

YES

Attention: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Senate Committee
Hearing: Wednesday, October 24th at 10:30

Michael A. McMann, MD
91-1027 Niolo Street
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706

Dear Senate Committee Members,

I'm writing as a private citizen in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I hope it's time for the silent majority to no longer be silent on this issue. The bullying by the very loud and voiceterous small minority of environmental terrorists needs to be stopped. As elected officials, it's your responsibility to uphold the wishes of the vast majority of citizens who elected you. Please pass legislation to allow this important superferry service to resume operations with just normal and reasonable restrictions and not the outlandish and crippling restrictions requested by the environmental terrorists.

Mahalo,



Michael A. McMann, MD

Superferry testimony
 Committee on Energy + Environment

John T. M. Barclay
 2814 Kaulawahine St. NO
 Kahului
 893 2169

The Superferry issue seems to lend a lot of people the opinion that Hawaii's shoreline marine resources are for all of Hawaii's residents, no matter what island someone lives on. This might be true to a small degree. Yet, if this is the entire truth, why are there different types of fishing regulations for each island? Why aren't all the rules, blanket rules for the entire State of Hawaii. When the State was holding public hearings regarding the issue of gill nets, I didn't see any fishermen from the neighboring islands at the Maui hearings. And I know of no fishermen from Maui attending any outer island hearings.

A lot of people on Maui worked hard to obtain a total gill net ban, by attending numerous public hearings and submitting pages + pages of written testimony. It wasn't our fault that Oahu and the other islands only attained partial net bans. The folks of the Valley Isle didn't work hard to get the net ban for the neighbor islands' benefit. And the hearings at that time didn't take into account the Superferry.

Shoreline resource hearings should be conducted again to take into account the impact of the Superferry. In my opinion, along with the countless others I've spoken with, before the Superferry can be allowed to set sail again, bag limits for Tako, A'ama, Opahi, fish, etc. should be established. There should also be regulations on certain types of harvesting methods, like night diving and spearfishing with SCUBA gear. And, of course, to enforce these rules we need people at the harbors to check peoples' coolers + their fishing equipment. The judge

FROM :

FAX NO. :

Senate Sergeant - At - Arms
586-6659

YES

Attention to the following senate committees:

Judiciary & Labor
Transportation & International Affairs
Energy & Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry.

I was born and raised on Oahu and I would love to visit the other islands more often. I do not travel to the other islands as often as I would like to because I am afraid to fly and I do not like to leave my dog.

Please permit the Superferry to be in service while the environmental impact study is being conducted.

Jennifer Tema
722-6132

Testimony of Rosemary T. Fazio
In support of Hawaii Superferry

Hawaii State Legislature
October 24, 2007 at 10:30 a.m., Auditorium, State Capitol

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

FROM: Rosemary T. Fazio YES
2150 Mauna Place
Honolulu, HI 96822

DATE: October 23, 2007

RE: Support of the Hawaii Superferry

I write in strong and unequivocal support of the Hawaii Superferry.

My husband and I were one of the lucky few who sailed with the Hawaii Superferry on its inaugural journey to Maui in September. We saw the ad in the newspaper and successfully purchased tickets electronically. We found the experience to be exhilarating -- to be able to sit back and enjoy the Islands from another perspective. The Superferry staff members were uniformly friendly and helpful. The entire trip was smooth and fun.

The Superferry also gives our State another means of transportation to travel to and from the neighbor islands. I respectfully urge you to take all action necessary to enable this valuable resource to continue.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony of David J. Randell
In support of Hawaii Superferry

Hawaii State Legislature
October 24, 2007 at 10:30 a.m., Auditorium, State Capitol

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Testimony of Lynda Sasaki
In support of Hawaii Superferry

Hawaii State Legislature
October 24, 2007 at 10:30 a.m., Auditorium, State Capitol

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

FROM: Lynda Sasaki YES
2707 Kekuanoni Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

DATE: October 23, 2007

RE: Support of the Hawaii Superferry

I write in strong and unequivocal support of the Hawaii Superferry.

While I was not one of the lucky few who got to experience the Hawaii Superferry on any of its inaugural journeys to Maui or Kauai, my family and I were able take a tour of the Superferry on July 28. The Superferry staff members were friendly and helpful during our tour. We were very impressed with the vessel and vowed to take the Superferry to the neighbor islands when it launched.

The Superferry would be a wonderful way to take our parents to the neighbor islands. Mom is handicapped and has difficulty walking long distances. Taking the Superferry would be so much more convenient for mom than going to the airport and having to hassle with luggages, going through security, and getting/waiting for a wheelchair just to get to the gate and then to have to go through the process all over again on our journey back home. With the Superferry the family can just get into our car with our luggages and gear in the back, get on to the Superferry and enjoy the rest of our trip without any hassles. What a concept!!

The Superferry also gives our State another means of transportation to travel to and from the neighbor islands. I respectfully urge you to take all action necessary to enable this valuable resource to continue.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: suzette king [suzetteking@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony on behalf of 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

Aloha,

I am in support of the Superferry operating in the Hawaiian Islands immediately. I believe the endeavor to be beneficial for the people of Hawaii. I further believe the harm by not allowing business ventures can and will negatively impact our potential for growth and improved economy. I very much am in favor of alternative means of transportation within these Hawaiian islands, other than cruise ships and private charters.

Please vote in support of the Hawaii Superferry!!!

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Warmest aloha,

Suzette King
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Mililani, Hawaii 96789

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From: tanya higa [tnchiga@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in support of the Superferry

YES

Please add my testimony in support of the Superferry. We are in favor of the Superferry and feel that the Superferry would be good for Hawaii. There will be one more way for us to visit our neighbor islands and to have our children experience the true beauty of Hawaii. I also feel that there are so many ships already visiting all of the islands and not only from Oahu, but from the mainland. I feel that the groups that are against the Superferry are trying hard to find any excuse to stop the Ferry. Some of there excuses don't make any sense. We understand about the environment and want to keep Hawaii beautiful, also. This doesn't have anything to do with the Superferry. Please think about voting to allow the Superferry to continue to sail while the environmental assessment is being done.

Thank you,
Tanya Higa

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From: Peter Overland [poverland@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony in support of the Hawaii Superferry - Wednesday, October 24

YES

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry. Although I am not a full-time resident of Hawaii, I visit Maui several times per year. I support the ferry because I think that having additional inter-island transportation choices would be a benefit for Hawaii businesses and tourists. My testimony is pertinent to the following committee hearings:

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

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Thank you.

Peter Overland
Dallas, TX

access1

From: Selina Heaton [selinah@yahoo.com]

YES

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:58 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Testimony in support of the Hawaii Superferry - Hearing Oct 24th

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:

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

As a frequent interisland traveller with a deep concern for the environmental impact of existing modes of transportation between the islands - my need for the interisland ferry service is imperative as a real and alternative situation to the existing modes of transportation with the same capacity between our islands in greatly reducing our CO2 emissions impact. It is clearly in our public interest that a large capacity ferry vessel be allowed to operate, and that harbor improvements continue to be constructed and be allowed to be used while any environmental studies are conducted.

Selina Heaton

Laie, HI 96762

Selina Heaton
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Home 760.208.1820
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10/23/2007

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YES

From: DawnAranas@nahoku.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of the 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

Please accept this as a personal testimony on behalf of the Hawaii SuperFerry. I am in support of the SuperFerry. It will better Hawaii's economy with job opportunities and lessen the traffic in the airports. It's an alternate way to visit family for those who cannot ride airplanes. The islands were once united. What happened to that?

Dawn M. Aranas

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YES

From: Hashimoto GS-14 Ted W [ted.hashimoto@usmc.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Superferry

To Whom it may concern:

I would like to add my testimony for the record in support of the Superferry. I understand the concerns and objections raised by environmental and other opposition groups against the Superferry, and am personally embarrassed with how the State of Hawaii has been responding to this new means of transportation between the islands. How can we be prejudicial against this one company knowing full well there are other water craft that operate without restrictions between the islands? I am not personally sold that I will use the Superferry if this issue is ever resolved, however, I feel this company should be given the opportunity to operate as part of our belief of free enterprise. MAHALO

Ted Hashimoto
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Mililani, Hawaii 96789

TESTIMONY OF CYBIL RAWLINS
47-712 Hui lo Place
Kaneohe, HI 96744

OCTOBER 23, 2007

RE: HAWAII SUPERFERRY

YES

Good Morning chairs Hee, English & Menor and members of the Committee on *Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs & Energy and Environment*. I am Cybil Rawlins, a resident in the State of Hawaii.

I am pleased to participate in this hearing and appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an environmental assessment is being conducted.

I have lived in the State of Hawaii all of my life. The Hawaii Superferry provides citizens with another option for transportation between the islands. An option, I feel, that is long overdue. I understand that there concerns for the safe operation of the Alaka`i in Hawaiian waters, but feel that they have been adequately addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

YES

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

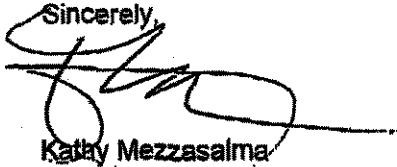
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Senate Committee Members,

I live on the Big Island and have been waiting for the Super Ferry coming for years. I support having another option for traveling. I encourage you to create an alternative that keeps this ferry running while the EIS is completed. It'll actually give you an opportunity to see in the real world what occurs, not the hypothetical of an EIS, and provide a limited timeframe to boot.

Those people on Kauai and Maui don't represent the majority. Make the extraordinary effort to get the EIS now.

Sincerely,



Kathy Mezzasalma

808-325-0631

23 OCTOBER 2007 9:45AM

YES

FROM: CARL W MULLEN Mililani, HI

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

SUBJECT: testimony in support of the bill that will permit
interisland ferry service in Hawai'i

I am in favor of the interisland ferry (Super Ferry) in Hawaii

Being a father of one teenager and three younger sons, this
upcoming Super ferry Service would be most beneficial for family
fun and travel.

I say **YES** to Super Ferry Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Carl W Mullen

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

RE: [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/splsession2007b/
hearingnotices/JDL-TIA-ENE_10-24-07_.htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/splsession2007b/hearingnotices/JDL-TIA-ENE_10-24-07_.htm)
DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007
TIME: 10:30 a.m.

Aloha,

I submit the following testimony on behalf of a Higher Law which I AM interpreting in order to bring new light to your perception of the issues regarding this special session on behalf of Gov. Linda Lingle and the Hawaii Superferry.

Simply put, the virus which has infected the legislature is at such a critical level that, like frogs in a pot of water being heated to boiling, it appears many do not notice that they are about to implode/explode if it reaches that point. You must vaccinate immediately... Are you going to be good lawmakers or sad lawbreakers? Will you cool things down for the people and the 'aina? Or will you turn up the heat and abuse the will of the 'aina and the caring people??

The flashback I am being told will be catastrophic. You are in a great position of power to create great good and set powerful healing forces in motion.... Or continue to support a regime which is cut off from communication with the Higher Law and risk great misfortune. Maybe such a tragedy is needed to wake people up. So be it then.

Maybe we all could buy some expensive riot gear so instead of talk story toward resolution, we just keep fighting like immature citizens of Earth are known to do. We deserve better than to perpetuate our sad history of violence and allowing 'governments' or 'corporations' to continue abusing the general public. It is time to evolve.

Much gratitude to those Senators who joined us on Kauai for the briefing. Many of you seem to notice yet I realize it is

difficult for you to pull the fire alarm on an administration gone astray. I understand. The problem is deep and systemic. We can see, we can feel, and it is quite transparent to many of us, how about you? Is it reaching you? The Light of the Most High?!! It gets noisy and challenging to hear, yet like a bolt of lightening, there is no mistake in what has been shown and it takes courage for me to risk sharing from this place. Yet, we *must do what we must do*. THE TIME IS AT HAND. ALL GOOD MEN AND WOMEN MUST COME TO THE AID OF THE PARTY.... The Conscious Party.

NO MORE FREE WILL ABUSE. Even though many who vocalize opposition are a minority throughout Hawaii, they represent the MAJORITY as far as the Spirit of the Land is concerned. This I know beyond doubt. E ola pono.

Quiet the noise, be still, and know. First, go into session and ADJOURN IMMEDIATELY! We shall see where to go from there.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jeffrey Charles Fishman
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Kapaa HI 96746

FAX

YES

To: Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Office
Fax: 1-800-586-6659

Re: Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Time and Location: 10:30 am, Auditorium, State Capitol

I would like to register my wholehearted support of the Hawaii Superferry. It brings another travel option in that we are not bound only by air here in the islands.

The reasons for my support are:

- For many of my patients, they have not been able to visit relatives on the other islands because they simply cannot fly. This opens up a whole new world for them.
- Expense: not to be dependent on the airfares to decide when and if to travel- you can simply get on the ferry and take your car.
- Hawaii needs to grow and not be solely dependent on tourism for its money. This would encourage big business to come here and offer other sources of employment that should pay more. It would also help keep our children from having to leave the islands upon graduation because there are no industries here to employ them. If the superferry is shot down, this will likely kill all future mainland companies from coming here. Hawaii would not be considered a friendly place for business.
- As for the environmentalists, how did the croqui frog get here? How did the other invasive species get here? Container ships and planes, not the ferry. And how can other states (Washington, Alaska, and Cape Cod in Massachusetts) and countries that have whales in their waters have viable ferries running for their citizens without damage to the marine life and environment? If necessary, slow the ferry or change its route during the months that the whales are here- that's 4-5 months out of 12! Why can't it run normally the other 7-8 months when there is no risk to the whales?
- There are more supporters of the ferry than those who oppose it- we are just fearful when it comes to the meetings as the opposers show no aloha when we are trying to get our views heard. Take it to the people for a vote! Then we'll see how the majority of Hawaiians feel about the Superferry.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views.

Marlene Pompetti, R.N.
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From: Leslie Kalama [lkalama@morrad.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony: Hawaii Superferry

YES

Testimony- Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24th, 2007

Time and Location: 10:30 am Auditorium, State Capitol

Aloha,

My name is Leslie Kalama, a Maui resident and I am in support of the Superferry, As I see it, I feel that they have been treated unfairly, all these people who are against it had their chance to complain about it as soon as it hit the papers, why wait til now when all this money has been spent. I think we should look at ourselves and ask ourselves, what are we doing to help our environment? I say give the Hawaii superferry a chance.

Mahalo Nui,

Leslie Kalama

testimony

From: Luke Whiteside [alohalww@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:13 PM

To: testimony

YES

We need the superferry for Hawaii, Why does Matson get to have all the fun. I have used superferrys in the mainland and there the best. This would only hurt Hawaii not to have.

Sincerely,

Luke Whiteside

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From: George Burnett RR [gburnett@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Superferry

YES

My name is George Burnett and I live on Oahu at 94-439 Kupuna Loop, in Waipahu.

The purpose of my testimony is to strongly endorse the efforts to establish the operation of Superferry statewide.

The Superferry offers a major enhancement in the choices available to the public which I strongly endorse. The improvements which Superferry offers to individuals like myself are important in providing a broader range of options for movement and travel, while allowing me to use own car upon arrival to travel around the state.

It will serve to release the strong strangle hold which Young Brothers currently has on interisland movement of cargo. The current cost to ship cargo reflects a monopoly situation, where cost is artificially high, due to the lack of competitive forces offered by alternatives including Superferry.

I am in strong support of Superferry, and resent the current situation, where activists and boisterous minority interests seem to be controlling the future outlooks of establishing this important new service.

While I am concerned about the possible negative effects which Super ferry brings to the environment, I feel that they have and are being adequately re-mediated.

Count me in strong support of the immediate operation of Superferry.

Signed, George F. Burentt, 94-439 Kupuna Loop, Waipahu, HI 96797

testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

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From: robert lee [leer087@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Superferry

YES

Please distribute the following testimony in support of the Superferry to these **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 a registered voter in the State of Hawaii and am sending this email in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. Hawaii residents need this alternative resource for interisland travel and we need it now. Thank you.

Judith M. Lee

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From: kjshiv@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in support of Superferry

YES

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

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I am strongly in favor of beginning Superferry service immediately. It will be a benefit for ALL residents of the islands. In addition to providing an alternative method of transportation for residents to visit their neighbor islands, it will permit local business people to expand their services to the other islands. For example, a landscaper on Kauai will be able to bring his/her equipment over to Oahu on the Superferry and complete a landscaping job on Oahu. Also, it will provide jobs for hundreds of Superferry employees. It is unfair to place more operating restrictions on the Superferry than on the other large cruise and freight ships that travel between the islands daily. Please give the Superferry a chance.

Mahalo.

Kelly Shivery

Kapolei

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From: Ross, Brian at HCS [bross@hcsugar.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:34 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Testimony in support of 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

My name is Brian Ross and I have been a resident in Hawaii for 37 years. I support the addition of another form of transport that allows the people of all islands to travel easily between the islands in comfort and travel with their own transport. I do think however think it is very unfair to single out the SuperFerry and impose special conditions when other transport companies do not have to comply. I ship my son's pickup at least twice a year between Maui and Honolulu with Young Brothers for his college transport at Manoa. The only inspection is for body damage or scratches. Anything can be loaded inside the back of the cab as long as it does not go above the rear window. There is no requirement for washing or vacuuming the inside. I have seen very dirty old decrepit pickups loaded with old plantation window frames full of termites and possibly all lead paint on the windows shipped along with my son's truck. Why do you allow one carrier to be overlooked but want to penalize the new boy on the block? Only Matson and Pasha have more stringent requirements for cars shipped to the Mainland not inter-island. I was really looking forward to having my son "Drive Home" for Xmas aboard the new ferry service. Please allow this very special and modern ship to sail while the environmental assessment is being conducted. Thank you,
Brian Ross

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From: Jefferey Tom [jefftomsf@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:01 AM

To: testimony

Cc: Jefferey Tom

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SUPER FERRY

YES

I, MY WIFE MEI LING, AND SON JASON, LIVING AT 95-076 KAULUA STREET, MILILANI ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPERFERRY. I BELIEVE THAT, WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS IN THE PROPOSED JOINT LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED, SHOULD ALLOW THE SUPERFERRY TO OPERATE SAFELY AND WITH MINIMAL RISK TO THE ENVIRONMENT. THE SUPERFERRY GIVES US ANOTHER TRAVEL & SHIPPING OPTION TO VISIT MY THIRD SON & HIS FAMILY IN WAILUKU, MAUI. IF THE SUPERFERRY IS DEFEATED, I TRULY BELIEVE THAT THE NEXT TWO GENERATIONS WOULD SUFFER & WE WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO \$200 ONE-WAY AIR FARES AS IT WAS WHEN ONLY HAWAIIAN AIR & ALOHA AIR HAD THE MONOPOLY. NOW, WITH GO! AIR & THE SUPERFERRY, IT GIVES THE COMMON TRAVELLER A LESS EXPENSIVE OPTION TO VISIT EACH OTHER IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. JEFF TOM, 627-0033

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From: Ian L. Sandison [isandison@carlsmith.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Interisland Ferry Service

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

Dear Senators,

I am writing to support the bill that will permit inter-island ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I support this bill because:

1. Diversified inter-island passenger service will improve the quality of life for Hawaii's citizens and help protect our fragile economy.
2. It is important for send a message to the outside world that Hawaii is not anti business.
3. Realistically, the actual threat to the environment (whales, increased congestion on Maui and Kauai, etc.) is minimal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.

Ian L. Sandison

access1

From: Nuzzo, Marc W LT CNSG MIDPAC N00J [marc.nuzzo@navy.mil]
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To: testimony
Cc: hawaiiisuperferry@hawaiiisuperferry.com
Subject: Testimony in support of HI Superferry

YES

Importance: High

The following testimony is intended for consideration by the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Committee hearing, proposed on Wednesday, October 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the State Capitol Auditorium:

My name is Marc W. Nuzzo. My wife Seiko and I are homeowners in the Hawaii Kai neighborhood of Oahu. I am an attorney who has moved to Hawaii to set up a family here with his wife and to share in the great culture and diversity Hawaii has to offer. We both VERY STRONGLY SUPPORT the Hawaii Superferry and the interisland link that the Superferry provides. It is a symbol of progress. Moreover, the Superferry is significantly more environmentally friendly (no discharge, special bottom paint, whale avoidance routes) than any of the numerous cruise liners and day charters that operate in between virtually every harbor in the Hawaiian Islands on a daily basis, with no similar regulations. I find it ironic that locals in some islands do not pick up a similar argument against the tour boats and cruise liners, but we all recognize the tourist dollars these operations provide. The only real difference between the cruise liners/tour boats and the Superferry appears to be that actual Hawaii resident ISLANDERS will primarily use the Superferry. Given all these facts, this debate does not strike me as an "environmental" question, but rather a subversive isolationist-elitist question. Hawaii is a state in the Union. If a county in any other state in America sought to isolate itself, it would be laughable. Additionally, the civil unrest and riotous behavior that was tolerated in Nawilili was shameful, dangerous, undemocratic and, actually, criminal. The legislature should recognize and consider that, too. We have an overriding societal interest in linking our islands with the Superferry.

Striking a critical blow to the Superferry is not only a step backward from what was promised to them, but a warning to other new businesses and young families looking to set up in Hawaii to think twice about coming here. Hawaii cannot hope to continue to survive on tourism alone and remain a viable homeland if we continue to scuttle progress. As your constituent, I ask you to hear the voice of those of us who chose to voice our opinion in the proper democratic forum. Please support our Hawaii Superferry.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to speak with me further.

Very respectfully,

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808-499-5888 (H)

access1

From: Anita Nihei [aknihei@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in support of Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30am, Auditorium, State
Capitol

My name is Anita Nihei and I am in support of a bill that would permit interisland ferry service by Hawaii Superferry, while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

First of all, I believe the Hawaii Superferry has acted in good faith, and it is only fair and reasonable to allow it to at least move forward with the interisland service until the impact statement is completed.

Second, the Hawaii Superferry provides an alternative to the airlines and Young Brothers. The opportunity to choose should not be taken away from us.

Third, Young Brothers and other large cruise ships have been navigating between the islands for many years, and I am not aware of any serious environmental issues. How is it that they can operate in our waters, but the Hawaii Superferry cannot. Can someone please explain this to me?

Fourth, please, consider the long term future and reputation of our state. We cannot afford to be labeled the anti-business state and deter future significant investments in Hawaii. We must show good faith in our actions and carefully balance the needs of all the stakeholders involved.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

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From: lisairish@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in support of Hawaii Superferry

YES

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To whom it may concern: I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry operating while an EIS is being conducted. It simply provides alternative travel and transportation options for Hawaii residents, and mirrors many other states and countries that have been successfully operating ferry services for decades.

Mahalo,

Lisa Irish

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From: Joyal "Joie" Nomura [kapua5000@gmail.com]

YES

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:35 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Testimony in Support of Hawaii Superferry

This is my written support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Reason: My Mother and Aunt are 85 and 93 years old and reside on Maui; I live on Oahu. Both are in wheelchairs. Their transportation between islands by air has become difficult to nil for them and our family-care members. Commuting for a visit or to a Honolulu medical specialist would be most accomodating via the Superferry. No travel stress for them and the family.

10-23-07

To:

SENATE
SERGEANT AT ARMS OFFICE

YES

RE: Super Ferry Support

I WOULD LIKE TO VOICE MY SUPPORT
FOR GETTING THE MUCH-NEEDED SUPERFERRY
SAILING THROUGHOUT OUR ISLANDS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE VOTE FOR SAILING DURING
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS.

Mahele

Mary L Hultquist

MARY L HULTQUIST

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From: Jay Sy [noservice2001@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: The H-4

YES

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Why must our state be divided with this issue? Why can't we all just get along? The ferry should be put to use immediately since it is already here, built and ready to use, why waste money stalling it?

It's not like the other cruise ships have ALL completed their environmental surveys... We need to end the air monopoly to get our krispy kremes, and the only alternative to air is water- until someone can teleport me from HNL to OGG or Kauai, please do what you can 'fo let the kine ferry go'...

Mahalo

Jay Sy

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From: MICHAEL FISHER [cj50@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:28 PM
To: testimony
Subject: The Ferry

YES

Aloha,

My name is C. Baker. We live on the Big Island . Having had to find a way to visit family on the other islands some times is a hard thing to do with the cost of living here so high. I have been a resident for 21 years and still find it hard to believe that the powers that be , And I think it is the airlines -car rentals -Young Bros. that is behind this NO VOTE! something that would truly give us all a new way to enjoy the place we live in.

There are other issues which should take president over a new transportation .Please allow this to move forward & be fair ,if the ferry needs a ESI then all should be required to have it . Stop them also . Lets live Aloha & move forward in this time of our state.

Thank you for your time. C. Baker & M. Fisher

82-6021 Napoopoo RD Captain Cook, Hi 96704

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From: Eric Geller [ericgeller@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: testomony in favor of the ferry

YES

Dear Hawaiian Government

I am in total support of the ferry. It will help many businesses on the Island. The Islands economy is based on visitors.

The ferry

will make it easier for residents to visit other Islands.

People are still going to fly to the island evenif it isn't approved why not make the journey to and from the Island exciting.

Mahalo,

Eric Geller
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Kailua-Kona
Hi 96740

access1

From: haroldgallagher@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony-Support the Superferry

YES

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Please Support the Superferry-Hawaii needs to move forward and be competitive the Superferry will increase commerce, jobs, and income. It will also allow lower income residents/families to travel Inter-Island less expensively.

The impact on the Environment is being over stated by the Old Rich Residents who do not like change. They want to live in the Elvis Presley Hawaii and pretend their in an old movie.

We need to move forward with the rest of the world and increase our oppurtunities.

Sincerely

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Harold Gallagher
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From: alison [alinjason@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:12 PM
To: testimony
Cc: Hawaii Superferry
Subject: Testimony: SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY

YES

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

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All Senators and Representatives,

As a registered voter on the island of Oahu (District: Mililani Mauka), I ask that you support a special session to allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the EIS is completed.

I have faith that you and your counterparts in the legislature WILL allow the Superferry to operate under "logical and fair" conditions that any company similar in nature must also follow. The ridiculous list of 29 conditions set forth by the "environmentalists" is laughable at best and it would disappoint me if any legislator would even entertain any of the ideas proposed. Listen to the majority of your constituents who choose to support the Superferry as an alternative means of transportation for leisure, for business or for government use (if required in emergency).

We need to treat ALL businesses fairly, making sure the conditions set forth do not single out the Superferry, as we are setting an example to the rest of the world of how difficult it is to do business in Hawaii.

Make a logical decision, the right decision and support the decision you all made two years ago in support of the Superferry.

Respectfully,
Alison Okumura
95-1041 Keni St
Mililani, HI 96789
Represented by Senator Robert Bunda and Representative Marilyn Lee

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From: Kanoa Ng [kanoa_ng@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony: Hawai'i Super Ferry

YES

Aloha,

I'm writing in support of the Hawai'i Super Ferry. To have the option to visit ohana and bring along your car is best thing ever! I can't wait until the Super Ferry starts service to/from the Big Island.

Sincerely,

Tripler K. Ng

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From: Steve Nihiser [nihiserw001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony, 24 Oct 07 Input to Support the Superferry

YES

Please see our earlier Response (email next under), echoed again on behalf of supporting the Superferry.

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

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From: Steve Nihiser [mailto:nihiserw001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 5:08 PM
To: 'Jessica Grant'; 'Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye'
Subject: Superferry Response

Dear Senators Hemmings & Inouye:

Agree and amen to the recognition of the silent majority in this task in support of the Superferry. Opportunity starts at home, here in Hawaii – we have lost too many of our business industries, Sugar Cane, Pineapple, etc. and are losing focus on the future. Mass transit is a “must transit” opportunity that will positively impact on our residents and visitors alike. Business means jobs and tax revenue, and efforts to protect the environment is a concern to all of us, even if we don't admit it. Prevention and monitoring are needed, or as we saw with contractor shortcuts and poor planning, we have trees discarded and sewage problems downtown.

The Superferry, like forward-leaning business and enterprises, partnered with the State, offer employment opportunities in business branches throughout the State. We have heard of the furloughing of over 200 Superferry employees, but this also impacts on those businesses that support

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the Superferry, as well as investments which in great part, stimulate the sustaining business and economy throughout the State.

I am also concerned about the environment, but we have to have a balance. I am confident concessions can be made or routes taken to "avoid or minimize" collisions with humpback whales, etc. *can be made (since the whales won't return until @Dec – Mar) while the Environmental Impact Study is pursued or that a "waiver" can be offered for one year until the study is completed.* The State has invested a lot and on the cusp of defining itself as a forward-looking leader. Or, we can allow judge to thwart business partnerships such as the Superferry limiting State growth by overzealous environmental constraints. Are we listening where opportunity knocks, or do we pretend that no one is home for fear of taking a position?

May I also suggest the State query a Superferry success story from the mainland or worldwide and get the word out on TV, e.g., what was done there to make it work. Alaska, Philippines, Alabama (where another Superferry is being built), NC, Washington and New England areas are also expanding their shipping, transportation and business growth...

- SitNews - Opinion/Letter: AMHS Southern Gateway Shuttle Ferry Needs to ...
AMHS Southern Gateway **Shuttle Ferry** Needs to be Operating in 2008 ... Maher has invested over \$60 million dollars to install three huge **super** ...
 - www.sitnews.us/0307Viewpoints/032507_mike_round.html
- SuperFerry - Aboitiz Transport System Corporation
A Cebu-based shipping line, offering information about destinations, sailing times, as well as online bookings.
 - www.superferry.com.ph
- Welcome To The Mobile Bay Ferry
The mobile bay **ferry** runs daily between fort morgan and dauphin island, alabama carrying cars and passengers
 - mobilebayferry.com
- NCDOT Ferry Division: Home
The mission of the North Carolina **Ferry** Division is to provide safe, cost-effective and dependable service for the traveling public.
 - www.ncdot.org/transit/ferry
- Official Washington State Ferries Homepage
1 of 9 WSF Route Bulletins Tuesday, October 9, 2007 5:34 PM Seattle/Bremerton - Hyak ... Seattle **Ferry** Terminal at Colman Dock; Bainbridge **Ferry** Terminal Master Plan; Eagle Harbor ...
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Year round vehicle, truck, motorcoach, and passenger **ferry** service between Orient Point, Long Island, New York and New London, Connecticut.
 - www.longislandferry.com

Please express our support for the Superferry - this business enterprise and the opportunities waiting for a common sense answer of concurrence in allowing the Superferry to operate, with a waiver until the EIS is completed and through proactive methods of travel routes to minimize endangerment to the environment and wildlife.

Mahalo,

Steve & Sun Nihiser, Mililani, 386-5639

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From: James Loo [papi0777@hawaii.rr.com]

YES

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:26 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Testimony to 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

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I am Kimo Loo and I am a Hawaii citizen that votes. I support the Hawaii Superferry mainly because it allows for an alternative means of transportation that allows one to bring more items in a motor vehicle on Hawaii Superferry than on a plane.

It was widely known that an "exception" was made for Hawaii Superferry due to the way their loan was written and agreed upon. Didn't the court say it was okay and just recently "overturned" its decision? It has been said that if Hawaii Superferry and the Hawaii Government played by the rules and did the EIS, we would not be in this situation. I say, "if the court had ruled "no go" years back, we would also not be in this dilemma." How best can we rectify the quandary and possibly quagmire that we are in?

Do not impose such harsh restrictions on Hawaii Superferry in regards to invasive species. If you're going to do that, you should have all the people and cargo checked before landing on Hawaii soil. That means you're going to have the ships from foreign countries checked, no more snakes and little critters and pets coming in. How are tiny eggs from invasive species (including cockroaches, ants, lizards, and such) that haven't hatched going to be disposed?

Do not impose such low speed requirements that the Superferry will take even longer to travel and increase their and the riders expenses. The time of three hours or more is long enough. Do we impose speed limitations and safeguards so that birds are not struck by planes or gobbled up in their engine?

Do not restrict the number of cars to be unloaded to two per minute. Do you know how long that takes? Try doing that on any major roadway. Let Hawaii Superferry regulate the unloading depending on the circumstances on a particular day. In fact it may make more sense to have thirty or more vehicles go when the light at an intersection is green. Perhaps arrangement can be made with so that someone (police) can direct or regulate the traffic lights for the short period. It is only once a day.

Everyone has been put on the spot. Knowing full well the many benefits and advantages of having a super ferry in Hawaii, I implore all of you to make this work. If you require completion of the EIS before operation, there will be no Hawaii Superferry and probably no interisland commuter ferry in Hawaii for a long time. The football has been intercepted many times this year, but thus far Hawaii has made it work. You can do the same, if you really want to.

Lastly, to Hawaii Superferry, if you keep raising prices for whatever reasons, even with the delays, you will not survive in these waters infested with whales, shark, and people.

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From: david chen [qqhawaii@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony to support Superferry

YES

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

Ref: **Support Superferry**

David Chen

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Honolulu Hi 96815

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Dear **Senate Committees:**

I am just a concern 23-year Hawaii resident, reside at 2421 Tusitala St. # 602 Honolulu Hi 96815. I am supporting Superferry for one very simple reason, the **Superferry** can only add value to our future economy, please look at the benefits of the Superferry will bring to all the residents as a whole, the rest is just a technical problem.

Public transportation should be a government's job, I admire Superferry took the lead and now is the government's turn to help out the Superferry, please support the Superferry, Mahalo!

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From: Steve Joseph [steve@pvtland.com]

YES

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:39 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Testimony Regarding the Superferry for the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs and Energy and Environment Committees

As a taxpayer in the State of Hawaii, I wanted you to know of my support of the Superferry. I would hope that the Legislature would find a way to get DOT Harbors out the fix they are in. I have worked with DOT Harbors in the past and this seems like something that they need to fix. The Superferry has met all the requirements that others have with regard to environmental issues. It seems that a vocal minority backed by special interests is holding the wishes of the majority hostage through legal red tape. I would hate to think that as a taxpayer I am going to get an additional tax burden as the Superferry sails into the distance. With the tax burden from H-Power, the Sewage System, and Mufi's Railroad, I am thinking about leaving the State of Confusion (Hawaii). Thank you for listening to a concerned taxpayer, Steve Joseph, West Loch Estates.

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From: BILL FORSYTH [forsythj223@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony Supporting the Super Ferry

YES

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Subject: Testimony Supporting the Super Ferry

I have lived on Oahu for the past 32 years, and probably like most others, suffer occasionally from "island fever", I am sure it is the same with the residents of the other islands. The Super Ferry offers the residents of Hawaii an opportunity to take their car and travel new roads without the expense of rental cars and, if you camp, hotels. For our neighbor island friends, the Super Ferry will allow them to come to Oahu to shop and be able to take back their purchases in their vehicles on the Super Ferry. In emergencies, such as earthquakes or Tsunami, the Super Ferry can be used to transport emergency supplies and relocate residents.

The new rules I hear from the so called environmentalists, such as inspecting cars and vacuuming the floors, are ridiculous. Young Brothers has been shipping 100's of cars and trucks every week to the other islands without these restrictions; the propeller powered tow vessels fulling the barges do not slow until they near their destinations, I have never heard of one of these vessels colliding with a whale. The activists claim the Super Ferry will increase traffic; however, for every vehicle coming in on the ferry, one will be going back, the few cars which come should have no impact on the islands, but will bring additional visitors to help out their economies. Many more people come in everyday by airlines than would be coming on the Super Ferry.

All recent polls show the small group of anti-ferry activists are not speaking for the vast majority of Hawaii's residents, please let the Super Ferry operate and operate without restrictions which would be unique to only the ferry.

Respectively

William L Forsyth, SMSgt (Ret) USAF
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Kapolei Hawaii

access1

From: Mary Spero [MarySpero@prodigy.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:43 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony Regarding the Hawai'i Superferry

YES

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 10:30 a.m.
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Aloha Honorable Senators,

My whole kama'aina ohana support the Hawai'i Superferry and its right to operate in our beautiful state. We are Hawaiian, Italian, Scotch, Chinese, Irish, Portuguese, Dutch, German, Filipino, and who knows what else. Our ohana live on O'ahu, Kaua'i, Mau'i, the Big Island and Moloka'i! We even have an aunty on Lana'i! ALL of us want the Superferry! We are diversified in our heritage, but we are of one mind about the Superferry. WE WANT IT!

Isn't it about time Hawai'i got RID of the moniker of "BAD FOR BUSINESS"? Start now with giving the Superferry your support and blessing to operate for the benefit of all of Hawaii's citizens. Do NOT tie it up with more restrictions, UNLESS you are willing to apply the same restrictions to EVERY form of transportation within the state and to every traveler, who moves from one community on any island to any other community on that same or another island.

Don't let outsiders put wedges between the residents of our islands. We are ohana. We have a culture of inclusiveness, not divisiveness. RESPECT our heritage!

Only outsiders would tell a Hawai'i resident, "Don't come to *MY* island!" HOW SAD! WHERE is the aloha? Only an outsider would think he/she could "own" an island. The aina is GOD'S and he has given it to all of us to enjoy, not to just this one or that one.

We want the Superferry so we can go altogether to weddings, baby luau, even funerals. We want our keiki to enjoy traveling to other islands, where they can compete with their cousins in sports, hula, song and educational events and we want to choose the form of transportation we want to use.

PLEASE do something good for the citizens of Hawai'i!
Instead of only doing for the tourists, NOW you can do something that is good for the local folks! Some of us have waited a lifetime for the ferry.

PLEASE don't tie us up any longer and don't tie up the ferry. SET HAWAI'I AND THE FERRY FREE!

Mahalo nui loa!

Me ke aloha, Mary Spero

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From: jonathan jay [jonathan@dakauai.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 6:45 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony Regarding the Ferry

NO

Aloha Senators, and Congressional Reps -

I am neither for nor against the ferry - but I am very much FOR the rule of law, even for those who claim to be 'super.'

FIRSTLY:

About Hawai'i developing "a 'bad reputation' as a place to do business" - this is not only a groundless assertion, it is also deceptive. If the SuperFerry is allowed to sink in it's own folly, the statement is only true by half - here is the rest of the story:

There is not one, but TWO messages related to the business climate in the 50th state we will send out to the greater business community and their equity investors in the rest of the world:

1) Hawai'i is a GOOD place to do GOOD business -

Come to Hawai'i - invest, follow the rules, respect the land and the peoples and you will have healthy business and respectful profits. You can know our laws will protect your business from unfair competition by lawless corporations that are more interested in their own operation than they are in the sustainability of the community or of the rule of law. If you love the place we live in, are respectful of the health and well being of our economic environment, and are willing to be a law abiding, 'aina respecting, culturally affirming part of the greater business community, come to Hawai'i!

2) Hawai'i is a BAD place to do BAD business -

When we are fair but firm, hold the line on our values and laws even against HUGE financial interests with MASSIVE political, media, and economic clout. When we remain steadfast in our resolve that even those that claim to be 'Super' are still not above the law, WE DETER OTHERS from coming here thinking THEY TOO will also get 'special' treatment from having the 'right connections' and tossing a few thousand campaign dollars around. If you want to stuff neighbor isles, run roughshod over our law and twist our legislature to bend to your will, STAY AWAY - you are not welcome.

BOTH of these messages are hugely beneficial for Hawai'i.

There is NO downside. They draw to us what we desire, and repel that which would degrade our communities. Nothing 'bad' about that. In fact, this is the classic 'win-win', and that's a very good thing.

SECONDLY:

It is undeniably true this boat has been a SuperFiasco. As a result of SuperFerry's unlawful pushing, and Gov. Lingle's diligent down-to-the-mat greasing, and DOT Director Barry Fukanaga obedient exemptions, a terrific mess has been made, a SuperMess. Oahu and the Neighbor Islands have been falsely pitted against each other, communities are gripped by needless strife and conflict, police and the communities they are oath-bound to protect and serve squaring off, the USCG unsure whether to guard the coast or protect big business....

Much ill will has been generated only to be amplified by the mass media. All in all, a sorrowful state of affairs, and one that many people find to be deplorable and disgusting. Many mistakes, many miscalculations, and many examples of extremely poor political and business judgment have already been committed. PLEASE TO NOT ADD TO THIS SUPERFILE.

The Corporation, the Governor, and her appointees have no one to blame for this mess except themselves. This is not the legislature's mess. Please do not make the mistake of

wading in at the 11th hour to mop up THEIR mess. They made poor choices, and they should rightly suffer the consequences of their mistakes.

FINALLY:

I urge you to stand up and stand tall for all of Hawai'i nei
- No 'special' treatment, no 'special' session.

If the Governor foolishly chooses to call you into special session, I urge that immediately the motion be made, seconded and approved to close the session... this will shove the matter right back into the Governor's lap, where it rightly belongs.

Her having to deal with this SuperFiasco is much better than The Supreme Court of Hawaii having to deal with the constitutional crises that will certainly erupt from any ill-advised SuperTinkering the legislature may try to do

Mahalo for taking the time to read my words, and deeply consider the consequences of your actions in this next week.

This issue is much bigger than the a boat - it is about good governance, participatory citizen involvement, sustainability, back room power-politics, and the rule of law. Please show the Hawai'i you 'get it'. Please show the rest of the world Hawai'i 'gets it right.'

EIS First - there will be no second chance.
No EIS, No Ferry.

Aloha,

jonathan jay
Architectural Designer
Kapa'a Kaua'i

Member Apollo Kaua'i
Zero Waste Kaua'i
Kaua'i Coastal Path
Hawai'i 2050 Partipant
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From: Stephen Heiman [seh@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony re: Hawaii Superferry

YES

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

My family resides on Hawaii Island. It includes my wife, myself, three children and four grandchildren. We almost never visit Oahu or the other neighbor islands. The Hawaii Superferry would give us all an opportunity to take a car and visit, shop on and explore the other islands. The Hawaii Superferry would do no more, and probably less damage to the environment than cruise ships, barges, other boats and air carriers. It would lower costs to travel between the islands and provide great flexibility for everyone. Please allow it to operate.

**Mahalo,
Stephen E. Heiman**

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From: Jim Albertini [ja@interpac.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony on Superferry: EIS first

NO

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

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Aloha Senators,

I am opposed to any special legislation for any special interests such as the superferry.

An EIS should be completed first before the Superferry sails as required by existing environmental law.

Mahalo.

Jim Albertini
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From: AMY HANLON [aahanlon2@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:31 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony on Superferry in Hawaii waters

YES

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

Dear Senators English, Tanaguchi and Menor:

This email is to show my support in permitting the Hawaii Superferry to operate in Inter-Island waters, and to provide services to our Island (Maui, specifically) as well as to the other islands, while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. The conditions imposed on the Governor to safeguard and protect adequately our environment during this time, and the tremendous efforts by the owners also, is beyond anything any other vessel in the ocean is required and seems adequate to me.

I feel this is very important for our island as another means of transportation to other islands. With the high cost of airfare, the continuous delays by Aloha Airlines between islands, makes me wholeheartedly welcome the Superferry! I believe it is totally unfair to this entity in singling it out for an environmental assessment only, when in fact the alien species are already here...and the Superferry did not bring them in! All other cruise lines, barges, airplanes, cars from the mainland being shipped in and foreign ships as well, should thus be held to this same scrutiny.

Please be fair to this new business coming to Hawaii and show them we do want their business, but hold them to strict guidelines.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in favor of the Hawaii Superferry operating in our waters until the Environmental Assessment is completed.

Amy E. Hanlon
1063 Lower Main Street, Apt 416
Wailuku, Maui, HI 96793
October 22, 2007
Senate Hearing, Wednesday, October 24, 2007
Hawaii State Capitol

access1

From: Morris Osedo [mmo@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony on Superferry

YES

Dear Senators,

My wife and I strongly support the Superferry. Our feelings are so strong that our future votes will be greatly influenced by how our elected government officials vote on this critical issue.

We feel that the Superferry has received a raw deal from the State. They followed all of the guidelines put forth by the State and now the "State" has done a 180 degree turnaround and in our view doing great harm to the Superferry. We are not interested in afixing blame to any individual, judicial or political party. We just want the State to allow the Superferry to run while the EIS is in progress to at least give the Superferry a fair shake.

We urge you to vote to allow the Superferry to run to all islands while the EIS is in progress,
Morris and SunYe Osedo

10/23/2007

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From: ricky [ricky@isp01.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony on behalf of the superferry

YES

-judiciary and labor, transportation and international affairs, and energy and environment.
-wednesday, october 24, 2007
-10:30 am auditorium, state capitol

I am in support of the superferry. Having this superferry would be very beneficial to my family as well as others who have friends and family on neighbor islands. Many of us don't have the opportunity to visit family on other islands because of finances and I feel this would be a great alternative to flying. It would also allow us to bring our own vehicles which would be another money saver. Thank you for your time.
sincerely yours,
The Mau ohana

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From: Marcie Olague [marcie.olague@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:51 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony on behalf of the 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

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wholeheartedly support the operation of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe it will benefit all involved islands by offering a safe, reliable, affordable and fun option for inter-island transportation. To my family and myself, the biggest benefit of all is being able to take our vehicle to other islands when we travel there.

I strongly urge you to commit to this wonderful concept, and make it work!

Thank you,

Marcie A. Olague
Pearl Harbor, HI

NO

The Honorable Brian Taniguchi and Honorable Members of the Senate, Good morning.

I am Gene A. Albano and let me start by asking these questions. Why was the Superferry allowed to operate without going through the legal process or why were they given a special treatment? Is this a QUID PRO QUO? The decision made to allow its operation was a blatant and deliberate violation of existing laws on the environment which resulted in the polarization of the people of Hawaii.

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I join others against a special session for the purpose of passing a special law to accommodate a business entity for the following reasons:

1. The decision of the administration of Gov. Lingle to allow the Superferry to operate is in violation of existing laws and the Legislature should not be a party to an illegal act,
2. To hold a special session simply to suit the purpose of one who have no respect and regard of the law will encourage others to follow which is not good for the Legislature and the people of Hawaii,
3. The popularity of the Superferry is based on the assumption that it is good for the State and its people but up to this time there is no proof or statistic provided by the Superferry or its supporters to that effect,
4. The people of Hawaii totally agree that it is within the jurisdiction of the Legislature and have the discretion to amend an existing law provided it is good for the majority and never for a special interest,
5. Everyone living in Hawaii welcome any businessman or business entity to do business in our State but should operate under existing laws. We are under a government of laws not of men,
6. I believe that allowing the Superferry to continue its operation will not solve the problem confronting the Governor, Legislature and the people of Hawaii,
7. To hold a special session at this time is an unjustifiable use of taxpayer's money. This matter can be addressed during your regular session,
8. Should you decided to hold a special session, the bill you will enact must be in the best interest of the people of Hawaii and include a provision to investigate or audit the Operating Agreement entered into between Gov. Lingle and the Superferry to unearth the truth.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to appear before you and I am ready to answer any question.

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

YES

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Time and Location: 10:30am Auditorium, State Capitol

Aloha,

My name is Katherine Burnatay, I am a current resident of Maui County. I am writing you in regards to the Hawaii Superferry. I support the Superferry 200%. If an Environmental Impact Statement is required of Hawaii Superferry I do believe that they should complete such documentation BUT I think that they should still be able to continue business within the Hawaiian Islands while these documents are being prepared.

Dozens of airplanes filled with tourist land in the islands daily. They rent their cars and head off to explore the islands. One less parking space... More traffic... This is HAWAII we live because of TOURISM.

Three cruise ships port at our island docks each week. Sometimes two/three cruise ships dock in Lahaina Bay at once. These cruise ships carry hundreds of people, they travel throughout the Hawaiian waters and when they finally dock they rent their cars and head out to explore our islands. Two less parking spaces... Even more traffic... This is HAWAII we live because of TOURISM.

Tour boats on each island travel the local waters; giving tourist the sights of Hawaii. Tours offer parasailing, jet skiing, swimming with the turtles, swimming with the dolphins and coral reef exploration. These things affect our marine life too. Several of these companies DO NOT have the technology to detect what is in/around them; so accidents happen - WE JUST DON'T HEAR ABOUT THEM.

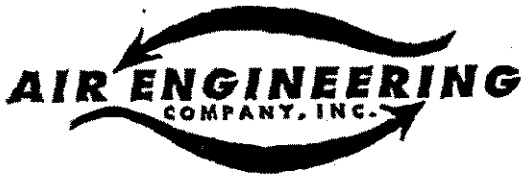
The Hawaii Superferry is for HAWAII RESIDENTS - It's an alternative for US the LOCAL RESIDENTS to travel between islands. The Hawaii Superferry is a way for LOCAL RESIDENTS to connect with Ohana on other islands. The Hawaii Superferry will allow our YOUTH OF HAWAII to travel between islands; for sporting events and school events. Our ELDERLY may have better access to travel due to the Hawaii Superferry. Any/Every individual that may have trouble traveling inter-island because of some disability will now have a chance. Airfare and car rentals/insurance are too costly for most to travel; so they don't travel. The Hawaii Superferry will allow local businessmen to expand their services to other islands, increasing the employment. Hawaii Superferry itself has allowed local Hawaii residents to become employed through them.

The Hawaii Superferry is a POSITIVE for HAWAII. PLEASE ALLOW THE SUPERFERRY TO SAIL.

Mahalo,

Katherine K. Burnatay
Wailuku, Hawaii

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YES

TO: SARGENT - AT - ARMS

FROM: Bill Hukic

DATE: 10-23-07

SUBJECT: SUPER FERRY

REMARKS: We are in support of the Superferry. As a company, it would help our business immensely. It would also benefit our family's lives. ~~Bill~~

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Please deliver as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Sent by: Bill

Carmen Bannister

Subject: SUPPORT SUPERFERRY

YES

Yes I support SUPERFERRY. This is a great opportunity for HAWAII to have this mode of transportation within ours ISLANDS. Will help people like us who works hard and pay TAXES to the government.

Sincerely,

Carmen Bannister
PO Box 5197
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

I strongly support the Super Ferry because it's about time that Hawaii had an alternate form of transportation to the outer islands utilizing our surrounding ocean.

Aloha,

Robert Fox

SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY
Capitol Auditorium, 10:30 AM, Wednesday, Oct 24, 2007

YES

Dear Honorable Members of the Legislature,

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry for what I consider, based on personal experience, to be the most important reason public health and safety. Hawaii is unique in that all our islands are isolated by the ocean. It is not like the mainland where, in times of disaster, you can just drive, use a train, or fly to another airport to cross a state line. Because of this uniqueness, our decision making approach must also compensate.


On August 1992, I was employed by the Hawaii Army National Guard as their Environmental Engineer upon retiring from Pearl Harbor Shipyard with a nuclear engineering career. I had first hand experience of the devastation of the direct hit from Hurricane Iniki and the months of effort exerted by the National Guard, FEMA and the community in order to sustain the people with just bare necessities to survive. Many of the objectors seem to have forgotten this tragedy or just were not there. As I assisted with the FEMA effort, I thanked God frequently that no one was killed or seriously injured from the tragedy. It took several days just to get the airport functioning and several weeks to clear the roads for access. My father-in-law who suffered a stroke before the tragedy had to be transferred to Honolulu by Medevac.

Now, tune in to Hurricane Katrina and the many people that died or were injured. Picture the hospitals being overloaded with patients, understaffed, and overworked. Then, apply this scenario to Kauai with another hurricane, which is long overdue (about every 12 years), with hundred of injured people.

With the alternative of the Superferry, several hundred of the elderly, young children and people in poorly built homes could be evacuated before the hurricane arrives. On the aftermath, it would be quicker to clear a harbor than an airport for logistical support. Hence, the Superferry could be used to transport National Guard personnel, food, water, and medical supplies, and medical personnel as necessary. Also, if the capacity of Wilcox Hospital has been reached, many of the injured could be transported to Honolulu for emergent care compared to just a few at a time with Medevac or local airlines. My guess is that one trip with the Superferry is probably equivalent to 50 or more trips with aircraft, providing landing fields and control towers are operable.

As a former environmental engineer, I understand the concerns for protection of marine life and transport of alien species. However, in my opinion, we already have in operation huge cruise liners, barges, naval ships, and other commercial vessels. So any adverse effect (or no impact) on the environment has already been demonstrated.

I also understand the concerns of the objectors that compliance with the law should be mandatory. However, life is not all black and white and there are many times when gray areas must be clarified and common sense must prevail. That is why we have elected officials who can help make decisions on the gray areas and do what is best overall for the State, especially when it comes to public health and safety.

With sincerest Aloha, 
Adrian Q.S. Chang
216 Nomilo Street, Honolulu, Hawaii
Cell: 227-9763
Date Submitted: Oct 23, 2007

From courtneyg001@hawaii.rr.com

Sent Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:01 am

To testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Cc courtneyg001@hawaii.rr.com

Bcc

Subject We need the Superferry

Hawaii needs the Superferry for alternative transportation to the neighbor islands.

I am a large person and when I fly on the local airlines everyone of them I am like a sardine packed in a can. On the Superferry SIZE does not matter.

We live in America the land of the free and land of many CHOICES !!!!!

Aloha

George Courtney

YES

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I strongly support the Super Ferry because of the important benefits to all of Hawaii relative to the limited negative misguided concerns of several small groups on Maui and Kauai.

Aloha,

Ruta Summers

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I support the Super Ferry because of the new form of travel that would be provided to all Hawaii residents.

Aloha,

Robert Lesher, Jr.

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From: Randy Roth [randy.roth.hawaii@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:32 PM
To: testimony
Subject: YES on the Superferry Bill

YES

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

From: Randall W. Roth

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Re: Superferry bill

I strongly support the Superferry legislation. Please pass the proposed bill so the Superferry can get back in service and benefit the people of Hawaii. Time is of the essence in this matter. Mahalo.

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From: Nicole Felipe [nicolef@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Yes for the Superferry!

YES

Aloha,

I'd like to extend a 'yea' for the proposed bill in favor of the Hawaii Superferry! I would ride the ferry any day over flying...in fact, I'm going to the Big Island on Friday and already I'm getting anxiety!

Aside from my personal reasons, though, Hawaii could benefit from this (and the workers could have their jobs back), and possibly even grow more progressive through the years. A lady caller on the KSSK radio show the other morning when she said Hawaiians were innovators of electricity...perhaps Hawaii as a whole (including—rather, *especially*—the mainland transplant 'activists' on Kauai and Maui) could stop being so hell bent AGAINST something just to be against it, and look at something with open eyes instead of rotten, ignorant and arrogant attitudes.

They also should stay out of the water, if only to save themselves of the embarrassment! How embarrassed I was to see them splashing like angry children on the news...everyone else in the US could see "us" and how "Hawaiians" throw tantrums; the vandalism of the cars on the pier was pretty pathetic too—what grade are these people in??? It's no wonder there is still the "kill haole" mentality, and with this kind of example from "adults", the next generations are surely going to continue contaminating those who are raised with manners, in non-violent households.

The Superferry is a good thing; it can do good things for Hawaii and its people, and will give the people of Hawaii, as well as visitors to Hawaii, another transportation option that is available in most other areas where bodies of water separate bodies of land.

THANK YOU!

Nicole Felipe RA CHMS

Marketing Director to Tracy Yamato RA CRS

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From: Rick Phillips [rick.phillips@envisionns.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:01 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Yes for SuperFerry

YES

Follow the 29 point recommendation, operate until the Environmental Impact statement is made as the final determination of its fate. The islands are sending the wrong message to our customers, the people who visit us, and its residents by listening to a vocal minority.

access1

From: Russell Awana [rawana@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:41 AM
To: testimony
Subject: YES for SuperFerry

YES

The Hawaii Superferry is great for Hawaii!

Ocean Transport is an integral part of Hawaii dating back to it's earliest arrivals from distant shores. Don't let a few whiney brats spoil the opportunities for the majority of us!

Mahalo!

"Learn through listening, Understand through reflection"

Russ Awana

rawana@hawaii.rr.com

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From: kimscoott@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Yes for Superferry

YES

My vote is Yes, and I believe the Superferry is long overdo.
In particular for us, the local kamaainas who wish to visit our family's easily without having to rent cars and spend a fortune to do so.
In my understanding it would be more for the locals than for the tourists who need to rent cars an any case.

Thank you,
Kim Iannetta
Kailua, Oahu
230-8054

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From: M Crowe [lynbrookhomes1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 8:50 PM
To: testimony
Subject: yes ferry

YES

Hi,

Our family lives in the islands and we have been looking forward to the experience of regular ferry travel between islands instead of the airplaces. We like the idea of seeing the islands approach as our ancestors did. Mahalo for your kind consideration.

God Bless You,
Michelle C. Carr-Crowe and the Get Re\$ult\$ Team
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From: island princess [sassylady3128@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Yes Allow HSF To Run During EA/EIS

YES

I strongly support letting the HSF run. We need more and diverse ways to travel around the state. It will benefit the economy and enable disabled persons an easier way to go interisland. They have a very difficult time with air travel (wheelchairs, oxygen, and other special medical items are bulky.) I have lived here for 28 years, but grew up on Cape Cod, where ferries that transport cars are a big part of travel to and from Boston, Nantucket, and Martha's Vineyard. They now have what they call the Fast Ferry from Provincetown to Boston. It goes about the same speed as the HSF, and runs through a whale breeding and feeding ground with Humpback, Sperm, and Right whales. A whale protection group conducted a 5 year study on collision mitigation on that ferry and found (with observers like the HSF will have) NOT ONE COLLISION occurred during the 5 year study! See link:

http://www.iwcoffice.org/_documents/sci_com/SC59docs/SC-59-BC11.pdf

I also see no need to investigate the governor or her administration on the exemption. They followed Chapter 343 and the exemptions under 2000's administrative rules....

Thank you.

Lisa Reed
Makakilo
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From: Ken [kentyrrell@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Yea for the Superferry

YES

Aloha!

I was under the impression that you (the lawmakers) were in office to serve us (the citizens of Hawaii). So, when will you start voting what we (the citizens of Hawaii) want, instead of what serves you (the lawmakers)?

The polls are very easy to read, the Superferry is something the vast majority of our people want. Your opinion is irrelevant. Do your job, and vote as the people who put you in office desire you to vote.

Why is this so difficult for you? I know why, because you have been allowed to run rampant for too many years. You have been allowed to believe your opinions are more important than ours. Wake up call, your opinions mean nothing! You are there to represent us, not yourselves. So this is simple. Keep your mouths shut, listen, and then follow the directions given you by those who not only put you in office, but pay your exorbitant salaries.

I will be expecting a favorable vote for the Superferry, and should that not happen, I will gladly spearhead a movement to remove the dead weight from our legislature.

Ken Tyrrell

A citizen who is sick of seeing our tax dollars pay for idiocy.

10/23/2007

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From: Teri Ann Shigeoka [shigeokat@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:04 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Why Our Family NEEDS the Superferry

YES

(Re-sending....did not attach date and time of original email).

Tuesday, October 22, 2007
 11:03p.m.

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

We are a family of 6 and we don't make a lot of purchases nor are we "flashy" in lifestyle. My husband and I would love to take our 4 children on family trips but it is impossible to do so. Our 3rd child is severely mentally and physically handicapped and is wheelchair bound. He cannot sit unassisted in a regular airplane chair, his muscles don't allow him to sit up. He needs his wheelchair. A trip to the mainland or anywhere else is out of the question for our son and therefore, we have not gone anywhere from the time he outgrew his car seat 3 years ago.

When I heard that the Superferry was coming to town, I was literally elated as I knew not only could my son travel by means of his very own wheelchair, but we could also take our wheelchair access van with us. I do not know of any wheel chair accessed van that we can rent on any of the outer islands. I simply want my family to enjoy a family trip just like any other family and for us and other families like us, the Superferry is the ONLY answer for us and it allows us the freedom to travel. I do not want to continue to deny my children the chance to explore outside of Oahu and with Superferry, we can take them somewhere else to experience.

With all the various types of boats and ships that come into our harbors on a daily basis makes me wonder why Superferry is being singled out like this. Yes while it is true that an EIS could have been done long ago if it was 100% required of Superferry, a lot of these naysayers could have spoken up long ago as well and voice their concerns and demanded an EIS long ago. We all saw when the ferry was being built, we saw it nearly done, we saw it when it was leaving Alabama, we saw it as it passed through the Panama Canal and as it sailed through the Pacific Ocean. All the while I did not hear of one single protester calling out for an EIS.

I love these islands just as much as the naysayers. I was born and raised here and have lived here all my 41 years. If I thought something was not good for this state and the land and the ocean, I would be hesitant. I lived at Honolulu Tower for 5 years and looked out at the Honolulu Harbor every day. I saw huge ships, sailing boats and vehicles of all sizes come and go. Why the Superferry is being singled out like this is beyond me. It frustrates me that the minority of the state is getting so much attention and voice while the rest of us, the majority, seem to have had no say at all.

Give the Superferry a chance!

10/23/2007

Teri Ann Shigeoka
shigeokat@gmail.com

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From: Astrohare15@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Why I want Superferry to continue.

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

To the Legislature,
I want Superferry because it would be more convenient to bring my own car to the neighbor islands than to fly and then rent a car. Or even the alternative method of getting to Kauai, Maui or Hawaii via ferry instead of flying is safer. I don't understand why other places like the Dover Channel ferry, or the Victoria Island ferry in Vancouver BC, other places have ferries, why can't Hawaii have one. I don't believe that there are invasive species on Oahu, otherwise there'd be more reports on them, besides the savinia plant thing.

If you require the Superferry to not run until that enviromental study is made, then I demand that the same study be applied to every transportation mode between Oahu and the outer islands, meaning the ocean cruise liners, and Young Barge, everybody without exception. Superferry was being backed by our 2 senators, hence they must have seen the benefit for such another mode of transportation. Because of the selfishness of mostly nonnative protestors from the mainland or wherever, the majority who are in favor of this ferry is being overruled, and that is not right.

Hawaii needs this ferry mode of transportation for the benefit of small businesses and big families, who would otherwise not be able to go to the other islands with their meager budgets. Schools, organizations would benefit greatly by traveling cheaper.

I feel insulted that these rabid protestors think they're cleaner than we are. Whose standard of living is better, Oahu or rural underdeveloped outer islands.

I think if these protestors don't want Superferry contaminating "their" islands, then have them go live on pristine Lanai or Kahoolawe, and let the rest of the islands participate in the progress of our modern times.

If you do not let the Superferry run, without all these idiotic demands, then you are not representing the majority of the island people, who want the ferry, as all the major polls indicate. Please do the right thing.

Regards,
Karen Wong
1412 Hala Drive
Honolulu HI 96817

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From: anneavery1@earthlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Why I support the Hawaii Superferry

YES

hearing date: Wednesday, October 24

time and location: 10:30 am, auditorium, State Capitol

committees: Judiciary and labor, Transportation and International Affairs, Energy and Environment

I support the Hawaii Superferry.

1. Hawaii desperately needs another means of connecting the islands. In an age of terrorism, when planes can be grounded for days, we need another means of getting among the islands, of keeping business and people moving....and we might well need another means to evacuate people in a worst-case scenario.
2. Economically, these islands need an alternative to air transport or slow barges to move people and goods among the islands. The superferry would reduce costs and speed up business.
3. If, after having approved the ferry and encouraging investors to sink millions into it, the state now tells them that they will be required to let their millions sit idle, possibly for months, we are deterring not just one business, but all the other businesses that might be considering investing in Hawaii in the future. We are already the most expensive state to live in with some of the worst paying jobs and the least number of quality jobs of any state in the nation. To tell possible future investors that their money and their business isn't wanted here is to keep state citizens struggling with little hope of anything but a harder economic future serving the millionaires who can afford to buy a house here even though the local people can't.
4. There are some serious and valid environmental concerns involved in allowing the ferry to operate, but they can all be addressed and the ferry directors have indicated their serious concern for and willingness to work on these issues to arrive at acceptable, safe solutions. Ferry supporters do not minimize the concerns. We simply feel that the proper response is to deal with the challenges presented, not run away from them entirely.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY. HAWAII NEEDS IT. THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII NEED IT.

Anne Holmberg
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From: naholow@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:36 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Why hold her back

YES

It makes sense impact statement conducted and supperferry working until finalization of the statement, this way both the business oppertunity has a chance to operate and serve the people of Hawaii and prove its benefits as well as the viable impact statement has its chance to show the environmental damage that we may endure, its only fair to both parties. We cannot solve the problem by veiw points but rather by factual information that derives from these two conditions alone.

In my honest opinion a Superferry running across the water does less environmental damage than almost all other human activities on this earth..... Just an opinion

Concerned Parents of two Children growing up and living in Hawaii
Mr/Mrs. Naholowaa

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From: tam [tamnaka@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Wednesday, October 24 hearing

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 Superferry. I believe the Ferry should be allowed to operate while the environmental study is being done. I also believe the study is a waste of time and the people who are protesting the Ferry are being silly.

Having the Ferry gives people an alternative way to travel to the neighbor islands. It makes traveling with kids so much easier than having to pack everything up to get on a plane. Whether we fly to the island or catch a boat, we'll still end up visiting the island. Whether we rent a car or bring our own, it still puts another car on the road.

Let the Superferry sail!

"a smile is contagious, infect someone today!"

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From: Carolyn [Dempsters1@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:57 PM
To: testimony
Subject: we want the Superferry!

YES

Please allow interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. We want car transportation from Oahu to maui!

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

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access1

From: limf001@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: We Want the Superferry!

YES

Dear Sir:

We want the Superferry!!!! We had looked forward to using it and pray it will be running around the Hawaiian Islands soon.

We feel so sad for the people who have been laid off and for the money that went into bringing it to Hawaii. What a waste. Shame on those few who have stopped it thus far. Get it going please.

Sincerely,
Diana Lim

access1

From: Lori Medina [lori.medina@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: We want the superferry to stay

YES

I and my whole family supports the Superferry.
We need the business and the economic advantage it will bring in to the island.
Thank You.

Lori Medina
Island Oil and Supply Co. Inc
and Container Storage Co. of HI Ltd.
Phone: (808) 841-5555
Fax: (808) 845-5552

access1

From: Suzan [suzan@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: We want the Superferry to operate now!

YES

Dear Sirs,

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

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

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

This is something we have needed for a long time.

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

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

Suzan Forbes

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From: RonaSm1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: yes on the superferry.

YES

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From: Chip Gunther [gunthere@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Fw: YES SUPERFERRY

YES

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

From: Chip Gunther
To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:07 AM
Subject: YES SUPERFERRY

Transportation committee,
I'm strongly in favor of having the Superferry servicing all Hawaiian Islands. Lets make it so!

Ernest H. Gunther

access2

From: Francine [fran_endrina@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:05 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Hawaii Superferry

YES

Legislature's Public Access Room

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It saddens me that there are people who feel compelled to stop the Hawaii Superferry from serving the islands of Kaua'i and Maui.

When I was 7 years old, growing up on Lana'i, my dad used to take me fishing with him all the time. Missing my older sisters, who had left home to attend college on Oahu or on the mainland, I remember telling him one night while fishing, "I wish there was a bridge that connected the islands so that we could go visit them every time". My dad's response to me was, and I recall as though he was here speaking to me now, "You just wait, because some day, there will be a bridge...or a way for you to go to any island and visit anytime you want...you no have to fly..."

When I first learned of the Hawaii Superferry, about nearly 3 years ago, in my heart I knew it was right. I knew this is what my dad referred to years ago and this was right for me and for others who were also feeling the "nearness" of being closer with other relatives by being given the choice to travel by ship, rather than fly. My passion stems from the emotional pangs I experienced as a child. My passion stems from words of my father nearly 50 years ago. My passion stems from wise decisions as a mother and as an adult.

The only evident environmental impact I see, is the possible few more cars being added to Kaua'i island's already very poor infrastructure...the traffic that is being spoken of, was already there and not addressed by their County years ago as more and more people moved into the area. Why wasn't impact assessments completed when more mainlanders (including celebrities) purchased hundreds of parcels of land on Kaua'i, making housing costs so unaffordable for the local Kaua'ians? Why wasn't it ever a necessity that roads were improved and widened? Why wasn't an environmental assessment done when Bette Midler cut down 200 plus trees on her property there?

The environmental dissidents seem not to have even done research on how the Superferry was built, and the immense amount of time and research that was afforded in its inception, including the special paint used on the outside that prohibits diseases, barnacles, invasive species from clinging to the ship. Something that neither NCL, Matson or Young Brothers ever uses. And did you know that the interior of the vehicle deck was also painted with a special paint that "disinfects" vehicle tires that naturally rids them of any invasive species from being transported between islands? And this is a fact that neither NCL, Matson or Young Brothers uses that type of extensive care and concern on any of their ships either! And why is HSF being singled out as being "bad" for Kaua'i? During the Dry Runs and the first sailing into Nawiliwili, there were only LOCAL people on the ship. Not thousands of tourists as the NCL ship brings there daily. So what is the difference if we flew over and rented cars anyway? It

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would not make a difference.

The Superferry is being labeled as a "threat" to bring "irreparable harm" to "their" island's environment. Yet, these are simply idle threats and with no substantiation and no proof that the Superferry WILL do these bad things. How can one make these allegations when other companies using the same ports need not operate under the same rules and guidelines?

I truly believe in my heart that the Superferry is good for the State's economy. We live in the 21st Century.....not back 50 years ago. THIS change is good for the State....as ferries are used and a profitable and viable business that enhances the economy in other states and countries throughout the world. We need to now embrace this change.

The Superferry will *help* the entire state and serve the local people of Hawai'i.

The Superferry will be **THE help** during times of natural disasters and will be able to assist quickly.

The Superferry will continue to be good for my grandchildren and my great-grandchildren when I am long gone. Do not rob them of this progress.

I support the Hawaii Superferry with every ounce of my island-born blood.

Mahalo,
Francine

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From: cartallica@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Hawaii Superferry

YES

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I am in favor of letting the Superferry operate while an environmental assessment is done. I am so excited about the Superferry and have been planning to use it. To allow the owners of the Superferry to invest all of their money into this project, telling them it will be OK, only to stop their business at the end is very unfair. This is a business the state needs and I want it to be allowed to operate while the stupid environmentalists get their study. That would be the fair compromise.

Thanks!

Carla Young,
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From: MICHELLE HONOLD [oceansunrise7@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: FW: Testimony for 10/24/07 10:30am Senate Judiciary & Transportaion

YES

From: oceansunrise7@msn.com
To: testimony@capital.hawaii.gov
CC: hawaiiisuperferry@hawaiiisuperferry.com
Subject: Testimony for 10/24/07 10:30am Senate Judiciary & Transportaion
Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 05:58:10 -1000

Aloha Senate Committees

Though I do vote regularly and do keep present with current events this is the first time I have given testimony by email. I am motivated to "get involved" because I am realizing that you all need to hear from residents throughout our state.

I wanted to take a few minutes this morning to express my support for the Superferry to run while the environmental impact statements are being sought. Though the superferry is currently not affecting the Big Island where we live it is in the process of finding a place and home in our State. Allowing the Superferry to run will help to insure its success in the islands. Residents employed by the Superferry need to actively work. Islanders need the practical, efficient use that voyaging on the Superferry can bring. If we thwart the progress of the Superferry at this time I fear that we will not have it at all...I fear the Superferry will never come to the Big Island.

I have served the children of the state of Hawaii for over 21 years as a teacher with the Department of Education. I am also a volunteer coach for Popwarner Kona Marlins Cheer Athletics. I also have a small business as a coffee farmer. My most important role though is as a loving and consistent support to my family. My family and I are counting the days till the Superferry begins transport from the Big Island. We will be better able to care (by coming more frequently and staying longer) for our elderly family who still reside on Oahu. We will be able to receive medical care that we delay. We will be able to receive educational /cultural opportunities for ourselves and our children. The Superferry will be a floating bridge that will connect out islands. PLease do not stop this process. Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony. PLease email me your views and position on this subject if you have some time in your schedule to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lee Honold

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From: Dave Luehring [davelue@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:39 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony concerning draft of proposed Superferry Bill

YES

Gentlemen:

As a citizen of Hawaii for over 36 years, having been directly engaged in providing inter-island air transportation and in the governmental regulation thereof, it is clear to me that air transportation falls far short of what is needed. Air transportation, while rapid, is expensive -- thereby limiting interisland commerce. On the other hand, using the new class of large-capacity ocean vessels that are capable of transporting substantial numbers of people, vehicles, and cargo economically, and with timeliness comparable to air transportation, is so clearly in the public interest as to be a no-brainer.

Operation of the superferry, as proposed in the draft Bill, would provide for application of appropriate safeguards to marine life and other environmental concerns.

I therefore strongly recommend passage of the draft Bill, and its signature into law.

Aloha,

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access2

From: Sunny Massad [sunnymassad@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:39 PM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony against Superferry for Oct. 23 hearing

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To: Legislature's Public Access Room

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While I support the idea of the superferry, I am adamantly against the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. The blatant disregard for proper protocol on this matter has been disrespectful to the people and laws of Hawaii. I am well aware of the costs for the investors but these "mistakes" could have and should have been addressed before allowing the ferry to launch.

Please wait until the environmental impact statement is conducted. It is the moral thing to do.

Sunny Massad, Ph.D.

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From: Robert M. Teague [robert@visionlandscapes.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:06 PM
To: testimony; Sen. Fred Hemmings
Subject: Testimony about Hawaii Superferry

YES

Dear Senator:

Now is the time for the Hawaii State Senate to act on behalf of the citizens of Hawaii to support the future of the Hawaii Superferry. The Hawaii Superferry not only represents the future of environmentally friendly businesses within the State of Hawaii, it also represents a future where barriers of sea and transportation between the islands can be broken. Those opposing the Hawaii Superferry, while they may be acting on what they believe is the best for their particular island, are not acting according to the needs of the state as a whole; needs which should supersede the "not in my backyard" mentality.

The Hawaii Superferry has developed a vessel that is more environmentally friendly than any vessel currently in use within the state. They have shown this repeatedly; the executives of the Hawaii Superferry have made known their desire to protect the waters and sea life surrounding the islands. They have repeatedly asked for feedback from residents of the state on their plans, and have incorporated their concerns into the design and building of this vessel.

Give the Hawaii Superferry a chance to show that it has all our welfare and our concerns at heart. This bill is vital to override a flawed ruling by a flawed court. The legislature is tasked with the responsibility to make law, not the courts.

Robert M. Teague

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From: James McCarter [jgmccarter@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:13 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

YES

Aloha,

I simply would like to express my support for the Hawaii Superferry.. As an Athletic Director for a High School hear in Oahu I see the possibilities of sports team travel being very significant throughout the year as well as the inter-island benefits of goods and services. I would hope that we could allow this to become a part of our lives hear in paradise.

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Mahalo,
James McCarter
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access2

From: Alex Okihara [alex.okihara@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

YES

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To whom it may concern:

I am a tax payer in the State of Hawaii who is in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I see a benefit where people like myself can easily take our family to the neighbor islands to visit other friends and family. I am a father of a boy who is 2 1/2 years old, and being able to visit the neighbor islands without having to pack a car seat is a big plus for me. I also would feel safer driving in a vehicle that I am comfortable in, where I know where any blindspots exist, etc. as opposed to driving a rental car whose vehicle history is unknown to me (we all know how people drive when it's not their car!). Use of the Superferry will bring families and friends on neighbor islands closer together.

Hawaii needs an alternative method of travel. We shouldn't have to be at the mercy of the airlines for travel. I don't think that the opponents of the Superferry have the best interests for the people of the State of Hawaii, as I've heard that very few of them actually live here. I agree that the environment is a very important issue, but I believe the Superferry won't impact the environment any more than the cruise lines that are currently in operation.

The Superferry also provides additional jobs for the people of Hawaii, and I would like to see the hundreds of people who were furloughed get their jobs back.

In summary, I would like to see the Government do what is right for Hawaii in supporting the Superferry. I will definitely remember those who vote in favor of the Superferry come election time!

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From: .Wings 'n Wheels - Geert RAES [geertraes@wnw.be]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

YES

Good morning,

As a European Touroperator we strongly support the alternative way the Hawaii superferry offers our thousand of clients to enjoy and discover the beautifull Hawaiian Islands.

Is is a far more economic way to travel to the different Islands than Air Travel and it allows to have a much more beautifull view. It will also help to take of some of the continuous stress at the airport.

Also in case of disaster you have at least an alternative way to travel.

Hope you vote to maintain the operation under the condition that it is selffinancing.

Best regards

Wings 'n Wheels Touroperator
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From: William K. Wong, Jr. MD [badoo@pol.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:29 PM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony

YES

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To Senate Committee,

10/22/2007

I am offering my support of the SuperFerry venture in Hawaii, and to express my view that the SuperFerry be allowed to continue operations while the Environmental Impact Study is completed. To not allow operations during this time period will most surely result in a complete collapse of the entire operation with no hope of recovery. This will not only affect the current investors, but will surely deter future endeavors in all sectors of business here in the Islands. As a State, we are dependent on tourism whether it be from abroad or local interisland travel.

The lack of travel options between islands has resulted in higher costs of travel for persons as well as goods for trade. The commencement of travel by SuperFerry has been anxiously awaited by tourists as well as local families wanting to visit relatives on neighbor islands, sports teams, local produce vendors, motorsports enthusiasts, and most importantly commuters and laborers. I personally intend to make interisland road trips more often, as generations of Americans have done on the mainland. The overall ease travel arrangements and decreased expense of airline tickets and restrictions, will make family vacations much more frequent and pleasurable.

Mahalo,

William K. Wong, Jr. M.D.
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Aiea, HI 96701
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From: Sonya Stoll [gsstoll@katewwdb.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:34 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

YES

This is my reasons for supporting the Superferry in Hawaii: 1. It gives local people the chance to travel interland at an affordable way. 2. It is another form of transportation, therefore, keeping competition among traveling venues. Keeping it affordable for local people to travel by air or sea. 3. I am a taxpayer and do not want to see my hard earned money being wasted!!!! P.S. I am also part-Hawaiian!!!! Sincerely, Sonya M Stoll

access2

From: Dervin Mann [mann002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:38 PM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony

YES

I would like to see the superferry running and allowing those of us who wouldn't normally book a flight to a neighbor island, to visit the rest of our beautiful state in a more convenient manner.

access2

From: Steve Kruy [steve@jacknsteve.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

NO

Please do not break the law again by overriding the Court. Governor Lingle did it once by pushing the Superferry by the EIS, let's not do it again by setting a precedent.

access2

From: Pauline Brault [orchidlady1@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:58 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Super Ferry

YES

TO: Legislature's Public Access - Super Ferry

For years I and my friends have looked forward to the day when the Super Ferry will be there for us the citizens and we do no longer have to rely on commuting by airliners and take our cards along to the other islands.

However, with the interception of the Sierra Club, gangs of radical surfers who vandalized passenger cars and the backing of the Hawaii Supreme Court and many Democrat state legislators the super ferry was stopped to run. These are the minority.

However, the majority of us want to see the Super Ferry to run. So why are we allowing a radical minority to tell the majority of good citizens what we can have and what we cannot have. Steve Forbes was correct when he stated that Hawaii is the worst state of the Union to do any kind of business in and it is obvious from what happened to the Ferry.

In my opinion the ferry is stopped because of behind the scene politics of old boy businesses of which there are too many to mention here.

I am saddened but the insane politics which is being played out behind our backs and hope that the Ferry will be allowed to run for the benefit of the great majority of the citizens of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Pauline Brault
HCR2 Box 6447
Keaau, Hi 96749

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access2

From: Nicole Lianne Gose [ngose@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Super Ferry

YES

To whom it may concern at the Legislature's Public Access Room,

This is regarding the super ferry

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I support the Hawaii Super Ferry as a local resident, born and raised in Hawaii. I feel that the ferry is for the locals to be able to travel to the other islands with their families and bring along their car.

It's much cheaper than going over to another island and renting a car, and it seems like it would be a fun experience. I have family and friends on the other islands who I would see more often if the ferry were running. Please let this be possible.

-Nicole Gose

access2

From: Ray Egami [egamib002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for super ferry

YES

Sirs,
For the past year plus..Many of my friends and I have been looking forward to inter-island travel on the ferry.
The ability to go with our vehicle for long week ends trip and the pleasure of fast transport instead of packing our cycle and equipment in containers and the wait to unpack.
The plus for business and pleasure travelers are great I have had the pleasure of ferry travel Vancouver to Victoria Canada.
And back.

Please do not lose this method of travel to the citizens of Hawaii.

Raymond Egami

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From: EDWARDSAGATIS@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:56 PM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony for Hawaii Superferry Support

YES

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I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. My desire would be going to the outer islands to fly large Radio controlled Model planes with members of other island clubs. Pack up the car up and go!

Edward Sagatis

Mililani, Hi

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From: Mark & Michelle Osborne [m.m.osborne@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Hawaii Superferry

YES

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Aloha,

I am in support of the Superferry. I believe the islands need this ferry for the residents to be able to use the boat as a means of transportation instead of the airlines and to be able to bring your car on the boat with you.

Mahalo,

Michelle F. Osborne

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From: shelby esteban [shelb_e67@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:45 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Hawaii Superferry

YES

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To whom it may concern,

I, Shelby Bowman, am for the Hawaii Superferry because I believe that it will give the people of Hawaii more employment and business opportunities. Even though I am here in Oregon and on my way back to the islands, the pride of where I come from still remains strong which is why I support this great idea of the Superferry.

In addition to those opportunities, the Superferry will enable all citizens of Hawaii to strengthen bonds between family and friends, as well as give way to new ones. The old phrase "strength in numbers" can be shown if we have the Superferry. More unity for the people of Hawaii, more jobs, more ideas to grow, more hands to make the WHOLE state of Hawaii better for today and tomorrow.

So please, make the Hawaii Superferry a reality. Don't you want to make Hawaii better?

Sincerely,
Shelby Bowman

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From: Paula Nurse [madamruby6@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Super Ferry

YES

Testimony of Paula Nurse in favor of the Super Ferry

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

Today's Date: Tuesday, October 23
Today's Time: 6:08 a.m.

I am in favor of the Super Ferry because I live on the Big Island, am a self employed jewelry designer, and it would enable me to expand my business to the other islands. I would be able to take my supplies and tools with me in my van and service my outer island accounts. Also, it would enable me to do more business on Maui. It is extremely difficult to get a direct flight to Maui from the Big Island as the flights are few and booked months in advance. I have to fly to Honolulu and then to Maui and it takes half a day just to get there and back.

PLEASE ALLOW THE SUPER FERRY TO HAVE INTERISLAND FERRY SERVICE!

Mahalo
Paula Nurse

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From: LKfire@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony for Hawaii Superferry

YES

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

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To government officials, politicians and whom it may concern,

Please take this testimony into account. Hawaii really needs an inter island ferry. In the past I have had a lot of problems stemming from air travel and I prefer to travel by land or by boat if possible. So many other people have trouble with air travel such as ear infections, flight sickness, etc. A ferry would really help these people out! Please allow the ferry to operate as long as the environmental concerns are adressed. There are ferries in almost every country and every major city; I am surprised Hawaii hasn't had one sooner! I think it would actually help to bring in more business and trade between the residents and tourists in all the islands, and would be helpful for the economy in Hawaii too. I hope this testimony helps!

Sincerely,

Lisa Katzoff

US citizen and resident of East Rutherford, New Jersey

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From: Mitzi [Mitzi@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Superferry

YES

Aloha, what is the difference between the cruise ships and the superferry? To me, the Cruise Ships are way worst. If people were not in support of the superferry why wait until now after all the money has been poured into this company. They should have protested when the company's idea was first brought to Hawaii. I work for the DOE and we can bring our Keiki sports teams to outer islands and class field trips for a fraction of the cost. Please let the Superferry progress.

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From: lkahele@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY

YES

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. I am a hawaiian who are open-minded about the changes of our future. Another option to choose from when it comes to traveling inter-island is an awesome thing! At least we have the option to take our own vehicles rather then renting at ridiculous prices. Let the Superferry operate. After all, it is the people of Hawaii that the Superferry will be servicing. Not the Whale Foundation, not the Sierra Club. Heck, who is the Sierra Club?

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From: Mimeone@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY: WEDNESDAY'S SPECIAL SESSION HEARING

NO

SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY:

NO SUPERFERRY UNTIL THE EIS IS SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED.

**Sincerely,
Janet Carafa
Edward Rd. #1108
Princeville, HI**

Hearing notice for (10/21) Sunday's hearing that was here on Kauai:

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

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING
DATE: Sunday, October 21, 2007
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:
King Kaumualii Elementary School Cafeteria
4381 Hanamaulu Road
Lihue, HI

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.
- 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.

Public Access Room

From: danaann adams [peacedana13@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:17 PM
To: testimony
Cc: peacedana13@yahoo.com
Subject: stop the super-ferry

NO

Aloha;

Please, STOP the STUPID-FERRY, What are you thinking? "We just do not have the facilities and Commode's and Rest-stops, let-alone Road Ways." These Islands are not set up "YET", for this type of "GROWTH".

We'll have another Waianae situation, and if there is an Emergency in Lahaina I cringe at the thought of the disaster in traffic and loss of life and time.

Can we not find other ways to spend our monies...Like a Hospital in Lahaina, a High School in Kihei, a Police Station, Fire Station. How about "FIXING THE ROADS, SINCE THE EARTHQUAKE IN KAUPU AND HANA!"

In all due Respect, Please re-think...Forget about your pockets and "STOP THE STUPID-FERRY!" NOT NOW...GIVE IT 10-15 YEARS....GIVE "LIFE A CHANCE"!!!! "NOT GROWTH"!!!! : (

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From: Char77in@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:24 PM
To: testimony
Subject: (no subject)

YES

I'd like to have an alternative method of visiting the outer islands, and a chance to use my own car. At least the car would be under my insurance and I wouldn't have to worry about anything happening to a rental car if I refuse to pay the over \$10 a day insurance. I am looking forward to using the superferry as I like to ride on boats.

Sincerely,
Charlene In

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From: Jo Farina [JoFarina@Hawaii.RR.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:25 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Support for Superferry

YES

Re: Support for 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

We, the Tagalog Association of Oahu (TAO), Inc. an organization composed of the Tagalogs in Hawaii do hereby give our support for the Hawaii Superferry. The Superferry is a welcome alternative to commute between islands of the State of Hawaii for a lesser price, thereby breaking the monopoly of the airlines operating in Hawaii commanding air fares that is almost beyond the reach of the common people.

Respectfully submitted by Maria Jo Farina, President

Public Access Room

From: viveca [vivecagoeshawaiian@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:24 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry testimony

YES

I am a recent transplant to your beautiful state from Mobile, Alabama where the Superferry was being built by Austal. I was excited to know that I could take a 3 hour ride to either Maui or Kauai to enjoy those islands and that I could take my own vehicle. I don't understand all the fervor now, especially when you knew several years ago this was coming to Hawaii and now this same company will be building a second ferry which will enable travel all the way to the Big Island. The economic impact on all islands is shared from renting cars, eating meals, reserving hotel rooms, buying souvenirs and taking in other attractions.

How do the cruise ships impact the water environment? How about pleasure crafts by private owners? How about the tour boats? How about our own fishing fleets? Won't the ferry use the same waterways to travel to the other islands and dock?

I am sure dirty vehicles will not be allowed on the ferry to cut down on species contamination.

I want the ferry. I need the ferry. I support the ferry as an alternative means of scenic transportation to the other islands. Please keep the ferry in Hawaii.

Mahalo nui loa,
Mrs. V. Scott of Waipio

Public Access Room

From: Jim Egan [jim@eganinc.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:58 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Almost a missed opportunity

YES

Yes to the Superferry.

It will be a boon to interisland business. Many small businesses who may now be on the fringe of failure as well as healthy small businesses will benefit. The obvious benefits of more interisland family visits and the interchange of loving connections are immeasurable. These are not new ideas, just want to underline the positives. And my support.

Aloha, Jim Egan

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From: Jon Shindo [jshindo@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:25 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the 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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am sending this email in support of the Hawaii Superferry.

It gives us the opportunity to choose how to travel to the other islands. Inter-island travel has always been limited to taking an airliner. The Superferry offers the flexibility to bring my own vehicle to another island and offers increased luggage capacity. I would enjoy incorporating a cruise and a camping trip into my next vacation to the neighbor islands.

The Superferry would stimulate economic growth in Hawaii. It provides jobs for a hundreds of people and I think would encourage more inter-island tourism (both local and international consumers).

While I understand that an environmental review is necessary and encouraged, I think it is a complete waste for the Superferry to be docked while the review is being conducted. The state will either lose \$40+ million by barring the Superferry from operating at all, or they could let it sail and stir business while the review is being done.

Please vote in favor of the Superferry.

Thank you,
Jon Shindo

Public Access Room

From: Diane Alexander [alexandes001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:26 PM

To: testimony

Subject: superferry

YES

To whom it may concern,

I think the superferry would be a great asset to the state of Hawaii. it would allow local families the ability to travel to neighbor Islands with their own vehicles which would cut down on the cost of a families vacation greatly. I for one would travel more outer Island if I was able to take my own vehicle.

Sincerely,
Diane Alexander

Public Access Room

From: LPete967@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super ferry

YES

I totally support the establishment of the supper ferry in Hawaii.

How can the state of Washington, with similar environmental concerns, maintain it's fast ferry fleet. Washington is a far greater "green" state than all the hot air comming out of Hawaii. I feel that the only way to obtain truth is thru open hearings.

All evidence to date would point to special interests on both sides. When complete a system, which supports the Hawaiian economy and allows for reasonable growth not at the expense of the enviroment should be in place.

Leslie J. Peters

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From: Malia Cross [maliaacross@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

NO

Aloha Legislators

Please help us to protect the things that we all love about Hawai'i by upholding our environmental laws. This corporation should not be exempted from its legal obligations to assess the likely harms of its actions before they occur. To do so will set a dangerous precedent for other corporations seeking to do business in Hawai'i. Regardless of how you may feel about the Superferry and the need for its services, changing the laws in this way cannot be justified.

Here are some of the reasons I feel so strongly about upholding Hawaii's current environmental laws:

- Hawai'i's EIS law should be upheld because it provides a crucial layer of protection for Hawai'i's irreplaceable natural and cultural beauty.
- The proposed legislation to exempt the Superferry from its obligations under the law is overbroad. It exempts the Superferry from every permit requirement and public oversight requirement currently on the books. Proposed conditions on the operation of the Superferry fail to address legitimate concerns about the possible irreparable harms highlighted by the Maui Court.
- The Hawaii Constitution guarantees everyone the "right to a clean and healthful environment" (Haw. Const. Art. 11, sec. 9). The Constitution, however, does not guarantee anyone the right to a profit. If our elected officials grant an exemption to our environmental laws, then they will be placing the corporations' right to profit over the public's right to a healthy environment.
- Public participation is essential to a well-functioning democracy! Hawai'i's EIS law provides a rare opportunity for public hearings. This fundamental public right should not be side-stepped to serve special interests!
- A legislative decision of this magnitude cannot be made properly in the 7 days allotted for a special session called by the Governor. It does not provide a sufficient opportunity for lawmakers to hear from the communities most affected by this decision. If the process of decisionmaking lacks integrity, then so will the outcome.
- Special treatment for special interests creates a precedent of uncertainty about when and if Hawai'i's laws will be applied and upheld, and for whom. Good business and economic development requires wise governance and certainty about the rules by which all businesses must play. The rule of law must be respected by all levels of government to ensure our system

functions properly.

- Strong protection of public trust natural and cultural resources depend on upholding the law. Laws that are not upheld or enforced are shibai and useless!

- The Maui Court decision found, after 22 days of expert testimony, that there will likely be irreparable harm from Superferry operations. Following the law as written and conducting a complete environmental review will help us to develop thoughtful, meaningful mitigations to these harms before they happen. Allowing this exemption now will not.

Malia Cross
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Public Access Room

From: Mary Ellen [maliakai@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

YES

Please accept my testimony to permit the interisland Hawaii Superferry service while the environmental impact is being conducted. Our islands need an alternative transportation for local business, local leisure and visitors. Mahalo, Mary Ellen Monte-Lovelace



Ke Aloha...
Malia

Public Access Room

From: Linda Fukuhara [lindafukuhara@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:19 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

YES

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

Re: Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

We would like to provide testimony in **support** of allowing the Superferry to run. We are in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

We believe that this will prevent additional taxpayer money to cover the losses of this business and encourage business in the State of Hawaii.

This situation is only providing dissention between the islands and allowing a **minority** the power to dictate the fate of the Superferry. They do not represent the majority of the local people in our State.

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From: R Kiyuna [rkiyuna@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry = Green Light

YES

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of my entire immediate family. I feel the people of Hawaii should have the opportunity to have different choices when traveling interisland. If the Superferry isn't allowed to proceed, this will just show the world how the people of Hawaii are so closed minded. Businesses, both small or large, will be reluctant to open in Hawaii. Options and competition are always a financially good thing when it comes to the people. Like everything else, change is inevitable. Technology is usually for the better and the Superferry is no exception. Satisfy the environmentalists and do the EIS but let the ferry operate in the meantime. Although I can only speak for myself and family, I have spoken to most of my friends and co-workers who all agree that this situation is ludicrous. Everyone that I know personally all agree that the Superferry should be given the green light.

Sincerely,

R.K.
Superferry Supporter

testimony

From: Nancy McLellan [nancymc2@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:52 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

YES

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 in favor of the continuation of the Superferry during the environmental study. I will use the Superferry to take my car to the outer islands and stay for longer vacations and more often. I would also shop more for things that I could bring back in my car that would NOT fit in a suitcase.

Thanks for listening

Nancy McLellan

access2

From: Naito Mariko [mariko1253@yahoo.co.jp]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:44 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony <Supper Ferry>

NO

Opposed to the Super Ferry

When I consider the convenience of the Super Ferry, I hardly say it should be disused. However, I am **against** the plying of the Super Ferry, because it will bring serious problems to Kauai or the other neighbor islands.

The greatest thing of the Supper Ferry is people can take cars with them to neighbor islands by paying inexpensive fare. Therefore, of course many people will take their cars to the island, and driving around their cars there. A small island and great numbers of car, it cannot avoid causing **heavy traffic**. If the Super Ferry ply, the residents of the islands would be annoyed by the weekend heavy traffic that is caused by the passengers of the Supper Ferry. Also, it would never be solved, because the space of an island is already limited.

Moreover, cars that people take might **cause a big change of the islands** **SB!G** **(B environment**. People might not intend to bring something like seeds or bacteria that do not exist on the islands, but their cars might be bringing those stuffs with them. It is possible that people sow seeds or spread bacteria by driving their cars unknowingly. The new species that are brought from other islands may cause extinction of native plant species of the islands.

Also, the Supper Ferry **might bring illegal drugs and guns to the islands**. It is because when passengers go on board the Supper Ferry, they do not need to take security check, which is usually taken when people board a plane. Therefore, people can bring illegal stuffs to the island, and it is thought that if the Super Ferry ply, those stuffs would be easier to come across the islands than ever.

If I were a businesswoman or someone who have to come and go to the neighbor island often, my opinion might be totally different. However, when I consider the problems that might be cause by the Super Ferry, I feel that it should be disused or change the systems that have possibilities of causing problems.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mariko Naito
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access2

From: A. Stonebird [dm607811dm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony / Support for Hawaii Superferry

YES

Aloha,

To whom it may concern,

I am in Support of the Super Ferry. Due to the fact that the Ferry is not propelled by "blades", it does not pose a risk to the wildlife. The modern design of the Ferry makes it more fuel efficient and is less likely to harm the environment, compared to some of the very old, propeller driven cargo ships / tug boats we have in Hawaiian waters today.

The cheaper inter-island travel opportunities would be good for private citizens and businesses alike. It would help the cost of living for individuals. It would be a step forward in progress for the Hawaii Islands and would bring / generate additional revenue for the state.

Mahalo,

Andreas Petropoullakis

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testimony

From: David I. Goya [giz@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:51 PM
To: testimony
Subject: For the Hawaii Superferry

Yes

Please be sure to represent the majority's stand on this issue. The majority wants the ferry to be allowed to operate during the study. Don't allow the minority the power to run our state's business prospects into the, taking with it new jobs & more money.

Sent from my iPhone

testimony

From: S Gln [srena777@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:45 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Yes

October 22, 2007
10:45 pm

To: Judiciary & Labor Transportation & International Affairs & Energy & Environment

I am writing this email in support of the Hawaii Super Ferry. I feel that our state can really benefit from the Hawaii Super Ferry to help our economy. The ferry provides our state with more jobs, transportation of fresh produce to the islands and family that can travel to see our families more often with or without our vehicles.

The Hawaii Super Ferry is a new experience that I feel should be approved to run in the state. Change can be good & our state can really benefit; this will be great for our economy especially when our state is looking for options with the transportation & more job oppportunitites.I don't feel that it's a environmental hazard.(It's an excuse)

Please give the Hawaii Super Ferry the opportunity to show the state of Hawaii how the economy & our life is going to benefit from having them stay in business here.

Sincerely, Serena Gillern

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testimony

From: Shosannah & Neal Chantara [chantara@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:51 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry - EIS FIRST It's the Law.

NO

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DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007
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PLACE: Auditorium State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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
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testimony

From: Henry deButts [henry@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:51 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry support

Yes

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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I have lived here for 20 years and I want to spend my vacation money here in Hawaii.

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

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

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

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

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

Please support the Superferry and put an end to this disgraceful chapter in our history.

Henry Marshall

testimony

From: S. P. [uli_okalani808@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:48 PM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor for Hawaii Superferry!

Yes

Aloha!

As a young woman born in this beautiful state of Hawaii, I would like to testify that I am greatly in favor for having the Hawaii Superferry in operation.

Having the superferry in operation would allow flexible means of travel for many of us have family living on other islands and for some of us that do not have any other comfortable means to travel due to disabilities / health issues. The Superferry should be allowed to provide the very much needed services to the people of Hawaii!

Mahalo for allowing me to say my peace! S.P.F.

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testimony

From: Debbie Evaimalo [debbs@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:45 PM
To: testimony
Subject: GoSuperferryGo!!!

Yes

Transportation comes in three forms: Air, Land and Sea. The Superferry provides an alternative for people like me to visit our loved ones on the outer islands but are too afraid to fly. The local people should be able to vote, the white man has too much nose in our poi. Our Hawaiian Islands has so much to offer, do not bring shame to the Aloha Spirit we are known for. Keep Hawaii beautiful, part of that is the Pacific Ocean and that is where Hawaii shine's. What happens when Matson sends their barges? Or Horizon? Or any other barge that has to supply the food and toilet paper to the outer islands? I don't understand, WHY NOT THE SUPERFERRY? You're bringing Ohana together...isn't that what Hawaii is all about? Ohana?

testimony

From: Miriam Conley [mimpconley@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:44 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Yes

To whom it may concern,

Hawaii needs more modes of interisland transportation for locals to visit family and friends living on several islands, the ferry would cut down the costs of renting a car whenever I go to Honolulu for visits, be it Kaiser, graduation, birthday luau, concert etc., and limiting luggage and other goodies like food, flowers, leis, to share at festivities. Just loading my car in Kea'au, driving to Kona, and sailing to either Maui, Honolulu and Kauai would cut down alot of hassle for this senior citizen who had 2 knees replaced this and last year.

Be it saving time, loading, unloading; physical stress of boarding and unboarding planes w/baggage, flowers, food, and the cost and more physical hassel of renting a car, the Superferry would be great for this retired kupuna when visiting moopuna and other ohana on the other islands.

Please keep the Superferry as another viable means of transportation.

Mahalo nui loa, Miriam Pua Conley
retired occupational therapist
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Kea'au, Hi 96749

testimony

From: Jim Bueche [jamesj.bueche@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:43 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Legislature's Public Access Room; Hawaii Superferry Testimony

YES

Monday, October 22, 2007

Re: State Senate Legislative Hearing; Hawaii Superferry

Gentlemen:

Having been formerly been a frequent vacation visitor to Oahu, Hawaii since 1996; and being now a current permanent resident of Oahu, Hawaii, I offer this testimony as both a former visitor and as a current citizen of Honolulu, Hawaii.

I believe the inter-island service offered by the Hawaii Superferry creates an unprecedented opportunity to the State of Hawaii to increase Tourist Revenues. Before I moved to Hawaii, I brought my family to Oahu for vacations seven different times, and not once did we visit any of the other islands because of the high costs of airfare and car rental, and because of the inconvenience of having to fly back and forth. Now that I have moved my family to Oahu and we are residents, we still have not visited any of the other islands because of the same reasons. If the convenience and lower costs of the Hawaii Superferry had been available during the past decade, I would have taken my family to several of the other islands, and that I would have extended the duration of my vacations by several days to do so. I know that my off-island friends would be more likely to vacation here if they new that the Hawaii Superferry was available for inter-island travel; and I am sure that tourists from all over the world would too.

Today, if the Hawaii Superferry were available, I would choose to vacation on other islands instead of taking my money off-island for vacations. With the Superferry's convenience, we would be able to regularly take weekend trips as well. Obviously this means spending additional moneys on the Superferry, restaurants, hotels, etc.; all of which would help improve Hawaii's Tourism industry, and the economy of the State of Hawaii. I believe the Hawaii Superferry will provide an unprecedented economic benefit to Hawaii Tourism.

Why would anyone want to stop the Hawaii Superferry? Having studied the issue, It is my carefully considered opinion that plaintiffs who have filed law suits against the Hawaii Superferry have unscrupulously used the "Environment" as a disguise so that they don't have to openly admit that their true intent is to destroy the Hawaii Superferry and its business in Hawaii regardless of the cost to the Superferry, the Hawaiian Tourism Economy, or to everyone else who loses the opportunity to travel. It appears obvious to me that plaintiffs have absolutely no intent of allowing the Superferry to operate its business in Hawaii **EVER**; but rather it appears that plaintiffs intend to use law suit upon law suit to legislate from the Bench, while frustrating the Superferry, the Legislature, the Courts, and the State of Hawaii and its citizens.

I believe that Legislators, the State of Hawaii, the Governor, and the Attorney General all acted appropriately when they tried to enable the Hawaii Superferry to operate under the laws of the State of Hawaii, in the same manner as was enforced in the past on similar businesses. Demands of the plaintiffs are not only absurd, they are laughable. For instance, to prevent "invasive species" from invading he

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Hawaiian Islands they say the Hawaii Superferry must agree to special precautionary procedures such as vehicle (automobile) inspections, undercarriage washes, etc. etc. etc. In July, 2007 I drove my vehicle (Chevrolet Tahoe) from Phoenix Arizona, to the Grand Canyon, across California to Los Angeles, and had it shipped by boat to Honolulu, Hawaii. There was no inspection, no undercarriage wash, and no special procedures to accomplish this, I simply washed my own vehicle and sent it to Hawaii. What good does it do to frustrate the Hawaii Superferry now, with procedures not now (or ever) applied to the vehicles, cargoes, sea-land vans, etc. that have already being shipped to Hawaii from all over the world? Other boats, including the plaintiffs supporters, freely engage in commerce throughout the Islands unhampered by these special precautionary procedures.

I want my legislature to change the law so that the Hawaii Superferry can freely operate its business unhampered by bizarre, unusual demands, and so that plaintiffs are no longer able to use the Courts to frustrate the Legislature, the Law, the Superferry, and the State of Hawaii and its citizens. I want the Superferry and other businesses to be allowed to operate their businesses here, and for the demands made upon them regarding the operation of their business to be no greater and no different than those demands already imposed upon other businesses freely engaging in similar commerce here today.

Sincerely,

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testimony

From: Joyce Arizumi [jazi@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:42 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY SUPPORT

YES

TO: SENATE COMMITTEES: LABOR, JUDICIARY, TRANSPORTATION AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2007

TIME: 10:30 AM

DEAR SENATORS,

I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN AND I WANT THE SUPERFERRY TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE WHILE AN EIS IS BEING DONE. THE SUPERFERRY IS HOW I WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL TO VISIT FRIENDS AND RELATIVES ON THE OUTER ISLAND. I DO NOT LIKE TO FLY ON AIRPLANES AND MY DAUGHTER CAN DRIVE ME IN HER CAR BECAUSE SHE IS DISABLED AND HAS HER OWN VEHICLE THAT IS ADAPTED TO HER NEEDS. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO DRIVE HER CAR ONTO THE SUPERFERRY.

HAWAII NEEDS THIS ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AND YOU CAN SEE THAT THE MAJORITY IS IN FAVOR OF HAVING IT FOR OUR ISLANDS. IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, MAJORITY RULES, SO PLEASE LISTEN TO THE MAJORITY.

G. LIPPELGOOS

testimony

From: David Tyreman [david@worldfamousco.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:50 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY
Attachments: WORLD FAMOUS BOOK.jpg; ATT21667490.htm

Yes

To whom it may concern:

The Superferry is a solution not a problem, bringing employment, choice, opportunity and status to Hawaii. The reputation of this state hangs in the balance; if we are to compete as a world class destination then we must offer more choice and more service. My family and many people we know will travel between the islands more frequently once the Superferry begins service.

It is outrageous that the Superferry has been singled out the way it has been. If the Superferry are forced to quit business then *all* Hawaii businesses should be scrutinized in the same fashion without exception. To allow an individual company to be singled out and held to a standard that others are not smacks of discrimination.

The vast majority of Hawaii residents want the Superferry so lets end this embarrassment and let them get on with it.

The right thing to do is to allow the Superferry to do business.

Sincerely

David Tyreman

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testimony

From: S. Hookano [mauiwoweegirl@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 8:48 PM
To: testimony
Cc: Mom
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Hearing

Yes

Dear Honorable Members of the State Senate,

Please accept my testimony for the Hawaii Superferry to exist.

The Superferry is another avenue of transportation that is desperately needed in this monopolized system of travel that we have in Hawaii. If an occurrence arises, hopefully not, but if it does the Superferry will be held responsible like the other venues of travel that already exist.

The Superferry should be allowed to try. We should be allowed to experience this new system of travel. The Superferry will allow this grandmother the opportunity to take all the grandchildren on a short cruise that she could afford. Please allow me the chance to provide them an experience to remember forever!

Because of the unruliness of the crowd that gathered at the Maui hearing. I refused to allow my grandchildren to be apart of it and quickly left for home and thus was unable to voice myself in regards to the agenda. I cannot believe the disregard for etiquette and disrespect that arose at this hearing even before commencing. Such an embarrassment to Hawaii and to the world. This is not the Hawaii we wish to portray. Some of those attending should be ashamed for their behaviors.

Respectfully Yours

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testimony

From: shauna [kgjiujitsu@hawaiiink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:41 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Let the Superferry sail

Yes

Instead of allowing the polls that can be rigged, or meetings that can conflict with schedules or emails, that can be overlooked....the Superferry Sail. If Hawaii really doesn't want them they'll go bankrupt. If we do want them, we will have gained a alternative transportation and travel between the islands.

testimony

From: Thema Black [bsheep234@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:14 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry should be allowed to operate

Yes

It is extremely unfortunate that the Superferry didn't proceed with an EIS on a more timely fashion, however steps need to be taken to make sure that the business isn't forced out of the state. Living on the Big Island and being able to take a car to Oahu to purchase new or second hand goods would create more local buying rather than having special items shipped.

If barges and cruise ships operate in these waters, the Superferry should be allowed the same privileges. As a compromise, it is possible to keep the Ferry at a slower speed during the calving season. As another compromise, cars may need to show a recent car wash receipt, or other measures to keep the invasive insects and biologicals to a safe, yet reasonable level. If barges get to unload household furniture from mainland without the kind of inspection that they expect from the Superferry, then something is wrong with this picture.

Other concerns raised have been Oahu fishermen coming in a cleaning out local stocks. This also needs to be regulated with fishing zones, with particular watch for vanloads of scuba equipment since each island has its own scuba diving business. Something needs to be in place to protect fishing areas the locals depend on for subsistence.

If Kauai doesn't want Superferry, then this Big Island resident would be more than happy to have it change its route so it services this island instead.

Blessings,

Thema Black

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testimony

From: Davelynn Chun [daveychun@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Hawaii Super Ferry

Yes

My name is Davelynn Chun, I support the Hawaii Super Ferry. The Ferry provides an alternative way to travel to Kauai and Maui. We look forward to travelling in our own car and cruising around and conveniently returning to the Ferry to return to Oahu.

testimony

From: alohasam58@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:40 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT for HAWAII SUPERFERRY

Yes

October 22, 2007
Shiela Spruill
912 Kahikolu Place
Honolulu HI. 96918

Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs,
and Energy Environment
Hearing Date: Wednesday, Oct.24, 2007

To whom it may concern,

I support the Hawaii Superferry. It's a good business for our State. It is sad this one company is being attacked, and people have lost their jobs. There are other companies polluting our waters and no one is trying to close these businesses down. Please let the Hawaii Superferry run. Let the people of the State of Hawaii have alternative ways to travel, from Island to Island.

Thank You and Aloha,
Shiela Spruill

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testimony

From: Reef Shigeo Ozaki-Train [train@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:40 PM
To: testimony
Subject: State Senate Legislative Hearing

Yes

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

Regarding: State Senate Legislative Hearing

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Senators,

I am testifying to indicate my support of the Hawaii Superferry. It is a service which has the potential to provide a unique and valuable alternative for inter-island travel. This service will no doubt be a viable means for local produce transport as well as serving the travel needs of island residents such as myself. Please consider my support when rendering your judgement on the ferry service.

Sincerely,
Reef Ozaki-Train
Junior, Civil-Engineering, UH Manoa

testimony

From: BruSeck@aol.com

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:40 PM

To: testimony

Subject: In support of legislation permitting Superferry to operate

Yes

Just as Hawaii does, Alaska has a sensitive environment, isolated communities, islands, commerce, tour ships, ports of call, indigenous people and the same whales that swim to Hawaii. It also has a ferry system that is essential to the economic, cultural and social well-being of its citizens. There is good information at www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs.

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testimony

From: Aikahisasa@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:39 PM
To: testimony
Subject: No Subject

Yes

I have watched, listened and read the television, radio and the newspapers on issues of the superferry. I want to say that each and every person living in the state of Hawaii has a voice and a choice. I choose to use my voice to speak for the superferry. As a resident with family on four of our state's islands I would use the ferry to travel to and from. I feel that it is my choice to take my personal vehicle to drive when I arrive and not rent a vehicle. The protesters may feel strongly about the newcomer, but we have other sea transportation that have been around for tens of years.

All businesses should be checked at unannounced visits to assure that safety is a priority and that laws and procedures are followed.

What does the horrible protesting and condemnation of a new business show visitors and businesses that are thinking of coming to Hawaii? We are civilized and educated citizens who should act accordingly. Speaking up at hearings and getting involved in keeping our state a fair and equal opportunity for business is what we should focus on. Everyday citizens reach out to the elected to do their job efficiently and effectively that's why we vote. Hearings are where citizens can learn about issues that are being considered and this is where we can take the first steps.

We all need to work together, no matter what the issue or where in the state we live. The state of Hawaii is unique as we are made up of islands with no bridges to cross or tunnels. The superferry would provide another method of transportation from island to island for day to day travel as well as for emergencies and shipping of daily necessities.

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testimony

From: Mark Denzer [mdenzer@pixi.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:39 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Yes

We need the Ferry. Do not be cowards intimidated by a vocal, even criminal, minority. Do what is right.
Thanks
Mark Denzer
Honolulu, Hawaii

testimony

From: BBorror@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:38 PM
To: testimony
Subject: (no subject)

Yes

To Whom it May Concern:

I am supportive of the super ferry. If you do not approve it, I believe you will be giving in to a minority of vocal people.

Hawaii is showing the rest of the country and the world that it is fickle:

1. Hokulia Subdivision on the Big Island - a permit is given and rescinded.
2. Ward Center has negotiated agreements regarding remains (in witting).. too many remains stop a major GGP Development- regardless of all- despite witting agreements proactively addressing the same.
3. Sea Mountain on the Big Island has correct general plan and zoning and despite a \$20M contract on i, the county is trying to condemn it for \$6M.

Doing business in Mexico is more equitable than Hawaii and major investment markets are seeing it. Don't blame anyone but yourselves when the world does not want to invest in your world.

Brooks Borror

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testimony

From: mstatler [mstatler@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:31 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Yes

Dear Sirs/Madams:

The Superferry is not a threat to the environment anymore than are any other living beings or moving objects in the State of Hawaii. The economy of the State of Hawaii would benefit from the business and entrepreneurial competitiveness generated by usage of the Superferry. Hawaii must also have alternative transportation to all the islands. In the spirit of free enterprise and freedom to choose an alternative mode of travel between islands, the Superferry must be allowed to conduct its business.

Please do not let the ranting of certain individuals claiming to be environmentalists suppress the rights of others to pursue business opportunities as well as travel preference.

Very truly yours,

Ruth C. Statler
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Pahoa, HI 96778

testimony

From: Mcasady3@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:36 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please allow the Superferry to operate

Yes

To Whom it May Concern,

The Superferry represents progress to Hawaii's economy and helps to bring the state together. The Superferry will also be a valuable resource that can be mobilized in the event of an emergency.

Please allow the Superferry to operate while the impact statement is being prepared. With all of the watchful eyes on the Superferry, we'll all know immediately if any adverse impact starts to occur and can halt operations should that become the case.

Sincerely,
Mark Casady

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NO
AMENDMENTS
SUGGESTED

BERT LYON
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October 22, 2007

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL RELATING TO HAWAII SUPERFERRY (HSF)

I am strongly opposed to this bill, but since it appears that the Legislature is intent on passing it regardless, I would like to suggest some amendments to it, which would allay some of my concerns:

Conditions of Operation

1. The conditions and protocols to mitigate any significant environmental effects of the ferry operation should be imposed by the Legislature rather than the Governor, given her track record on environmental protection regarding this issue. The Legislature should also be the body to require DOA inspectors and DOCARE enforcement personnel on each inter-island voyage. You could always allow the Governor to impose conditions and protocols she deems necessary, in addition to those imposed by the Legislature, by executive order.
2. The conditions I would like to see are the same as those offered by Maui Tomorrow Inc. on October 18 and rejected by the Legislature in their entirety. I believe the least contentious conditions are #3, 4, 12, 13, 16, 18 & 20, and should be given your full consideration. The next least contentious conditions are #5-10, and should also be considered.
3. Condition #3 should be amended to include turtles.
4. Condition #4 should be amended to include turtles and any other species listed as endangered or threatened in Hawaii or Federal statutes.
5. A condition should be added that there shall be two qualified DOCARE inspectors present and participating in natural resource inspections at all times of embarkation and disembarkation at each port. The DOCARE inspectors shall supervise all HSF screeners.
6. A condition should be added that the DOT, in conjunction with the Governor, the Legislature, and the DLNR shall forthwith allocate positions and funds for the additional DOCARE positions necessary to staff the inspection personnel set forth in the above paragraph.
7. A condition should be added that no ferry operations take place after sunset.
8. A condition should be added to mitigate the traffic impacts caused by the ferry, similar to what the other judge (not Cardoza) required on Maui.

Temporary Hawaii Inter-Island Ferry Oversight Task Force

1. The Task Force should not include the following members:

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- a. The Director of Transportation – I don't think it appropriate to include the individual whose actions are being studied.
 - b. The Director of Business, Economic Development & Tourism – I don't understand the logic in including this individual.
 - c. The Attorney General - - I don't understand the logic in including this individual. Furthermore, he is too closely associated with defending the DOT in exempting the ferry from the environmental review process.
 - d. The president of the ferry company –I don't think it appropriate to include the individual whose company's operations are being examined.
2. The Task Force members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House should be appointed by someone else, possibly the Vice-Speaker, given the Speaker's conflict of interest caused by his son's employment by HSF.
 3. The monthly reports should include any adverse environmental impacts possibly caused by the operation of the ferry and any mitigation measures proposed to deter or minimize such impacts.

To close, I would like to quote from an editorial in last Monday's Honolulu Advertiser by Larry Lee, since he seems to express my thoughts in this area better than myself:

If each time the majority feels justified to change the law to suit its purposes and wishes, we are reduced to a nation of men, not of law. The law then ceases to protect the minority. (I believe this is called 'tyranny of the majority.')

The environmental laws, locally and nationally, were not enacted to merely be an inconvenience. They are intended to address very important needs and to cure serious problems that will affect us, in the long run, much more than the success or failure of the Superferry.

Holding a special session now to change the law to accommodate the Superferry would be potentially more harmful than beneficial. Once a precedent of changing the law on the spur of the moment merely to accommodate a popular cause or business has begun, it becomes easier to do each subsequent time.

We often complain that our system is too slow to get anything done. Yet the framers of our government deliberately fashioned a system of checks and balances with the executive, legislative and judicial branches. Even the Legislature, with its bicameral system, is designed to promote slow and deliberate decisions. Wisdom should control, not emotions and transitory feelings of urgency. Each branch of government should respect the other and not try to blatantly circumvent each other.

If the Superferry can work things out and operate profitably within the requirements of our environmental law, then we all benefit. If it can't, someday there will be a ferry or other mode of transportation that can.

testimony

From: pat soong [xknight1973@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:28 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

Dear Sir/Madam:

I support the Superferry and would like to see the bill that will permit the inter-island Superferry be operation while the environmental impact statement is being conducted.

I can empathize with the folks of Kauai and Maui but in reality, this is another mode of transportation we need in the islands for us to be connected as a state.

I'm sure there are those on Kauai and Maui who would use the services of the Superferry but are afraid to make their voices heard above the protesters.

Can you imagine the impact this has been for the Superferry's staff and management...no jobs, an economic disaster, more people in the unemployment line and the families on all islands are affected.

P. W. Soong
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testimony

From: John Fernie [jfernie@pacifier.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:58 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Yes

I am a fourth generation born and raised Hawaii resident and strongly support the Superferry. While I understand that there are citizens who are concerned about protecting the environment, I personally believe this is a bit of a red herring. The vast majority of the vocal anti-superferry crowd are on the outer islands and do not necessarily represent the only environmental conscience of the states citizens. Rather, this group is more realistically a no-growth anti business constituency using the EIS process as a tool to kill the project by stalling the implementation of the service until it cannot survive financially. On top of all this, why should there be a double standard in terms of requiring intensive environmental studies for the superferry but not the myriad of other businesses plying Hawaiian waters?

Let the service operate and lets avoid the ever growing perception that Hawaii is dysfunctional in managing its affairs.

John Fernie
Kailua, Hawaii

testimony

From: Jason Nagashima [nagashimj001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:33 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Hawaii Superferry

Yes

To the Hawaii State Senate,
I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPERFERRY WHILE AN EIS IS PERFORMED.

In January of this year, my wife and I treated ourselves to a first ever cruise and we decided to go to Tahiti. We flew in on Hawaiian airlines and the first part of our vacation was a three night stay on the island of Moorea. Our travel agent had booked us on the local interisland ferry called Aremiti and when we got to the dock, we were directed to the Aremiti 5. There were several of these ferries and these were very similar to the Hawaii Superferry in that it had a catamaran design and also carried vehicles. The sail was about forty minutes to Moorea and the ride was very scenic and comfortable. Arriving in Moorea from the water was a truly awesome sight and it seemed a very natural way to travel. As we were crossing the channel, we saw another Aremiti and the competitor company Moorea Express. This company also had several vessels to its fleet and it seemed to me like the people here use the ferries like how we use the Bus. There was a mix of tourists and the everyday local people. Some of the locals I talked to live on Moorea, but work on Tahiti. There are also humpback whales here. And invasive species like Miconia(I saw some of the largest on Moorea and Bora Bora). Somehow, everyone here seemed to work out these issues and the ferries had become an integral part of their lives.

Last month, my wife and I visited relatives in Seattle and sidetracked a part of our trip to visit Victoria. We jumped on the Victoria Clipper(a ferry) and although a longer and bumpier ride than the Aremiti 5 in Tahiti, we still thought it was a pleasant and scenic way to view the coastline. Arriving in Victoria on the water was absolutely stunning. Here also, were several other competing ferries, and even seaplanes. The waters here are home to Orcas and somehow, the ship sailed its route as efficiently as it could and we arrived when we were scheduled to arrive. We even saw large zodiacs conducting Orca tours daily. I must say that here also, this seemed a very natural way to travel.

I know that all around the world, ferries are used as a means of transportation and especially here in Hawaii. where we have a group of islands surrounded by a vast Pacific Ocean, it seems only natural to travel to and from other islands by boat or ferry. . Tahiti has quite a large ferry system to several of the islands(Moorea, Raietea, Huahine, Bora Bora) and it has become a daily fact of life for many of its people to use this mode of transportation. It is our hope to see the Hawaii Superferry remain in Hawaii and thrive like how we saw it in Tahiti.

Aloha and God Bless,

Jason Nagashima

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Bob Sigall [sigall@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:32 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry hearings

YES

To: Committees on Judiciary & Labor, Transportation, and Energy,
From: Bob Sigall
Re: Superferry legislation testimony

Dear legislators,

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of bills to allow the HSF to serve the people of Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is prepared.

The HSF will be a real plus to the state. It will benefit our small farmers, and increase our ability to feed ourselves.

Those opposing it cite environmental concerns, but when they speak, most of their concerns are about development, and not the environment.

Some of their concerns have validity. Traffic is bad on Kauai and Maui. Not enough attention has been paid to expanding highways.

I do not believe the HSF will increase visitors between islands, but will simply give us choices in how to go.

I do believe the HSF will have less impact on the environment than airplanes.

Estimates I've seen put a boat's impact at 1/4th or less that of airplanes. This is a facet of the story I have not seen discussed.

Getting a plane up over 15,000 feet uses a tremendous amount of fuel.

If I can point out the ferries in use in the Pacific Northwest as a comparable situation, it is interesting to note that that there has never been much concern for their environmental impact.

There are over two dozen ferries in the Pacific Northwest and the area teems with marine wildlife. These ferries have run for decades and I've never heard an environmental peep from activists.

Another place with ferries is the English Channel. Six different companies provide ferry service from several cities every half hour. The considered opinion is that their environmental impact is negligible.

I believe much of the opposition to the HSF has been rude and inconsistent with Hawaii's Aloha Spirit.

I am appalled at the harassment of those aboard the first voyages and those testifying in favor of the HSF.

The activists opposing the HSF have not respected other's viewpoints. They are undemocratic in wanting to foist their views on majority. They are dishonest, in that they hide behind concerns for the

environment, when in reality, they oppose the HSF on other grounds.

I urge the legislators to pass legislation that allows the HSF to serve the people of Hawaii while an EIS is studied.

Aloha,

Bob Sigall

testimony

From: Don Maxwell [donmaxwell@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:36 PM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor of SuperFerry

YES

I believe that the overwhelming majority of Hawaii citizens are in favor of the SuperFerry.

Unfortunately, it has become commonplace for a small, but very vocal minority to get their way while intimidating or shouting down anyone who does not agree with them. I sincerely hope you will not allow that to happen.

Hawaii needs the SuperFerry option as a means of transporting people and goods between our islands.

How can the SuperFerry not be allowed to operate while Matson, Young Bros. and about 8 to 10 airlines operate between islands regularly?

Please do not allow the vocal minority to stop the SuperFerry.

Respectfully submitted,
Don, Pat, & Mitchell Maxwell

testimony

From: Cizette Sato [cizettesato@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:31 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

YES

To our Legislators of Hawaii,

I have been very disappointed to hear of how our state has been conducting business with corporations that are interested in doing business with the state of Hawaii. The events that have taken place in the past weeks are an embarrassment to the State of Hawaii. When I heard that the legislators were going to get involved in the Superferry controversy, I felt that there would be some hope of resolution. However, it seems that the controversy has been complicated even further with the addition of politics with the democrats and republicans.

Why can't our leaders of the state of Hawaii do the work that they were voted in to do. That is to be the voice for the people, pass laws for the betterment of the people of Hawaii, and work towards the improvement of the economy in Hawaii.

I truly feel that the approval of the Superferry to conduct business in the State of Hawaii will improve the economy in Hawaii by adding jobs, provide options for individuals and businesses to travel to interisland destinations and welcome corporations to invest in the State of Hawaii.

Please move forward in working towards a favorable resolution for the approval of the Superferry. The majority of the people of Hawaii are in favor of allowing the Superferry to conduct their business as planned. Any other direction will prove to the people that our legislators have not heard the voice of the majority but chose to play politics. Please do not disappoint the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cizette Sato

testimony

From: Raena Takai [raenat@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:27 PM
To: testimony
Subject: re: hawaii super ferry

YES

Monday, October 22, 2007
11:00 P.M.

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

The interisland super ferry will be an asset to Hawaii providing an alternative means of transportation between the islands for everyone, and also allowing multiple job opportunities for those here in Hawaii. It would be great to be able to take family trips to the outer islands to visit relatives or just sightsee while driving our own car. It would save us money & be something exciting for the family to do together. It seems as though the majority of the people in Hawaii are FOR the super ferry & it would be a huge disappointment to see so much of our money go to waste!

Raena

testimony

From: George Arizumi [gtarizumi@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:30 PM

To: testimony

Subject: I support the Superferry

YES

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee
Senate Labor Committee
Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee
Senate Energy and Environment Committee

Date: October 24, 2007

Time: 10:30 AM

Dear Senators:

I feel that this is a very crucial decision that needs to have a favorable outcome because it is what the majority of the people of Hawaii want. The opposition keeps saying that they will do whatever it takes whether it is legal or not in order for their voice to be heard. We have heard their voice on Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, but they are still the Minority. It would be a deplorable situation for us if the Superferry leaves the Islands. Everyone knows about SR 79 in 2004 and now all we see is blame being put on the wrong parties. Please do not make this about who wins and who loses and do the right thing. *Please do not make this about politics and partisan feelings.*

Thank you for being fair and showing us that MAJORITY RULES! THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII WANT AND NEED THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY.

George Arizumi

testimony

From: Patti Domingo [pattigirl@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:27 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE SUPERFERRY

YES

I AM A VOTING CITIZEN OF HAWAII FOR 58 YEARS AND NOW LIVE IN MAUI. I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY AND WANT IT TO STAY IN HAWAII.

I WANT THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL INTERISLAND WITH THE CHOICE OF TRANSPORTATION. I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY 101% AND WANT MY FAMILY TO BE ABLE TO COME AND GO WITH OUR OWN CARS AND WITH OUR OWN INSURANCE. WE LIVE IN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND ALL THE ISLANDS MAKE UP THE 50TH STATE. WE SHOULD HAVE THIS RIGHT TO BE ABLE TO ROAM FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND. THE NUMBERS OF VISITORS EACH YEAR PROVE THE NEED TO IMPROVE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII. GIVE THE SUPERFERRY A CHANCE TO DO BUSINESS IN HAWAII. THE NUMBERS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES AS WELL AS THE REVENUE THAT COME IN FROM THE VISITORS. ALL YOU ELECTED MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT NEED TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE. YOU WERE VOTED IN TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII....DO THE RIGHT THING TODAY. THE SUPERFERRY WILL BE A SUCCESS. WAKE UP BEFORE WE BECOME A LOST DESTINATION TO OUR GLOBAL NEIGHBORS!

PATTI AND TIM DOMINGO
ISLAND OF MAUI
10/22/ 11:24 PM.

testimony

From: Alika [dakookiemonster@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:57 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry testimonial

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

To whom it may concern:

I strongly urge you the voting members of the legislative committees to support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. It is my opinion that the Ferry poses no additional threat to the native environment, ecosystems, or culture of the Hawaiian Islands. The Superferry will provide employment opportunities, alternative transportation, and economic growth to the islands.

Mahalo,

Alika Napier

testimony

From: lindsey lau [lindseylau9@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:48 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support DA SuperFerry

YES

To Our Legislature,

Recently, we have visited New Zealand and Tahiti and have been transported with rented vehicles between islands on their ferry system. These places have similar circumstances as Hawaii. What makes us think we are any different as the positive and negative results of this transportation option.

PERMIT the SuperFerry to operate during an EIS period accompanied with practical traffic and environment testing etc. If the testing results are very negative, then make improvements to solve the problems by taxing the Superferry Users. We may find out that the Superferry may not be an economically viable operation. But an EIS is a very theoretical test. So lets do a ongoing test and solve problems along the way.

Our Oahuian self interest is to support the Superferry, so we have easier access to the neighbor islands as other sophisticated island societies.

Some Neighbor Islanders self interest will be hurt by the Superferry as will be Young Bros., etc. These people would prefer our State not to have this transportation option and remain a second world country for their own personal and business interests. These people should not use the Superferry during this EIS testing period to boycott. But if the Superferry is successful, we have no doubt that alot of anti-Superferry people will later use the Superferry at their convenience.

IT IS A MATTER OF SELF INTEREST AND SELFISHNESS!

Aloha,
Lindsey Lau

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testimony

From: Jan Workman [mjworkman@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:54 PM

To: testimony

Subject: I support the Superferry!

YES

I am writing in support of the bill that permits the interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Please allow the superferry to run course. This promotes tourism, allows Hawaii residents to experience the beauty of the other islands with more freedom in planning and creates beautiful family memories of a special experience.

Respectfully,
Jan Workman

testimony

From: Ana [bananaz808@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:53 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimonial

YES

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the Hawaii Superferry and the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

I think that the Hawaii Superferry will provide economic stimulation to the State of Hawaii and the State cannot afford to lose any more revenue by halting the ferry's services while environmental studies are being conducted. As a longtime Oahu resident, I feel that there is a need for more transportation options and the Hawaii Superferry will fulfill that need.

Thank you--
Ana Quintal

testimony

From: Pat Sensano [psensano@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:53 PM
To: testimony
Subject: State Senate Legislative Hearing support for Hawaii Super ferry

YES

Date: 10-22-2007
Time: 10:15pm

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

My wife Victoria and I are in full support of the Super Ferry. We both feel that our state needs and deserves alternative options in inter-island travel. The Super ferry is a prime example of just that. The majority of people we have personally talked to wants the Super Ferry. There has been too much time and money put into this project for it to be thrown away. We are kindly asking that you pass the bill that will permit inter-island ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. Mahalo.

Sincerely,
Pat & Victoria Sensano
Maui Residents

testimony

From: marvin havens [marvin_christine@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:52 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

YES

Please allow the Superferry to provide service to Hawaii. We are in need of an alternate means of traveling to our outer islands. I would enjoy the ability to take my personal vehicle with me when traveling to the outer islands. This would give me much more freedom and make my travels much more enjoyable.

I also believe if you prevent the Superferry from traveling because of environmental reasons than you should take a hard look at all shipping and boating activities in our waters and implement the same restrictions on them. The Superferry is no different than any other ship which already travels in our waters, with the exception that Superferry has taken extreme measures to prevent collisions with whales and the spread of invasive organisms.

I hope you will support the Superferry as I do.

Thank you,

Marvin Havens

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

testimony

From: Patti Lai [aplai@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:49 PM
To: testimony

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

Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate under the bill that will allow it to run while the environmental impact study is being conducted. It will offer many to keep their jobs, and allow people, locals and tourists alike, another option to visit neighbor islands.

Thank you for you consideration,

Patti Lai

testimony

From: Cindy Shih [cshih@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:53 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

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. Aside from the recreational benefit to be had from being able to travel by sea between islands, I firmly believe that ferry service would be a tremendous benefit for all those in the islands who work or conduct business on more than one island.

My husband and I came to Oahu 23 years ago, bought a home, had 2 daughters and each started our own business. Mine is a sole proprietorship, which I began in 1994, doing child development training for agencies in the State of Hawaii's Healthy Start Program on Oahu, Maui, Molokai and the Big Island. I made a career change several years later and now do graphic design and illustration.

The Hawaii SuperFerry would have been an ideal way for me to travel to the outer islands with my training materials. I was unable to bring heavy or bulky items such as flip charts, overhead projectors, VCR's and items for display due to size and weight limits of air travel. I want to emphasize that many outer island agencies did not have the equipment I needed, or it was not working when I showed up to train their staff. This made conducting a professional training more of an adventure than I would have liked. Furthermore, the Healthy Start program, like others that struggle to operate with funding that changes from year to year, was unable to pay for rental cars for their trainers, so each agency had to transport me to and from the airport. Bringing my own equipment and materials in my own car would have made my job so much easier.

As for the environmental impact of the SuperFerry, I am reminded of a similar situation where I grew up on the mainland on the Rogue River in Southern Oregon. The pristine Rogue River is one of the original eight rivers in the United States designated by Congress as Wild and Scenic, and there was a similar outcry from a minority of residents who believed the new commercial jetboat tours from Grants Pass to the Oregon Coast would harm wildlife due to their speed, and create too much noise for those living along the river. Eventually, the jetboats were allowed to operate, and they do respect the requests of residents along the river who request that the boats slow their speed in front of their properties. There are no whales in the Rogue River, but plenty of salmon, ducks and other wildlife, which have not been harmed by the specially designed jetboats (no propellers), which skim the water and are able to operate in just a few inches of water.

I believe it is important to stop assigning blame to any particular group for the current predicament of the SuperFerry and to focus on working out a win-win situation for all involved. As with most relationships, each side has contributed something to the problem, and one would hope that the two sides can compromise so that the peoples of these islands do not lose this opportunity. I, for one, would be willing to ride the SuperFerry without my vehicle until the environmental impact statement is finalized. I support alternate routes and slower speeds during whale season to ease the fears of those who believe sea creatures would be harmed. I also support inspections of vehicles and their contents to prevent transfer of unwanted critters and things from island to island. If the State can control brown tree snakes and contraband from entering Hawaii on airplanes, they surely can advise the SuperFerry folks on how to implement a monitoring program.

Mahalo for allowing me this opportunity to voice my support for the Hawaii SuperFerry.

Cindy Shih

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testimony

From: Tess Winkler [hilite18@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:10 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SAVE THE SUPERFERRY!!!

YES

Aloha,

My family went on the military appreciation cruise on Saturday, Oct.20 and were very impressed. The staff was so friendly and wonderful and I would hate for all of them to lose their jobs. I am confused as to why cruise ships can travel between the islands but the superferry cannot. It offers an alternative way to travel and can benefit many businesses. I think they have done everything that has been asked of them and will continue to do so. please allow them to resume service!!! thank you for reading this.

Sincerely
Tess Winkler

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testimony

From: Deanna Owens [deanna.owens@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:37 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please allow Superferry Interisland Service

YES

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

To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of Hawaii, I would like to express my support of the bill that will permit inter island ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact study is being conducted. I support this bill because I believe that the Superferry will be a great asset for the tourism and trade industry. My family has been anxiously awaiting the time that we could board the ferry and have the opportunity to travel to the other Islands of Hawaii. The Superferry company has shown that they are more than willing to cooperate and make necessary changes in order to prevent harm to marine life and Eco systems of neighboring islands. Please do not doom the Superferry to bankruptcy and failure based on protests that have no basis in fact.

Sincerely,
Deanna Owens
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testimony

From: Reini Metzger [metzgerr001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:40 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

YES

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Islands "

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testimony

From: Verna Wicklund [vawick@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:10 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Meeting on Oct. 24, 10:30 am, in State Capitol Auditorium re: Superferry

YES

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

I as well as my husband, our five grown children and their three spouses support the operation of the Superferry while the impact study is being conducted. We have let the few activists who oppose the ferry speak up too long for the rest of us who are in favor of the ferry. It is time we express our views.

We wonder who is really behind all this contention and opposition. The Superferry has our vote!

Sincerely,

Verna & Reuben Wicklund

Dr. Roger & Dr. Vanessa West

Ben & Andrea Alfelor

Dave & Marisa Medrano

Reid Wicklund

Reyn Wicklund

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testimony

From: paul arata [paulycastle8@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:50 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Superferry

YES

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testimony

From: thundergrotj [thundergrotj@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:34 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

YES

Hawaii is so expensive and the residents need a low cost effective way to travel among the islands. Please do everything possible to see that the needs and wants of the Hawaii residents are heard and carried out by the elected officials.

Thank you, Sandra Grotjan

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testimony

From: Valerie Painter [mauibabbe@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaiian Super Ferry

Yes

Tues, 10-23-07

2575 S Kihei Road # P-207
Kihei, HI

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

I as a resident of the county of Maui, am in favor of keeping the Super Ferry running while Environmental Studies are being undertaken. First I have a complaint regarding real justice here.

Why is the Super Ferry being targeted, when cruise ships and barges are being left alone? If you are being non-committal, then the environmental impact of all ocean-going boats should be tested. I personally feel that the impact on the environment of the Super Ferry is so much less than all the airplane emissions that are being introduced into the clean air of the Hawaiian Islands.

If you impose too many rules on Super Ferry, you may lose this opportunity forever to have a company come into the State and open up doors for new opportunities for the future generations. For one thing, people and trucks of goods are being carted between islands daily using barges and cruise ships. You are forcing Super Ferry to clean car tires etc? I fear that you will be making people bathe before entering the Ferry.

All in all, I and my husband are in favor of Super Ferry

William S and Valerie Painter

testimony

From: Puanani Crumb [ntpua7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawai'i Superferry

Yes

To whom it may concern,

I am in support of the Superferry.

1.) We have been taken advantage of for too long. We never get a chance to make choices for ourselves. In Hawai'i, we have a monopoly on everything. Why? Because we're led to believe that we are isolated. That's bull.

It took years to finally get a 3rd airline into Hawai'i. The same people found fault with them as well.

2.) The ferry is a God send. AND, I firmly believe that some of the people who's protesting it have ulterior motives...mainly big business...YOUNG BROS. AIRLINES, CAR RENTALS, etc., etc., etc.

3.) I am disappointed in Gov. Lingle and everyone who was responsible for not following legal procedures; especially taking on something as important to the economy and well being of the people of Hawai'i. How they did this is beyond me so now....THEY HAVE TO FIX IT and NEVER do this again. The damage has been done! There's more that I'd like to say but I don't know how to say it. I think for now, this is enough.

4.) The meeting is being held in Kona so I'm not able to sit in. Should it come to Hilo, I will make it a point to attend.

I thank you for your concern and for asking for my opinion.

Thank you,

B.W.Puanani Crumb

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testimony

From: myleskelley@netscape.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry hearings for 24 Oct.

Yes

Please direct my comments below to the Senate Committees on Judiciary and Labour; Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment re: the Hawaii Superferry hearings scheduled for 24 Oct, 10:30 AM.

To The Honourable State Senators of Hawaii,

Greetings from the mainland! I am a frequent visitor to Hawaii, and my family and I are planning to move to the Big Island in the next few years.

I encourage you to lend your full support to the Hawaii Superferry, and specifically to support legislation to allow this important transportation program to commence operations while any needed environmental impact reports are undertaken.

I have closely followed developments re: the Superferry over these last few years, and I think that it will provide a much-needed transportation option for Kama'aina and visitors alike. In addition, I would like to point out that moving people and cargo by ferry is much more energy-efficient (with a reduced carbon footprint) than doing so by air.

As I am not (yet) a Hawaii resident, no response to my email is requested, but I do genuinely appreciate your considering my views concerning the ferry.

Mahalo and aloha,

Myles Kelley
Assistant Professor of Biology
Canada College
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testimony

From: jojomyman@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:31 AM

To: testimony

Yes

I strongly support the superferry. I am a businessman and travel frequently to other other Island and the ferry is a tremendous help for me economically speaking.

I wish you approve the ferry to continue to operate for the good people of Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

Jojo Ragadio

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

testimony

From: Susan.Waddles@l-3com.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:25 AM
To: testimony

Yes

As an occasional visitor to Hawaii, I can't understand what the problem is about having the inter-island ferry. It is a lovely way to get from island to island for the people that don't want to travel to the airport. In addition when the traveler has used the super ferry, they can use their own car. I came to Hawaii in August and had planned to ride on the super ferry, but it was not ready yet. Our whole family has planned to travel to Maui for a look at a second island.

Please keep the super ferry. It will be a great boost to the economy as people travel from island to island, shopping, staying in hotels and eating and touring.

Susan Waddles - Newport News, VA

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testimony

From: Betty [betty@travelplex-dayton.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Yes

Please Pass this bill approving the Super Ferry - this is something that is needed, I do not think it will harm the sea animals. Please consider this. Thanking you in advance Elizabeth Tokar 1361 Beaver Valley Rd Apt B Beaver Creek Ohio 45434

testimony

From: Karl Spence [kdspence2@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

Yes

As a visitor to Kauai I strongly support operation of the Superferry. It is environmentally safe and offers an inexpensive alternative to air travel. It is also a convenient way to carry vehicles between the islands. If the Superferry is prohibited from running because of environmental objections it is curious that no one seems to object to cruise ships which have propellers, stir up the bottom and disturb marine life. Of course they provide tourism income which apparently is more important than environmental protection. I'm amazed that a small group objects to the Superferry which is far less of an environmental hazard than a cruise ship. Keep the ferries operating. I will look forward to traveling on them. Thanks for an opportunity to cast my vote for the Superferry. Karl D. Spence, 122 Colonial Estates Parkway, Clovis, NM 88101. 505-762-6313.

testimony

From: Rod & Mike [Shakabro@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Immediate continuation of 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

As a Kauai local, I've been looking forward to the arrival of the Hawaii Superferry for many months. I want to use the ferry service for trips in my personal vehicle to visit friends and visitors on the neighboring islands. I want this better alternative for local travel than the inner island flights and car rentals. Hawaii is one state and we are one people.

The immediacy of ferry service to the islands is crucial as any delay harms us locals, island visitors and the company that has put so much into serving our transportation needs. I have met them and been on board and can tell you their heart is in the right place through design and extensive efforts to respect our local ecosphere. Hawaii super ferry has gone above and beyond everything asked of them and I believe would be unfairly harmed by any delay in starting their service to our island.

Rodney J Puryear

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Koloa, HI 96756

testimony

From: Judy Dew [jdew@wiktel.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support

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

To whom it concerns:

I am supporting the interisland Superferry as it will give much more versatility to the business schedules of the islanders, and also promote business between the islands. This will definitely boost the Ohana Spirit!!

J Dew
jdew@wiktel.com

testimony

From: Roger Keese [rKeese@houston.oilfield.slb.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:45 AM

To: testimony

Subject: I support Hawaii SuperFerry

Yes

I support Hawaii SuperFerry

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Written Testimony for: Hawaii State Senate

**Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs,
and Energy and Environment Committee Hearing**

Yes

October 24, 2007 10:30am, Capitol Auditorium

I am writing in Support of The Hawaii Superferry

Aloha Senators,

Please support the operation of the Hawaii Superferry while the environmental studies are being done.

This vital service is not only wanted by a majority of the citizens of Hawaii, but desperately needed.

Besides providing the ability for our citizens to travel between the islands with vehicles, it will provide many of our businesses the ability to send equipment, trucks and agricultural goods back and forth.

Many local businesses have already made investments based on the expected start of the ferry service. They are out their investment. The employees and investors of the Hawaii Superferry are being hurt, when they played by the rules and did everything asked of them. In the end our state has already taken a huge hit on our reputation as being business unfriendly. We need to do the right thing and get them operating as soon as possible.

My last concern about the possible loss of the Hawaii Superferry is the needed emergency services it can provide. In time of emergency it can send needed emergency responders, equipment and supplies between the islands quickly. For those citizens who can not fly because of medical restrictions the Hawaii Superferry may be their only practical mode of transportation.

Please vote to get the Hawaii Superferry operating immediately.

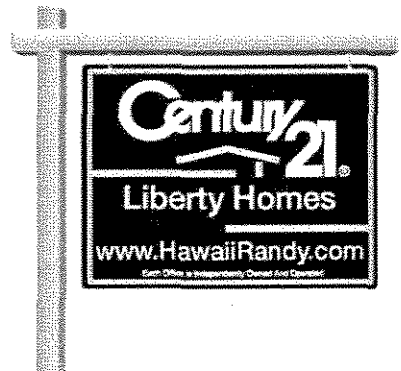
Mahalo in advance for your attention to this critical issue,

Randy L. Prothero

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testimony

From: SHARI [shari_miethe@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: 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

Dear Sir(s).

I would like to submit my support for the SuperFerry. Having lived in Alaska for over 30 years, with the Alaska Marine Highway ferry system as a main source of transportation and cargo shipment; I can easily see how a ferry system between the Hawaii Islands could be of great benefit to the people and economy. An EIS before implementation is always a positive step, but in that process I hope the need for this interisland transport system, is acknowledged.

Thank you for your time,
lance and shari miethe

shari

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testimony

From: Kevin Supan [kevin.supan@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:29 PM

To: testimony

Subject: SuperFerry Testimony - In Favor of SuperFerry operations while EA is conducted

Yes

Dear Legislator,

Please find a way to allow Hawaii SuperFerry to conduct business while an Environmental Assessment is conducted. The residents and businesses of Hawaii truly need an alternative way to travel between islands and if this project is shut-down, we can be certain there will be no others willing to make a similar investment. I believe the environmental concerns that have been expressed are (mostly) valid, but certainly there must be workable safeguards that can be established to allow the SuperFerry to move forward and begin providing this much-needed service.

Thank You,
-Kevin Supan
28-2917 Kumula St
Pepeekeo, HI 96783

testimony

From: Marina Prado [marinagprado@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:49 AM

To: testimony

Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY

Yes

THE SUPERFERRY WILL BRING MORE PROPERITY TO THE OTHER ISLAND,GO FOR IT.

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testimony

From: JON HALL [jonrhondamichael@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Yes

State Capitol,

This e-mail is to pledge my support for the super ferry. It is for the benefit of people and the ability to provide affordable transportation through the island chain. Please give this new transportation an opportunity to show, what a benefit they can be to the peoples of Hawaii.

Respectfully,

Jon E. Hall

testimony

From: gail [js3210@kingwoodcable.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

Yes

I am not a resident of Hawaii however I do spend 4 months out of the year in the islands as we do own several timeshares on Kauai. The idea of a superferry is a fantastic idea. It gives a very nice alternative to air travel between the islands. So many times the airlines are so crowded fits are delayed it would be nice to have another option for travel. I do realize that some of the airlines might have a problem with the competition but with all the people that visit the islands I am quite sure there is plenty of business to go around. I am also sure that some of the local people would welcome the chance to travel by superferry to visit their families on other islands. This superferry is a great idea what a nice alternative to be able to land in hnl and take a beautiful relaxing boat ride for a couple of hours to another island. Its like a mini cruise. Give us a cheaper alternative to the sometimes higher costs of travel between the island I'm all for this its a great idea. thank you gail santos kingwood texas

No

Public Access Room

From: Carole Iacovelli [carole.iacovelli@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Needs to Begin Running

Dear Senate Committee Members,
Please consider the many in the general public who support the idea of ferry transportation between the island. I am such a citizen.

It seems unreasonable to have brought this program to the point of implementation, and then to stop the ferry. It is important now to find away to allow the ferry to begin service and at the same time make the environmental impact study. If accomodations are needed, they can be implemented in a few short months.

In the future, I hope the study can be done in advance and we can avoid such a contentious situation as has developed at this time.

Mahalo, Carole Iacovelli

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Carole Iacovelli

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Yes

From: franceshokulani@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ferry

Please do not destroy an opportunity for local people to be able to access an alternative mode of transportation to the outer islands. We have for too long been at the mercy of the airlines and the rental cars for a mode of inter island transportation. I beg of you please give the local people an opportunity at other choices of transportation and not just merely flying.

Thank you for your consideration.

Frances M. Peterson

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Yes

From: KELASADDS@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawai'i Super Ferry

It is time to listen to the quiet majority!

Please count me as a legal voting constituent who is FOR the Super Ferry!

Thank you,

Kelvin N Asahina, DDS

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From: Jenn Driedger [jenn@generationeducation.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Hearing

As a recent resident on the Big Island we speak from our experience of over whelming acceptance ever since we have arrived 9 months ago. We felt the Aloha spirit and the Mana. The environmental survey is of great importance and should be done.

We are talking easier access of imported and exported goods as well as your neighbors and friends from the other islands. You can stall progress but you can not stop it.

We support the SUPER FERRY! Where is your ALOHA SPIRIT!

Jenn Driedger
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YES

From: Mcsepilot1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Dear State folks. I would use the superferry every chance I get if given the opportunity. It is better for the air and land than the jets that go back and forth. The airlines just have the monopoly on travel now and the lobby industry has politic'd this issue to death.....

John Harrell
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YES

From: KaimanaRea@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Attention Senators;

I think it would be a huge loss for the residents and visitors for the State of Hawaii if we were to lose the Superferry because of the vocal minority. Please listen to the majority and allow the Superferry to stay in Hawaii. Businesses in Hawaii need alternative transportation between the islands. Tourism will benefit from this alternative. Local residents will bring much needed business to the outer islands.

Mahalo,
Donna Hashimoto

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YES

From: Lynn Alapa [lynnmitch@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Aloha,

We have always been pro Super Ferry.

We do not think that the Super Ferry will bring more then the normal amount of people to Kauai then already comes by air.

Perhaps at first there will be fuller loads, but we think it will settle down and just share being another form of normal transportation between the Islands.

We do also now appreciate you making sure there is added security towards possible problems that are of concern as an example having camping permits before coming, perhaps even a personal credit card/debit card to purchase ticket if bringing a car.

Thank you for your time.

Yours, Mitchell and Lynn Alapa

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YES

From: Tacey Burnham [thburn@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In support of the Super Ferry

I sending this email in support of the Super Ferry. The people of Hawaii need more options for inter-island transportation. Please do not let a handful of environmental extremists decide this issue of the rest of us.

Please vote for the Super Ferry to continue so as to provide much needed inter-island travel options.

Thank you

Tacey Burnham

YES

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From: Sherri Newman [sherkensurf@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:49 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Save our Superferry

My family and I have waited so long for an opportunity to travel to the other islands of our great State of Hawaii. I thought we were all connected as one like the connecting King Kamehameha did for us hundreds of years ago. His desire was for us to be as one. Please save the superferry that will continue to make us as one. Allow the Superferry to operate carefully during the EIS. Sherri Newman 808-834-8247

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YES

From: Bert [bertb@dances.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Superferry

Aloha Legislators:

We strongly support the operation of the Superferry starting immediately. The court in 2005 dismissed opponents attempts to require the EIS and now suddenly they reversed their position. That just isn't fair.

Perhaps we should stop sending ANY boats to Maui & kauai - including those that contain their food and supplies. Maybe that will get their attention.

Albert Benevento
Barbara Allen

Waikiki

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From: Eric Husher [ehusher@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Proposed Superferry Bill

To whom it may concern:

This is my first testimony, but felt I had to voice my opinion on this subject. I have just read the proposed bill support the notion of allowing the Superferry to operate while the environmental study is being conducted. Like the bill suggests, I too believe the operation of this mode of transportation is in the best of interest of the community and the residents of this state.

Personally, I like the idea of alternate transportation options when traveling between the islands. I agree with the idea that the Superferry could serve as support vehicle in times of crisis or natural disaster. In my circle of friends and acquaintances, there has not been a single person I know that is not in support of this bill.

Very Respectfully,

Eric Husher
Ewa Beach, HI
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YES

From: KAUHALE@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Hawaii Superferry

This is to express our unqualified support for the continued operations of the Hawaii Superferry. Our state needs this alternative means of transportation between our islands. We currently operate on Maui, Kauai and Oahu and expect to be operating on the Big Island within the next year. The Superferry provides a great transportation option for our staff and their families and for our business. In our business we are accustomed to encountering narrow minded opposition more commonly known as NIMBYISM. For the greater good of the vast majority in our state who support the ferry, don't over-regulate this potential option to be point that it no longer becomes feasible.
Thank you.

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YES

From: Knieriem, Kenan (HONOLULU, HI) [kenan_j_knieriem@ml.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I am strongly in favor of doing anything it takes to get the Super Ferry Operating as soon as possible.

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From: rowrat [rowrat@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Please approve ferry operations until the environmental impact assessment is complete.

We would like an affordable way to visit the outer islands.

We have already purchased our tickets and would like to use them before Superferry goes out of business.

I believe the Superferry will be good for all Hawaiians.

Robert Malandra

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YES

From: Carol VanCamp [cvancamp3@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I urge the Senate's support in keeping the Superferry operating during the EIS period. It is critical that our state have transportation alternatives such as the Superferry.

This new means of transportation is also important to our agricultural industry, giving them a new and more cost effective way to transport their products within the state.

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YES

From: kelmar weeks [weeksk004@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

let the superferry operate while EIS is being done.the invasive species,drugs,is all hogwash.the other vessels that operate in our islands do not fumigate the vehicles being transported thru out our islands.whats next fumigate the people going to maui or kauai.superferry is an alternative to the other transportation services that now operate here.MATSON just raised the costs for transporting goods between the island.lets go GOVERNOR LINGLE/ELECTED OFFICIALS do the majority of the peoples will.

registered voter
aloha
kelmar weeks

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YES

From: Mark Nicholson [mark@metzlercontracting.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

I fully support of the Superferry

Mark Nicholson
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96740

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YES

From: Suzy [suzystiles@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:50 AM

To: testimony

Aloha, I think the Superferry has proven to be safe and enviornmentally safe and gives a lot of travelers an option forl Inter-Island travel. I support the Superferry and look forward to my first trip on it. Mahalo, Lindi Ensminger
5282 Honoiki Princeville, Kauai

YES

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From: Stuart Welker [cuonthe@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:53 AM

To: testimony

The Superferry is a wonderful addition to the Islands. I am in full support.

Stuart Welker
Kamuela, Hi.

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From: Ken Mathis [palaniman_@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:52 AM
To: testimony

YES

The superferry would provide the following:

1. Economic competition on Maui with Oahu business that offer lower prices; i.e new cars, painting cars and other products.
2. During natural disasters it could be a supply and relief platform for the various islands.
3. Alternate transportation for tourists and local people.

This platform is a lot cleaner and environmentally friendly than Matson/Youngbros.
Mahalo, Ken M Mathis

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From: Frances Rocha [frocha@dofawha.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of the Hawaii Superferry

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

As a kama'aina resident on the island of Hawaii, I support the continued operation of the superferry to give our local people a CHOICE of inter-island transportation. Those of us on the neighbor islands have supported air inter-island travel even during those times when air fares were extremely high, because we had NO OTHER CHOICES of inter-island travel. Now we can transport our vehicles and spend leisure time on ANY of the neighbor islands if we choose to do so. The bottom line: LET US MAKE A CHOICE OF HOW WE WISH TO TRAVEL, WHETHER BY AIR OR BY SEA.

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YES

From: Mila Dumlao [mila@iolani.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

In my opinion, having the Superferry will enhance the Hawaii's over all outlook. Just like we are really heading to a new era and will improve the economy as well as an added attraction to the tourist. This is why I'm supporting the Hawaii Superferry. Thank you.

YES

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From: RAF4693@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPER FERRY

PLEASE GET THE SUPER FERRY OPERATING. IT WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO GET FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND AS WELL AS THE ELDERLY THAT DO NOT FLY WELL. IT WILL ALSO BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR THESE PEOPLE TO HAVE THEIR OWN VEHICLE

**THANK YOU
ROBERT A. FISHER SR.**

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From: SANDY PURDY [SPURDY@pacificlight.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Hawaii Superferry - SUPPORTER!!

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

I am writing in SUPPORT of the Hawaii Superferry to allow the Superferry to SAIL while an environmental study is being conducted. I as well as many support this mode of transportation. My husband is one who does NOT like to fly, and we would LOVE & ENJOY to take advantage of this opportunity to transport our OWN vehicle; and take a vacation or a weekend off on the neighbor islands as well. This is a VIABLE option to use for EVERYONE who CHOOSES to do so. I am a concerned citizen as well and understand the necessary studies to protect our whales, and to ensure NO invasive species be spread; however this study can move forward AND ALLOW the Superferry to sail as well.

In summary, the "few special interests groups" should NOT have the VOICES of the MAJORITY! Please set this straight NOW and ALLOW Superferry to sail. Why waste more tax payer dollars on this issue when (this should have been allowed weeks ago) there are more critical ones at hand.

Mahalo,

Sandy Purdy

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From: Diana Puulei [dpuulei@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

With support for Hawaii Superferry. The Superferry was brought here for the local people to take advantage of taking our own vehicles to visit families on our different Hawaiian Islands. If they were going to want an environmental research done for the superferry to operate here in Hawaii that should have been asked when it was in the process of being built not after it arrived here. If the Superferry does leave the islands other companies will think twice about coming to Hawaii to start a business. Why doesn't Young Brothers and the Cruise ships not have to abide by the same rules? It just doesn't make any sense. It's sad that our own people of Hawaii on the outer islands are fighting to keep us out.

Diana Puulei

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YES

From: hot@hotsailsmaui.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

To Whom It may concern:

I strongly support the Super Ferry. From an enviromental point of veiw, it is FAR superior to the high carbon foot print of air travel we have now.

Aloha, Jeffrey Henderson, MAUI

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YES

From: Gary Evangelista [gevangel1221@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I would like to add my voice to those who support the super ferry operation. I would very much like to visit the neighbor islands to enjoy their beautiful golf courses for the weekend, but the prospect of packing my gear for a flight, parking my vehicle at the airport for the weekend, renting a car on the neighbor island, etc. and all the attendant costs has discouraged me from doing so as often as I would have liked. I believe that the super ferry should be held to a high standard of safety and environmental responsibility, but should be allowed to operate during the time that the environmental impact study is conducted. I think that it would be a disservice to the community to loose this opportunity to add to the available choices for interisland travel.

Sincerely,
Gary Evangelista
40 Rose Street
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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YES

From: Plumbguy@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

To whom it may concern,

I am a plumbing contractor that has and will be doing business on the neighboring islands; if the ferry was available; cost to my customers would be considerably lowered because I good use my truck and equipment sent on the ferry.

I also coach a youth softball team that could use the ferry to transport the team and vehicles to keep our cost lower.

The use of a ferry system will make traveling though the island cheaper and would likely stimulate the economy of these islands, not to mention that more people would be able to visit families easier both ways.

Mahalo,

John Spencer, (808)295-4426

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From: Interiorsbyjulie@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Read: I strongly oppose the Superferry coming to Maui

October 23, 2007

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing to you in regards to the Superferry. I am strongly opposed to this new method of transportation due to several facts. I like to see advancement and growth in life however, not when it does more harm than good for our island. I have lived here on island for 26 years. Since the beginning of this time period I have watched our natural environment deteriorate due to over population of tourism and locals dispensing trash. The ocean waters are not as clean as they once were, the coral and fish are dying due to this.

When I take my daughter out to surf I am constantly reminded of how terrible our island is becoming. The waters not as clean and full of trash. I spend hours cleaning the beaches of trash. Most of this comes from the local campers who obviously disrespect their own island. I am finding twenty to fifty each visit cut off cans in which they use to smoke their drugs in on the beaches. These lids are filling our waters with danger.

The Superferry will only cause more people to visit and camp on Maui further allowing more of our natural resources to die. The campsites are already filled with trash. Who is going to clean up all the extra trash from the Superferry visitors.

Please, please, please I am begging you to stop this. Our children are being surrounded by more trash and less natural beauty. We do not need ANY more visitors destroying our beaches, throwing waste in our ocean waters and trashing our campsites!

Thank you,

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YES

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From: Caroline Reeuwijk [carolinereeuwijk@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:56 AM

To: testimony

Subject: In support of Hawaii Super Ferry

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

I'm writing in support of the Hawaii Super Ferry for an alternative mode of transportation to the neighbor islands. It's easier for the family to travel together with the elderly and young children.

Caroline Reeuwijk

YES

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From: Thomas Wood, PE [woodtl@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Let the Superferry Operate!

Dear Sir or Ma'am:

I am writing in support of allowing the Superferry to continue operations. I do not believe that the environmental risks posed by operation are so significant that they cannot be managed, nor do they outweigh the potential benefits to be provided by the Superferry's operation.

As a far more serious public policy point, you the legislature need to seriously consider whether you will reward the bad behavior of a vocal and violent few.

Will you set public policy based on the rule of law, or based on intimidation? I have seen it at close range, and it is a much shorter step than any of you probably want to believe - from damaging a few cars and scaring a few people to make your point as happened on Maui, to blowing up the convoy of a former Prime Minister to make your point as happened last week in Pakistan.

This may sound a bit alarmist, but rule by violence and intimidation is a learned behavior. In the United States we follow the rule of law, and we renounce violent coercion as a method of setting public policy. You do not want to set a precedent that the kind of behavior we all saw during the initial operation of the Superferry is acceptable. Not only was it allowed to occur without any negative consequence to the perpetrators, but if you block operation of the Superferry, that bad behavior will now be rewarded with a positive result.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Wood PE
Commander,
Civil Engineer Corps
United States Navy (ret)

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YES

From: Margaret Kalauokaaea [kealakkk@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save The Superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

I am one who supports the HSF. I have never ridden it and am hoping that one day I will. I am a single mother of 2 who believes that the people of Hawaii should have alternative ways to travel between the islands. My father who is blind and with diabetes lives on Maui and the HSF would give us another alternative to visit him or to have him visit us with out all the hassles of trying to find someone who can pick us up at the airport to drive us to my father's house. I believe that the State of Hawaii needs to evolve with the times and start bringing us into the 20th Century.

I feel bad for the HSF as throughout this whole process, they have maintained their composure and have not retaliated against any of the environment groups by asking all of the supporters to show up in force. This is also a great way for the State of Hawaii to make excellent revenue. Are we all that blind to see that the State is letting just a few voices speak for the majority? Look at what happened in Maui last night? Why weren't the "hecklers" kicked out? The more that you let them get away with, the more they will. This has divided the State and this needs to stop. Make a decision and stick to it. The State was the one who allowed the HSF in here and now because of some real trouble makers and a lot of people who just decided to jump on the band wagon, the entire State looks like idiots to everyone else in the United States. How embarrassing this is to even discuss this with anyone from the Mainland who is laughing at us. You are the Lawmakers, you were voted in by the people of Hawaii, do what the majority wants you to do!

Mahalo,
M. Keala Kalauokaaea

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From: Imasaka, Eric | CIV PHNSY & IMF, 1120/C1124 [eric.imasaka@navy.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

To whom it may concern,
This email testimony is in regards to the below:

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

In my personal opinion, the Superferry is a necessity for our "island lifestyle". Think about it, each island is separated by water. Each county, town, etc. has to be traversed by mainly air travel. If you wish to send things via the sea, you only have one option, Young Brothers. If the Superferry is allowed to establish itself in the state of Hawaii, it will greatly enhance our lifestyle, mode of transportation, etc. in this ever changing world. We cannot be stuck in the 19th century when it's now the 21st century!! We need to move along with time. Of course there are drawbacks to anything, especially new things, but the benefits out-weigh the drawbacks. Tourism is the state's #1 economy, and by allowing the Superferry to continue business in Hawaii, you can only enhance tourism, not hurt it. Think about it.....mahalo for your time.

Eric Imasaka
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YES

From: Ruiz, Gerard [gruiz@kiuc.coop]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Keep The Super Ferry Running During The EIS

To Whom It May Concern,

I am in favor of keeping the Super Ferry in operation during the EIS study. I believe it will help keep our economies travel industry at a lower cost to the people of Hawaii. It'll also be an alternative way of travel especially if we ever have another hurricane here on Kauai! The majority of locals here on Kauai are in favor of the ferry but it is our culture to not be loud and go against the opposition when needed. It is a set back for us but that's just the way we were brought up and because of that I think there's a lot less violence and corruption in our society. But due to the large increase of mainlanders we are being shut out. Well I'm one of few that will speak out and try to represent the rest of us locals who are in favor of keeping the ferry. I wrote a letter in the Garden Isle in August and couldn't believe the amount of supportive phone calls I received after it was published but sad to say they would not go out to voice their opinion. I am asking you all to allow the ferry to operate in our waters and give the people of Hawaii a chance to experience something new that will be favorable in many ways to help our economy. By the way I worked for ten years on a navy torpedo recovery boat here on Kauai and we never had any problems with whales as far as running into them while in transit and majority of the time we would transit in the dark.

Please let the ferry run!

Aloha,
Gerard Ruiz
Eleele, Kauai

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access3

From: Andy [andy@demhawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In support of the Superferry's continued operation

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

Senators:

I would like to state my support for the Hawaii Superferry's ability to operate while the EIS is being conducted. Preventing the business from operating now may cause them to close permanently due to the financial burden of the "limbo" state imposed upon them by one judge. Without allowing them to conduct business while this important study is conducted, you will effectively shut them down without the result of the study, an action that would clearly be contrary the wishes of the majority of your voters, including me, and contrary to the spirit of the law. Please recognize my support for a congressional action that would allow the company to resume normal business activities while the study is made.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Aloha,

Andy Jost
75-290 Malulani Drive
Kailua Kona, HI 96740
Voice: 808-331-1789 ext. 101

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access4

From: Thomas Plum [tplum@plumhall.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Thomas Plum
Subject: Superferry - pro

I am writing in support of legislation to keep the Superferry running while an EIS is completed. Air travel has a much higher carbon impact than a ferry.

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testimony

From: Anna Kaanga [kaangaa@byuh.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Legislature Public Access Room

I have been a resident of the state of Hawaii for the past 58 years. I am of Hawaiian ancestry and a graduate of the Kamehameha Schools.

I am in favor the ferry and would appreciate the harrassment to STOP. I love the idea of being able to visit my relatives on the outside islands by taking my own car with my children and grandchildren.

I am also in favor of rental cars NOT being allowed to cross over on the ferry and that would damage the rental car business on the outside islands.

I can't believe a few people making stupid noise could go this far as to deprive the majority of ocean transportation. Hello, the silent majority will not be silent any longer.

Please allow the Super Ferry to function to full capacity and let the people decide what mode of transportation they will use.

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testimony

From: PMck222@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:43 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION RE SUPER FERRY

I attended last evenings Maui meeting re Super Ferry and have carefully read the proposed bill. The citizens who so eloquently testified against the proposed bill to bypass the Courts covered all the points I had planned to include in my testimony, especially those of Maui Council Chair Ricky Hokama and Isaac Hall. In respect to the Chairman's request to avoid repetition, I did not testify.

I VEHIMENTLY OPPOSE THIS BILL!

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testimony

From: Gerry Hakkert [ghakkert@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: State Senate Legislative Hearing

Since you were all elected by the people FOR the people, I expect you to support the Super Ferry and make it a go as soon as possible.

I know we can all count on our legislators.

Mahalo for your support.

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From: David Colvin [djcolvin2@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

As someone that did live in Hawaii, '64-'65 and I went to Hi School at Kalani Hi. I have returned to visit and work in the late '70's and again in '80. I have always felt that the lack of inter-Island travel at lower cost, other than airlines or cruse ships was highly needed. Lets get it done.

Look at the State of Washington using ferry's to move people and cars all around the Puget Sound area. Same with the East Coast. As well as all over Europe. Whats to know, they work. It will start a new industry, give more people more jobs, and help stimulate the whole of the economy of all of the Islands.

*Thanks for your time,
David Colvin*

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testimony

From: Mark Redeker [midpac@clearwire.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:45 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry

I am a small business owner on Maui and I am in support of the superferry running while an enviornmental impact study is conducted. Thank you Mark Redeker

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testimony

From: David Hall [dhallhi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing: Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 10:30 a.m., Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Legislators:

I am in favor of a bill that will permit the Superferry to operate while an environmental assessment and/or impact statement is being prepared. This is a much more convenient way to travel interisland and hopefully will serve to keep airline prices at bay.

Thank you for your consideration.

David W. Hall

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From: Bruce Adams {badams@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I, a resident of more than 28 years, am for the Superferry. I looked forward for it, and purchased tickets for 6 Sept, and was appaled by the reaction of residents of Kuai. Bruce S Adams, 225 Kaiulani Ave, Honolulu 96815.

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testimony

From: lamg@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:43 AM
To: testimony

I support the Superferry in Hawaii.

Good for the tourist industry. Tourist as well as the local will have a chance to see the beautiful ocean of our islands. Positive feed back will bring more tourist to our islands.

More tourist will help State of Hawaii economy growth. Also Produce grower and manufacturer will be able to ferry their goods to the other island on a daily basis instead of relying on Young's Brother Barge which take days. Faster delivery means fresher and cheaper products for the consumer. Superferry will also create more employment for our islanders.

Add another mean of transportation for interisland travel. Bring all our islands and people closer together.

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testimony

From: Rev JP [chaplainjp@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supporting Superferry

The handful of people do not understand the importance of keeping our islands connected. Please do not let the superferry go even if it is delayed. Once they leave, I am afraid, our businesses go down. We, island people are very much dependant upon tourism.

Supporting business means supporting our islands.

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From: Henry Cortes [tunja39@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Committees: SuperFerry Legislation

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment
Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

I would like to request that the everything possible be done to allow the SuperFerry to have a chance to remain in operations in the islands while the legal maneuvers are being done. It is obvious that the reasons for these maneuvers is to put the SuperFerry out of business, nothing less.

The SuperFerry will bring many positive returns to the state:

- 1) An added option of inter-island travel for tourist and local people.
- 2) Bring other businesses associated with the SuperFerry business of inter-island travel.
- 3) Add new jobs directly and indirectly for the islands.
- 4) Reduce the monopoly of "Young Brothers" hold on some of their inter-island services.
- 5) Show that a minority and special interest does not control the state.

Thank you,
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RE: Super Ferry

Greetings Senators! My name is Rick Warshauer, I'm a conservation biologist from Volcano on the Big Island, and I have some serious concerns about the special bill that this special session is hearing. I could not find a bill number or name for it, so I'll just call it the Supervector Smokescreen Bill.

Why bother to require any washing or inspections of vehicles and cargo? We know that such inspections are not effective, otherwise Hawaii would not have this ever-increasing pool of introduced species evading inspections and impacting Hawaii. It is not what is interdicted that counts, it is what gets past inspections and quarantines that are problematic. Washings need to be lengthy and thorough to be effective. These pest species include many that are adverse to native ecosystems, agriculture and our lifestyle. The few pests that are subject to control efforts cost taxpayers and businesses enormous amounts of money and lost opportunities. The adverse economic impacts and costs to attempt control of any one or a few of these pest species will exceed the cost to construct the harbor improvements required by the Supervector. It is very poor economy to risk spreading pest species to islands which still lack them. Eradication of pests are very rarely achieved, and control efforts are nearly always long-term and costly. Imagine the impact of spreading the varroa mite to the Big Island, where its multi-million dollar queen bee export industry would be compromised or eliminated. Even worse, the island's existing and future agriculture potential would be curtailed by reduced or lost pollination services. The fact that not all pests are not on all islands reflects the difficulties many pests face travelling interisland on barges, airlines and cruise ships. A roll-on roll-off vessel like the Supervector is the great equalizer, however. Pests on or in vehicles and cargo will converge from all over one island, speed onto the loading ramp, travel to the next island, and then be off into many places of the next island in a matter of HOURS, not days, and thereby they avoid long storage on hot asphalt and other hazards. Noisy coqui frogs, mite-afflicted bees, damaging fountain grass seeds and many other pests travel regularly on vehicles, and cannot be effectively screened or cleaned. Either can drugs or stolen goods.

The only effective way to prevent or markedly reduce the risk of pest transfer among the islands is for the Supervector NOT TO CARRY VEHICLES on board. If during the EIS process an effective way to sanitize vehicles is proven—and I doubt that this can be done—then the decision might be revisited. Speaking of the EIS law, why require the Supervector to do the EIS at all if the bill is to make any negative findings inapplicable to the Supervector? Also, is all this Ch. 343 text in the bill just to allow further dismantling of our EIS law, and to make mockery of the public's challenge rights under Ch.91?

The Supervector is not cheap to ride. The Supervector is not safe for our economy or environment. It may cause the demise of one of our older inter-island air carriers. The Supervector tries to operate outside the law, as confirmed by our courts, and it wants

RE: *Super Ferry*

you to make it a special exception to the law in its sole behalf. The Supervector has also expressed an abundance of arrogance and absence of Aloha.

So why are we here at this expensive special session? Is it from public pressure generated from misinformation and a desperate desire to turn back the clock to cheap inter-island travel? I miss those days too, but they're gone, just like the fish on O'ahu reefs that I use to catch as a kid. Please get real and DON'T let them carry vehicles on the Supervector. If they cannot make it or hack it, then tough stuff. They have pointed out their other options, so let them choose without special dispensation from you. Use your time instead to launch a study of what Hawaii really needs in ideal surface transportation.

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From: JUDITH MCLEOD [judy.mcleod@shaw.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: ferry

Hello

I frequent the hawiiian islands and I am so in favour of having a ferry system in place. Speaking from experience I have worked and still am working for the British Columbia ferry system. I have worked with the company for 20 years. I live on an island Vancouver Island and the ferry system in Canada is an integral part of our lives.....It has not ruined our island from an ecological viewpoint and as far as tourism goes the ferries are part of the experience and tourists love it!!!

I strongly believe in the ferry system as an alternative to interisland transportation.

Sincerely

Judy McLeod, BC Ferries
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Vancouver Island, BC

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From: Madeline Wicklund [ewagirl63@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supper Ferry

I am for the super Ferry. Thank you.

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From: josef fusaro [jrf713@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Keep The Ferry

We Desperately need another form of transportation in all of our islands keep the ferry or i will keep my vote for reelection

Thank You Josef Fusaro

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From: HigginsHi@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In FAVOR of Superferry.

We would like to go on record as **STRONGLY** supporting the Superferry in Hawaii.

For years I have marveled at the paradox that our modern island state remains locally isolated--does not have the most basic, logical form of ocean transportation to enable residents to travel interisland--BOAT!!

Not only would I like to see the Superferry running immediately so that all local people can finally experience the fun, novelty, and economical option of traveling interisland, I would like to see a much more comprehensive system in place--exactly like what they have going in Seattle and the San Juan Islands and in Alaska.

It is really crazy that we have to FLY among the islands. Boat transportation is the **FIRST**, most natural form of transportation that should be available to its island people.

I am thrilled that this company has stepped up to give us this option. Opponents are making up crazy reasons to stall this effort--to tie it up in court so that they Superferry operators will have to give up the fight. Give me a break...how can a Superferry have a more adverse effect on the marine environment that the giant container ships that pull in and out everyday? The objections are so transparent it is laughable. But to allow these wild allegations to play out in court and put this company out of business would be the wrong thing to do.

Who are these people that are so territorial about an island that they do not **OWN**--how dare they think they have the right to keep others out--to prevent other people from visiting. The AINA is for **ALL** people. Is this opposition backed by the airline industry or what?? It just defies common, logistical sense.

Please allow the Superferry to operate and to **EXPAND!!**

Aloha and Thank You.

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From: dave kalthoff [davekalthoff@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha

I would like to raise my voice with a very positive YES to allow the superferry to operate. I have been a long time resident of Kauai(27 yrs.) and Hawaii (38 yrs.) Mahalo for listening to this voter.

Dave Kalthoff

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From: Sayad Hussain [sayadimam@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry. It is good to have alternate means of transport and healthy competition.
we are lucky what Super Ferry has to offer.

Sayad Hussain

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From: Anita Diniega [adiniega@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry approval

I have been watching and monitoring the on going progress of the Superferry in Hawaii. Having the superferry in Hawaii is a good thing to benefit all business particularly small businesses like us and for the public because this will lead competition and more competition, the lower the price. For example, the shipping companies in Hawaii (i.e. Young Brothers) shipping cost is very expensive and the customer service level is very bad. Often times, when you ship a car to the other island, you have to be there all day basically to wait for 1 or 2 clerks to service the line and they are not very helpful as well.

As for the airlines, both Aloha and Hawaiian Airlines air costs will be minimal and competitive which will benefit everyone and prevent for residence to leave Hawaii and move elsewhere, to the mainland, where cost of living is more reasonable.

I have been living in Hawaii for over 20 years, and the business and political environment decisions in the state are driven by the big companies or union companies who in fact is behind the scene for all these delays of any new businesses coming to Hawaii to help the business environment and a better economy in our state.

Lets move on and approve the successful operation of the Hawaiiisuferry for a better Hawaii politically and economically. Environment studies are not necessary as all these shipping companies are already in operation for years in and out of Hawaii which are also contributors of any environment impact. Lets just work together and approve for the benefit of the people of Hawaii not for those corporate giants and the politicians. We vote for all of you to represent us for the better of everyone, particurlarly the public. Lets not waste any more taxpayers dollars conducting all these legislative sessions and use these dollars for other important projects needed for our State.

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From: Geoffrey Lauer [glauer@beihawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Time & Location: 10:30 AM @ State Capital Auditorium

I, Geoffrey B. Lauer support legislation that will allow the Hawaii Superferry to conduct interisland ferry service while the court ordered environmental impact statement is being drafted.

Continued disruption of the ferry service would be wrong and will make the State liable for damages.

Geoffrey B. Lauer

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From: Irving Kaneshiro [Irving_Kaneshiro@hmsa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

As a concerned citizen, we need this alternative means of transportation to the outer islands. Rising fares for airlines & shipping of goods to the outer islands are making it harder for the majority here to travel & or do business. The rising costs are being passed down to us, the consumer.

I am in TOTAL support of The Superferry.

Thank you, Irving K. Kaneshiro

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From: Laura Motta [ohana906@ilhawaii.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Please support the Hawaii Super Ferry.

As a state we need to have more opportunities for our residents to prosper.

For our visitors we compete with other destinations that have much more to offer.

For those who have had the vision and the resources to bring the supperferry to us, it's absurd that we have allowed it to get this far if we were not able to invite them here in the first place. It is not their fault that we did not do our home work.

Please support the Superferry.

Sincerely,
Laura Motta
Hilo, Hawaii

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From: Georgietta K. Chock [gkchock@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

Aloha, my name is Georgietta K. Chock and I've been a residence of Hawaii for 67 years. I was born in Honolulu and grew up here and throughout my 67 years I have seen many changes occur - manly in the high rise development area which has totally destroyed our islands - the high costs of homes, to the point that as a 67 year old resident I still can't afford to buy my own home and pay an outrageous rental to have a roof over my head. I guess I will go to my grave not ever realizing my dream. The increasing homeless program and our increasing taxes, Living off of Social Security is a joke. One works all their life only to be taxed again for social security which isshoud be tax free!. We've paid our dues. As such, I've had to return back to the workforce instead of enjoying my well deserved retirement. These areas ladies and gentlemen - should be our top priorities. The Super Ferry should become realty and a done deal for us all!

Over the last few months, I have read with disguise about the actions and comments made by A FEW Kauai and Maui residents and I have been asking - "why are we allowing these FEW non-locals who have come to Hawaii from mainland parts only to ruin what we locals want for our island.

Over the last six years, my husband and I have been travelling on cruises and going through airports have become a nightmare ruining a vacation before you start and end one. I said if I could find a cruise line that could connect me from Honolulu to various parts of the world, that's what I would use - forget the airline traveling! Also, on many trips to the neighbor islands, we have not been able to secure the flight times or car rentals we wanted so we have discontinued going to visit our neighbor islands.

When the idea of the Super Ferry came about, we both were so happy to finally realize that we could have another mode of travel - WITH OUR OWN CAR AND BE ABLE TO TAKE OUR SMALL PET DOG with us instead of putting her into a kennel for the weekend.

After reading today's Advertiser under the Editorials on Page 6, it clearing states where the blame should be placed - not with the Legislators and certainly not with the Governor - but WITH OUR SUPEREME COURT!

I urge each and everyone of you to do what is right and listen to the MAJORITY and vote to allow the Super Ferry to continue it's service here on the Islands. I commend the Super Ferry for extending their services to our Military. They didn't have to do that with all the losses they are currently incurring. Not only did they provide the one hour trip around Oahu, but they also provided refreshments. They should be commended for providing what our Islands really stand for - the ALOHA SPIRIT which has been DESTROYED by a few on Kauai and Maui!

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testimony

From: Mellencs@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimony

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

Aloha Senators,

I live in Kailua Kona, Hawai'i County. I am unable to attend your hearing at 10:30AM on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 and appreciate the opportunity to comment via email on the Superferry.

I consider myself an environmentalist and thus am concerned about the impact of the Superferry on whales, reefs and other species unique to Hawaii. I feel as though the State of Hawaii should have required an EIS for this project during its development.

However, I feel that some of the issues that will be addressed in an EIS have already been at least partially addressed according to newspaper accounts. Thus, I in favor of allowing the Superferry to operate with appropriate safeguards while an EIS is being completed. Similar ferry systems already operate in various locations around the world in a successful and responsible manner.

I've read that there are concerns about additional cars coming via the Superferry and using our inadequate road system. The roads near Kawaihae harbor and particularly near the intersection of Highway 19 and the Kawaihae Road do need to be upgraded to handle the increased traffic. There are of course stories of van loads of Ohau residents over fishing our coastal waters and using our scarce numbers of campsites. While I hope that these stories are not true, they are disturbing.

I feel we need to balance these concerns with the benefits to the Big Island. Hawai'i Island is an agricultural island that provides milk, eggs and other farm products to the rest of the state. The Superferry will provide our producers with an additional means of transporting their products and perhaps keep the costs down to our resident consumers.

I feel that the State of Hawaii has a responsibility to the people (taxpayers) to make this work. The State also has a responsibility to the Superferry since it led them to believe that an EIS was not needed. If the Superferry leaves, the State will be left with a huge bill to pay and additional legal liability.

Thanks again for the opportunity to express my views on this issue that affects all of Hawaii.

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testimony

From: Marge and William Akana [w.akana@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Legislative Hearing

Attention Senate Committees:
Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, Energy and Environment.
Hearing: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 10:30 AM, Auditorium State Capitol

As a resident of Kauai for 47 years, married to a part Hawaiian, I have seen many changes and understand the concerns but where were the concerns when the sample Superferry visited Kauai? I am in favor of having the Superferry as an alternative method of transportation to start operation now. Only after operating will we find out if there are truly any major problems with whales, security, invasive species and they should be addressed at that time.

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testimony

From: Kathy Ogasawara [kogasawara@hpa.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

In spite of the very vocal objections to the superferry, I have the opposite opinion. This would be a great, much more affordable mode of transportation to many local families since they will be able to bring their own car to their destination. Although not good for the car rental companies, the stores and hotels will benefit. Adding another means of a job to the local population is a definite plus. Please do your best to pass this bill.

-- Aloha, Kathy

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testimony

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To: testimony
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To whom it may concern:

In regards 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

As a member of the voting population, I would like to request that the Superferry be allowed to operate on a probationary status while the EIS is being completed.

The longer this decision is not finalized, the worst for all parties involved. The Superferry is a good thing for the Hawaiian islands. The improved infrastructure is needed regardless if the Superferry is allowed to operate. The legislation should be concentrating on how to pay for these improvements. In the probationary time, a large percentage of the revenue made by the Superferry could be collected specifically for infrastructure improvements.

Thank you for your consideration,

Deborah J. Christensen

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testimony

From: Amber Atuatasi [amb96707@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

Dear Sirs or Madam

The Superferry is to benefit all people of Hawaiian Island. This has been in planning for 4 to 5 years now so, why is this a problem today? This will bring more businesses and jobs to all the islands. I really feel that the people are not behind this but "Young Brothers and the Airlines" are trying to stop this so, they won't lose business.

If the Superferry is endangering our environment then all shipments should be stopped because they are doing the same damage to our oceans.

Superferry is a beautiful ship let it stay.

Sincerely,

Amber Atuatasi
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access2

From: Valerie Sink [vjsink@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support for Superferry

This is to the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, Energy and Environment Committees with regards to the hearing tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in the State Capital Auditorium about the fate of the Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii has an opportunity for improvement readily available. Let's take it. As with all new endeavors, we will see the need for improvements and changes. But these improvements can only happen if we take the step forward. We should be striving to unite the people who live in Hawaii. Let's use the Superferry as a way to teach and bring the spirit of aloha between the islands and the residents.

Valerie Sink-Abelaye
resident of Big Island

Climb to the top of the charts! Play Star Shuffle: the word scramble challenge with star power. [Play Now!](#)

testimony

From: Tammy Uy [tammy@walltowall.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:41 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT for the Hawaii Superferry

I am in support for the Hawaii Superferry.

We need other means of transportation between islands — especially when the airfares rise again.

PLEASE move forward and do what you need to do in order to make the situation right.

Sincerely,

Tammy Uy

testimony

From: Jody L. Thomas [jthomas@carlsmith.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I am writing to go forward with the Super Ferry. I believe it's a great mode of transportation to the outer islands. These people that are protesting, need to get their heads out of the buttocks and realize change is good....As for the safety of the whales, I'm sure the captain is well trained and know the routes as to where to where to steer the boats.....what about those whale-watching excursions? I say enough of this nonsense and let the Super Ferry sail on! Thank you.

Jody L. Thomas
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testimony

From: darrell nuttall [nuttalld@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I urge you to pass legislation promptly to let the Superferry continue operations while an environmental impact statement is done. Our State is largely responsible for this mess and a loud minority is making lots of noise. Travel between island is an airline monopoly- I believe I represent the majority of residents who want this service. Please do your part

Sincerley,

Darrell M Nuttall, CPA

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testimony

From: Dennis Furutani [dennisfurutani@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Ferry



I support the Hawaii Super Ferry, because I am originally from Kauai and would like to be able to drive there with my own vehicle.

Dennis Furutani
Oahu resident

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testimony

From: Linda Bruckner [Brucknerh001@hawaii.rr.com]

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

To: testimony

Subject: Support for the Superferry

I support the superferry in Hawaii. I would like to take my family on a trip to the outer islands using the ferry. Hawaii has a poor reputation nationally and internationally for new business startup. If the ferry leaves another black eye for our state. Get both sides of the issue together and FIX IT please. Linda Bruckner

10/23/2007

access3

From: Ray D [rds78@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of the Hawaii Superferry

My name is Raydeen Delos Santos & I'm in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

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From: Rory Trausch [hbman17rt@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry



Dear Sirs and Madams,

Please allow the superferry to operate while you measure the ecological impact. This is a most important and affordable way for average people to conduct their daily business. If you prohibit the superferry, then why not the cruise ships?

Mahalo, Rory Trausch
Lihue Kauai

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From: Paul Selhorst [hapaboykeahi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Superferry!!

Aloha,

I support the Superferry. It will provide a much needed interisland transport that will promote tourism, commerce, and cultural discovery.

I believe I am part of a silent majority, and I wish to be silent no more.

Keahi Selhorst
91-759 Launahele St.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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From: sherry Rockwood [scamp29@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:32 AM

To: testimony



I do support the ferry I think until the study is done and they can prove it to have a bad impact which I do not believe it will, the super ferry should be able to run. We moved here to Hawaii 2 years ago living on the Big Island and having transportation besides through the air ways would be great for us all that have homes and business here. For a small group to stop something should not happen. Again if the study comes back that the ferry would have a negative impact on us then of course we should take a serious look at the pros and cons but as of right now there is only here say.

I have taken the ferry from Vancouver BC to Victory and seen wails swimming by us, nether of us tried to get in each others way but what a sight it was to see mom dad and baby orcas swimming by us.

Aloha
Sherry Rockwood

Peek-a-boo FREE Tricks & Treats for You! [Get 'em!](#)

access3

From: Osborne, Richard [rosborne@tycoint.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the superferry it must go.



Dear Senators,

This email is to express my support for Superferry to operate in the entire State of Hawaii while the Environmental Impact Statement is being performed. The residents and businesses of this state want and deserve more options for interisland transportation.

I also believe Superferry should be held to the same standards of care to prevent the spread of invasive species as other interisland transport companies such as Young Brothers, Matson or the airlines. Additional requirements would seem to be creating bias.

This issue has awakened the quiet majority of this state. Superferry is an example of innovation and job creation and it will be a sad day again, when again, the state has crushed progress under the pretense of environmental impact.

I appreciate the opportunity to give this testimony and your time taken to read it.

Rick Osborne, Jr.

Integrated Systems Specialist

SimplexGrinnell - Hawaii

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From: Vincent Cannella [naauao2001@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:32 AM
To: testimony; naauao2001@msn.com
Subject: In Support of Super Ferry

Dear Madame's and Sir's,

My family and I support the SuperFerry and what it will do for our economy. My family and I live on the island of Maui and visit the neighbor islands a few times a year. The high cost of the airlines and the rental cars make it *sometimes impossible to transport my whole family. With the Super ferry in service, it would help cut costs such as eliminating the use of a rental car.* People say that the "ferry" is just as expensive as the airlines. It's true if you just go for a couple of days with your car, but if you spend the week, people would save.

Another use of the ferry would be to transport goods between Oahu and Maui or the other islands. With only one form of ocean going transportation such as the Young Brothers Barge there is no competition and the company can continue to rip us off. The ferry gives all of us the option of shopping on Oahu where the prices are more competitive and transporting the goods back to our islands with our vehicles

The Superferry can also be used for not only transportation between the islands, but used in case of a disaster or emergencies such as hurricanes, etc. It gives us another option of transportation besides only having 3 major airlines trying to monopolize, play price games and sometimes ripping off the people of Hawaii.

I disagree with what the Sierra Club, the Maui Tommorrow and other oposition groups have to say. They say that they are representing the people of Maui without asking us if we would want them to represent us. The majority of people on Maui are for the Superferry; it's just a few people that do not want it.

As for the whales and marine life, yes, I do want them saved and there should be a EIS. Why can't the Superferry run while an assessment is done? Was one done for all the cruise ships that come and go through our ports weekly? Was one done for every other form of transportation?

Why just here what the opposition has to say?

Why not make a special ballot for the majority of the people of Hawaii to decide the fate of the Superferry?

Thank You,

Vincent Cannella

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

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From: BILL BILLOCK [bbillock@pacificlight.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Super Ferry!

Please send this 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 support the Super Ferry! Competition for travel and shipping benefits us all!

William J Billock
Big Island Market Specialist / Account Executive



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BIG ISLAND AREA DIRECTOR

access3

From: danno [danno2@holoholo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:58 PM
To: testimony
Subject: HSF testimony

WE THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII NEED THE SUPERFERRY.

WE REQUIRE THE TRANSPORTATION OPTION AS WE ARE TIRED OF BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY THE ENTRENCHED MONOPLY THAT OFFERS ONLY SLOW ARCHAIC SERVICE TO THE OUTER ISLANDS.

THE AIRLINES ARE NOT A VIABLE OPTION WHEN EMERGENCIES OR DOCKWORKER STRIKES OCCUR.

THE PROTESTORS DO NOT REPRESNT THE MAJORITY VIEW ON THIS ISSUE AND ARE TRYING ONLY TO "PULL UP THE DRAWBRIDGE" BEHIND THEM.

THE 'ENVIROMENTAL' CONCERNS ARE A SMOKESCREEN AND IRRELEVANT, AS NO OTHER HARBOR USERS NOR ANY OTHER FORM TRANSPORTATION HAS EVER HAD TO FILE AN EIS.

DO NOT DISCRIMANATE AGAINST THE SUPERFERRY.

VOTE ***YES*** ON THE SUPERFERRY !

sincerely
daniel p toye
po box 217
mountain view, hi 96771

access4

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From: Rich [cyclone97@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

The Hawaii Superferry is very much needed. As an alternate means of transportation in times of crisis or emergencies, or as an affordable way to travel to Oahu for goods and services from the outer Islands, Hawaii needs this system. The notion that large crowds of people will be flocking to Maui or Kauai is ill-conceived, the flow of people will be in the opposite direction for the obvious reasons. The time for the Superferry has arrived, lets not let this opportunity slip away.

Rich Ashley
91-1159 Aawa Dr
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

Richard Ashley
cyclone97@earthlink.net

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From: Kurt Sibayan [ksibayan@atlasinsurance.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: 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

I don't understand the difference between a monster cruise liner coming into port in Lihue and the superferry coming into that same port? How much more of an environmental impact will the superferry have on the whales, etc. that the cruise liners don't already have?

I also think it would be a huge waste of money if the state had to pay millions of dollars if the contract is cancelled. Look at how many schools are in need of funding, look at how bad our roads are, don't you think our taxpayers would want that money to go towards helping the people of Hawaii?

Kurt D. Sibayan

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From: rallf85537@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Ferry

My husband and I both support the Super Ferry, and would really like to see it stay. It just seems ludicrous to us that the Super Ferry was allowed to come over and have it's first trips before these protestors started in. If they were so concerned, why weren't the speaking up for the last year or so when all the planning was involved. We joined the Super Ferry Friend's group and followed the progress and got involved in the process that it took. We were very pleased at the way the company took care to make the Ferry safe for the sea life, like having no propellers, having a whale watch going at all times. Any sea craft traveling through the Hawaiian waters during whale season is at risk of encountering one of our beautiful giants....fishing boats, sightseeing boats, cruiseliners.....plus the pleasure crafts that are out there. Why aren't these crafts put under the same scrutiny as the Super Ferry! I firmly believe that these protestors have caused a huge black mark on Hawaii and how things are allowed to happen here. Do protestors run this state? It sure seems like it! How terrible for us. Please do the right thing, put the protestors in their place and let the Super Ferry Sail!
Linda and Ross Fuller
Hilo, Hawaii

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

10/23/2007



access4

From: Krisla DuPonte [kwduponte@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

Aloha,

I support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Please support the majority of Hawaii residents and don't let the few non-supporter dictate our future.

Sincerely,

Krisla DuPonte

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From: Laurie Bachran [wings@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

I am in favor of allowing the Superferry to operate while the necessary EIS is being pursued. I believe the Superferry hss the integrity to move with caution while all the environmental issues are examined. All of Hawaii will lose this alternative means of travel which can provide so much pleasure to many residents who cannot afford airfare and rental cars for an extended period of time.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Bachran

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From: alfonso alvarez [diveguy1@clearwire.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:57 AM
To: testimony

Please allow to start services as soon as possible.
They deserve just as much of a chance as any other business starting up in Hawaii.
So many other business contractors could really use the services of this vessel from
agricultural to building contractors.
Please if you could allow the ferry to resume services as soon as you can.
Yours truly.
Alfonso Alvarez.

Philip H. Kinnicutt
341 Iliaina Street
Kailua, Oahu, HI 96734-1807
808 254 4534
LEAFISHING@AOL.COM

YES

October 23, 2007

Judiciary & Labor Committee
Transportation & International Affairs Committee
Energy & Environment Committee
Hawaii State Senate

Via Fax #: 808-586-6659

Re: Testimony for Hawaii Super Ferry Hearing, October 24, 2007, 10:30 a.m.

I strongly support the Hawaii Super Ferry.

I am also deeply concerned about how this whole affair has been handled and how it has divided the population of our State and absolutely destroyed our credibility as a place to conduct business in an effective and responsible manner.

There is no easy solution. It is going to take courage and political will to find some sort of compromise that will resolve the issues and benefit the State of Hawaii as a whole. A special session of the legislature is the only way to get this done in an open and honest manner.

Aloha,

/sig/

Phil Kinnicutt

Judy Kocis

YES

From: "Judy Kocis" <jkocis@smpent.com>
To: <testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:14 AM
Subject: SUPERFERRY

To Whom It May Concern

I am a staunch supporter of the Superferry being in hawaii and being an alternate method of traveling to the outer Islands. I also want to see the Superferry operating as soon as possible. The environmental study can be done (in which the results won't be known for 2 years) in concurrence with the Superferry running. I am in the majority in believing in the Superferry - and in a democracy the majority wins.
Thank you
Judy Kocis
jkocis@smpent.com

YES

To: Judiciary and Labor Committee**Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007****Time & Location: 10:30 am, Auditorium, State Capitol****TESTIMONY:**

Those of us who make Hawaii our home, or only home, deserve alternative transportation options that the Hawaii Superferry offers. Hawaii has long been known for being anti-business and pro-monopoly. Trying to stop the Hawaii Superferry from operating while waiting for a new requirement, the EIS, is just another example of monopolistic anti-business practice by our State and should not be tolerated.

Do not punish the people of Hawaii for a "mistake" the State made when you exempted the Hawaii Superferry from an EIS. The Hawaii Superferry is very willing to do an EIS, but you **MUST** allow it to operate in the mean time. Otherwise, as you fully know, the Superferry will be forced to leave, and again we will be without hope of this awesome transportation alternative, which would let us visit our ohana and give us new shipping options as well. The state made a mistake. Don't let us be the ones who now must suffer and be punished for that mistake.

This is our state, this is our home. Do what is right for the people of Hawaii, and allow the Hawaii Superferry to fully operate during the EIS process.

Signed:



Kathy Oshiro
46-3615 Kahana Drive
Honokaa, Hawaii 96727

YES

Philip and Mollie Foti
1343 Mokulua Drive
Kailua, HI 96734

October 23, 2007

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

Special Senate Session
October 24, 2007, 10:30 a.m.
Auditorium
Hawaii State Capitol Building

We are writing in support of the Superferry.

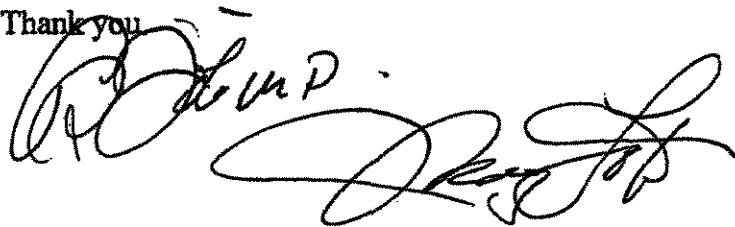
Behind all the rhetoric of the last month lies an inescapable fact: the Superferry will bring change to all our islands, but the changes will be of great benefit to all in many ways not yet understood by those who so adamantly oppose it.

When the furor dies down our neighbor island friends who fear the worst will find that the worst really won't happen. Instead, they will have opportunities yet undreamed of. Imagine a system whereby patients who now must be medivaced by air to Oahu hospitals at great expense can instead be sent in an Emergency Medical Vehicle directly from a neighbor island hospital to an Oahu medical center—a seamless transition with state of the art care all the way. Would this not be a wonderful improvement on a cumbersome system that is both enormously costly and none too efficient?

We are sure that there are many, many more opportunities that will present themselves, but if the ferry is sent away untested, who will ever know?

Please, allow the great State of Hawaii to move forward with a transportation system that virtually every other multi-island nation enjoys

Thank you

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is on the left and appears to be 'Philip Foti'. The second signature is on the right and appears to be 'Mollie Foti'. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Philip and Mollie Foti

YES

RICHARD SWIFT
3788 Moae Place
Princeville, HI 96722
(Island of Kaua'i)

October 23, 2007

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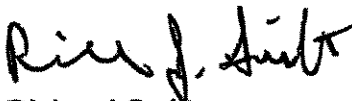
Dear Senators:

I write to express my strong support for the Hawaii Superferry. Not only will it be vital for many handicapped individuals but to all citizens on the islands. The Superferry will indeed give us another form of transportation whether it is for pleasure, for business, visiting our families, or simply for relaxation.

While the Environmental Impact Study will take time for completion, please allow the Superferry to transport in the meantime.

I join with many others in supporting the Superferry. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard Swift
3788 Moae Place
Princeville, HI 96722
Island of Kaua'i

YES

MITZI SWIFT
3788 Moae Place
Princeville, HI 96722
(Island of Kaua'i)

October 23, 2007

Senate Hearing Committee:
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Sincerely,



Mitzi Swift
3788 Moae Place
Princeville, HI 96722
Island of Kaua'i

Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office 586-6659

YES

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

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This is in support of Hawai'i Superferry to continue with service to the neighbor islands of Maui and Kaua'i until EIS and environmental assessments are completed. With service to the neighbor islands, Hawai'i would benefit tremendously from this alternate form of transportation. Our office has been on the ferry prior to commencing sail, and I have found it to be comfortable and most convenient for those that would be using the ferry for a leisure form of travel to the neighbor islands. It would also serve well to provide needed supplies, etc. in preparation and/or event of a disaster.

Mahalo,



Memorandum

YES

To: Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office
From: John Addoms, Kea'au, HI
Date: 10/23/2007
Re: Save the Superferry- Testimony

I urge the senate to pass the bill to keep the superferry. The service is a huge benefit for the state and will eliminate total dependence on the airlines. I believe it's a huge fairness issue. Nobody went to court to oppose the Government's opinion in re the EIR for years; waiting until it was ready to start.

The vocal, organized minority opponents are simply that, a MINORITY. Please remember that the majority want the superferry. We don't go to meetings and wave signs, but you represent us too.



Kathy Higa <kathy.higa@gmail.com>

We want our Superferry!!!

YES

1 message

Kathy Higa <kathy.higa@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 23, 2007 at 8:06 AM

To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Aloha,

I just wanted to say that before the Superferry even got here we did our homework on it and was even invited to meetings to ask questions. From what I have learned I am very happy and welcome the Superferry to the Island and have been waiting to visit my family on the outer islands. Those people in Kauai should just relax and stop grumbling about everything. Because after this fades out, they'll find something else bicker about. This is Hawaii...where's the "Aloha" spirit.

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Mahalo,

Kathy

YES

OCTOBER 23, 2007

ATTENTION: ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SENATE SERGEANT-AT- ARMS OFFICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM IN FAVOR OF LETTING THE FERRY RUN WHILE THE SENATE DECIDES WHAT TO DO AND WHILE THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY IS GOING ON. I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS PROBLEM HAS JUST NOW SURFACED WHEN EVERYONE KNEW THE FERRY WAS ON THE DRAWING BOARD YEARS AGO. WHY WEREN'T THESE ISSUES ADDRESSED EARLIER?

TO DEPRIVE THE ISLANDS OF THE SERVICE OF THE NEW FERRY IS CRIMINAL. FOR YEARS, HAWAIIANS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FLY BETWEEN THEIR ISLANDS CARRYING FRESH FLOWERS AND PRODUCE WITH NO PROBLEMS. PEOPLE WHO WANT TO TAKE THEIR CARS OR TRUCKS TO OTHER ISLANDS AREN'T GOING TO STAY. THEY ARE MOST LIKELY GOING FOR A SHORT VISIT WHICH SHOULD ADD TO THE ECONOMY OF THE VISITED ISLAND.

I LIVE ON THE BIG ISLAND. HERE, THERE IS ONLY ONE CAR DEALER FOR EACH BRAND OF CAR. IT REALLY MAKES NEGOTIATING BETTER PRICES IMPOSSIBLE AS THEY KNOW THEY HAVE YOU. TO BUY ON OAHU, IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO TRADE IN YOUR OLD CAR SO, EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY GET A BETTER PRICE THERE ON A NEW CAR, IT LEAVES YOU HOLDING THE OLD CAR HOPING TO FIND A BUYER.

OBVIOUSLY CARS AND MOTORCYCLES HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED FROM ISLAND IN THE PAST ALTHOUGH IT IS A DIFFICULT TASK GOING THROUGH MATSON. ON THE BIG ISLAND, MATSON ONLY SHIPS OUT ON THE HILO SIDE OF THE ISLAND, SO THOSE ON THE KONA SIDE MUST GO OVER 90 MILES TO HILO TO TRANSPORT THEIR CARS TO/FROM THE ISLAND.

WHY IS IT THAT THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE FERRY AREN'T WORRIED ABOUT THE LOCAL FISHING BOATS WHO ACCIDENTALLY HIT THE WHALES. ACCIDENTS DO HAPPEN BUT I WOULD THINK THE CAPTAIN OF THE FERRY WOULD BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR WHALES AND AVOID THEM WHENEVER POSSIBLE AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHAT ABOUT ALL THE WHALES HIT BY MATSON, YOUNG BROTHERS, AND THE PASSENGER SHIPS. IS NO ONE WORRIED ABOUT THEM HITTING A WHALE?

WHAT ABOUT THE FARMERS WHO COULD INCREASE THEIR MARKETS BY BEING ABLE TO TRUCK THEIR PRODUCE TO OTHER ISLANDS TO SELL. LETS GIVE THE ISLANDERS MORE WAYS TO MAKE A LIVING BESIDES WORKING IN THE TOURIST BUSINESS.

SHARON PIKE
75-841 HIONA STREET
HOLUALOA, HI.

Senate Sergeant - At-Arms
586-6659

YES

TESTIMONY FOR-

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

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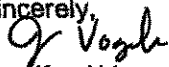
Dear Senators,

I hope you can join me in supporting the Hawaii Superferry. I have been a resident of Maui all my life and I am asking you to support the Hawaii Superferry and allow them to operate their business as planned while final studies are still being done.

I find it unfair and suspicious to single out the Superferry for special impact statements and have to question what business would have the power to coerce such controversy at the last minute. The Superferry is a benefit for all of Hawaii's residents and local businesses by adding choice to our inter-island mode of transportation, shipping and travel/vacation options. It's unfortunate that something that should bring the islands together and finally function as one state has caused such controversy.

Please support new businesses in Hawaii. It's about time Hawaii made some transportation progress.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Akiona Vogele
Maui County

YES

Gino and Pamela Merez
1002 Kaluanui Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825
(808) 394-5071

October 23, 2007

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

**RE: State Senate Legislative Hearing
Hawaii Superferry Testimony**

To Whom It May Concern:

We support the Hawaii Superferry. Our son is actively involved in Boy Scouts, and the Hawaii Superferry will provide his troop with an efficient and cost effective way to travel to campsites, hikes, and service projects on the outer islands.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Gino and Pamela Merez

YES

**SENATE COMMITTEES: JUDICIARY AND LABOR, TRANSPORTATION AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

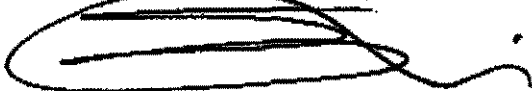
HEARING DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

TIME AND LOCATION: 10:30 A.M. AUDITORIUM, STATE CAPITOL

HONORABLE SENATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY...THE REASONS
HAVE BEEN STATED OVER AND OVER BY THE VAST MAJORITY OF HAWAII'S
BUSINESS COMMUNITY ALONG WITH ITS RESIDENT POPULACE. PLEASE
DON'T LET THE VOCAL MINORITY WIN ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. AT THE
VERY LEAST SUPPORT A BALANCED BILL THAT WILL ALLOW THE HAWAII
SUPERFERRY TO OPERATE DURING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
PROCESS. PLEASE, THIS IS DEFINITELY WHAT IS NEEDED TO PRESERVE
HAWAII'S BUSINESS IMAGE.**

MOST SINCERELY,



STEVEN KNIGHT

PRESIDENT/CEO

EXPEDITIONS

MAUHLANA'I FERRY

FAX 808 356-0433

Sign Petition

YES

We Support Hawaii Superferry.

We support Hawaii Superferry because it will enhance the quality of life for the residents of Hawaii. Seagoing between the islands will benefit local communities, allowing schools, sports teams, and residents to freely visit neighboring island to attend community activities, visit family and buy and sell goods. It's affordable, convenient local businesses and farmers a choice.

We need the choices Hawaii Superferry gives us. We support Hawaii Superferry and urge our elected official as well. I wish to join Friends of Hawaii Superferry. Please list me as a supporter.

Please complete the form below to show your support for this important cause.

Data added successfully.

Please select a category : Individual Member

First Name * : James

Middle Name : Robert

Last Name * : Ederer

Title/Occupation : Manager

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City : Hilo

State : Hawaii

<http://www.hawaiisuperferryfriends.com/main/petition>

10/22/2007

Zip : 96720

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Fax : 808 - 935 - 8313

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Grant S. Kobayashi
4309 Papu Circle
Honolulu, HI 96816
(808)389-5183

October 23, 2007

Fax to: Sergeant-At-Arms
586-6659

RE: My support for the Hawaii Superferry

Dear Legislators:

I would like to voice my support for the Hawaii Superferry, and would urge the Legislature to pass a bill that would allow the Superferry to resume operations as soon as possible while an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement is being completed.

As a motorcyclist, I have enjoyed riding my trusty little 1998 Harley-Davidson Sportster around the island of Oahu, and have been looking forward to utilizing the drive-on/drive-off feature of the Superferry to allow my friends and I to enjoy riding on Maui and the Big Island and participate in their fund-raising rallies.

My aunty has severe arthritis and requires the use of a specialized van to transport her and her motorized wheelchair, and the Superferry would be the only way to allow her to visit her brother's family in Captain Cook.

Thank you for accepting my written testimony as I am unable to make the time to personally speak with you.

Mahalo,



Grant S. Kobayashi

NO

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

From: Deborah L. Chang
P.O. Box 202
Pa'auilo, HI
hkulaiwi@yahoo.com

Date: October 23, 2007

Subject: Proposed "Superferry Bill"

Dear Honorable Legislators:

I urge you to vote against the proposed "Superferry Bill" for the following reasons:

1. *It makes a mockery of our Environmental Review Process, Chapter 343, by providing an exception for any business that can claim to be "unique" and "critically important" to the people of this state.*

I fail to see how "critically important" this Superferry is, that it cannot wait for its secondary impacts to be properly evaluated and mitigated in the interests of protecting Hawaii's critically important environment. The health of our state's economy largely depends on how well we protect our very special environment. The bill would have the effect of relaxing our environmental standards for the benefit of one particular company and open a loophole and precedent for other businesses to use. Are you confident that this bill will not have this effect?!

2. *The Superferry's benefits to the agricultural industry are not well-established and shouldn't be used to justify circumventing established environmental protection law.*

Is there solid data showing that transportation costs using the Superferry will be cost-effective for farmers? The bill portrays the Superferry as "critically important" to the agricultural industry. What about the potential threats to agricultural business posed by this unique interisland ferry service? For example, the island of Hawai'i has enjoyed the advantage of not having the *varroa mite* which is a terrible threat to our successful queen bee and honey industry. Our bee industry is fragile and bracing itself for the arrival of the *varroa mite* from O'ahu where it has recently been discovered. Interisland transportation of harmful pests is already a well-known problem and adding yet another poorly controlled and inadequately inspected interisland service will just compound the arrival of agriculturally damaging pests. President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau and owner of Nalo Farms, Dean Okimoto, has gone on record as supporting the Superferry as a boon to agriculture, but in an article in "Big Island Business2Business Magazine" he talks about the importance of stopping invasive pests by checking products with the same rigor as his products are subjected to when shipped to California. He is quoted, "I think that it's critical for the future of our agriculture, and I think it costs less to do that than to try to control a pest after it's here." Amen. Will the State legislature provide the Department of Agriculture with the resources it needs to fortify its inspection program for *all* interisland vessels, including those currently operating? Plant nursery products

shipped between the islands on long-established carriers are the likely culprits in the spread of devastating pests like the stinging nettle caterpillar and coqui frog.

3. *It is inappropriate to pass a law to accommodate one particular business, an unproven one at that!*

Is this a viable business that will be able to survive over time? Why are we willing to spend \$40 million on harbor improvements and pay for a special legislative session to accommodate a business that has already said they can take their business elsewhere? Once the novelty of the Superferry wears off and people see the true costs of regular fares and vehicle charges, will Hawai'i's residents and visitors use it enough to keep it profitable? People are concerned about the unfriendly message this controversy is sending to businesses that may be discouraged from coming to Hawai'i as a result. We would do better to hold businesses accountable to high standards and send a clear message that we are resolved to protect our high quality of life. Sometimes we have to make unpopular decisions if we want to continue to say, "Lucky we live in Hawai'i!"

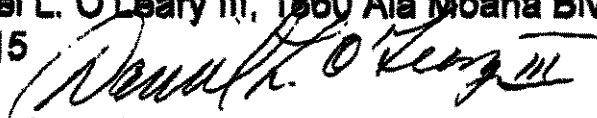
The only part of the Superferry Bill that makes sense is the audit of the original decision to exempt the Superferry from a detailed Environmental Impact Statement. It seems obvious that "secondary impacts" can be expected once the vehicles and people leave the concrete piers and venture into neighbor island roads and natural areas. The Superferry's impacts will be primarily on the neighbor islands which is why you are hearing more opposition to this bill from the neighbor islands. Failure to consider the secondary impacts of the Superferry was an O'ahu-centric decision, and I hope those who were responsible for that decision will be held accountable.

Thank you for holding hearings on the neighbor islands prior to convening the special session to consider this misguided bill. Mahalo for taking the time to read my testimony.

YES

10-23-07

From: Daniel L. O'Leary III, 1860 Ala Moana Blvd, #1903, Honolulu, HI
96815



To: Superferry Committees

I am overwhelmingly in favor of the Superferry being allowed to operate pending completion of the Environmental Assessment. Not only is this a very economical method of alternative transportation, but it will be good for the economy, providing private jobs and multiplying dollars. Not only did the administration, but unanimous resolutions from the legislature also provided the incentive for the backers of the Superferry to go ahead without an EIS.

Be upfront and back up your resolutions with the actions necessary to put the Superferry in operation immediately.

Use the Law to deal with criminals who try to illegally stop the Superferry from operating.

SENATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS office

From: Neva Rego [mailto:nevarego@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:01 AM
To: 'Legislature's Public Access Room'
Subject: FW: Superferry

YES

From: Neva Rego [mailto:nevarego@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:56 AM
To: 'testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov'
Subject: Superferry

Dear Sirs,

I am 100% in favor of the Superferry as it will be such a benefit for our islands, business ventures, tourism, in the event of a disaster, wonderful alternative for travel for our local people...the reasons being innumerable. Please please vote for the super ferry.

Neva Rego

To the Legislature:

YES

I support the SUPERFERRY AND WISH THAT THIS PASS WITH THE EIS STUDY TO BE DONE.

ADD MY POSITIVE VOTE.

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TAKE A STAND AND VOTE YES.

OCT. 23, 8:58AM..

SIGNED:

Karen J. Arumi

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**FAXED TESTIMONY
IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL THAT WILL PERMIT
INTERISLAND FERRY SERVICE IN HAWAI'I WHILE
AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS BEING CONDUCTED**

TO: SENATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OFFICE 1-800—586-6659

**Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and
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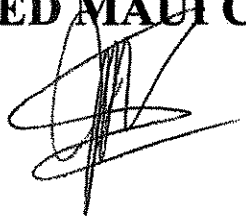
Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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

I SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY for many reasons.

Primarily, it will provide an alternative to the MONOPOLY THE AIRLINES HAVE and will be an excellent safety net in times of EMERGENCY, i.e., perhaps a NATURAL DISASTER. Life is about SACRIFICE and the small TRADE-OFF for minor traffic impact and fears of plundering of Maui's natural resources are UNFOUNDED. WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE OHANA HERE IN HAWAI'I, NOT JUST ONE ISLAND BUT FOR ALL. PEOPLE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO ACKNOWLEDGE PROGRESS AND ALLOW FAIRNESS TO SUPERFERRY TO OPERATE DURING THE STUDY.

A CONCERNED MAUI CITIZEN



10-22-07

NO

Dear Hawaii Senators,

Please do not have the special legislative session for the Superferry. We need a thorough environment assessment before we let the Superferry run. There are still possible impacts that may have not been considered that could cause irreparable harm to Maui. We have already had one impact that most likely will not be reversed and that is that Young Brothers increased their prices for partial containers by 20%. Most of this increase was caused by the Superferry. Young Brothers had to

move their facilities to make room for Harbor Improvements. I am sure that many more Mauians would have spoke up sooner if they would have known that this would happen. Now, like it or not we are stuck with that.

There also was a near miss with the 3 truckloads of imu rocks that were not discovered by the Superferry's checking. They did not anticipate this even though they said they would prevent bad things from happening. What could be next? Possibly Fire ants, they are very difficult to see.

The harbor improvements should

have never been built without the environmental assessment required by state law. This was a travesty and the state should be looking into why it happened in the first place and how to create safeguards in how to prevent the same thing from occurring again. If the state senate goes ahead and creates a new bill to circumvent Judge Cordoza's Supreme Court ruling, this will be another wrong. I always tell the students in school that two wrongs don't make a right. High school students are wondering how this possible travesty could possibly take place. This is not

like the model of government they learned in school. Many educated people are very dismayed even with the idea that you would consider having a special session.

Maui was just rated by Conde Nast Magazine as the number one island in the world, with an overall rating of 90.0. Maybe that is why there are so many people who care so passionately about what happens here.

Please think clearly about this issue and do the right thing.

Aloha,

Nancy Haag