents of Hawaii.

Lets forward and allow the ferry to help the residents of Hawaii.

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access2

Yes

From: Dian Weeks [weeks.dian@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:17 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Keep the super ferry please

It's another dimension in traveling between the islands...for tourists and locals. And being able to take one's car/truck for business or pleasure is a valuable asset. Please keep the super ferry!

access2

No

From: Denis Johnston [kauaifoods@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Not so super ferry

Please consider an EIA study before proceeding with this completely mismanaged venture. For governor Lingle to push this through as if she had final say is a failure of our democratic system, what this country was founded on. Who the hell does she think she is, another Bush?

I am a 37 year resident of Kaua'i and believe this ferry is needed, however with and through the correct channels and community support.

Aloha nui,

Denis E. Johnston
Kilauea, HI

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From: Charlie Crews [crewsc001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Allow the Super Ferry to continue service.

access2

From: paul romias [nokaoipr@lava.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

~~NO~~
NO

Aloha

I am very concerned that the haoles always gets their way. This is haoles against locals. Who are they to tell us that what we must do. They only think of themselves. They come here and act like all is good. Than they make changes to their likings and disregard the locals. They just don't respect us. That is why we are put in this position. I have lots of friends who is haoles, and they are my friends because they respect me and my beliefs. These haoles is not for the Aina as they suggest that to us. They should go back to the mainland and respect our culture. We don't deny access to our fellow locals.

Mahalo
Paul Romias

testimony

Yes

From: Vaughn Sabino [vsabino@alakaimechanical.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

I support the Hawaii Superferry. I feel it is a vital means of tying the islands together. Families on the outer islands can visit their loved ones on Oahu and vice versa. I think that the greater majority lives on Oahu and will have a greater voice over the smaller populations on the outer islands. However, the outer islanders have rights to their voice as well. And they have, at a small level, valid points. Like traffic. But that can be fixed. With the supposed greater number of cars on Kaua'i's single lane highways, may give Kaua'i a stronger reason to get funding to better their highways. I could go on forever. But I just wanted to reiterate that I am 100% in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I will use it more so then flying as I have a family, an SUV, an family on Kauai.

Thanks,

Vaughn Sabino
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Yes

testimony

From: Bobbi Alonzo [pegsus25@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I truly believe that allowing the superferry to operate in Hawaiian waters, would be a great asset to the people that would use it as inter-island transportation, but would also help to boost the economy of Hawaii.

Mahalo.
Barbara Alonzo

October 23, 2007

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From: Mary Lou Barra [maryloumaui@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Change is almost always uncomfortable at first. However, change is inevitable. The Hawaii Super Ferry is a necessary and valuable addition to the transportation system in the Hawaiian Islands. We have been at the mercy of the airlines and barges for a long time. It's time for a change.

Please allow the Hawaii Super Ferry to service the transportation needs of the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Barra
1884 Makila Pl
Wailuku, HI 96793

Yes

testimony

From: Marilyn Harris [ritt@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I'm in favor of the Superferry. It will benefit families and clubs wanting to get to neighbor islands. It will be very useful in a disaster situation. People should not be denied a choice for transportation. Aloha, Marilyn Harris

Yes

testimony

From: BMcrobe105@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Kauai Hawaiians in support of Ferry

Aloha

I had the opportunity to travel to NV for a business conference and as luck would have it I sat next to a lady from Kauai who had a very interesting take on the Ferry issue.

1. She is embarrassed by her Hawaiian brethren who use vulgar language and are loud and abusive when protesting the Ferry.
2. She also suggested that in times of emergency, like the recent hurricane, the more transportation options for goods and services the better.
3. As for crowding she found it interesting that those who are recent transplants are now wanting to keep new people out. Increases in population are the norm and she is living with it.
4. She wondered what would happen if these impact statements were around when air travel first came to Kauai or the container ships first started to arrive. There would probably be protests over those as well.

The bottom line was that she seemed to represent a silent majority (her words) of "locals" who support the Ferry. Let us not be swayed by the vocal minority.

Mahalo,

Bill Mc Roberts

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testimony

From: Leinweber, Sue at PROP_MAUI [sleinweber@abprop.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I wish to make my voice heard in favor of the superferry. Hawaii needs additional transportation options for business as well as residents. If the DOT made a mistake in not requiring an EIS is not the question at this point. The superferry complied with the requirements for doing business in Hawaii. The cruise lines, Matson and Young Brothers have not ever been required to provide an EIS in all the years they have been providing service to Hawaii. I could go into detail about how absurd all the "reasons" people use for not wanting the superferry and in my opinion they are as ridiculous as now requiring an EIS. I will not waste your time in rebuttal to those reasons. A thinking person can sort out the fallacies in these claims. I just want to add that Greg Kaufman and the Pacific Whale Foundation is a good source to speak about hitting whales. His tour boats have hit and maimed more whales and damaged more reef than the superferry every will!

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Wendy Raebeck [wendywailua@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: opinion about Superferry legislation

RE: Hearing for Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 10:30 AM at the State Capitol

THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

Aloha, Please submit a copy of this email to all members of the following committees. Thank you. My opinion regarding the proposed Superferry legislation is below, with my name and address at the bottom.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

Oct. 23, 2007

Aloha Honorable Legislators,

Without the hard-fought laws to protect our fragile islands, we're finished. If laws can be re-written in the interest of private business, for any reason, we're finished. If a majority can, at whim, change laws, we're done.

Regarding the Superferry issue, I believe there is more here than meets the eye, and many believe time will unveil deeper complicity. As lawmakers, you may later regret a vote to let the Superferry go ahead, but the voting record will remain.

I know some of you are clear on what your constituency wants, and others are still figuring it out. I want to urge those of you who are undecided to take a safe position. This is more than just a vote for a boat. Complex issues are involved, and complicated politics. Today no one will criticize you if you take a neutral stand and say, "I think we need more time, I don't think we should rush this." That is sensible and fair to all. Let's continue to study the ramifications (and the origins) of this huge project. Let's fully understand why the Governor wants so much to help it through. And, in the meantime, let's stay on the side of the laws you have vowed to protect.

There are strong sentiments against the Superferry, and those opposed to its service are on the side of the law. A prudent politician would take some time before signing something that may later incriminate him or her. Please consider the personal risk you'll be taking, as well as the professional one, if you vote to override state laws in support of private enterprise.

Also, isn't it rather provocative to change laws in the face of a public outcry? Isn't that what they do in Third World coups? Not to sound heavy-handed, but the people of the outer islands aren't likely to just lie down and forget it if a new law goes through right now.

Do we really want polarity, anger and bitterness to pervade the islands? Is it so far-fetched for the Superferry to follow environmental laws?

I sincerely appreciate your asking our views. I care deeply for each of the islands and

don't want them all to be like O'ahu. We the people are protecting the land and life we cherish. One would hope our elected government would care and act with equal commitment to the spirit of the land.

Thank you for making the pono decision.

Wendy Raebeck

335 Kamokila Rd.
Kapa'a, Hi
tel 808 823.6334

access2

Yes

From: James, Jr. [jeanhaltjr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

The Super-ferry is one of the best things that has ever been offered to the residents of Hawaii. However, like every other business that has been offered to the people of Hawaii it has been met with outrageous resistance by the very people that stand to gain the most. Any business that threatens to compete with existing businesses in Hawaii is in for this kind of resistance. Even if the Super-ferry succeeds in getting legislative approval to sail while awaiting the environmental impact study, it will be met with resistance in the harbor and elsewhere through out the Islands.

The executives of the Super-ferry have shown admirable restraint in their dealings with the vocal minority resistance groups. In Hawaii, however it is not the majority that rules; it is the "poor victimized, uneducated" who are driven by special interest groups into believing that they somehow are the anointed protectors of Hawaiian culture, wild life, tradition, etc. All in the name of preventing change and obstructing modernization so that the existing shipping and transportation companies can continue to take advantage of the people and tourists of Hawaii.

Jim Anhalt

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testimony

From: Raymond Rivera [Raymond.Rivera@DTAG.Com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: For SuperFerry

To whom it may concern, I think we really do need the superferry. It's going to come in handy for schools, families, businesses, and besides this is today and now. Not years of the pass where we didn't need it. We just have to move on which is called progress. Where's all this anger coming from anyway. Those people who are testifying against the Superferry, should just get a life and stop thinking about themselves. I love Kaua'i but after watching what those people did to the people who got off the ferry, and the disrespectful meeting with the Gov. and their own residents of that island, it just sickens me. They just turned that beautiful island really ugly. I don't ever intend to go to that island again because they don't show no Hawai'i in their actions. They shot down the ALOHA spirit big time. E hewa kela. (That's wrong) As a Hawaiian, we're taught not to do that. Ho'okipa was what we were taught by my kupuna. Shame,shame, shame on those arrogant, idiotic, selfish people. And for those people who protested on Maui, shame on you too. I'm original from Maui. Born in Hana and raised in Wailuku and we adjusted to everything as years went by. That was then when life was simple. I understand that every island have gotten more congested but, 200 cars won't make a difference anyway. The economy would be better for all of us. I love how Kauai and Maui talk about traffic. Hey, people, you want traffic come to O'ahu. That's traffic and the more roads you build the more traffic you'll get so we all just have to live aloha and try and adjust. I don't even enjoying going back to Maui because of the non respectful attitude of the people. Remember also the Superferry employs a lot of our local residents who really need a job. I don't want to see them on the streets. Wake up! As we move into the future they'll be more changes coming to fit the living situations of the newer generation and times. That's just the way it is. So all of you people who are protesting, that includes family and friends, get over it. In time of need nothing is going to be more worthy than the Superferry. Please let the Superferry operate. Don't use the whales as an excuse. The Pacific northwest been running ferries for many, many years and did you hear of any whales or seals getting injured by them? I didn't hear one thing about that. This is a big asset for the islands and for all of us.....Mahalo a nui loa.....Ahui hou a pau.....Maka FOR THE SUPERFERRY!!!!!!!!!!!!

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From: John McLeroy [securityflaw@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

Aloha,

A vote against the Superferry would be extremely detrimental to the state of Hawaii because once again it would show that companies that have only the best intentions for the state, are unwelcomed here in Hawaii. The Superferry has more then bent over to accomodate worries that some environmentalists have brought to the table, including whale avoidance technology, and has a more stringent policy of screening cars, more then what the current Matson policy is.

I plead with the Legislature to allow the SuperFerry the ability to operate here in Hawaii. Anything else would be a step backwards in the progress of this greatest State!

Mahalo for your time,

John McLeroy
Aiea, Hawaii

10/23/2007

Yes

testimony

From: Kaili, Lisa [lkaili@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:03 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

Dear Sir:

I wished to inform you that I'm in favor of the SuperFerry. The only thing is I think they should have some kind of radar system to avoid our sea friends in the ocean, and a changeable schedule where if its the whales season, etc. they shouldn't sail, take another route, slower there speed, etc.

Other then that, I do think it should be good for the other islands as will as the island of Oahu.

Thank you for you time and consideration.

Lisa
Lisa L. Kaili
Ph. #527-5995/Fax. #527-5546
City & County of Honolulu
Dept. of Comm. Svcs.
Sec. 8 Rental Assistance Branch
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

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Yes

From: bob carey [rtdc1946@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

The Superferry is a great addition to not only the people who visit Hawaii, but its also more important to the residents of all the islands. It be allowed to operate while all facts are being investigated.....
Thank You

Bob Carey

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From: Thorburn, Barb BM [Barb.BM.Thorburn@bhpbilliton.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the Super Ferry

My Family and I have been going to Maui for the past 5 years and do not want to go anywhere else in the World other than the Hawaii Islands.

We were looking so forward to using the Super Ferry this December and January and had already done our bookings.

We are a family of six and the cost and convince of the idea of the Super Ferry made interisland travel by the ferry a dream come true. Are you sure this is strictly an Environmental Issue, I believe the Airlines are worried about their monopoly.

Please SAVE THE SUPER FERRY.

Loyal Canadian

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From: Leila Lipton [lilamuriel@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Needs the Superferry!!

To: The 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

Hawaii, as an Island State, demands the service of ferries. The overwhelming majority of our residents greatly desire the convenience and enjoyment of this natural mode of transportation, as well as its being an added attraction for our tourists. The service is long overdue.

I therefore request that this special hearing will favor a bill that will permit inter island ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Thank you, and God Speed.

Leila Lipton

Yes

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From: Joseph Clark [JPCLARK@RivieraFinance.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor of 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 accept this as my support for the running of the Superferry.

Aloha, Joe Clark

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From: Mary DeVincent [druma99801@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

Please do not allow a couple of hundred vocal dissenters decide the fate of the Superferry that the rest of the mainstream in Hawaii are looking forward to. I support the Superferry and would like to see it continue to operate while the Environmental Impact Study is being conducted.

Every single person that I have spoken to about the Superferry on the Big Island has been in favor of it continuing to operate. Well maybe not the people that own the car rental agencies or airplane companies but the average citizen on the Island would like alternative avenues to go to the other islands and would like to be able to take our own automobiles. Competition is good for the economy and benefits the people by keeping prices reasonable. Please support the people and the Superferry by allowing it to continue operations. Thank you.
Mary DeVincent

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From: Ann M. [ah2u2008@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Support Hawaii Superferry

I am optimistic that a special session of the Senate Committees Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Hawaii State Legislature to be held tomorrow, Wed., Oct. 24 at 10:30 a.m., will provide a solution that enables Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while further environmental assessment is conducted.

Tourists desire interisland transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by your tourist population and will bring many benefits to the State of Hawaii, especially economically.

Please save this transportation option which provides vast benefits to Hawaii's tourism industry and enhances your business climate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ann M. Horden
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From: Almo Paraso [parasoa001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry testimony

Almo B. Paraso

Consultant - Retired
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October 23, 2007; 1:31 AM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

Re: Hawaii Superferry

Senators:

Please accept this testimony in support of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate during the preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS).

The Hawaii Superferry should be allowed to succeed or fail ON ITS OWN MERITS as it operates to serve our state during the interim. Doing the opposite will tarnish our state's image to all those who would wish to invest here in the future. In order for our state economic engine to succeed, external financial resources must be attracted to supplement our own limited supply.

The Hawaii Superferry will promote a more vibrant commercial exchange between our island communities by directly expanding the "money multiplier" theory.

It would stand as a very valuable asset in the event of a natural disaster like Hurricane Iniki.

Please do not allow the very narrow-seeing, passionate, vocal minority to derail such a valuable alternative transportation resource for the majority of our citizens. Let clear logic and broader reasoning prevail in this instance as we concentrate on the big picture and the future.

Enable the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the EIS is being prepared.

access4

Yes

From: Julien Bittel [bittel_j@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry!

I'd like to provide you with 3 different reasons on why the superferry should be put in place.

- 1.) It would be a cheaper/easier way of travel from island to island.
- 2.) It would decrease consumption of jet fuel an essential fossil fuel.
- 3.) The ability to transport personal items from the islands.

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From: Ellen [helenica8008@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:03 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii superferry

TO: The 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

Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I thoroughly support the creation of a Hawaii superferry because it will allow seniors, like myself, who wish to visit the other islands to be able to do so without having to spend so much money on air travel. A ferry ride would also be more pleasant as we can enjoy the sun and the sea breeze and be able to walk around the ferry.

The superferry will also greatly improve trade among the islands.

Please consider an affirmative vote in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

Ellen Fajardo

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No

From: Koa Kahili [koa@encounterkauai.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:10 PM
To: testimony
Subject: no superferry.....

If the superferry runs while an EIS is being conducted and invasive species take hold and invade Kauai, who is responsible? Who is to blame. If a person dies of a drug overdose by drugs smuggled in on the superferry, who is to blame, who is responsible? If a whale is killed by the ferry who is responsible? If natural resources are stolen and smuggled on the superferry who is an accomplice? An EIS after the fact, is not the logical or morally correct thing to do. The reason why the superferry does not want an EIS done is that they are confident that an EIS will not be favorable toward the ferry. You can not safely conduct an EIS while the superferry is in service. Do an EIS first, be smart and respectful to the people and the land. Mahalo for your hard work, and thank you for making the correct decision.

Koa Kahili

Yes

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From: JOHN DEBRA KUPER [johnh83@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Living here in Oregon we visit the Islands yearly. We are looking forward to using the SUPER FERRY as another form of transportation to the other Islands. With this transportation we will be spending more money on hotels, food, site seeing ect. We have been looking forward to this as we will be on Oahu at the beginning of December and have every intention on utilizing this valuable service. Mahalo

Yes

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From: Branden, Branden Asato, Asato [ndc2826@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:58 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

To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my opinion that I am in favor of the Superferry. The Superferry is a wonderful transportation method for the islands. It will bring jobs and income to businesses on all the islands. Being a student in the University of Hawaii system, the ferry will allow easier transport between the islands, especially for medical and pharmacy students who would like to work and study in clinics across the state. Please save the Superferry!!!!

Thank you

Branden Asato
10-22-07

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From: Joan J. Reichart [joanjr@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

I am not a resident of the lovely state of Hawaii but visit Oahu as a tourist. Having the Superferry that connects the islands would be a great advantage to tourism, as well as the residents. I know on my next visit I would use this ferry to visit Maui and spend some time there. I am sure at this point that the owners of the Superferry are very in tune with the environmental issues of the islands. I feel that allowing the ferry too operate at this time under certain guidelines until completion of the EIS, is a fair compromise. After the completion of the EIS, then certain concerns can be addressed and direction to compliance can be reached.

Thank you for your time in reading this email.

Joan Reichart
Palm Coast, FL

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Yes

From: Danielle M G Jones [dmgjones@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:24 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I support Hawaii Superferry

Importance: High

Re: 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.

This is to lend my support to Hawaii Superferry whose inter-island sailing I believe will boost commerce in Hawaii. Thus, the sooner it resumes working, the earlier we will feel its positive impact on our economy.

Danielle M. G. Jones (DBA Sunshine Jones) RR 2 Box 4526 Pahoia, HI 96778-9756
dmgjones@hawaii.edu

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From: PATRICIA DUENAS [duenas_patricia@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:54 AM**To:** testimony

The Superferry will be a alternative source of interisland travel for the public to utilize if they wish to do so. I personally would like to utilize this travel alternative. I have an elderly grandmother, auntie and uncle cousins and numerouse extended family members on the Island of Maui. Affordable air travel and availability at car rental agencies have not been able to accomidate me with my travel plans. Most of the time it is due to overbooking. This especially is frustrating to me during the holidays. As a resident of Oahu I would like to exercise my opinion and ask for the approval of traveling interisland by means of the Superferry

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Yes

From: brh604@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:24 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

October 22, 2007, 10:15 PM

Attn: Judiciary and Labor Senate Committee, Transportation and International Affairs Senate Committee, and the Environment Senate Committee.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate Committees:

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry and allowing it to operate its interisland service while the EIS is being conducted.

In addition to the obvious benefits of operating Hawaii Superferry, including an increase in travel by local residents to the neighbor islands (which equals revenue for those islands), Hawaii also needs the Hawaii Superferry as a viable alternative for interisland travel.

We currently have three interisland airlines operating, but the future of Go! Airlines is clearly in jeopardy. If Mesa Airlines, Inc. pulls out of the islands, Hawaii residents will have no choice but to pay the often ridiculously high-priced airfare of Aloha Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines, who will once again have a monopoly on interisland travel. We NEED an affordable alternative for interisland travel! Just as Go! Airlines is the equalizer between Aloha Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines, so too is the Hawaii Superferry should Mesa Airlines, Inc. depart.

Hawaii Superferry is no more of a threat to Hawaii's waters than NCL cruises or Matson and Young Brothers. Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the study is being conducted. Mahalo for your attention.

Sincerely yours,
Barbara Heiking

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Yes

From: Patrick Noble [paddywagons1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry Support

Hello everybody, '

I am a property owner on the islands who spends at least \$15,000 every time I visit. I feel certain that the ferry will immediately benefit the islands in many ways. I would like to visit several of the islands each summer when I visit for 5 weeks. As I have a large and young family and we all travel together, I really need to use one rental car to travel between the islands comfortably. Switching planes and rental vehicle deters me from visiting and spending my money across the islands, which would benefit everybody equally. I encourage friends to visit all the islands, but they too limit their travels because of the inconvenience of not having a ferry.

I want to start a business on the big island which would create jobs for locals, but unless I can transport my goods inter-island by our own vehicle, it would be cost prohibitive; therefore I cannot begin operating until the ferry commences service.

Please do not fight progress, it is not just for the great majority of us who need the ferry.

Thank you for you time,

Patrick Noble

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From: adrean [amhayashi@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:14 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Supper Ferry

Aloha...

I no longer live in the islands, but my friends and family do. We visit twice a year and were looking forward to being able to utilize the Supper Ferry on our visits. We have 6 children, my mom & dad live on Oahu and my husbands mom & dad live on Kauai. We were excited to be able to use my sister in laws Tahoe and transport it back and forth on our visits, no need to look for a rental (there aren't any that fit our family). If we as "visitors" are in need for it, you know there are COUNTLESS local families in need of these services. I would like to ad that having the ferry around will also keep the "island hopping" flights at a lower cost to everyone. We all know how expensive it has gotten to visit family on an outer island.

Why is this issue so difficult to decide, and why aren't the activists looking at Hawaii's BIGGEST issues, like RECYCLING and TRAFFIC and HOMELESSNESS & the biggest one of all DRUGS. It amazes me how long it takes for Hawaii to "catch up" to the mainland. Don't get me wrong, I love it "island style" but this issue is mute in comparison to all of the other problems at hand.

Thank you,
Adrean Hayashi
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Benicia, CA 94510
707-746-1352

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Yes

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From: Charles Stroupe [chstroupe@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I support the Hawaii Superferry because of the positive economic impact it would have on the islands and the convenience it will offer for people to visit other islands and have their car with them.

Charles Stroupe

access3

Yes

From: Lynn Takahashi [marcjonlynn@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To Whom it may concern,

I am in favor of the superferry because we need another form of travel between the islands. Air fare fluctuates so much depending on the time of year and it gets very costly for a family of four. This way we can also take our vehicle to save cost on car rental and all the taxes that is imposed upon rental.

Thank you
Lynn Takahashi

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From: Bob Weil [bobweil9@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I support the Hawaii Superferry. I am a part time resident on Oahu and I believe the State of Hawaii should approve the Hawaii Superferry to improve the quality of life of all it's citizens by allowing it's citizens to easily and economically visit outer islands in another way other than by air service. Please provide legislative support to the Hawaii Superferry.

Sincerely,

Bob Weil

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Yes

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From: Lautaha, George [glautaha@Benchmarkmanagement.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:21 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT OF SUPER FERRY

I support Super Ferry 100%. This will give the travelers in the State of Hawaii extra mode of transportation. It will also provide jobs and it will be good for the Hawaii economy

Sincerely

Siaosi Lautaha

Yes

access4

From: GAGLIANO [1713@optonline.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Keep the Ferry

I have been a Frequent visitor to Hawaii, but will no longer return if there is no Ferry.
Smarten Up!!!!
Joe Gagliano

Yes

access4

From: Eliot B. Willauer Jr. [captbuzznsh@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Superferry

My family and I fully support immediate and normal operation of the Superferry while any environmental assessments are conducted.

Help yourself to FREE treats served up daily at the Messenger Café. Stop by today!

Yes

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From: Celedonio Baybayan [c_baybayan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:57 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT OF SUPPERFERRY

I SUPPORT THE SUPPERFERRY AS ANOTHER MODE OF INTERISLAND TRAVEL HAVE IT OPERATE WHILE YOU HAVE ALL YOUR STUDIES DONE ABOUT THE ENVIROMENT.

YOURS TRUELY

C BAYBAYAN

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From: David Tanuvasa [dtanu@clearwire.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:00 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am in total support for the Superferry. To support the Superferry will only mean connecting our families, friends, businesses, etc... and making life more functional with meaning. Supporting the superferry can only mean that Hawaii is willing to explore... I believe we need to connect and not isolate.

David Tanuvasa

10/23/2007

Yes

access4

From: arriba627@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:09 AM

To: testimony

I live in the Chicago area but have made more than 10 trips to Oahu for vacation and hope to make many more. My family has always remarked about what a shame it is that there is no ferry service between the islands. It would be a great way for people to see the rest of your beautiful state, to spend some money on the other islands and help their economy, and offer an alternative to the hassle of flying.

I hope that the interisland ferry is allowed to run.

Sincerely,
Nancy Blase
Schaumburg, IL.

Email and AIM finally together. You've gotta check out free [AOL Mail!](#)

Yes

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From: Ingrid Klausner [klausneri001@Hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: ferry

keep the ferry. we need it for ourselves and for tourism.
ingrid klausner

Yes

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From: Randy Boyer [randy@alohalumber.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

To the following Senate Committees:

Judiciary and Labor; Transportation and International Affairs; Energy and Environment;

Please accept this email as my unwavering support for the Hawaii Superferry to operate immediately pending an environmental assessment. Employment and enhanced commerce are two of the many reasons to allow the Ferry to operate ASAP.

Sincerely,

Randy Boyer
4553 Panihi Road
Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

10/23/2007

Yes**access3**

From: Lawrence Lee [larryvicky@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Suport of Superferry

The State of Hawaii does not belong to the selfish residents of Maui nor Kauai, but to all of the citizens of Hawaii. The Superferry is the best thing that has happened to all of the citizens of Hawaii by affording all of us an opportunity to visit all of our Islands at reasonable cost. Residents of Oahu have never complained when the people of Maui or Kauai visit the Island of Oahu, and in fact, welcome their visits. Unfortunately, it appears that these protesters, most of whom don't have the slightest idea what they are protesting, are definitely in the minority. For the people of Hawaii, and for all of the potential visitors to our Islands, please allow the Superferry to operate during the environmental process. I am sure they will come through with flying colors....Lawrence Lee

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Yes

From: Laurence Bejerana [laurence.bejerana@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

Importance: High

I support to keep the Super Ferry and their effort to provide an alternative means to inter-island transportation. It provides thousands of jobs, an influx of revenue to the state and an inexpensive means of inter-island transportation.

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N/O

From: Gia Baiocchi [gia@blossominglotus.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimony

To whom it may concern,

I feel very strongly that as lawmakers, it is your duty and obligation to uphold the laws already set in place. With that in mind, the Superferry absolutely must complete an EIS before operating anywhere in the Hawaiian Islands. According to our legislature, that is the law. It is entirely unacceptable to even consider allowing this vessel to operate without an EIS, as it is mandated by law, and there are no exceptions. I trust that you will hear the voice of the people of Kauai and the island itself by bringing justice to this situation once and for all by demanding an EIS be completed by the Superferry---prior to operation at any level. I thank you for your commitment to serve and protect the 'aina, and not special interest groups or corporations. Hawaii is a very unique and special place, and we are stewards with a great responsibility to preserve the natural beauty that we have been blessed with. Please bear witness that any decision made in haste could have detrimental and irreversible effects on our delicate ecosystems. An EIS must be completed successfully by the Superferry in order to earn rite of passage between the islands.

Mahalo nui loa,
Gia Baiocchi
PO Box 1384
Kapa'a, HI
96746

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
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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

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Yes

From: Kelly Easterling [kellyeasterling@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:55 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of the Hawaii Superferry

We feel there is a definite need for means of travel other than air. For those with large families, it is the better option.

The ideal of being able us to take our own vehicle(s) to the other islands is very appealing and it is more economical. One of the best advantages is being able to enjoy the scenic views.

Supporter of the Hawaii Superferry.

V/r
Kelly Easterling

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From: Michael Winneguth [whizzer002001@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:55 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super ferry

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

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Dear Senators;

The Superferry cannot be allowed to run until an EIS is completed. They should have done the EIS years ago instead of trying to change the law to suit their needs.

Respectfully, Mike Winneguth, 3830 Edward Rd 14A, Princeville, Hi 96722

Yes

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From: Ted Hackie [tedster@hawaiian.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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 respected government representatives:

We believe that the opposition to the Super Ferry is in the minority, and I wonder where this opposition was when the Super Ferry was proposed years ago! Many supporters are intimidated by the minority of boisterous and belligerent non-supporters, and are reluctant to be present in person to show support of the Super Ferry.

In my opinion, what better way to test the Super Ferry on the environment, than to implement it as was intended, and commence the environmental impact study simultaneously. This would be the true test of feasibility, and environmental impact.

If at the completion of the EIS, it recommended cessation of the service, then so be it!

Thank you for listening!

Ted Hackie
Princeville, Kauai, HI

John Sennett
Lihue, Kauai, HI

No

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From: glenn.engle [glenn.engle@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:21 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Debockel

The State of Hawaii should be ashamed. There is clearly no environmental impact from the service that the super ferry will provide to the people of the Hawaiian Islands. The Navy has run SSP vessels at similar speeds in Hawaiian waters at similar speeds for years without incident. <http://www.swath.com/history.htm>

The laws that were meant to protect the environment are being twisted and used to stifel competition. I suspect those involved in the shipping industry have funded and encouraged the extremist elelment into a media frenzy. I have yet to see anyone actually state a viable environmental concern that the super ferry presents.

Any judge that overrules the authority having jurisdiction, the designated experts in a state policed system, should be held personally financially accountable for the economic impacts of his ruling. This is just another step in the ongoing travesty of judicial egotism, courts taking authority that they were never granted. This is the real travesty in this case.

May God's Will Be Done.
Glenn Engle

Yes

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From: Dan Kunert [dkunato@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:14 PM
To: testimony
Cc: Nancy Kunert
Subject: In Support of Special Session to allow the Superferry to Operate Now

My wife and I would like to attend the hearing in Kona Tuesday afternoon but we live in Hilo and we just can't make it. However, even if we could I am not sure we would like to put up with the intimidation, ridicule, and hostility coming from those who are so violently opposing the Superferry. **Civil discussion** is not currently possible.

If you wonder why such large percentages of individuals attending these hearings are anti-Superferry, just **look at the chilling effect the Kauai hearing with Governor Lingle has had on the overall debate.**

The vast majority of the people of the county of Hawaii support the Superferry, but holding hearings in which the silent majority are not going to be heard is not going to help the Senate or the House understand that.

We strongly support action by the Legislature to enable the Superferry to begin it's planned operations as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan and Nancy Kunert
Hilo, Hawaii

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Yes

From: Christopher Richardson [cr@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:21 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please allow the Superferry to sail

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an electrician and work on television towers. I live on Oahu and regularly have to fly to outer islands to do work. The problem is that as an electrician I carry mountains of specialized tools and rigging gear around and am not able to bring these on my outer island jobs. The Superferry would help me get these jobs done by allowing me to just drive my truck on and drive it home when I'm done. Please allow it to sail as the environmental impact statement is being completed. I'm all about making sure this is environmentally sound. I also think that a balance can be found in the interim.

Aloha!

Christopher Richardson

(808) 778-5397

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From: Bob and Lorrie Cahn [tandemdriver@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:21 PM
To: testimony
Subject: IN FAVOR OF SUPER FERRY

I think it is really important that the people of Hawaii have a choice of how they travel. Having the Super Ferry gives us an alternative to flying, providing flexibility in traveling to the neighbor islands, allowing us to bring cars and sporting equipment, which we currently can not take advantage of. Ferries are very popular in Europe and are well used and should be an option here. I believe that businesses on all the islands will benefit as a result of increased trade and travel. If we allow the Super Ferry to sink, it will set an incredibly negative message to all businesses considering relocating or opening in Hawaii.

Please support the Super Ferry.
Aloha, Bob Cahn

Bob Cahn
1030-E Awawamalu Street
Honolulu, HI 96825

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Yes

From: tboz33@mac.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:19 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY

Dear Legislators,

Please consider my testimony in SUPPORT OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY as you are deciding on whether or not to allow it to be a viable new business in Hawaii. We need more opportunities for our local folks to do inter-island travel at lower cost than flying. There are many people who do not travel to other islands because they can not fly. This would allow for this group as well as many other families and businesses to travel more easily encouraging more commerce between islands.

Please accept my testimony in favor of the Ferry.

Mahalo,

Tracy Falconer

Yes

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From: Jun Rivera [jun_rivera@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:54 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Dear Elected Representatives,

Please enact laws that will allow the Superferry to commence services immediately. I believe that a vast majority of the residents of the State of Hawaii want the service.

The Superferry is an innovative alternative to our current air-only system. It provides relief to the busy airport facilities and is a boon to inter-island transportation of goods which is currently restricted to expensive air service and cumbersome "Young Brothers" shipping service.

Superferry service allows families to travel cheaper and carry more goods in their own vehicles, making family reunions affordable and expedient. After all, isn't Ohana what Hawaii is all about.

There is so much emphasis on the "Whales" that we seem to forget one very important aspect of the service - "PEOPLE". Do we really believe that the Superferry management and engineers did not already have a fail-safe plan for avoiding collision with "whales"? If such an incident were to occur, shouldn't we worry more about the passengers than the whales?

Thank you for your kind attention.

Truly yours,

Godofredo Rivera Jr.

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From: ADEL [etinasa001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry
Attachments: Adel Etinas.vcf

i am in support of having the superferry
on the mainland it is widelwy spread
i was in boston last month, there was superferry every hour
and they have a lot of whalewatching cruises without any effect

thanks

Yes

access3

From: ohiarepub@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

I pledge my support to those on the committee of the special legislative session to see that the Superferry is permitted to operate between the Islands and serve the people of this State who are anxiously waiting to fulfill their dreams as rightfull kamaaina's to visit anywhere they please that is open to the public that was created by God, while EIS proceed with their inspection. The long awaited Superferry is the only sea transportation can make this possible....especially for us senior citizen.

Our prayers are with you. Aloha and God bless,

Cole Ohia, Saltlake, Hon. HI

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Yes

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From: Cheryl Fontes [cfontes@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:19 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY

PLEASE LET THE SUPERFERRY SERVE THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII WHILE THE EA IS BEING CONDUCTED. THE LOCAL PEOPLE **DESERVE** AND **WANT** THIS SERVICE.

Aloha,
Cheryl 

Yes

access3

From: Ryan Gwen [honeyandstoney@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:16 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Please let the Superferry run its course between the neighbor islands. This will provide another option and easy access for LOCAL PEOPLE traveling between islands. We will be able to visit with family and friends and it I don't think that it will cause more traffic at neighbor islands because what is the difference when we rent a car? It will just be more comfortable driving in our own cars and we don't have to spend the extra money renting cars. The Superferry will not be shipping thousands of car loads at a time for there is a limit of cars the Superferry can bring.

More money will be spent on neighbor islands too which can help boost the economy.

If the Superferry cannot run, then we should do an environmental assessment on and stop all the cruise ships, barges and airplanes that go between the islands because they too cause harm to our environment! Majority traveling on the Superferry are LOCAL PEOPLE not tourists!!

Thank you

Climb to the top of the charts! Play Star Shuffle: the word scramble challenge with star power. Play Now!

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Yes

From: ACS Construction LLC [acsllc@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:17 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

We live in the middle of the ocean on six major islands. The only transportation that we have between them is the airlines and they are hanging on by a shoe string. This Super Ferry was approved and built and allowed to come here to the islands to start business on our approval. Then AFTER it gets here, we have a small group of people, that are trying to protect their surfing spots, causing everyone grief.

We need this transportation and it should be regulated and inspected like all the others to make sure nothing is harmed or misused.

If you allow this handful of people to get their way with something so small, what do you think they will do with the monorail?

Wake-up

Dale Grover
148 Hanohano Pl
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825
Cell 808-479-3893
Fax 808-395-0564

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Yes

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From: Phyllis Z. Levy [pzlevy@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:54 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry. It is needed in Hawaii as additional transportation and a source of employment for local people. Phyllis Z. Levy

Yes

access4

From: Pat Adams [pataadams@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:43 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

My family and my brother's family have been waiting to visit Hawaii until the super ferry's are up and running. It will be a great asset to tourism. Pat Adams. Springfield, Va.

Yes

access4

From: teresemk@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please approve the Super Ferry

Please ensure the approval of the superferry service. We fully intend to use the ferry service while we vacation in Maui in February 2008.

Fully supporting the approval,

Best Regards,
Terese Moorhead
28288 Sunset Blvd. W
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

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Yes

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From: Al & Pam Honbo [hkaneohe.rc@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:41 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please let the Superferry go!

TESTIMONY FOR THE SUPERFERRY

Having a Superferry between the islands will change our lifestyle by connecting the people of the islands and strengthening the a'ina.

Sports teams and hobbyists like my husband's radio/control club will connect with those on other islands and so much good will come of that.

We retirees can plan special holidays and the economy of all the islands will benefit.

Please enable the Superferry to operate.

Mahalo,
Pamela and Alvin Honbo
46-272 Kamehameha Hwy.
Kaneohe, HI 96744
Phone 247-4305

Yes

testimony

From: Mary Marasovich [oahuspeech@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPER FERRY BILL

10-23-07**TO: SENATE, STATE OF HAWAII****FROM: MARY MARASOVICH, M.A./CCC/SLP****RE: PROPOSED SUPER FERRY BILL**

I am writing in support of the Super Ferry. Its value relative to local transportation, tourism and business is undeniable. In addition, as a member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, I can see the benefits of being able to ship emergency personnel and equipment to outer islands following hurricanes and other disasters as well as evacuating residents. The Super Ferry has environmental safeguards in place and is willing to include any others safety measures deemed necessary after an EIS. Please do not send yet another very public "BUSINESS NOT WELCOME" in Hawaii message to the rest of the world. We need this alternative means of transportation.

Sincerely, Mary Marasovich, owner, Oahu Speech Language Pathology, Honolulu, Hawaii.

10/23/2007

Yes

testimony

From: Ray Graham [raygraham@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 AM

To: testimony

Subject: I Support the Super Ferry

Please vote in favor of the SuperFerry. Its benefits to Hawaii far outweigh any perceived environmental impact.

Ray Graham
Waikiki

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Yes

From: bob carey [rtcd1946@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

The Superferry is a great addition to not only the people who visit Hawaii, but its also more important to the residents of all the islands. It be allowed to operate while all facts are being investigated.....

Thank You

Bob Carey

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From: Susanne Blakey [SusanneB@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super ferry hearing

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

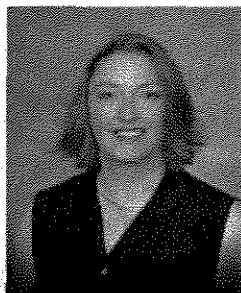
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I think the super ferry is a good thing for the Island and I don't understand why they have to jump through hoops to be able to operate here in Hawaii. No other shipping company had to have an EIS, or wash down their boats when they go from one Island to the other. Is Hawaii such a 3rd world state that we have to hinder great business and employment to come here? Actually I am surprised that the Super ferry is still here, waiting, loosing money. I would have left the Islands a long time ago and sued the state for all the money I could get. But I am for progress and alternatives. I don't want to have to depend on overprized airlines.

The only good argument against the ferry would be the whales. But the whales are only here for more or less 6 month out of the year and the ferry has done the utmost possible to prevent a collision; 2 lookouts and a jet engine - not propellers - to prevent a collision. Even the whale foundation boat couldn't prevent a collision with a Whale calf last year.

Not even considering how stupid the state of Hawaii will present itself towards the world and the business community, I consider the ferry an asset to all of us. I sincerely hope that you take your mindset out of the 18th century and come up with a good and practical solution to get the ferry up and running. Or is this just another one of those endeavors that costs us a lot of money and is shut down or reversed (and costs us even more money)? Do a few rowdy people that harass innocent citizens and the coast guard have a bigger say than the honest tax paying kind? I hope not.



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testimony

From: Ramona Oliveira [keaulanagrl@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:03 AM
To: testimony
Cc: mona_oliveira@notes.k12.hi.us
Subject: I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY!!!

Aloha,

My name is Ramona Oliveira and I live on the west side of the island of Oahu. I was raised in Nanakuli on Homestead land and my ohana reside here on Oahu as well as Hawaii and Maui.

My heart is heavy with disappointment as I watch people, who love their island, trash and demean mine. We are the **state** of Hawaii and it's about time we "LIVE ALOHA"

Along with possibly a few disabled persons who may or may not use a handicap space, and maybe a couple of more surfers who might drop in on a wave, the Superferry brings with it a multitude of opportunities for our unique "island state" to take advantage of. Yes, everyone has heard about "new jobs" and businesses that will benefit from the Superferry. Let us also think about how quickly we could get machinery, food and supplies between islands when there is a disaster, like when Hurricane Iniki hit a few years back, that devastating flood on Kauai and the earthquake last year.

For my family (husband, 2 kids and a disabled sister), the Superferry is the answer to our prayers. We love to visit other islands but have not done so in over 6 years because of the hassle of airports, drop off and pick up rides, and rental cars being so expensive.

Please take into consideration, all of us who want the Superferry but do not wish to resort to violence and name calling and deliberate rudeness to get our point across.

I will continue to pray for all of you as well as my fellow Hawaiians who are opposed to the Superferry operating in Hawaii. I pray that you take all things into consideration, the good with the bad, and come to a conclusion that will help Hawaii move forward and come together, bridging the distances between islands and island people.

We are all responsible for our own actions.

Malama Pono,
R. Oliveira

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From: art musso [artmusso@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

Tue, 23 Oct 2007 6:14am

dears sirs
of the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment
i am in favor of a inter~island ferry service, and am strongly in favor of them operating while a
enviromental review is conducted!
aloha and thank you for your time.
arthur and yumiko musso

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From: BOBBIE PALENCIA [babsy777@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:59 AM
To: testimony
Cc: sens@Capitol.hawaii.gov; All Reps
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY SHOULD STAY IN HAWAII

IN 2004 THE STATE LEGISLATURE PASSED A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, THE U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY'S PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND FINANCING REQUESTS. THE LEGISLATURE

ADDITIONALLY ENDORSED THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY BY APPROVING 40\$ MILLION IN FINANCING (FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT) FOR FLOATING BARGES, RAMPS AND OTHER FACILITIES TO BE USED BY THE COMPANY AT THE FOUR PORTS.

IN 2005 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RULED THAT THE HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS WERE EXEMPT FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, KNOWING THAT THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION NEEDED TO BE ASSURED THAT PRIOR TO ISSUING ANY LOAN GUARANTEE, SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE WORK HAD TO BE PERFORMED IN ORDER FOR THE FERRY TO OPERATE AND BE AVAILABLE FOR FERRY OPERATIONS BECAUSE DELAYS TO HARBOR ACCESS COULD PUT ITS LOAN GUARANTEES AT RISK.

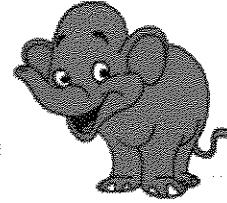
2007 THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY IS HERE AND CAUGHT IN BETWEEN THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE FEDERAL AND THE STATE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TAXPAYERS. THREE (3) TO FOUR (4) YEARS OF PLANNING AND THOSE WHO EXPERIENCED THE VOYAGE APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF THE SUPERFERRY AND WANT IT TO STAY. WHERE WERE THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS THROUGH ALL THIS PLANNING? IF IT IS SUCH A BIG ISSUE NOW, WHY WASN'T IT A BIG ISSUE DURING THE PLANNING STAGES?

THE VOTING POLLS SAYS IT ALL. . . THE RESIDENTS OF HAWAII WANT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY TO STAY. WE AS TAXPAYERS HAVE A RIGHT TO AN OPTION OF HOW WE WANT TO TRAVEL BETWEEN THE ISLANDS. OUR STATE HAD OTHER PROJECTS THAT DIDN'T LAST, BUT I BELIEVE THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY IS ONE THAT WOULD BE UTILIZED BY THE CANOE CLUBS TO TRANSPORT CANOES TO OTHER ISLANDS FOR REGATTAS. . . HOTELS WITH THEIR COMPANY VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT FOOD AND PRODUCTS TO THEIR SISTER HOTELS FOR VARIOUS FEATURED FUNCTIONS. . . FAMILIES TRAVELING TOGETHER FOR FAMILY REUNIONS AND LONG HOLIDAYS. . . SURFERS FROM MAUI VISITING FRIENDS ON OAHU HAVING A FUN DAY AT THE BEACH? AND TO TRAVEL WITH OUR VEHICLE TOO? HOW AWESOME IS THAT! WHY SHOULD WE NOT HAVE THE LUXURY OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY JUST BECAUSE A HANDFUL OF ENVIRONMENTALISTS SAY SO? I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THIS HANDFUL OF PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW THAT SOME OF THEIR FAMILIES MIGHT OF BEEN ON THE INAUGURAL VOYAGE TO OAHU AND WERE NOT ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME THE FOLLOWING DAY? SHAME ON YOU FOR TREATING YOUR LOCAL KAUAIANS THAT WAY!!

10/23/2007

STAND FIRM STATE OF HAWAII LEGISLATURE AND STATE SENATORS TO KEEP
THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY HERE. . . YOU MADE DECISIONS BACK THEN TO BRING
THE SUPERFERRY HERE SO LET'S KEEP IT HERE!!!

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Yes

From: Joseph Spatola [spatolaj001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:06 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Jennifer Li; hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.com
Subject: Support of the Hawaii Superferry
Importance: High

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

Honored Members of the Hawaii Senate Committees:

I support the operation of the Hawaii SuperFerry because I have used it -I have sailed on the ship three times. The operation is very professional and the ship is maneuverable. I feel that The Alakai and the Hawaii SuperFerry company can live up to all the claims they have made. The Hawaii SuperFerry has already been approved by the Hawaii State Senate, that was done years ago when over \$120 million dollars of taxpayer money was authorized to be invested for it's operation. To not allow the Hawaii SuperFerry to operate now and then increase the taxes to make up for it's lost revenues would be a boondoggel to the residence of Hawaii. What would prevent the state from authorizing another project, then cancelling it as a way to increase taxes.

The Hawaii SuperFerry provides over 300 job opportunities now and more to come in the future when the Big Island and the second SuperFerry are added to the routes.

The Hawaii SuperFerry provides ease of travel for handicapped people who otherwise would be restricted to uncomfortable travel by airlines or no travel at all!. Using the Hawaii SuperFerry makes it safer and easier to travel by wheel chair or even complete hospital bed and medical teams. In peace time or time of natural disaster the Hawaii SuperFerry provides a means of evacuation of people, pets, automobiles filled with irreplaceable memories that no other existing form of travel does.

The Hawaii SuperFerry provides a more efficient way to ship fresh commerce between islands, businesses can take crew and equipment between islands faster and without weeks of prior arrangement. Auto and Motorcycle clubs and campers can move between islands more efficiently too. Families who are separated that live and work on different islands will be afforded a personal means of staying in touch. Our inter-island life style will benefit economically and culturally because of the Hawaii SuperFerry; **after all isn't that why the Hawaii SuperFerry was created.** When I arrived on Maui using The Hawaii SuperFerry, I was greeted by remarks such as "don't trash our Island" and "Why do you want to come to Maui"? This really insulted me. No one says these things to tourists that arrive by cruise ship or airplane. I am a resident of Hawaii and I want to keep it clean and beautiful too. No one who has seen the beauty of Maui needs to ask why do you want to come to Maui?

I feel if you restrict the operation of the Hawaii SuperFerry you also need to restrict the operations of every cruise ship and freighter that follows the same routes, and I know you are not going to do that.

As I understand the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) it is required on the facilities that were improved using Hawaii State Funds. It has nothing to do with the conservation of sea life or the actual operation of the sailing or routes of the ship. I empathize with the aim of the conservation groups and do not want to have any sea life hurt or degraded but I feel that these groups have raised there argument too late and have a hidden agenda. Has any of the opposition ridden on the Hawaii Superferry? Should they decide to break the law and jump into the harbor they should be liable under the law.

To quote a dear friend of mind "**Beware of Stupid Humans**" the fish are smarter than you think-they can and will avoid the Hawaii SuperFerry and other ships that travel our waters. Why do you think there has only been a few whale strikes in the last 20 years.

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The most important reason why I Support The Hawaii SuperFerry is because it is here - it exists-and it is already operational and there is no good reason to stop it now!. Due to some confusion on the part of the Department of Transportation and the courts the EIS was not done. I understand that the Hawaii SuperFerry wanted it done but it never was. Yes the EIS needs to be done to satisfy the law but I believe because the Hawaii SuperFerry provides a vital service, and the State of Hawaii has a \$120 million dollars invested it in already, that the EIS can and should be accomplished while the Hawaii SuperFerry continues its operation.

Mahalo and Thank you for your support!

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808 258-3707

access4

From: Arthur E. Lemay [arthur@lemay.ws]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

My wife and I come to Hawaii frequently and we have visited the major islands many times. It has always astounded us that there is no Inter-Island Ferry system. If there were, we would stay longer and take side trips with our car. As it is, we need to fly between islands, rent a different car, and it just costs too much.

Now, lets compare the situation with the US Virgin Islands and the British Virgin Islands. There, we can make many trips on high speed Ferries at a very low cost. So, we usually start in Charlotte Amalie and hop from island to island (both USVI and BVI). Why not do it here in Hawaii?

The system in the Virgin Islands makes so much sense that we think Hawaii's motto should be "no, you can't." And the reason is the Environmentalists who feel they should be in charge of public policy. Now, I ask you, "who elected them to tell us what to do?" These organizations are operating like rogue elephants, waging terrorist campaigns and endangering lives, even children's lives, over the SuperFerry issue. And, for waging these campaigns, they enjoy tax-exemptions, even though political activities are not in the charter of tax-exempt organizations. Now, who is in charge here?

SuperFerry needs to an Environmental Study before it operates. Now, really, what environmental studies have been done for the Cruise Ship port, the Cargo and Freight terminals, the Thomas barge service, the Pacific Whale Foundation and scores, if not hundreds, of operations at sea? They are grandfathered you say? Well that is true for the past. But, why does the Legislature not force them to do an Environmental study for future trips? How can the Environmentalists be so illogical as to demand an Environmental study before SuperFerry operates and just look the other way for services which pose far more environmental risk? It seems to me that it is far more logical to ask all the Ocean and Port Services to do Environmental studies, but permit them all to operate during the studies. Now, since Hawaii has just four days supply of food, it is dependent on good mainland and inter-island services. No one would suggest that they stop operating for the many months the studies take, and the SuperFerry should not suffer selective administration either.

SuperFerry will kill and injure whales. Although the SuperFerry vessels do not have external propellers like the ones which did damage to a baby whale hit by a Pacific Whale Foundation boat, there is a chance this will happen. But, by using this logic, seemingly, the Environmentalists are saying that whale lives are more important than human lives, and, if it were not so, we would close down the road system on Hawaii because it kills people every day. Now, closing the roads for this reason makes no sense, and stopping the SuperFerry for this reason does not either. It seems to me that the SuperFerry has been extraordinarily cooperative to fit out the ships with state-of-the-art protection for sea mammals, far beyond any other ocean service.

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Introduction of exotic life forms is undesirable. True, but, the risk is far less than the ships coming from the mainland and Asia. The SuperFerry does not go outside of Hawaii, so how can the Ferries bring exotic life forms unless they are already here?

Scummy people from Oahu can come to other islands and bring drugs and crime. This is an insult to the citizens of Oahu, and the other islands already have Scummy people who have come here anyway.

This brouhaha over the SuperFerry is beneath the dignity of Hawaii's Government. It has damaged Hawaii's image as a modern and competent place to visit, and to make one's home.

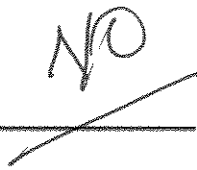
This has been made an embarrassment to Hawaii by the actions of out-of-state activists who have duped the people of Hawaii into thinking that the SuperFerry will destroy Hawaii's culture and bring environmental harm. This is a joke. Does anyone think that modern innovations like TV, CD music, and, now, the Internet have reduced Hawaii's cultural values? No; they have enhanced them. And the SuperFerry will do the same by making it possible for easier and cheaper transport among the islands.

The users of the SuperFerry who went to Kauai were terrorized by these agitators, who had reasons to fear because the radical Environmentalists have long used unethical and violent means. The FBI has said that the ELF, ALF, PETA and other Environmentalists have done hundreds of millions of dollars in damages to property and that this kind of domestic terrorism is a grave danger.

Who is in charge here? I hope the Governor and the Legislature puts Hawaii's needs for a modern transportation at a higher level of priority than supporting the self-appointed radical Environmentalists who have their own agenda, and it is not in Hawaii's best interests. They do not represent the people of Hawaii, the Governor and Legislature does.

So, I urge you to do your job: put Hawaii's people first, and let the SuperFerry run.

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From: Tracey Schavone [tracey@kauaioutcallmassage.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimony

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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

Tracey Schavone
POBox 676
Anahola, HI 96703
808-822-4465

Aloha. My name is Tracey Schavone. Mahalo to everyone present for taking the time to come to this briefing on a Sunday afternoon to hear to our concerns regarding the Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to begin by stating that I am in opposition to holding a Special Session for the express purpose of allowing the Superferry to operate prior to an environmental assessment or an EIS.

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In reading this proposed bill I saw that it states "The purpose of this Act is also to amend all relevant existing laws".....the definition of amend is "to change for the better"...so in reality this document would be more accurate by stating "this Act is meant to circumvent all relevant existing laws." The definition of circumvent being "to go around or bypass".

I also saw included in this bill the following:

"By encouraging the growing of products on the islands of Kauai, Maui & Hawaii for the Oahu market, the operations of a large capacity ferry vessel company would foster diversified agriculture, helping the state of Hawaii to meet one of its constitutional mandates."

The Superferry fare for a commercial truck is currently \$860.00 for a full load and \$528.00 for an empty truck. This price does not include the passenger fares, which are \$52.00 or \$62.00 each way per person, depending on the day of the week. Not exactly a great deal for the farmers.

It is undeniable that the two most important things to sustain life are clean water and nourishing food.

If in fact the government wishes to foster diversified agriculture a Superferry is not the answer. Perhaps you could pass laws that actually protect our agricultural lands from becoming gentleman estates. Perhaps you could pass laws protecting the water rights of the farmers who are currently doing their best to provide diversified agriculture on our island right now, such as those experiencing hardships since the KaLoko Dam tragedy. Perhaps you could pass laws which would allow farmers to live on their land and allow them to provide housing for those who wish to assist them in their agricultural endeavors. Perhaps you could pass laws that would insure that our agricultural lands are being utilized to grow food which will sustain us rather than genetically modified corn seed that is not fit to eat and which may very likely be creating contamination of our soils, air and waters.

And in regards to an oversight task force to study the State's actions...who are we kidding here...this is absolutely ludicrous.

Please support our current laws....respect the decisions of our Hawaii Supreme Court and Judge Joseph Cordoza. The health and well being of our islands and our seas and all who inhabit them depend on your kokua. Please bear in mind that all life is sacred.

Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono

**The life (sovereignty) of the land is
perpetuated in (by) righteousness**

Sincerely,
Tracey Schavone
Anahola, Kaua'i

10/23/2007

Yes

testimony

From: Anna Palla [AnnaPalla@shidler.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ferry Support

We must have other forms of transportation aside from just the monopolistic airlines, it's good for business. We must give people choices.

Anna Palla

testimony

Yes

From: Pepi {pesentheh001@hawaii.rr.com}
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Safe the Hawaii Superferry !

Dear Legislators,

I write to you as a taxpayer and small businessman who seldom finds the time to leave the office and lobby you in person. Somehow I feel that I am busy making a living and paying my taxes.

For this reason I use this message to appeal to you on behalf of a mode of transportation which has eluded the inhabitants of this state for a long time (think back to the efforts of the late Sen. Hulten). Now we have a viable vehicle which can bring our islands together and hope that their business survives this upheaval. There may be blame to share amongst the administration, the legislators and the courts including the state's highest. At this juncture it seems more important to find a way out of the dilemma than to establish who is to be blamed most.

If this opportunity fades and the SuperFerry leaves I dare say that it will be a long time before another entity would dare take its place !

I am in favor of environmental control as long as it applies to all in the same fashion. When you place restrictions on the operation of the SuperFerry you must consider to do the same on all other vehicles that ply the ocean between our islands. After all the Cocqui Frog arrived on the Big Island and Maui long before the SuperFerry.

Please do not let a vocal and often rude minority rule the day !

Mahalo Nui Loa !

Helmuth J. Pesentheiner

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Yes

testimony

From: Percy Ma [map89889@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:38 AM
To: testimony

Forget about the environment excuse and pass the resulation to get the Super Ferry started without further delay as it had been delayed unnecessarily for more than a month already.

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From: P and C Chun [pchunc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Another means of transportation

We need another means of transportation. We have ridden this type of transportation between Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. and it affords the comfort of a leisurely means of getting from one place to another and upon arrival, driving around in your own car of which you are familiar with. Especially when our islands are fairly located in close proximity, if it works in B.C., it should work here. Let not a few dictate and take this opportunity from us. Why target only the superferry of which we the locals of our many islands want? There are many more boats or ships arriving there daily on the other islands but are not going through this task of scrutiny? They too carry fresh produce and other eating commodities to each of these islands. This to me will help especially the disabled people who need more assistance in getting around in, also in consideration for this growing aged community of ours. Aloha. That is the motto we should continue to work with kindly among our islands.

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From: HellerBlaisdell@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Super Ferry

Dear Powers to be: This Service is good for my family. Sink this business and you will send the message loud and clear that any new business will not be tolerated in Hawaii! Why were those who broke the law during the protest here on Kauai not punished? Since when do law breakers decide what us taxpayers and law abiding citizens can legally have? ..ron heller.....Lihue

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From: Studor, Conrad - HI [Conrad.Studor@GMACM.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry is for us

I received an email and a phone call from some close friends and I must give my opinion. Since the day it was announced, Superferry has been on my and MANY of my closed colleagues and friends minds. It is finally something that gives back to Hawaii residents. I am a FIRM believer that this is good for all residents and tourists. It will increase to local businesses and with the other large vessels that travel the harbors, why is the Superferry singled out?

I understand that there will be some problems but that is where our congress should step in and make some laws to protect local businesses and any problems that arise, and there will ALWAYS be problems.

Protect local small businesses and they will support it as it will increase their business.

If you have problems with people bringing trucks of junk or supplies to or from the islands, monitor it!

I AM A PRO SUPERFERRY and I have only met 3 people against t and I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE. It shouldn't be up to you, it should be up to the people.

I SAY LETS VOTE FOR IT!!!

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testimony

From: dlbhawaii@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support hearing personal testimony

Aloha Senate Committees:

of 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 much favor and support of the special session of the bill that will allow the Superferry to operate in the islands

and be another viable transportation of interisland ferry service for both residents and visitors of our beautiful state.

I also believe that it will help our small businesses grow and help sustain The state of Hawaii's economy.

Mahalo for giving me the opportunity to hear my testimony in support of the Superferry.

Best regards,

Dorena Begonia

- Dorena L Begonia
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- Surf and Promote with My Manual Traffic Exchange <http://www.trafficrodiscovery.biz>

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From: shige3@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am in favor of having the Superferry in Hawaii as it provides the public with another means of travel between the Islands.

It will also help the agriculture industry to help provide farmers a different means to get their crops to the public on different Islands quicker.

Thank you, Glen Shigehara

testimony

**From:** Russell SSgt Travis A [travis.russell@usmc.mil]**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 AM**To:** testimony**Subject:** HAWAII SUPERFERRY

Ladies and Gentlemen,

10-23-07

I would like to write to you and to show my support for the Hawaii Superferry.

This is a great way to see the other Islands here in beautiful Hawaii especially if you have a large family. When you compare the cost of a family of 5 people for airline tickets and rental car with that of the Superferry you can see that there is a lot of revenue lost because some families can not afford the price to fly. With the Superferry you pay for your vehicle for transport and then again for cleaning and that's it. Rather than a thousand dollars in rental car and air fair you pay a few hundred.

I hope that the Superferry gets a fair shot at helping the people here in Hawaii with their travels. With all the Airlines going to court trying to drive a cheaper competitor (Go) out of business so that they can make their TOP dollar, I hope that someone will see that these companies are hurting the Hawaii Ohana not helping. Give them a chance.

Thank you and have a nice day.

Respectfully,
Travis A. Russell

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Yes

From: Bob Walls [robert_w_walls@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superyferry

I am in full support of the Hawaii Superferry operating in Hawaii. As a licensed Captain operating out of Honokohau Harbor, Island of Hawaii, doing Commercial Fishing Charters and observing whales on a daily basis during the season, I feel the whales would be at no danger with the plan in place by Hawaii Superferry. It is a trajedy that a vocal minority in Hawaii can be stirred up by West Coast radical environmentalists and existing shipping companies to so hinder progress so vital to the future of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Robert W Walls

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From: Heather Ellis [hekele63@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:13 AM

To: 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

To Hearing committee,

The Superferry should be allowed to start doing business. It will not only increase the economics of the islands that is travels to but it will give more opportunity to those that have never been off the island of Oahu to see other islands which are a part of this great state. The superferry is also hiring local people another boost to the people and state. These are just some reasons I believe the superferry should be allowed to resume its travel to the outer islands.

H. Ellis

Yes

testimony

From: Judith Jennet [jjennet@hawaii oceansports.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

To: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment
Wednesday, October 24 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

I am in favour of the Superferry in the Hawaiian Islands. I believe it will enhance local transportation options, allow increased business opportunities and allow travel between the islands without flying. The ability to take individual vehicles and pets is valuable. I believe the Superferry has followed the course of action dictated by the State and the State of Hawaii should support this business.

Mahalo,
Judith Jennet

Judith Jennet

President/CEO

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From: Asia Sunrose Leong [info@asialeong.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:16 PM

To: testimony

Subject: THERE MUST BE AN EIS BEFORE THE SUPERFERRY IS ALLOWED TO OPPERATE TO KAUAI

**I AM VERY STRONGLY AGAINST THE SUPERFERRY ATTEMPTING TO LAND BEFORE THE EIS HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
NO SUPERFERRY TO KAUAI!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Asia Leong
Kilauea, Kauai

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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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

AGENDA

The Committees will be hearing a Senate Bill that will be introduced at the convening of the Second Special Session of 2007 on Wednesday, October 24, 2007. The subject of this bill will be to permit the operation of an inter-island ferry service in the State of Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted, while at the same time, ensuring that there is adequate protection of the environment. The bill will also establish an oversight task force for the purpose of examining the impact of inter-island ferry operations on the communities, environment, and harbor and other infrastructures.

The Committees are inviting members of the public to present their views and concerns on this proposed legislation. The Committees would like to hear from as many individuals as possible, and are anticipating a large volume of individuals wishing to present testimony. As such, and as a courtesy to those patiently waiting for their opportunity to address the Committees, it is requested that each individual limit their oral testimony to two (2) minutes. Individuals wishing to present oral testimony will need to sign-in at the designated table. **Oral testimony should also be submitted to the Committees in writing within twenty-four (24) hours following the informational briefing through one of the methods indicated below.**

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Persons wishing to testify should submit testimony in one of the following ways:

- In person: one (1) copy of their testimony to the informational briefing.
- By fax: Testimony may be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands), 24 hours following the hearing.(per Taniguchi's asst.) When faxing, please indicate to which committee the testimony is being submitted, the date and time of the hearing, and the number of copies needed for submittal.
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 586-6460.

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Ron Menor, Chair

Hearing notice for Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at the State Capitol. Here is the link online:

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/splsession2007b/hearingnotices/JDL-TIA-ENE_10-24-07_.htm (The same as below.)

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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

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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

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G E N D A

Notice is hereby given that the Committees will be hearing a Senate Bill, that will be introduced at the convening of the Second Special Session of 2007 on Wednesday, October 24, 2007; and pending a referral to JDL/TIA/ENE. The subject of this bill will be to permit the operation of an inter-island ferry service in the State of Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted, while at the same time, ensuring that there is adequate protection of the environment The bill will also establish an oversight task force for the purpose of examining the impact of inter-island ferry operations on the communities, environment, and harbor and other infrastructures.

Note: Copies of the proposed bill will be available online at www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Public Folder. A folder labeled "Public Folder" containing the measures and testimonies for the hearing will be available for shared use by members of the public.

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Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
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From: Berry Wakefield [berrywake@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: The Super Ferry.

Dear Sirs,

I am very concerned as an agriculturalist that in allowing the Super Ferry to come to the Big Island that we may inadvertantly import the Bee Mite. It would be better to put the preventative measures in place BEFORE it happens rather than try and correct it later like we have done with the Coqi.

Our infastructure is very overburdened and our police are concerned with the impact of any crime that could be done and the same day they leave for another island. As you may recall this has already happened on Maui.

Please be aware that the whole Kona Coffe industry could be wiped out by the Bee Mite. Please, let us put the protective measures into being before we have a disaster here.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

**Beverley P. Wakefield
PO Box 1021
Kealakekua, HI 96750-1021**

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From: mauibest1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Uphold our Supreme Court

To all senators and representatives of the Hawaii State Legislature

Please do not override our environmental review process and let this Governor of gunboat diplomacy get her way. Linda Lingle should be ashamed of her attempt to veto State law with you as accomplices. Instead, adopt a resolution to uphold the judicial process requiring that no operation of the "Hawaii Suprferry" be allowed until an EA and subsequent EIS are completed accoring to lawful potections granted under HRS to protect our communities and natural habitat from harmful unmitigated effects.

Terry and Stacy Lynch

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From: Steven Prom, DC [steven@docprom.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

I am opposed to the operation of the super ferry before an Environmental impact study is done. Hawaii's natural beauty and environment is what makes Hawaii, Hawaii. Don't open pandora's box before we know the full impact on the environment. Damage the environment and you are severely damaging Hawaii's economy now and in the future.

-Steven Prom, DC

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Lehua Cosma [huanani1978@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:28 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Absolutely No Super Ferry Please!!!

I oppose the Super Ferry! I support the law and the Court Ruling by Judge Cordoza, do an EA and An EIS first! What precedence are we setting to the young generations, if we support this, we are broken the law. It is not Pono!

MY TESTIMONY IS NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, SUPER FERRY!

**MAHALO,
MRS. ANDREA L. COSMA
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HANA, HAWAII 96713
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From: eve powers [sacredearth@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:48 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry must get EIS first

TO: THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

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Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Auditorium State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Sirs: My testimony is that an Environmental Impact Statement *must* be completed before the Superferry is allowed to begin operation in Hawaiian waters.

Sincerely,
Eve Powers
156 Kolekona Plc.
Kapa'a, HI 96746

testimony

From: James E Asis [asisj002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:52 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

Not in favor of the superferry, "period!"

testimony

From: Donna Kanahele [4kanaheles@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:49 PM
To: testimony
Subject: No to the Superferry

Aloha,

I live on Kaua'i and my family has been here all of our lives. I would like to leave this earth keeping Kaua'i as rural as it possibly can be. If we allow the Superferry to bring the amount of cars and people daily to Kaua'i life here will cease to be as it is. We are a small community with only one road around our island and allowing the million people of O'ahu to bring their cars here will cause irreparable damage to our ecosystem. PLEASE do not allow the Superferry to come to our island without doing the EIS first.

It is unconstitutional to change the law that has already been ruled on. Do not do it!

Mahalo,
The Kanahele 'Ohana

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From: kranzsilks@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:45 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY GET EIS FIRST

THE SENATE
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 SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

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SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY.....

FROM BIG ISLAND, TUES OCT 22, KEALAKEHE HIGH SCHOOL

I'm here to support the decision of the State Supreme Court which ruled the Superferry to operate until they complete the EIS required by law. The fact that the Superferry officials blatantly disregarded the requirement for an EIS is very disturbing. The public has been at the study for 2 years, and even after 2 court rulings, HSF officials continue their arrogant do business here in our Islands illegally. It is wrong to even consider holding a special session of the state Legislature to re-write the environmental law so the HSF can operate as they wish without regard to the environment or the people of Hawaii. I am ashamed and embarrassed by Linda Lingle and her need to bend over backwards to accommodate big business while ignoring our laws.

Kawaihae is nowhere near able to accommodate any more traffic than what exists now. If trucks are turning into the harbor, one of them is hanging out into traffic, blocking both lanes. Imagine a full Superferry unloading 250 vehicles, while another 250 line up to get on! Do you think HSF have infrastructure plans in place to accommodate the traffic they will impose on our islands?

Are they planning on setting up rental cars businesses or bus stations to transport foot passengers beyond the lovely gates of Kawaihae Harbor? Will there be restaurants or hotels built there? If these things will impact our lives tremendously! An EIS is an absolute must if the HSF is going to impose themselves on our community. Without it, I suspect Kawaihae will grow without regard into a sprawling mess of hodge podge businesses much like Kona has. That is unacceptable. Do not be foolish and convene a special session to bail out the Superferry and the government. Uphold our dignity and integrity and set precedent now. Send a message to big business that they are welcome to do business here, but they must do it right, the first time, and stop wa

time and money challenging our laws.
MAHALO,
KRISTI KRANZ
BOX 190546
HAWI HI, 96719
KRANZSILKS@AOL.COM

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To: Seargeant at Arms
RE: Testimony for Wednesday, Oct. 24, 10:30am, Auditorium, State Capitol

To: Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair & Sen. Clayton Hee, Vice-Chair.
Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

To: Sen Ron Menor, Chair & Sen. Gary L.Hooser, Vice-Chair
Committee on Energy and Environment

To: Sen. Kalani English, Chair & Sen. Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair
Committee on Transportation & International Affairs

From: Darrell Tanaka, 3155 Ua Noe Pl., Haiku, Hi, 96708, 808-575-2557

Re. Testimony in Opposition to Superferry Bill, Special Session, 2007, To permit the operation of an inter-island ferry service in the State of Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted, while at the same time, ensuring that there is adequate protection of the environment.

Aloha Senators,

I am testifying in opposition of the proposed Superferry Bill for the following reasons. Upon reviewing the proposed bill, I have noted in Section 4, pg. 13 beginning on line 15, an amendment is required regarding Dept. of Ag and DOCARE presonnel. Suggested wording is in bold.

15)..."The governor shall also consider establishing conditions and protocols such as **allowing** department of agriculture inspectors and department of land and natural resources conservation and resources enforcement personnel **to search any vehicle, baggage, container or carry-on item, without probable cause while said items are within parking lots, staging areas, docks , cargo hold, cabin or any area belonging to or pertaining to** a large capacity ferry vessel company, as the **department head of each county** deems necessary and appropriate."....

Searches will enhance the accuracy of the E.A. and E.I.S. as it will help determine exactly how much impact the ferry is having with factual documentation. Random searches will also deter resource abuse.

Furthermore, to mitigate the affects of the superferry, additional staffing is required for both departments. DOCARE required additional staffing are **three CREO III, and one CREO IV officer positions as well as two Clerk Typist III administrative staff.** Dept. of Ag requires **four Plant Quarantine Inspectors and four Plant Pest Control Technicians.** As well as funding for equipment, ie vehicles. These positions fall under the Division of Plant Industry. All positions for both Dept. are for Maui only. Positions are solely for the mitigation of the increased responsibility incurred by the Departments.

Sincerely,
Darrell Tanaka

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From: Shosannah & Neal Chantara [chantara@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:50 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry - EIS FIRST - It's the law

THE SENATE
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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

Hello my name is Beorn Chantara. I am 11 years old.

I have some quick questions. Why are you turning your back on your own people who maybe thought you could be great leaders? That to a lot of people is a veary rude thing to do and I ask why? Why would you do a thing like that?

Another question. Have you ever thought about the birds here? Mongoose will wipe a lot of them out. What about fire ants, and the noise coquee frogs? What do you think this could do to tourism? And whales will be killed too. We thought you were the protectors of wildlife and us. You are supposed to make the laws based on what the people think not what you think. And you are supposed to enforce the rulings of the courts. To a lot of us you are trying to kill the wildlife not protect it. And just think of all the traffic. I am

concerned that there will be more robberies, too. You must uphold the law and require a complete EIS before the superferry sails again!

Thank you
Beorn Chantara
Po Box 486
Koolau Rd
Kilauea, Hi 96754

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From: Suzanne Westerly [suzannewesterly@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: STOP!!INOSUPERFERRY

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 insist on an EIS

Do NOT allow the Superferry to leave.

thank you for your time

Ed Pollock

From: "Ed Pollock" <ep@hawaiian.net>
To: <testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:02 PM
Subject: Superferry

October 21, 2007

Testimony for Senate Hearing, Sunday, October 21, 2007

NO SUPERFERRY UNTIL EIS IS SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED

With well-healed polluters as corporate friends, Governor Lingle is prepared to do corporations bidding with a recklessness that is breathtaking. Those who stand in her way are demeaned and punished. We are teachers, artists and community volunteers who have seen many changes in the forty years of North Shore residence. In the last five years we have seen a stepped up pace of exploitation of our island home. The taking over of Kauai by corporations and foreign interests has devastated native lands, injured the natural resources, spoiled the beaches and polluted our Hanalei Bay and our rivers. This assault has resulted in displacement of native culture and a loss of dignity that is essential to place and belonging. Now, with 6,000 signatures against the Superferry and public disapproval at the September 20th meeting, the Governor continues to willfully disregard the Supreme Court and Judge Cardoza's ruling and the overwhelming negative response of our people to the Superferry. The ruling was quite clear. There should be no exceptions. The people of Kauai live by the law of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii. The Legislature and the Governor should live by the law also. It is your mandate when you took your oath of office. Judge Cardoza determined that the Superferry is not above or outside the law. If the Governor, the Legislature and corporations operate outside the law, change the law with a special session what is the justification for even having laws or a Constitution? Is this what the special session is all about, doing away with the Constitution? There should be strict adherence to the laws set up by the Legislature for all events that occur during the period in which the law is enforced. No exceptions.

Marilyn & Ed Pollock
Hanalei, Hawaii
826-9251

1-800-586-6659

October 22, 2007

Governor Linda Lingle
Hawaii State Capitol
415 So. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Senate State Hearing
King Kaumualii Elementary School, Lihue, Kauai

Dear Governor,

With only 24 hours notice, over 1,000 citizens of Kauai arrived at King Kaumualii Elementary School in Lihue to express their freedom of speech about the Superferry Bailout bill. The speakers were well informed and articulate. They ranged in age from 20 years to 85. The overwhelming consensus of the group was that the law should be followed and that calling a special session to override the Supreme Court and Judge Cardoza is a violation of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and a violation of the separation of powers as stated in the Constitution. The opinion of Judge Cardoza and the Supreme Court is that an EIS is necessary before the ship sails. Any procedure different than that is illegal. Where is Judge Aiona? He should have known all of this is illegal!

Marilyn & Ed Pollock
Hanalei, Hawaii

Ed Pollock
Marilyn Pollock

October 23, 2007

Dear Senate Sergeant at Arms,

My husband, William Wakefield, and I are both Kamaaina, our families having arrived in Hawaii in the late 1800's. We have fished and farmed on the Big Island for decades. We love our state with all our hearts, and are vehemently opposed to the Superferry conducting business anywhere in Hawaii.

There are many reasons that we do not want this company here. One reason is that they do not show the respect for many of our peoples, especially the outer islanders. We have asked for the environmental study, and they have said no. This is reason enough for us to feel that they are doing this just for the money and not to better our community, and we don't want them here with that attitude.

Another reason, just as important, is the harm to our environment that they probably would cause. The spread of invasive and alien species would be hastened. I am particularly worried about the spread of the bee mite which has devastated some agricultural commodities in California, and now has been found on Oahu. If this mite is transferred to Kona, through hitchhiking bees on the ferry, our Kona Coffee yields would go down. It is hard enough for many of our farmers to make a living, but to battle a greater influx of pests would change our agricultural community and way of life. Once that mite or another pest is here, we will not be able to go back and change our minds about this ferry. (California has to import bee hives from other states to pollinate their crops. We would not have this luxury.)

We also feel the untracked transportation of stolen goods and drugs would occur much more rapidly and easier with this ferry service, adding more costs to our police department.

We realize that many people, especially from Oahu, can only see the benefits of having this form of transportation, but we think that they have not been given all of the facts. With the environmental study, people would have more of the facts and would therefore be able to make better informed decisions. Please keep the welfare of our rural communities and environment in your hearts and make the decision to follow the laws that were put into place to protect us. Thank you!

Sincerely,
William Wakefield
Helen B. Wakefield

Helen B. Wakefield
and William Wakefield

testimony

From: Jessica Dofflemyer [jldmyer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimony

Aloha,

As a resident and registered voter on the island of Kauai, I stand with thousands of other island residents to insist that the Superferry not operate while the necessary and critical environmental assesment is being conducted. The health and welfare of our island, its people and our children are relying on us to be stewards of the land and to make the most responsible decision in this matter.

Mahalo.

Jessica Dofflemyer
4473 Imua Pl
Kilauea, HI 96754

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A G E N D A

The Committees will be hearing a Senate Bill that will be introduced at the convening of the Second Special Session of 2007 on Wednesday, October 24, 2007. The subject of this bill will be to permit the operation of an inter-island ferry service in the State of Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted, while at the same time, ensuring that there is adequate protection of the environment. The bill will also establish an oversight task force for the purpose of examining the impact of inter-island ferry operations on the communities, environment, and harbor and other

infrastructures.

The Committees are inviting members of the public to present their views and concerns on this proposed legislation. The Committees would like to hear from as many individuals as possible, and are anticipating a large volume of individuals wishing to present testimony. As such, and as a courtesy to those patiently waiting for their opportunity to address the Committees, it is requested that each individual limit their oral testimony to two (2) minutes. Individuals wishing to present oral testimony will need to sign-in at the designated table. Oral testimony should also be submitted to the Committees in writing within twenty-four (24) hours following the informational briefing through one of the methods indicated below.

Persons wishing to testify should submit testimony in one of the following ways:

- In person: one (1) copy of their testimony to the informational briefing.
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Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
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Senator Ron Menor, Chair

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testimony

From: Jeanne Ross [inbtwn@mindspring.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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**I respectfully request that the superferry
not be allowed until the EIS is successfully
completed.**

**Jeanne M. Ross
POB 1704
Kapaa, HI 96746**

testimony

From: Kathy and Kurtis McMillen [kandk@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:37 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Kaua'i Sunday Session

Superferry must have a successful EIS before scheduling interisland service.

Mahalo,
Kurtis and Kathy McMillen
Kapa'a, Kaua'i

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From: Tammi [tammi.oneha@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:34 PM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of the Superferry

Hawaii State Senators:

RE: 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 in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I am a O'ahu resident who would very much like to utilize the Superferry services in order to visit family and friends on the neighboring islands and to be able to transport my own vehicle for vacation and recreational purposes. While I understand the environmental concerns, I do feel that every effort should be made to allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. Those in support of the Superferry have waited far too long for its arrival in the Islands and all these delays have been a great inconvenience. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tammi K. Oneha-Collins
Mililani Resident

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From: jovisantiago [jovisantiago@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:34 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Let the Superferry Sail

I support it.
I will pay to ride it.
I will visit my neighbors on other islands because of it.
I will shop, eat, and spend money on other islands because of it.
I will benefit from it being here.

Let the Superferry sail.

Jovi Santiago
Waipahu, Hawaii

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From: layne a fitzpatrick [hapahaole1@juno.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:06 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Super ferry

Just do it! It is for the overall good of H

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From: Diane VanderZanden [dvzanden@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT SUPERFERRY

Enough already! How long are you legislators going to allow a small group, some of whom come close to being anarchists, to totally distract you. I read in the newspapers that there is overwhelming support among the populace for the Superferry. Among my many, many friends here in Hawaii, I do not know of a single one who does not think the Superferry is good for Hawaii. It provides us with inter-island transportation choices, (especially for the less well-off); it provides jobs; and the effect on the environment is not nearly so bad as the 747s, 757s and 767s that fly in and out of the islands daily, polluting the air. You must be aware that taxpayers and voters take note and are tired of the blame game. It has nothing to do with what party one belongs to. We are all wondering where common sense has gone.

Diane VanderZanden

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From: Racquel Los [racquel@tmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:09 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please help Hawaii Superferry!

Hawaii needs strong, focused leaders to "make right" the horrible wrongs that Hawaii Superferry has suffered do to inefficient guidance from our government. I cannot help but feel that our states economic future will be determined by the outcome of this special session. The world is watching! Please make the right decision and allow the Superferry to continue business during the Environmental Assessment.

--Racquel Shobe

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From: Barbara M. Dayoan [bojamahi1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 8:56 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

It is very frustrating to see how a few people can turn what would be a wonderful thing for Hawaii into such a debacle. Then to watch our legislators not take a firm stand and do what the majority of Hawaii's people want. Let the SuperFerry sail for heavens sake!!!

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From: Cyndi Fujino [CFujino@libertydialysis.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:37 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for SUPERFERRY

I whole heartedly support the SUPER FERRY! I believe they should be allowed to operate during the EIS. I look forward to visiting the neighbor islands with my own car and personal items too bulky to lug to the airport. I look forward to exploring the rest of MY STATE! I don't see this as an alternative to tourists but more of an alternative for residents.

Cynthia Fujino

98-1910 Kaahumanu St
Pearl City, HI 96782
808-455-5205

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From: Art Farm [ARTFARM@HAWAII.RR.COM]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:37 PM

To: testimony

Testimony

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 to operate now.

We need to bring the islands together; not more separation. We need to keep our money circulating within the state to help our struggling small businesses; not sent to the mainland. Just do additional additional monitoring of the ferry while the EIS is being completed.

Thank you

Alan Silverman

P.O. Box 268

Captain Cook 96704

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From: CustmBldr@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: supper ferry

I have talked to a great # of business owners neighbors customers all were in favor not once did i have one person say that They were against the supper ferry. I would estimate 30 people at the least.but every one wanted someone to pay for this ridiculous delay do something for the people of Hawaii give us this option if the people don't want it will fail. Thank you, Andrew Collins Owner
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From: Bob and Nancy Airhart [airhartbn@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY SUPPORT

Attention; Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment;
Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24 Time & Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol.

I have traveled to all of the Hawaiian Islands and many in the South Pacific. I sincerely believe the Superferry will help the people of Hawaii. I have seen people who cannot afford to fly to another island - the Superferry will help those "forgotten" people. Plus I was on the second ship (C.G.) to arrive in Kauai after the hurricane. IF we had the Superferry we could have increased the recovery. Heavy freight and relief supplies in case of any disaster on any island. The true facts on whale collisions are not what we are told in the newspapers.!

Please do not let this opportunity pass due to a loud and paid off few! I like many who support the Superferry must work for a living - we do not have someone paying me to protest.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Airhart 46-074 Puulena St. #1115 Kaneohe, HI 96744

WWII, Korea, Past District Commodore USCGA, present President of Puu Alii AOA Phase-I and Director of PCA Board, Adult Education Teacher of the year 2002-2003. have lived in Hawaii 22 years.

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From: Dottie Sunio [sunio@lcc.hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:36 PM
To: testimony
Subject: please vote to allow superferry

This is to request that you vote in favor of allowing the superferry to operate when the Environmental Impact study is undertaken. This transportation is wanted and needed by the majority. The superferry will allow me to take my family van to Kauai and carry my boys surfboards, my husband's golf clubs and my road bike. The superferry will give our cycling club an opportunity to spend the day cycling on a neighbor island. It will allow my son's school to take day excursions to the neighbor islands. This is an important step for us and our future. Should another hurricane hit one of our islands - the superferry will be able to transport needed supplies and personnel. This gives us jobs and connects us to family. Please support this Thank you

Mrs. Dottie Sunio
Leeward Community College
96-045 Ala Ike Street
Pearl City, HI 96782
Ph: 455-0294

"The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you"

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From: miscafe@aol.com

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:12 PM

To: testimony

Progress is sometimes difficult for people to accept. But getting the superferry in operation is a move that will improve our economy, job stability and providing optional means of travel to other Hawaiian Islands.

The superferry is not the monster that some have portrayed it to be, in fact, it is my belief that The superferry will not contribute any harm to our Hawaiian waters or harbor entrances. Let's set aside the pettiness and move forward with providing Hawaii with another means of affordable travel. Kailua resident.

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From: Don Thornburg [don.thornburg@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:13 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Hawaii SuperFerry

Honorable Representatives:

With warmest aloha and respect for the land and people of Hawaii, I urge you to support the beginning of service for the SuperFerry. As manager of a ranch on Kauai, I really need the means to travel to other islands to transport equipment for repair/purchase, purchase plants and fertilizer, purchase construction materials, and buy furniture. This will save me time and money.

I do not believe the SuperFerry poses any greater threat to Kauai than the airplane, cruise ship, or barge. All should be properly inspected.

Please do not punish one new, badly needed means of transportation just to make a political point. The majority of Kauaians are in favor of the new transport.

Best Regards,

Don Thornburg
Ranch Manager
Mandalay Properties Hawaii LLC
P. O. Box 69
Anahola, HI 96703

635-7502

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From: Straub, Adam [USA] [straub_adam@bah.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:11 PM
To: testimony
Subject: In support of the Superferry

I fully support the operation of the Superferry while the EIS is being conducted. I've been a resident and registered voter of O'ahu since 1995 and am a property owner at 66 Queen St #3202, Honolulu (Harbor Court). I will remember this issue at the next (and subsequent) elections and will not support any legislator who opposes the Superferry. It is an embarrassment to the State of Hawai'i the way this new entrepreneurial business has been treated.

v/r
Adam Straub

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From: Mark Potter [potterm001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:12 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Support

I support the supperferry. MAHALO Mark Potter

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From: scotty [scottyscleaning@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:11 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY

Aloha, I have lived in Hawaii all my life, I am shamed of the state to put the owners and investors of the superferry in its current position, i am a supporter of the ferry, with young brothers raising the rates in the past week the superferry gives the people of hawaii options, to ship there cars ,trucks, and products in their trucks, i would love for the ferry to sail NOW while the EIS in being conducted, it time to step up to the plate we voted all you guys in and it will be very easy to vote you out with all the supporters of the ferry BEWARE!!! Scott millies

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From: Nikki Davila [nicolledavila@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:05 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I support the Superferry!

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Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24
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Sincerely,

Nicolle Davila

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From: Richard Block [rbmaui@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:05 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I support Hawaiiin Superferry

I'm in support of Hawaiian Superferry because this service is very needed for the communication between the islands and it is the only other choice to flying. Let people of Hawaii have this choice!!! (the whales may not even notice one or two more boats in the middle of the Pacific!!!) ALOHA, Richard Block

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From: Sally Armstrong [sally.designs@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:11 PM
To: testimony
Subject: My testimony

I am in total support of the super ferry. I am an interior designer and photographer and have sources on Oahu. Using the services of the super ferry would allow me to use my own car and do business on other islands. I have friends on outer islands and would love to visit and received visitors by way of the ferry. I care about the whales, the environment and know the super ferry will take every effort to operate without affecting either.

Please include my email as testimony in the meeting on the 24th of this month.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Sally Armstrong

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From: Joe Trent [jetrent@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:11 PM
To: testimony
Subject: 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

To whom it may concern,

I am in favor of the Superferry operating while an EIS is being performed. I believe the economic benefit to the working class folks will out weigh any potential negative effect that the ferry could have on the environment.

Sincerely,
Joe Trent
CEO
Trent's Alignment & Brake Inc.
75-5921 Walua Rd.
Kailua Kona Hi. 96740

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From: Daniel Page Sr [danpagesr@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To whom it may concern:

We are very much in favor of having the ability to travel among the islands on the Superferry. Please present our desires at:

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

Thank you very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A Page
3513 Malina Place
Kihei 96753

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From: Ronee' & Jerry Ray [racinrays@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:04 PM
To: testimony
Subject: In favor of the SuperFerry

Aloha~

I am in favor of the Superferry being able to operate while the assessment is done. The reason is that the Superferry doesn't pose an initial threat to the environment no more than the Cruise ships that operate, Young Brothers that operate, Matson that operates. So why is the superferry being singled out? Sounds to me that the people want to cause a problem this superferry allows families to go to the other island and shop where we wouldn't do before because of the cost of airfares and then having to get a rental car when you have multiple children in the household that isn't something we want to do is spend extra money for no reason.

This service would allow us to be able to spend more money at the local shops that we wouldn't have a chance to any other way, they want tourist to come and spend money to make sure the local economy thrives well if you take this service away you take this extra revenue away. Please take this into consideration when making your decision, not only are you hurting the employees of the superferry but you are hurting the chance of families that normally couldn't afford to go to other islands the chance to do so.

By all means I don't mind flying but when you have a family member that is unable to fly you want them to be able to experience the beauty of the Hawaiian Islands and this would be an excellent way to do so...Please take this into consideration as well..

Thank you for your time..

V/R
Ronee' Ray

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:13

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From: Fitzsimmons [fitz5hawaii@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:11 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

My wife and I would like the Superferry to be able to operate in Hawaii.
I am born and raised here in the North Shore and would to have the option
of traveling to Kauai and Maui.

Please represent the majority of Hawaii residents who are in support of the Superferry.

Mahalo,
Keolanui Fitzsimmons and Kali Fitzsimmons

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From: airbilly@hawaii.rr.com

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:11 PM

To: testimony

Let's keep the Superferry

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From: helpinghands [helpinghands@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:10 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am in favor of **allowing the ferry to operate** while waiting for an environmental impact study. I think it will take months and months to figure that one out and we will all suffer dearly for it!

Thank you

Nancy Seeley

Kailua Kona HI

helpinghands@hawaii.rr.com

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From: Randy Marshall [randy_marshall@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:04 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Operations

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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Stop the madness! Let the Ferry operate. Don't let faked "Environmental concern" be a tool of the small minded and insecure.

Randy & Diana Marshall.

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From: guavagarden@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:10 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Hawaii Superferry is a much needed and valuable transportation system here on the islands and can play an extremely important role in case of emergency.

I urge you to pass a law that immediately allows the Hawaii Superferry to operate.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Tanja DeHoff

Email and AIM finally together. You've gotta check out free [AOL Mail!](#)

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From: Lasya Silberman-Doney [lasya@mac.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:09 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Save the superferry

Aloha I appreciate this forum for my voice to be heard. I am in favor of saving the super ferry this modality of transportation makes an inter island trip for locals affordable. The superferry provides a much needed service and will open up possibilities for many of us that love to explore our home state. I for one look forward to using the superferry, loading up our truck and being able to camp on a neighbor island. Ferry services will probably aid in cutting down on air and noise pollution, provide an alternate modality of transportation, and will create jobs for the people of our state contributing to a healthy economy.

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From: Ellis Harkins [exhark216@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:03 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the Ferry

Don't let a few speak for the many. We hae already blown a chance to improve the Kakaaka ara and blew it, don;t let history repeat itself over a study that we both know is useless and a waste of funds to satisfy a few individuals. Hey they said the same thing about H3!!! Go figure. We need the alternative mode of rtransportation and I am tired of spending a ton renting a car when I can take my own.

Ellis Harkins
Ewa Beach

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From: Anne Abaya [anneabaya@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:09 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Big Island Supporter of the Superferry

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

I am a resident of the Big Island of Hawaii and my family and I are strong supporters of the Superferry. We believe that the Superferry will give our fellow Big Islanders more opportunity to travel to the other islands, especially Oahu. The ferry will give our farmers more opportunities to sell their produce. Right now, only a few are able to sell their products in Oahu, and we have an abundance of produce. I have noticed, for example, that at the Kapiolani Community College farmer's market, there are farmers from our island (as well as Maui.) They tell us that they have to airfreight their produce every week, which is costly. In addition, they have to pay airfare for themselves.

My husband is a retired member of the USAF. We are unable to take advantage of our retiree benefits since we do not have comparable facilities on our island, whether medical or retail (commissary and exchange.) With the Superferry, we would be able to make trips occasionally to Oahu for medical care and also to go shopping and bring items back home to our island in our car.

Although service to the Big Island isn't scheduled for over a year, I felt that it was important that I express my views on the Superferry. I respectfully request that the Superferry be allowed to provide service between Oahu and Maui and Kauai while the EIS is being conducted.

Sincerely,

Anne Abaya
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

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From: Rich [sharkb808@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY

**YES!!!! YES!!!!!! YES!!!!!! WE WANT THE SUPERFERRY! BIG ISLAND RESIDENT HERE!
Transportation and International Affairs!!!!!! OCTOBER 22ND, 2007 @ 9PM HST. ALOHA!!!!!!**

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From: Larry Alfrey [fredwgarfield@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:08 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To our Leaders of the State of Hawaii,

It's time to stop the bickering, backbiting, fault-finding and allow Hawaii to progress forward. Our State, (I keep telling myself), is a NEW state in the union and albeit growth has been slow, it has grown. The citizens of this state need to not think in the past but towards the future. We have an influx of new people moving here everyday and the means of transportation has been overwhelming. Personally, I chose not to have a vehicle here and am very much dependent upon public transportation. The Superferry is a means of transportation that will not only meet my own personal needs of transportation, but also allow people who live on other islands to be able to visit and return to their respective islands by using this means of transportation. Some people are unable to fly secondary to medical issues, and those people who are brought to the Island of Oahu, for higher level of medical care may have flown here via the medivac system, but unable to return home as a flight home may be detrimental to their health. I am hoping that this mode of transportation may be an ANSWER TO THEIR PRAYER, that they may be able to return to their own home, safely. That can be accomplished via the Superferry.

I did not see any discord among our legislators or the Environmental Advocates when TheBoat started up..... We didn't even know this mode of transportation was going to be available until the day came for its service.. Perhaps, I just didn't see it in our local papers or on the local news channels, but in any event, no attempt has been made to stop their service. Many cruise ship frequent our islands daily. The tankers and go and deliver our goods to our islands.... The Superferry may facilitate transfer to another island in another way.

I support the Superferry and request that our Legislators convene and do what is right for our State.

I still am perplexed that one Maui judge can dictate what happens for the entire state. I am further troubled that NO ONE stepped up to the plate until service was about to begin here with the Superferry and then alot of noise is made. I do not get that!

Sincerely,

Larry Alfrey
Honolulu

Climb to the top of the charts! Play Star Shuffle: the word scramble challenge with star power.

• http://club.live.com/star_shuffle.aspx?icid=starshuffle_wlmailtextlink_oct

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From: NSPENCER001@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:09 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

I am emailing this email in SUPPORT of the Superferry. I was very excited to learn we would have another mode of transportation to the Big Island. Change is difficult for some. I remember when Wal Mart was being constructed--protesters stood in front of my Uncle's Bulldozer--those same people SHOP at Wal Mart. Please act favorably towards allowing and keeping the Superferry in Hawaii.

Me Ke Aloha--Noelani Spencer

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From: William Van Asperen [winelord@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:09 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Should Sail!!!
Importance: High

Aloha to whomever this may concern,

I have lived in Hawaii all my life, and was thrilled to hear that a new means of transportation between the islands was coming to the islands. It is unfortunate again how the loud minority, can drum out the silent majority. Everyone I have spoken too, bar none, all agree that they are for the Ferry, and none against it! We all don't understand why this Ferry can't still do their business, and have them do the environmental study during operations! This is so typical of Hawaii goverment, and how we do business here. We are a joke too other states in the union on how we get things done, or should I say not done!

Mahalo,
BVA

10/23/2007

Statement of

**Rick Shema
President
Weatherguy.com**

before the

**SENATE COMMITTEES:
Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and
Environment**

Wednesday, October 24, 2007
State Capitol, Auditorium
10:30 AM

In consideration of

SB RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION AND HAWAII SUPERFERRY

Thank you for reading my testimony. I am the President of Weatherguy.com, a Hawaii-based business supporting marine interests with meteorological and oceanographic services. **I strongly support a House Bill to allow the Hawaii Superferry service to operate while an environmental impact statement is being conducted and urge your Committees to vote for its passage.**

By letting the Superferry operate, we can observe first hand the adverse impacts, if any, on the environment and the neighbor islands and weigh them against the positive attributes the Superferry could potentially deliver in terms of recreation, business, sports, and culture.

Allowing the Superferry to operate is a good compromise between business and protecting the environment. No other interisland service is required to comply with the same environmental standards as the Superferry and yet the other services pose similar environmental risks.

I believe this bill is an excellent way to grow Hawaii and make it more accessible to more of Hawaii's people.

I urge you to pass this bill for Hawaii's ohana.

Thank you for listening.


Rick Shema

Cindy Richardson
121 Hlae Street
Hilo, HI 96720
10-23-07

Senate Sergeant at Arms Office
FAX: 1-800-586-6659

Re: Superferry Support

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in support of the Superferry
making inter-island trips. I believe this is a
necessary service to all while promoting a
more healthy inter-island harmony. I believe
Kaima'aina and tourists alike will enjoy both
short-term and long-term benefits of this
service; We need this choice!

Several products are available on other
islands (not to mention specific brand services)
that are needed here. The Superferry would meet
the more timely shipping needs while allowing the
local flavor of each island to virtually remain
the same. Cruise/shipping vessels/all boats
have risks and emissions - that should not
stop the Superferry! ... or else why allow cruise/
shipping boats!

Please vote FOR Superferry to operate in
Hawaii. Thank you.

Cindy Richardson

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Senate Committees:

Judiciary and Labor

Transportation and International Affairs

Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State CapitolLegislature's Public Access Room testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Fax to: Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659

Aloha:

Being a big island resident and home owner of 25 years and watching the many huge ships coming and going for years depositing all their waste and yet nothing being said or done; it is shocking to me that a handful of people on Maui of all islands are trying to prevent this wonderful super ferry.

What is the REAL reason? It is because the people who own and work for the rental car companies and airlines live and own on Maui. No one is talking about the real reason. So they all got together and found an "excuse" to get behind to stop the ferry from operating, because it changes the monopoly that has existed for years in the inter island transportation. I used to live in Hana in 1986 and saw over the years what "happened" to beautiful Maui, now it is a California suburb as all the tourists know. Of all the people to now use this excuse, it is certainly the pot calling the kettle black!

It will be an absolute shame if this wonderful asset to Hawaii is halted because of a few dissenters who are greedy for money and are using this as a way to stop the ferry.

I came over to be with my husband for a few months and we are anxiously awaiting when the ferry will be coming to the Big Island also. If Maui doesn't want it I am sure there are enough people on all the other islands to make up for them.

Please keep it going for ALL to enjoy!

Mahalo,

Antoinette Tanenbaum-Gordon

Randale K. Jackson

15-159 North Puni Paka Loop

Pahoa, Hawai'i 96778

islandantoinette@earthlink.net

Attn: Senate Sergeant-At-Arms

October 23, 2007

Judiciary and Labor
Transportation & International Affairs
Energy & Environment

Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Desiree Fleming and I am writing in strong support of the Superferry. I sincerely regret that I have not been available to voice my opinion at the meetings that have taken place here on Kauai, although I hope my voice will be heard in this session.

It is unfortunate that so many do not wish to educate themselves more on the Superferry itself. These radical groups do not speak for me although they are my neighbors. I disagree in their methods used to display their opposition to the Superferry and hope that someday they will be able to be more open-minded to progress. I have educated myself with the information regarding the vessel as well as information given during the open house held on Kauai. I for one have work for a local & well known tour boat company on the island and I have first hand experience and knowledge of the "practices" that these tour companies are a party to. Everything from flushing waste out into the ocean when the vessel is a certain distance away from the coastline, the Na Pali coastline to be exact. I have first hand knowledge of how these sailing and powered vessels impact the whales, turtles, and dolphins in these coastal waters. Without divulging too much into the issue, these tour companies do little if nothing to be mindful of the ocean environment as well as the sea life. It's no wonder our reefs on the coastline are deteriorating. If you ask me, these are the ones that should be subjected to an EIS ASAP! Need we even mention the toll these huge cruise ships are taking on our harbors and coastal waters everyday of the week? They should have been subjected to the most stringent guidelines as well as a full scale EIS.

In closing, I am also a single mother that shares custody of my only child who lives on Maui. I was so thrilled to find that there would be another alternative to get her to Kauai or another way for me to get to Maui. I had hoped to share the 3 hour long ride on the Superferry to share and teach awareness to my child about the islands and its environment. This not only would benefit the single parent, but a full range of people, such as people with disabilities, local and scholastic sports teams, more parents can attend games, farmers, small businesses, I believe the list goes on. I feel people need the resources to learn about the Superferry, have it presented in a non-threatening manner, and by all means have the panel of Superferry staff, everything from engineers to deckhands to be on hand to educate the people. I hope that we will see the Superferry succeed here in Hawaii, I believe it to be a positive and beneficial addition to the economy, lifestyle, and State of Hawaii. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Desiree M. Fleming
Kauai Resident

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TO: SENATE COMMITTEES: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, Energy and Environment

HEARING DATES: Wednesday October 24 10:30 am. Auditorium State Capitol

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We must have another way to bring the people of Hawaii together - and while loud opponents of this new service are very rude in public meetings many of our neighbors on the outer-islands are super nice and we need a cost effective way to bring the people of this state together.

While Young Brothers will ship your car or truck to another island for work it is difficult and expensive as tools must be locked up and bolted down for the barge ride and the drive on and off by Stevedores.

Please vote to allow us this option of travel. We need it and want it as shown in both scientific and non-scientific polls taken over the last few months. We cannot allow policy in this state to be driven by a few loud and obnoxious lawyers who would like to kill this project any way they can.

Thank You,


ANGELA PAMINTUAN

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Thank You,

Michelle Diniega
MICHELLE DINIEGA

yes

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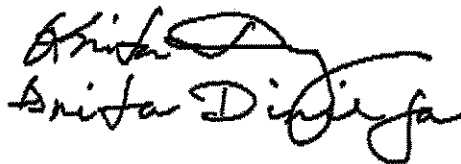
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Thank You,


Anita D. Dyer

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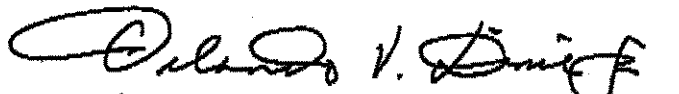
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ORLANDO V. DINEEN

October 23, 2007

To: Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office

Fax Number 808/586-6659

Regarding: Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and
International Affairs, and Energy and Environment
Hearing Date Wednesday, October 24, 2007
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Please accept this letter as my personal testimony in support for inter-island travel via the Superferry.

I will soon be going to school at the University of Hawaii and by being able to travel inter-island via the Superferry I would be able to come home on the weekends with my car and be able to transport my car back when I'm in school.

Please allow inter-island travel by the Superferry.

Respectfully,

Cheridan R. Kirkpatrick

Cheridan R. Kirkpatrick
68-1781 Puu Nui Street
Waikoloa, HI 96738
808/883-9380

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From: Rich [rsgold@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:47 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha To All Hawaii Legislators,

I support the Hawaii Superferry.

Ships similar to the Hawaii Superferry are in service all over the world at this moment. I am not aware of problems that mirror the concerns of our local protesters, although I respect their right to be heard. I am very supportive of environmental issues when there is clear and impending evidence of problems, but I do not see any here.

I think that the economic benefits to all islanders has been well documented by others. This is a service to our communities that should not be lost, while the desired environmental studies are completed.

-- Mahalo,
Richard Goldman
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From: Madeline Scherman [madelinescherman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:44 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in favor of the Superferry. My reason is because I would like to travel with my family to the outer islands. I am looking forward to another means of transportation when I so desire.
Respectfully,
Madeline Scherman

10/23/2007

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From: C KEN SOWDEN [hookano2@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:46 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

I am in favor of the Super Ferry for many reasons, one of which would allow the residents of Hawaii an alternate means of transportation to the neighbor islands. I believe that the issues of whale safety and the invasive species have already been addressed by the Super Ferry so are not major items of concern. Please consider my pro voice in allowing the Super Ferry to operate in Hawaii. Thank you./

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From: Michael Freedman [sharksight2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:40 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry support

I am in favor of allowing the Hawaii Superferry sail while getting their assessment. I feel that is it very important to have access to the outerisland in the case of emergency. Thank you very much. Linda Freedman.

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From: Ginger Souza [flowergirl72808@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:46 PM
To: testimony

Please let the Superfairly get on going..i think it is good for alot of reason...its so sad everytime Honolulu has something going good people would stop it..This can help in so many ways not only for traveling..What if we have a crissis and this boat would help in so many ways..People only think of other things but this can help in so many ways..Help it keep on going..

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From: M Ford [mford_hi@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:46 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry-YES

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 because of all the opportunity it will bring to everyone involved with sports to hobbies to job opportunities that no one else can currently provide. It will open more doors for self employment to small businesses to clubs such as hula to expand and compete.

We need more selection on travel than what we currently have. We have to open doors, not close doors.

Please listen to the real supporters that want this and why we want this not those that have been paid to fight against this.

The environment is important, all companies that operate in our ocean waters should have to provide independant environmental study on a regular basis.

Having the Superferry transport people & cargo is no different than airplanes and barges except the airlines and barges can no longer hord the business.

Thank you

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From: Patricia Beekman [beekmanp001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:07 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry Hearing, 10/24/07

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 enter my testimony as part of the record of the hearing taking place at the above date for the above purpose.

The SuperFerry will add immeasurably to the pleasure of living in Hawaii. Those, like me, who have been here for generations, have family all over the islands. What a pleasure it will be to board a ferry, see the ocean of the islands, and take our own car with us when we visit them — or just visit another island to see another part of this state of rare beauty.

Certainly the environment is very important. But people are much more important. Cars kill, maim and have an unquestionably deleterious effect on the environment, but who among us would give them up? The advantages to us as human beings far outweigh their disadvantages.

Compared to automobiles, the SuperFerry's effect on the environment will be much, much less, and wise environmental steps can easily be put in place to minimize any damage to our environment.

The SuperFerry should be allowed to run commercially between the islands right away, and any protestors violating the law should be legally dealt with, including suitable fines, inconvenience to them, and jail time if necessary. Vandalizing of passenger vehicles and intimidation of passengers should not be tolerated.

A full-scale environmental study should be done only if it is reasonably necessary. Let's not waste money on it solely to pacify an unreasonable small minority. If an environmental study of any kind does take place, the SuperFerry should be allowed to run while that happens, but while being cautious about legitimate environmental concerns. The key is reasonableness, what people of basic common sense and good motives judge is right.

If the SuperFerry is lost, it will be a major loss of lifestyle for us kama'aina. We trust that you have the wisdom not to let that happen.

Patricia Beekman
808-351-4576

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From: Cmuraoka@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:07 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

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

With respect for those opposed, I am in favor of having the Hawaii Superferry operate while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I am excited to have an alternative transportation option to visit the other islands for those with special physical assistance needs. My father is physically disabled and is from Maui, it is very hard to go by plane to visit family with his disability, the task becomes harder and stressful when renting a car for transport is added into the equation. Having the Superferry as an option would be one that I would take for the convenience of traveling, and with my car, comfort level for my father and myself, knowing we could do this with a minimum amount of bother and to see the islands from a view we have not seen before. I hope this option will be available to all.

I wish you all the best.

Mahalo!

Chris Muraoka

Monday, October 22, 2007 10:06pm

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From: Robin [aylwardr001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:07 PM
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

Why all the controversy over the Superferry?

The Superferry is a wonderful addition to this State and is long overdue. Why all the fuss? It is a boon to the tourist industry, the local economy and our overall happiness. I fully endorse and welcome the Superferry to our Island.

Long live the Superferry!

Robin Aylward

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From: Michele Johnson [michelemjhawaii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:00 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Aloha,

Not certain who will be reading this e-mail but I did want to participate because I feel very strongly about this issue. I grew up in Washington State where we depend on the ferry system to transport people around the Puget Sound. Our environment did not suffer at all because of the ferries and in fact, the whole economy of the area flourished because of this important transportation system. Countless people live a ferry boat ride away from their jobs which are their livelihoods. I find it extremely distressing seeing how unfriendly these islands are to new businesses. I have lived here for three and one half years and have seen countless companies express an interest in doing business in the islands only to be shot down by the "Loud Minority". I want to express my strong support for the Hawaii Superferry and hope that our lawmakers see the importance of this service. I just returned from a week-end visit to Hawaii from Oahu and I spoke with many individuals who talked about the fact that they are unable to visit family and friends on other islands with their children because of the large expense of flights and car rentals. I do hope you see this as an issue that needs to be addressed now, not after the Superferry has to find a new location. How many jobs are at stake here, I feel awful for those people and everyone else should too.

Mahalo,
Michele Johnson

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From: David Rolla [rollad001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:07 PM
To: testimony
Subject: attn: Legislature's Public Access Room

I would like to state my support for Hawaii Superferry and I am strongly in favor of allowing Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

The people of Hawaii want interisland 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.

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option and protect Hawaii's business climate.

Mahalo,

David Rolla

Public Access Room

From: Jim Ward [JWAW@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:59 PM
To: testimony
Subject: In favor of superferry

I'm supporting the SuperFerry because we need alternative transportation to the other islands. Planes can not always fly (Terrorist threats etc) but the boats can get us there and provide support in the case of a catastrophic incident. It is my opinion that without it, we will lose the ability to supply the islands with local goods and services. The Cruise boats bring people, they will come either by boat or by plane, as I see it we will not see any impact on the environment that has not already happened. I would utilize the ferry if I chose to buy a car or other object that I could drive home via the Ferry, as opposed to shipping it and then flying home.

Yes I am a registered voter and vote every election.

James W. Ward
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From: TFox2345@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:08 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

A;PHA,

We support the Super Ferry and think it should be allowed to do business while the Environmental impact study is being made.

We need the Ferry evens though Maui Yesterday (who funded supporters claims to be for "tomorrow" don't want it.)

Please do the right thing and let the Super Ferry do business now.

Tom & Margie Fox

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From: Amy Yamamoto [amy@penmarhawaii.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:52 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha Kakou!

I have never written a testimony in support of any cause, however I feel compelled to write, respectfully requesting the legislative body to consider and support the Superferry. As elected officials your constituents are counting on you to represent them well.

I live on Oahu and am a business owner. I don't anticipate having a need to use the services of the Superferry. However supporting the Superferry is all about making alternative, affordable forms of transportation available and supporting interisland commerce. If the courts and the legislature are going to insist on an environmental impact assessment for the Superferry, then let's be fair. What about requiring environmental impact assessments for military ships, cruise ships, dinner cruises, fishing vessels, speedboats, jet skis, and all vessels that ply our oceans? Many of these vessels has at one time or another unintentionally struck whales, dolphins, turtles, and other marine life. Yet only the Superferry has been singled out.

It is no secret that the cost of living is very high on the neighbor islands. Yet, city councils on our neighbor islands have voted to limit big box businesses. Neighbor islanders travel to Honolulu to take advantage of the considerable discounts offered by these very big box retailers—Costco, Sam's Club, Circuit City, Best Buy and others. The Superferry would be an ideal and affordable way to transport these purchased items.

I foresee this as the start of the slippery slope. In the interest of stopping progress, our islands will be seen as having an anti-business climate and suppress our growing island economy.

The squeaky wheel has been given too much attention. I encourage our legislature to allow an open discussion on this matter rather than just listening to vocal environmentalists and anti-business supporters. I know that there are many other kama'aina that love our islands and feel the way that I do.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration!

Amy Y. Yamamoto
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From: Jack Smith [jtsmithjr@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:08 PM
To: testimony; All Senators; All Reps; Governor of Hawaii
Subject: Special Session-Super Ferry

If a Special Session is called for Wednesday, October 24, 2007 and among the issues to be covered is the status of the SF, will it be allowed to operate as scheduled an intended when it was originally approved to do so by a majority vote of both houses including the approval of a lower court?

A very vocal minority has been given the opportunity to be heard many times in the past 2 years and in my opinion was far and above more than generous. However, as in the past the **silent majority were the ones really in the minority.**

I find it interesting that some of the reasons this minority group is asking for a EIS/EAS is because of SF size, speed and modern technology in the power plant, steering and its maneuverability. Earlier this year a brand new petroleum barge was brought to Hawaii that exceeded any capacity of previous petroleum barges based here. While its size is huge, the technology to operate the on board pumping system and to calculate the load is the most technical advancement to date, and there was no hue and cry from them for any studies or restrictions before allowing the barge to haul petroleum product to the neighbor islands.

After all with out the petroleum products they would eventually be back to riding horses, cooking with firewood, and using kukui nut lamps for light because there would be no gasoline or kerosene.

I am requesting, no let me correct, that I am demanding that the SF be permitted to operate as any other viable commercial transportation company in the State of Hawaii free of any additional restrictions or encumbrances.

If the anarchist of this state elect to follow through with their threat of retaliation so be it, and apply the full authority of the law. Then let us see if the USCG, State and County Law enforcement agencies can provide the protection that we are entitled to.

John T. Smith Jr
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From: Laurie Hopman [hopman@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:08 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

Regarding:

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

I have been looking forward for many years to travelling on a ferry between the islands, and it is very disappointing to think that we cannot have the same service that is readily available in so many other parts of the country. While I appreciate the environmental concerns, I do not understand why years of experience in other locations cannot be part of data.

This form of transportation would be useful to island residents who for health or personal reasons find air travel difficult. It would be easy for disabled people to bring their necessary equipment like oxygen tanks or concentrators, or personal wheelchairs or other accomodations that are not possible with air travel. It would allow groups to travel together with their equipment, or families to travel together. I am sure that tourism would benefit.

I know that I would use this service. I really hope I get the opportunity. Please work on finding a solution to the problems, and please do not waste all the money and resources that have already gone into this project. As a taxpayer I am horrified to think that my state government would waste the millions that have been already committed. As a buisnessperson I am also embarassed to think that a company can receive reassurances that a project is welcome and approved, and then have state government turn around and change its mind.

Please find a way to get past this controversy and let the ferry serve Hawaii. Thank you for your efforts.

Laurie Hopman

1205 Kihonua Place

Hilo, HI 96720

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From: Wini [winistrike@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I support the Superferry!!!! I have waited for such a long time to have another means of transportation to visit my friends and relatives on the outer island and that I would be able to bring my own vehicle. In the past, the air fares to the outer islands were very reasonable....of late (until the 3rd airline company came into the picture) the cost to visit the neighbor island was outrageous. Do you realize that it is much cheaper for me to go to Vegas than to spend a weekend on the neighbor islands? Don't you want to keep the money in Hawaii instead of other states?

I am for the Superferry and hope they'll be able to operate in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Lani Stout [islandoffice@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:08 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry must stay

Aloha Kakou,

I'm writing to state that I'm in favor of the Superferry remaining and continuing business while the environmental assessment is being done.

I believe this is a needed transportation avenue for the Hawaiian people.

I love Hawaii and was born and raised on Oahu but moved to Maui. I love visiting my family and would love to be able to take my car with me when I go. But I do believe that there should be some stringent regulations in place so that all islands can remain protected as well as our waters. From what I have read and heard on the news it appears that you are working towards setting up some regulations that will assist in these areas. I also believe that the Superferry owners are willing to work with you. But I also believe that the regulations need to be made where the SuperFerry owners can accomplish these things within a reasonable amount of time and that it is financially feasible.

Please vote in favor of keeping the Super Ferry here and running while the assessment is being conducted. Mahalo for your time and assistance.

Pumehana,

Lani Stout
Makawao, Maui, Hawaii

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From: Mitchell Abad [kaiokela@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:09 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support

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

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

I am in full support of the bill to support the Hawaii Superferry to continue service during the environmental survey. I feel that the company should not be punished due to fact that they did not intentionally try to avoid the environmental study.

Mahalo,

Mitchell Abad

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From: Pat Meyers [patmeyers@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:00 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPER FERRY!

THERE IS NO REASON WHATSOEVER TO PREVENT HAWAII FROM HAVING A FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN THE ISLANDS.

THE REASONS USED BY THE SCREAMING MINORITY ARE ARE NOT VALID.

PLEASE USE YOUR COMMON SENSE TO PREVENT THE LOSS OF THIS WONDERFUL ADDITION TO OUR STATE.

THANK YOU.

PAT MEYERS
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From: miso22@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:09 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I support the superferry.

I speak for the many silent Hawaii residents who may not have the resources to speak up for society's good.

If you analyze the composition of the opponents of the superferry and their unreasonable demands and financial backing for whatever hidden agenda they have, the silent majority of real Hawaii locals are not able to fight against the superferry opponents.

We depend on YOU, our elected legislators to speak up for the locals who have REAL ties to our state. Please be considerate of the transportation needs of the local people of Hawaii.

Thank you,
j. misola

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From: Edwin Rivera [edwin_rivera00693@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:03 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Supporter

I believe the benefit of the Hawaii Super-ferry will be union of all the Hawaiian islands in commerce and tourism. I see it as the waterway to the future; to benefit of the state of Hawaii. I put my trust in the US Customs Agency that they will prevent any environmental hazards from being transported from island to island.

Edwin R. Rivera Jr.

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From: ANTHONY RODRIGUES [ramrod808@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:09 PM

To: testimony

Subject: SUPERFERRY

WE NEED THE SUPER FERRY. LET MAJORITY RULE.

MAHALO ;
ANTHONY RODRIGUES

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From: Michael e Schaub [mschaub@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:11 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Give it a 3 month trial period. Lets use some common sense!!@!!! Mike Schaub Wahiawa

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From: Jeremy & Sadie [jeremybarker@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:05 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super ferry support

I am typing this letter in support of the Hawaii Super Ferry. I think it is a service that is well needed and well overdue. It gives people another option in traveling and shipping vehicles between the islands. For this, I truly hope the ferry will be allowed to operate.

Jeremy Barker
Hilo, HI.

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From: Gloria Reyes [reyesobado@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:45 PM
To: testimony

WE MUST GO WITH THE CHANGE! WHATS UP WITH DAT???

WE RODE A FERRY BETWEEN SEATTLE & CANADA & UNLESS YOU'VE TRIED IT... U WOULDN'T EVER KNOW HOW WONDERFUL IT IS. ESPECIALLY FOR US IN HAWAII WITH SO LIMITED TRANSPORTATION... MORE LIKE "CONTROLLED" & WHO PAYS? US!!! PLEASE! DON'T DISTROY A GOOD THING!

WHEN I USE TO LIVE ON MAUI, I RODE THE EXPEDITIONS BETWEEN LAHAINA, MAUI & LANAI TO HELP MY PARENTS WHO STILL LIVES ON LANAI. MY DAD IS 96 & MY MOM IS 87 YRS OLD. LANAIANS WOULDN'T TRADE THIS TRANSPORTATION FOR ANYTHING IN THE WORLD! EXPEDITIONS GAVE THEM FREEDOM OF SHOPPING AT COSTCO, WALMART & KMART. EVER BEEN ON LANAI WITH ONLY 3 FOOD STORES? YOU GOTTA TO BE IN MY PARENTS SHOES TO REALLY KNOW.

SEEING BIG SHIPS COME & GO & PARK OVER NIGHT... WHETHER IT BE ON OAHU OR MAUL... SO, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY ALL THIS FUSS ABOUT THE FERRY! THE FERRY IS TRIPLE THE PRICE OF THE EXPEDITIONS.... FOR ME, I WOULDN'T RIDE THE FERRY UNLESS I'LL BE STAYING ON MAUI FOR EXAMPLE AT LEAST 5 DAYS TO WORTH MY MONEY OF EVEN TAKING MY CAR. I ALWAYS GO TO MAUI & LANAI EVERY MONTH BUT NEVER STAY MORE THAN A WEEKEND ON MAUI. I FLY TO EITHER ISLAND & CATCH THE EXPEDITONS TO LANAI. THANK GOD U GUYS AREN'T GIVING THE EXPEDITIONS A BAD TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

COME ON!!!!!!!!!!!! DON'T DISTROY A GOOD THING!!!!!!!!!!!! PLEASE KEEP OUR SUPERFERRY!!!!!!!!!!!! AT LEAST **THINK OF US FOR A CHANGE** & GO WITH THE CHANGE FOR HEAVENS SAKE! LIKE THEY SAY.... AS Y US COMMON FOLKS CANNOT MOVE FORWARD. WATCHING THE BATTLE NEWS OF THE SUPERFERRY ON TV & NEWSPAPER... NOT TOO MUCH LOCALS?

MY FAMILY & I **VOTE "YES"** FOR THE SUPERFERRY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR US SIDELINERS TO VOICE AT LEAST. ALOHA FOR WHATS IT'S WORTH...

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From: Jerry Vares [jmvares@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:12 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Super Ferry

I support the Supper Ferry!

This will give me a means to travel to the Neighbor Islands.

I have a fear of flying and this will allow me to visit relatives and friends.

Jerry Vares
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From: halina.sobon [hngo@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:10 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha

To whom it may concern,

Please let the Superferry serve Hawaii. There are number of important reasons why we need the ferry. First, technicians, a myself will be able to service equipment freely without all the toolls on hand. Second, a lot of Islanders have not been able to see other islands perhaps for decades, because we like to do things as a family with freedom to change schedules. We love to go camping, visit locations with our own vehicles, see the lovely sights etc. I am sure that inter-island connctedness will not only help economy but bring us Islanders closer together as State of isolated islands with a silver cord - Superferry.

Mahalo,
Gary, Halina and Maximilian Ngo

10/23/2007

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From: Eddie Sutton [eddiejsutton@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Justification for the Superferry

My friends and I plan to use the Superferry for interisland transportation. I realize the importance of ensuring sound environmental and ecological protection during ferry operations.

There are environmental and ecological positives to consider with the Superferry. Will interisland ferry travel reduce interisland air travel and the air pollution associated with the latter? Further, my motorcycle which would be used for my ferry travel, is more fuel efficient than the rental car I would use when I fly to neighboring islands. Everyday that an individual uses his own vehicle (as opposed to buying a new one or renting one) is one less day that another vehicle is needed on the Hawaiian islands. While these days may not seem significant when considered individually, the numbers do become significant when compiled for the population. The indirect effect is a reduced number of vehicles (for rental or private ownership) shipped to this island. That means reduced fueled expended in the shipping and less energy expended in disposal of the more numerous vehicles.

While I'm used to green party members often employing faulty logic and often being noisy and unjustifiably complaining members of an unproductive portion of society, the first half of the previous paragraph makes me wonder if many of the conservationists lobbying against the Superferry are really doing so on behalf of or as supported by the local airline and rental car industries.

Thank you for your time.

Very respectfully,
Edward Sutton

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From: Jim Dummer [jimspan777@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:45 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

To Whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Oahu, and travel to the other islands for pleasure. I would like very much to us the superferry. I am in contact with about 50 people, family and friends and they also would like to see the superferry operating now. I have not spoken with one person that was against the superferry sailing now.

Sincerely

James Dummer
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From: rolf soder [wotan_272@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:46 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

aloha

to whom it may concern,

i strongly believe that hawaii is in need of an alternative inter-island transportation. we should not only depend on the airlines and their prices and conditions. at the same token it has to be made sure that the environmental impact of the ferry is held to a minimum.

best regards
rolf soder

10/23/2007

Public Access Room

From: Reuben Liboy [hawaiiindoorair@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:46 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the Superferry

I think that the people of Kauai and Maui do not want the Superferry not only because of environmental purposes, but also for their own selfish reasons. I think they feel that people from Oahu will invade their beaches and overcrowd their island. They do not have any aloha for the people from Oahu. When they had natural disasters (i.e. hurricane), Oahu came to their aid with a lot of aloha. But obviously, they do not have that same aloha for us.

The Superferry would have provided an alternative transportation for the local people of Oahu to travel to the outer islands to visit their families, to do business there, etc. As a business owner, we looked forward to this alternative transportation to transport our work vans so that we could provide services to the outer islands which they do not have. But after all that has taken place and the reaction of the people of Kauai and Maui, we no longer will ever do business on the outer islands. We do not feel that the Superferry or any of its passengers would be welcomed on their island and we do not feel that it would be safe.

If the Kauai and Maui do not want the Superferry to operate while an environmental study is conducted, then stop all other large vessels from operating too until an environmental study can be done on all large vessels sailing to the outer islands (i.e. barges, cruise ships, etc.). What is the difference between the Superferry and vessels taking supplies and food to their island?

The people from Kauai have said that if we bring our cars to their island, we would overcrowd their roads. What is the difference in us bringing our cars over to save us money versus us renting a car there??? There would still be the same number of cars on the road.

The people from Kauai and Maui have said that people from Oahu would bring drugs to their island, but their island has the most drugs and in fact, I would think that most of the drugs come from the outer islands (as we have heard on the news of the recent drug raids on the outer islands).

The people on Kauai and Maui say that we would go there to steal their opihi...huh??? What difference would it make if we went to their island by plane or by boat? The people from the outer island can come to Oahu and they are welcomed to swim and fish anywhere they desire. Should we put restrictions on them too?

On a personal level, I no longer wish to visit Kauai or Maui. And they in turn should not come to Oahu.

I do however understand that many of the protesters on Kauai, for instance, are mainland implants, however, if the locals there are not in agreement, they have not come forward to voice their support. If indeed the so called "environmentalists" are the small minority as they are referred to, everyone else should come forward and speak up. This issue is breaking apart the people from the different islands, something we never had before.

The Superferry would be very useful in times of natural disasters, etc...to transport emergency vehicles.

I think the Superferry would have been a very good thing for Hawaii to have and it's sad that we have come this far and we end up losing it all due to a very small minority of people who call themselves "environmentalists." What makes them environmentalists??? Are they calling themselves that just because they so call care about the environment? Don't we all?? So does that make us all environmentalists?

Everyone had been waiting a long time for the Superferry...it finally arrived and upon its sailing to the outer islands, people started to protest. Maybe some rules were bent??? Nevertheless, I feel that taking into account that it is already here and that it is costing a lot of money just to sit there, and even more money to the state and

to the taxpayers if it doesn't get the go ahead to operate, that we need to look at the bigger picture and not do the right thing and let the Superferry operate.

I do not feel that the Superferry would be a danger to whales and the environment any more than any of the other larger vessels currently operating between the islands. For that matter, even smaller pleasure vessels could also be seen as a danger to the whales and the environment.

Aloha
Reuben Liboy
Vice President
Hawaii Indoor Air Specialists, Ltd.

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From: David I. Goya [giz@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:46 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferryg

Please be sure to consider the majority's views when deciding the fate of the Superferry. It is very obvious that the majority of Hawaii's people are in favor of allowing the ferry to operate during the study.

The opposing minority has gotten out of hand with

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From: padron [ohanapadron@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:49 PM
To: testimony
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 am Auditorium, State Capitol

Aloha,

My name is Crystal Padron and I believe a special session is **required** because of the public disagreement regarding if an environmental study is needed for Hawaii Super Ferry. As our state leaders take responsibility for this mess and **find a sane solution based on facts not on emotions**. I support the Hawaii Super Ferry because it gives us another means of transportation/freight to our neighbor islands and vice versa.

Mahalo

10/23/2007

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From: Andy Raymond [andy@revealer.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:46 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Aloha,

I am a "register voter" in the state of Hawaii and I am in support of the bill that will permit inter island ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. It seems to me that many of the non supporter of the Superferry are "non voters" who don't want their cousins coming from another island to their fishing grounds etc. As far as the whales go, I believe that the Superferry has done everything in its power to be environmentally conscious. Most of the people worried about the whales are not vegetarian and kill fish on a regular basis. If they really cared about the environment and wanted to protect life, they would stop killing all the other fish too. Even though I am just playing with you about the vegetarians, I really want the Superferry to survive. I will vote against everyone in future elections who don't give it a chance. It was my tax money that help start this whole thing.

Thank you

Andrew Raymond
PO Box 880450
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From: Robert Andrade [rpkajet@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:42 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I truly believe that the ferry can and will be used mostly by the local people of Hawaii. And the benefits (positives) out-weigh the (negative) aspects.. The people of Hawaii hopefully will come together on this issue. Just think of the possibilities of being able to have another way to travel to the outer islands besides limited air-travel and the ability for quick emergency response, in the event of tragedy (heaven forbid). I do know that there must be some sort of control of what people bring in and take off each island. This is a must, to respect the aina as we all should be doing daily these bugs must be worked out. But to have the Superferry in Hawaii as we say here, We go geeve-um one chance, see how da bugga go.

Mahalo

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From: Lois Sheppard [lo@kepiloli.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I think the ferry has a lot of potential. I would use it to visit ohana on the other islands and for local style vacations. I like the idea of packing up the car with my stuff and taking the car with me. The ferry also would be great for shopping trips to Honolulu. Plus I'd much rather be able to stretch out and move around on a ship and not be packed into an airline seat like a sardine. Also I have a mobility impairment, using the ferry might allow me to see some areas that have been inaccessible, like Kauai's NaPali coast

I imagine the ferry would be great for contractors with trucks full of tools who have jobs on other islands, farmers moving their perishable products to the markets, school teams traveling to compete, paddling teams needing to move their canoes, etc.

Sure there's the potential to move invasive species among the islands but the same thing could happen with air travel, freight barges and cruise ships. Mitigate the problem with agricultural inspection just like TSA does for mainland air traffic.

And the whales; shoots if we want to save them how about banning Kaufman's pseudo research boats from harassing them during the whale season. I'm sure the whales would enjoy a break from being chased and ogled by thousands of tourists every day.

I think that we need to work out a process that will allow the ferry to operate and mitigate potential adverse impacts. If we don't do this we'll look like a bunch of tee-hugging fools. Ferries operate all over the world, why should Hawaii stand alone in banning them?

And finally, if the ferry falls by the wayside I don't want to have to pick up the tab for the \$40 million in harbor improvements. I can't afford yet another tax bill.

Lois Sheppard
Kahului, Maui

Public Access Room

From: Arnold Kameda [arnoldkk@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:49 PM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of the Superferry

Dear Members of the State Senate and Legislature:

The people of the State of Hawaii need alternative transportation to enable us to work effectively, as well as to play and socialize with our fellow citizens and family members throughout our islands. We cannot depend solely on the airlines in this day and age of terrorists threats. As air travel is most vulnerable to terrorist activities, we have seen what crippling effect on our economy and our daily activities, that interruption in airline services has under terrorists duress. For our safety and well-being, it is not only prudent but imperative that an effective and alternative means of transportation (i.e. the Superferry) be allowed to service our island State.

Also in the interest of our free market economy, such competition is healthy and will incent the air transportation industry to become more effective and improve services to Hawaii citizens. Prior to the arrival of Go airlines, when Hawaiian and Aloha were the only viable transportation alternatives, we saw one-way inter-airlines fares rise to \$100 each way. This made air travel too cost prohibitive for many Hawaii families, including our own family and a large portion of Hawaii's middle class. We can only imagine, what would happen to inter-island air fares, if the Superferry is NOT allowed to initiate services in Hawaii, and one of the three airlines (Go, Hawaiian or Aloha) falls out of business. Only the wealthiest Hawaiian residents and tourists would be able to afford to travel inter-island and the majority of Hawaii's citizens would become isolated and constrained in our ability to travel, do business, and socialize and keep in touch with family members and close friends.

We believe that the majority of Hawaii citizens support the Superferry and that a small, but extremely vocal minority has taken center stage in the name of "environmental protection". Whereas, our family is also concerned about the 'aina and environmental safety and protection of our islands' natural resources, we feel that a balanced and practical approach must be taken with respect to our transportation alternatives and concerns. We feel that owners and employees of the Superferry are quite willing and able to take every practical precaution necessary to protect Hawaii's environment and natural resources. With oversight and participation from Hawaii's citizens, we can surely make Superferry services work effectively in Hawaii.

For our safety, the ability of our families and loved to see and stay in touch with each other, the preservation of our economy and our freedom of choice, we support the Superferry in Hawaii!

Mahalo for this opportunity to voice our opinion,

The Kameda family of Waipahu, Oahu

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From: Craig M. Allen [AllenC@byuh.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:45 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Testimony for:

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 voicing my support for the super ferry. I believe that it is best for the entire state of Hawaii to allow the super ferry to operate NOW. It is embarassing to think that special interests can cause our state to even consider not allowing a ferry to operate between islands. The only ones who benefit from this are very narrow interests with an economic incentive to keep our islands isolated from each other.

I urge you to not allow these very narrow interests to interrupt commerce and transport between islands.

- Craig M. Allen, Laie, Hawaii

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From: tjfennel@juno.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:42 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry support!

This is in regards to the Superferry testimony hearing.

Although I do agree that environmental impact assessments should be made regarding operation of the Superferry, having such a service in the Islands has long been an idea I am in favor of. For myself and family and friends, it would make it much, much easier to visit family and friends on neighbor islands, and also mean they can visit us as well, bringing their own vehicles, and doing so in comfort. Renting cars is a hassle, and having to pick up or drop off visitors is also an inconvenience if no one is able to do so. This would also create more outing opportunities, such as hiking on the Big Island, or bicycling on Kauai.

Please do not kill the SuperFerry. Thank you.
--Jared Matsushige

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

Public Access Room

From: Jason Antonio [jka@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:46 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Superferry

Dear Senate,

I thoroughly support the Superferry. I believe they are honestly trying to provide a great service to the islands and not allowing them to do business will bring negative repercussions in the future.

Mahalo,

10/23/2007

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From: GodFather aka Sammy Meaole [sammeaole@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:49 PM

To: testimony

i am responding in support of the superferry. i just dont understand the difference between the supeferry and other vessels such as the barge etc. we need to take into account that this service will benefit the locals most and not the tourists as some opponents suggested. i think that the environmental issue is just a front. what other legitimate concerns they have other than environmental concerns? i truly feel that the superferry will be a great service to the local communities. this whole ordeal is just another form of n.i.m.b.y.

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From: MarcusM [marcusm@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:51 PM
To: testimony
Subject: My Hawaii Superferry personal 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

Aloha,

I would like to add my voice to the crowd of those in support of the Hawaii Superferry. With any human endeavor there is risk. I believe that the people of Hawaii can be educated and responsible enough to protect the environment as they use the Superferry to improve their lives. The ferry can literally bring the state together so that we can be one instead of a fractured group paddling in separate directions.

Without the ability to have rapid transportation, we can not partake in the personal and business dealings that are enjoyed by other states. As it is, each island must support it's own business infrastructure and companies on one island can not easily do business on another. In people's personal lives, it would be beneficial to have alternate modes of transportation not only to ensure competition, but to also allow those afraid to fly an alternative.

Currently, we have a system in place that does not protect the environment as seen by the spread of Coqui frogs and Dengue Fever amongst the islands in recent years. If the people of Hawaii are directly involved in protecting the environment, I believe they will prove to be excellent stewards. The Hawaii Superferry is the only mode of transportation where business and individuals have the opportunity of working together to protect the environment.

With their no-dumping of wastewater and routes that avoid high concentrations of whales, the Hawaii Superferry has proven that it wants to be friendly to the environment while providing a much needed service to our state.

If the ferry is not permitted to run, the majority that wants their service have their opportunity taken away while those that oppose the ferry can always boycott the company at any time. Let the people decide. If nobody wants the ferry, it will lose money and move elsewhere.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Marcus Marchesseault
Honolulu, HI

To: Senate Sergeant at Arms
From: Tricia Wright, MD

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For hearing 10/24/07
Mahalo

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October 23, 2007

To: Senator Colleen Hanabusa, President
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice President

From: Tricia Wright, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Women's Health, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine

Re: In strong support of Hawaii Superferry

I am writing to urge support for the Hawaii Superferry. I think this will help improve interisland medical care, communication, and commerce. I take care of many patients from neighbor islands, who currently have to fly to Honolulu for care. The Superferry would provide another option for these people during times of need to be able to bring their cars and their families if they are anticipating long stays. In addition, in times of emergency, the Superferry can be used to transport needed supplies and medical equipment between islands if air service is shut down, as happened after 9/11.

I personally would also like the option to take my family camping or kayaking on the neighbor islands. Currently our kayak club uses Manson freight to transport kayaks before anticipated trips, so this is already taking place. Superferry would just make it more convenient, pleasant, and less expensive.

I do support the environment and before this latest fiasco, did belong to the Sierra Club, but I do not believe that the opposition is all about the environment, but a NIMBY sense of entitlement that will be shown to be shortsighted. I believe this can be a safe, effective means of transportation, as long as safeguards are in place.

Mahalo for allowing me this time to testify. Please consider allowing the Superferry to run, while providing for safeguards to protect the environment.

Public Access Room

From: Amisjag@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:33 PM
To: testimony
Subject: hawaii superferry

Please note I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry to run while it is going through enviromental impact statement is being conducted.

Barbara Gregg

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From: agait1@juno.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:25 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Super Ferry

To whom it may concern:

I would like to state my support for the Super Ferry. I feel that the Super Ferry would bring many more positive aspects to the state of Hawaii, versus the minimal negative aspects.

I support the Super Ferry because of the ability to travel to the neighbor islands and bring your car with you. This would be such a valuable tool to kamaainas, who have always wanted to visit their neighbor islands, but haven't had the means to. The Super Ferry would make it both simple and affordable to visit family and friends, enjoy the beauty of the neighbor islands, and do it while enjoying the comfort of your own vehicle!

I also favor the Super Ferry because of the potential to try products that are only made and available for purchase on the neighbor islands. For instance, I would love to buy the Surfing Goat Dairy's goat cheese products all the time, but am only able to purchase it when I'm visiting Maui. If we had the Super Ferry, small businesses would be able to easily travel to Oahu to offer their products to individuals living here. The ability for these small local businesses to expand their products to neighbor islands is a valuable tool that supports our local entrepreneurs.

The Super Ferry provides so many positive opportunities for our state. I support the Super Ferry and truly hope that we'll be able to keep it!

If you have any questions regarding my support for the Super Ferry, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Alana Gaitley, Honolulu

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From: Maryann Tilton [mrs moo@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:33 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Super Ferry testimony

The Super Ferry is the best thing that can happen for our Islands. Families will be able to take their own cars across the water,

get off the ferry and go on to their destinations without delay. They will be able to explore the other Islands instead of staying on

one Island all their lives.

Please let's **not** show the Mainland that Hawaii "keeps out" businesses. They want to know that businesses are welcome to our

Islands. The news of the Super Ferry going through "red tape" is in the newspapers on the Mainland already.

Let's turn this thing around before we lose tourist spending. I thought tourism was our number one industry.

Let's help the Super Ferry stay here in Hawaii.

Thank you, and Aloha,

MaryAnn Tilton

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From: Laura [laurabrown@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:33 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony for Special Session

Michael and Laura Brown
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October 24, 2007

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Committee on Energy and Environment

In Support of Allowing the Superferry to Begin Inter-island Service

We are in support of allowing the Superferry to begin inter-island service before an environmental assessment (EA) is completed.

We support the unrestricted operation of the Superferry and the resulting benefit to Hawaii's economy.

Hawaii must move into the 21st Century and utilize all modern technology available to ensure the well-being and economic security of its residents.

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From: Jan Saiki [jansaiki@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:27 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

To: Judiciary and Labor Committee
Transportation and International Affairs Committee
Energy & Environment Committee

Re: Testimony Meeting on Oct. 24, 2007
10:30 A.M. State Capitol Building

I am in favor of the superferry resuming service immediately. I am excited for an alternative way of traveling between islands. Although it would be for different reasons than the necessity of time constraints, a leisure trip especially w/family would be a nice way to travel. I consider myself somewhat of an environmentalist, but I see no difference between this ship and the cruise ships, merchant ships or any other sea vessels now traveling between islands that make this ship such threat!! I feel that the objections have nothing to do w/the environment, but a threat to the other forms of transportation between islands.

Sincerely,
Janice Saiki

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From: timothy ojile [timothyojile@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:21 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Should Stay

Politicians: I wholeheartedly support the Superferry in Hawaii. It will benefit people by allowing them to travel freely to other islands in their cars, promoting more business and pleasure. When environmental controls are underway, I believe the ferry will be perfectly safe and environmentally friendly. I also feel that riding a boat between islands will afford many people with a wonderful, pleasurable way to travel inter-island.

Respectfully submitted, Timothy P. Ojile

testimony

From: eric cassera [cassera_ric@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:00 PM

To: testimony

Subject: I wholeheartedly support the superferry

Dear sirs/madam,

I definitely support the super ferry in getting interisland ferry services throughout these beautiful islands because it is a good way in getting the islands in line with each other so that each islands will be on a progressive road. These environmentalist blame the superferry because they say it will spoil the environment. Well that's a bunch of bullshit, they are the ones who are hindering the progress of these islands by preventing the superferry from operating. What about all those other boats and ships in the harbor? How come they are being permitted to operate and the super ferry is not being permitted to operate. I see there is some discrimination here. The super ferry is good for the state of hawaii because it is good to bring the outer islands into alignment with each other. Let us keep the super ferry and get rid of these environmentalist that are a few compared to the majority who wants the super ferry. Eric Cassera Tripler Army Hospital

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From: Evelyn Rapoza [erapoza01@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:26 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

We need alternate methods of transportation. We are so limited already. Please let the Super Ferry run. Thank you.

testimony

From: Diane Rozumski [rozumskid@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Please keep the Superferry for these reasons:

1. Provides another method of transportation to other parts of the State for residents to visit family and vacation.
2. The Superferry as a water transport is an alternative over air. This can only produce more competition with the airlines and keep prices reasonable.
3. The people of New Zealand do not have a heartburn over using their interIsland ferry system between the North and South Islands. And Kiwis are more 'green' conscious than Hawaiian.

testimony

From: DHughsn@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Please, please vote yes. Help get rid of Hawaii's reputation of being anti- business. I can't imagine the Super Ferry would ruin the surfing spots. the environment and add traffic to the Neighbor Islands. If no ferry, and if I go to a Neighbor Island, I would have to rent a car, i.e., still one extra car on the road.

We need to add new business to our islands. Again, please support the Super Ferry effort.

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From: Karl H Wirtl [kwirtl@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:00 PM
To: testimony
Subject: hawaii super ferry

Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol dear sir I'm supporting the superferry because it gives us an other way of trasportation in case of emergency.
AT LEAST GIVE THEIM A CHANCE.

Karl H Wirtl

have a nice day & happy trails

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From: Wally [wparcels@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:25 PM
To: testimony
Cc: vern
Subject: SuperFerry

Aloha: The direct impact of having the multiple SuperFerry's will positively impact the quality of living in our Island State. The ability to transfer products, services, and people on a same day basis will expand, inspire new tax paying business and help create new jobs and opportunity. This liquid highway should unite the Islands in a way that all the aircraft, the barges, the tour ships cannot duplicate. Please encourage this business to operate as soon as possible. Let free enterprise work. The market place should determine their future... not the opinions of a few self-serving individuals. Thank you. Wally Parcels

testimony

From: Barbara Franklin [barbara.franklin@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:25 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

To: Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Office Email: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Date: October 23, 2007

Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

I support the Hawaii Superferry and provide this written testimony for submission to the Senate Committees on the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment, which will have a hearing on the above bill on Wednesday, October 24, at 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol.

Hawaii needs the alternate mode of transportation. In the only State in the Union that has no intrastate water transportation to major centers of its state, and no other means of transportation, but air travel, it is needed. I have lived in both Alaska and Washington State and the ferry systems are both a boon to commerce and a pleasurable way to travel. It is really the only cost-effective and time saving way to transport a vehicle intrastate.

Please make and deliver copies of my testimony to the Committees' Vice Chair in the State Capital.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/ Barbara L. Franklin

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From: longapw@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry support

I support the superferry to see family.

Juliana Longa

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testimony

From: mcoopermartinezh@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Allowing the Superferry to Operate Pending EIS

Aloha,

I am sending this email to ask that your Committee(s) allow the Superferry to operate while an EIS is being done. For one, people employed by the Superferry need to work in order to get paid so they can take care of their families, and add to our economy. I also think it would be nice for our local people, and tourists, to have a chance to visit the other islands, via beautiful, clean, surrounding ocean. For my family, we were looking forward to saving money on car rentals by bringing our own vehicle. We want to have this option available to us when we visit our families and friends. The Superferry provides the local people with a refreshing option of travelling between islands.

I would also like to know why the tug and barge companies aren't being subjected to the same EIS orders. I don't ever recall those companies having to provide an EIS in order to operate in our islands and they pretty much carry more things than the Ferry would. If you are going to make it a regulation for one company like the Superferry, you should make it be mandatory for ALL vessels that operate between the islands, regardless whether they carry people or cargo. What makes you so sure non-native species aren't travelling on the barges, or hurting the whales, or adding unnecessary pollution to our waters? I get the feeling you guys are singling out the Superferry and in the process, you are denying people much needed employment, and our economy a much needed boost.

Do what's best for the majority of the people and let the Superferry operate while an EIS is done. We may never have this chance again.

Aloha no,

Marie Cooper-Martinez & Ohana
Honolulu, HI

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From: Speed Demon [infinitevelocity@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I say let the ferry do it's job

To whom it may concern,

I would just like to voice my opinion on the super ferry. It seems the environmentalists are fighting this battle over a modern convenience that a lot of people are willing to pay for. I understand the concerns of the people about the environment, but there are already so many boats in the ocean, why should just the super-ferry be stopped? If you are going this far, what about all the ships that bring all the goods to the islands? The assessment is just an excuse to delay the ferry. It is just another boat for crying out loud. They are afraid that outsiders will come to their island, but they will come anyway... Why delay the inevitable and inconvenience people that just want to see the beauty of the other islands? Lets get this squared away quickly, so that people can use this convenience as soon as possible.

-D. Hartman

testimony

From: Ed Lau [laue010@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Superferry will benefit the residents of Hawaii and the economy of Hawaii. The Superferry will bring the islands closer together, for one Hawaii!...I have relatives on Maui and friends on Kauai and Hawaii.

Edward F. C. Lau

testimony

From: Edward F. Mahiko, Jr. [mahikojre001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:25 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I am Edward Mahiko and FOR the superferry's service within the Hawaiian Islands.

YJ

testimony

From: ivy collis [ivycollis@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:19 PM
To: testimony

Sirs, Madames, this is to say that I support the Superferry. We in Hawaii would be better served if there was an inter-island ferry service. Sincerely, Ivy Collis

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testimony

From: Ly [lybianchi@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:24 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Inter Island Ferry

Aloha,

I support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. At this point, I am sure this company knows the importance of keeping its operation as environmentally friendly as possible, and will adhere to all and any of the regulations imposed during this time. All eyes will be on them during this time, so it would behoove them to keep on tract. Let them prove themselves.

Hawaii needs this. In this case, the voice of the minority has been heard over the whispers of the majority who support the ferry. Bring it on.

Ly Cachero-Bianchi

testimony

From: Terri Erdag [erdagte@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:24 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I'M FOR THE SUPERFERRY

Aloha,

I'll keep my testimony short and to the point: Hawaii needs the superferry.

This initiative makes sense and will not only increase business among our state, but friendship as well.

Mahalo,
Terri Erdag
57 Arizona Memorial Drive
#136
Honolulu HI 96818

testimony

From: Brian Antida [bea96720@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:19 PM
To: testimony
Subject: In support for the Hawaii Superferry.

Aloha,

I am writing this in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I am tired of a small, vocal minority group(s) trying to ambush anything progressive and good for the State. It's almost like it doesn't matter what the issue is, they're against it. It's frustrating for the majority of Hawaii residents that when all we want is lower prices for items and travel, we have to listen to a few people grumble and complain that "they" don't want it. They act like they're the only ones that care about Hawaii.

Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate. It will only be good for Hawaii.

Brian Antida
(808) 961-0466

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testimony

From: William [wgs@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:33 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry (HSF)

Aloha,

I have sailed from Hilo to Hanalei. My Captain license has begun in Honolulu in 1993 and I sailed between and among most Islands. Having been aboard 3 passages of the HSF any Captain would know the boat is totally under control to avoid marine life. There will be ZERO whales showing prop damage from the HSF. There are no external prop's on the HSF. Please ask or pass a law that all prop driven vessels of Maui and Kauai show the same "respect" for the Islands as what is being asked of the HSF right now. No boat, except for sailboats sails until the study and people of Maui and Kauai are satisfied.

Or we could just let them operate as they ALL have for the enjoyment and betterment of our lives.

Thank You,
William Sankey
808.590.5262
Aiea, Hawaii

testimony

From: Deborah Kaiser-Reed [debbiekr@mac.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:24 PM

To: 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

To The Legislature's Public Access Room;

I Deborah Kaiser-Reed a resident of Honolulu, HI wish to voice my support that I am in favor of the Super Ferry being allowed

to provide service while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. This gives many people of *Hawaii employment*

positions not to mention also alternative means of travel between our neighbor Islands.

Sincerely,

Deborah Kaiser-Reed

testimony

From: Joe [josephschmitz@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Supper 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 am in high support of the super ferry. How can any business hope to stay afloat with zero income for so many months while some irrelevant report is conducted, which obviously has singled out the super ferry. We can't make our state a joke to the business community and that is what this is doing. Our economy relies on our business relationships with Japan, U.S. mainland etc. Also the super ferry is a great thing to have for the people of Hawaii. If we force the super ferry to leave now another opportunity like this for Hawaii won't present itself for a life time due to this incident. Please don't deny us all the opportunity to enjoy such a great thing. Thank you for your time.

testimony

From: Johnathon Molloy RN, BN [usnrrn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 8:57 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I believe that the Super Ferry needs to be allowed to run. Travel between the island via boat is going to happen....it does already happen in one form or another. Other vessels have not been required to have an impact study done upon them so why the Ferry?

Commerce and trade between the islands is important and the super Ferry can be a major part of this. Do the ferry's have more of an impact on the environment than other shipping vessels? The amount of flights into the Islands bring more people and pollution than does a ferry once or twice a day.

Please think about restarting the Hawaii Super Ferry

**Johnathon Molloy RN, BN
PACU/Sedation Nurse
Kapi'olani Medical Center for Woman and Children
Oahu, Hawaii**

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testimony

From: Ruby DeFries [rdefries082402@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 8:57 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Hawaii Superferry

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

For Wednesday, October 24 at the State Capitol, Auditorium 10:30am

Please continue this new ferry service. It will boost up the economy for Hawaii and hopefully bring more money to the islands. I am supporting the Hawaii Superferry and I hope more people are too.

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testimony

From: Lance Fairly {fairly001@hawaii.rr.com}
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:24 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I Support the Superferry

We support the Superferry. My family and I believe the Superferry is needed in Hawaii. The majority of people in Hawaii want it to serve our communities. Please do all you can to save it.

Aloha from Tish Fairly

Ray Brown
(9th Grade, ASSETS School)
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Mililani, HI 96789
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October 24, 2007

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Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy and Environment

In Support of Allowing the Superferry to Begin Inter-island Service

I am in support of allowing the Superferry to begin inter-island service before an environmental assessment (EA) is completed.

My reasons are the same as the Senate passed under Senate Resolution 79 in 2004, such as:

- We are the only island state in the world that doesn't have an inter-island ferry system.
- Residents need to get to other islands fast and be able to take their cars with them.
- The Superferry will help Hawaii's economy by bringing more jobs.
- The Superferry uses the newest, cleanest technology compared to regular ships.
- U.S. taxpayers will help pay for the Superferry.

In conclusion, I think the Legislature was right in the beginning, a few years ago, when it pushed for the Superferry. All of the reasons that the Legislature used back then to approve Superferry are still good today.

testimony

From: Neil Olsen [olsen1929@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 8:58 PM
To: testimony
Cc: careyhawaii@earthlink.net
Subject: Fwd: Maui Super ferry meeting 10-22-2007

Neil Olsen <olsen1929@yahoo.com> wrote:

Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 22:17:35 -0700 (PDT)
From: Neil Olsen <olsen1929@yahoo.com>
Subject: Maui Super ferry meeting 10-22-2007
To: sens@capitol.hawaii.gov
CC: reps@capitol.hawaii.gov

I attended the Super ferry meeting on Maui and registered to address the senators in favor of allowing the operation during EIS. Unfortunately the loud, rude, group assembled in opposition to the ferry continued their yelling, shouting tactics interrupting all the speakers in favor of operating during EIS. After several hours of listening and observing this out of control circus, I left in disgust - unheard.

All the polls confirm overwhelming support for the Super ferry.

Please do not allow this obnoxious minority, who repeatedly threatened to break the law and interfere with harbor operations should they not get their way, intimidate you.

I was aboard the maiden cruise from Maui to Honolulu and actually had to call the police department in order to locate the loading area as there was absolutely no traffic or signs of unusual activity to guide me. Departing the ship in Honolulu was equally trouble free.

We are an island state and to be connected by aircraft only is absurd, my company provides airport transfer services at OGG and the lack of adequate parking is impacting arriving travelers in a very negative way. The Super ferry should be allowed to operate during EIS if for no other reason to simply relieve the strain on our airports.

Now is the time for political courage.

Sincerely,

Neil Olsen
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testimony

From: Diane Heiman [tutuinhi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 8:57 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I TOTALLY support the Hawaii Super Ferry operating both during and after an environmental impact study. As a resident of the Big Island for more than 18 years, I believe this is an important service for us. If Kauai doesn't want the Super Ferry, so be it.....let service between Oahu and the Big Island start immediately!!

Diane S. Heiman
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testimony

From: Jayme Higa [jaymehiga@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:16 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I e-mail you in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe that Hawaii needs the Superferry as another means to travel interisland. It is a necessary step to further progress for our state. It will provide a valuable service for locals as well as our tourist. In addition, the jobs that the Hawaii Superferry will provide is much needed not only on Oahu, but on the neighbor islands as well.

It is unfortunate that the protesters have received so much media attention. It is also disturbing to see their unruly behaviour on television.

I look forward to one day riding on the Hawaii Superferry when all of the issues are resolved.

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testimony

From: Timothy Ames [amestd4066@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:16 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please keep the Superferry

I like boats and I want to ride on one.

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testimony

From: Karen Miyake-Kondo [karen0701@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:23 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Let the Superferry Roll!

Seems like rules have been broken by Governor Lingle and State Agencies - that should be looked into. But in the meantime, for the better of all of Hawaii, LET THE SUPERFERRY ROCK AND ROLL AND GET ON THE SEA TO PROVIDE US AN ALTERNATIVE TO HAVING TO FLY!

Aloha,
Karen Miyake-Kondo 988-7212
South Pacific Insurance Agency 524-0000

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Jo-Ann N. Taniguchi [jntaniguchi@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Senate Committee Members:

As a tax paying citizen of Hawaii I ask that you please allow the Super Ferry to operate while and EIS is being done.

You have had info meetings on Kauai, Maui and tomorrow on the Big Island but what about Oahu - don't we count anymore?

While I understand how the neighbor islands feel I for one would never destroy or take advantage of their island like they have stated in the news about Oahu people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jo-Ann Taniguchi
Pearl City

10/23/2007

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testimony

From: Paula Blum [punjama@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: RE: SUPER FERRY

I SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY AS ANOTHER FORM OF TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT ALL VESSELS BE TREATED WITH THE SAME STANDARDS THAT THE SUPER FERRY IS BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

~~~~~ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL.~~~~~

**testimony**

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**From:** Heather Hedenschau [heatherrealtor2@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:23 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** regarding the Super Ferry Bill

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a business and professional woman and I own Big Island Brokers. I support the bill that would allow the Super Ferry to operate while an environmental assessment is made. Our Island economy needs this opportunity for people and products to be transported easily between Islands.

I feel that environmental concerns can be addressed so that the environment is not adversely affected while at the same time allowing this new economic opportunity to be utilized by all the residents of the state.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Heather Hedenschau

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*Certified Residential Specialist*  
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Aloha Legislators.....

My wife and I vigorously disagree with those activists and so-called environmentalists that are being led like sheep to believe that the superferry will somehow our island; just the opposite it will be a major and significant addition to our well-being here on the smallest of the islands proposed to be served...Kauai. While unwilling to fight the mass demonstrators at the school cafeteria to adequately testify and to suffer the resulting put-downs and shout-downs (not to mention the potential repercussions attached to animosity/ridicule by stirred-up medical patients that my wife serves in her high-profile capacity here on the garden island...most all of which has been encouraged and supported by our island legislative "leaders" fearful of losing fabulous/powerful 'jobs' if they oppose those loud naysayers) we wish YOU to know that there is a silent majority here that do vote & donate election funds so precious to re-election. Governor Lingle is doing a super job, the best in decades, as our leader & does not deserve the blame for legislative INACTION at the time of the harbor upgrade discussions & funding; BEFORE the ships were being built. By not requiring ALL transportation entities to initiate EIS or EA studies before adding to their "services" you have created an uneven playing field that favors our monopolies in transportation and it is most unfair and really unconstitutional to hand select the chosen business ventures. *The ferry service may well fail on its' own but certainly deserves that chance to proceed NOW and without undue new hardship requirements the cost of which may well sink the ship(s).* For once, please do the right thing and be FAIR and unemotional. An EIS will not change the need for ocean transport in time of crisis, that comes to us every 10 years or so. And plants and tiny creatures and cars NOW come to our island daily on planes and barges....this controversy is not about the ferry service or the environment, it is about controlling out of control growth and development on our changing island.

Thank you for reading and listening.

Richard Noel and Lulu Cowden

Kauai homeowners since 1992, shipping over from Maui to aid reconstruction after the horrendous hurricane.

**testimony**

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**From:** JJTravels@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:23 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPER FERRY

## GENTLEMEN

Please be advised that we support the super-ferry....we have used similar ferry's in other states and countries and feel it is an awesome idea whom we hope time has come..

The islands are so beautiful and it is so awesome to be able to take the ferry from island to island to enjoy all the beauty.

It is much preferable to our family and friends to island hop this way....we get to see beautiful scenery and relax on the trip.... It is less air traffic and more comfortable than being stuffed in a plane.

It is a shame to us that so many can benefit and yet a few unhappy people can make life miserable for the majority..They seem to have the time and energy to clang on pots and pans and make a real stink....Please think about all the people who are not complaining and are genuinely happy with the Super Ferry.

Thanks for reading our email,

Joanne Waylett and family and my many

travel agency customers...who like the idea  
too.

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**From:** LPIgnacio [lpignacio@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:21 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

**Hawaii State Senate**

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry operating during the time the the EIS is being completed. The Hawaii Superferry presents all residents of Hawaii with cheaper alternative transportation between the islands. Economical, this will help the entire State of Hawaii.

*Lloyd P. Ignacio*  
1015 Aoloa Pl., #334  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734  
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(808) 221-6651

**testimony**

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**From:** David Boyle [Boyled001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:23 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I support the Superferry and want it to sail with all possible speed. The arguments against it are with out merit in the realm of science, This debacle shames the reputation of intelligent Hawaiians and is doing great harm to the financial health and future of the Islands. Wake up Hawaii and join the 21st century. This ferry is state of the art and is the future of water transportation. It gives the exploited citizens of this State an optional, economical, and environmentally sound means of inter island commerce. David J Boyle