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From: Jennifer L. Vogele [jvogele@mauimedical.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Oct. 24 10:30am Superferry Testimony
Importance: High

TESTIMONY FOR-

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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

Thanks,
Jen

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From: Janda Cordero [JCordero@hawaiimedcen.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am in favor of the permit to allow the Superferry running while the environmental impact statement is being conducted. We cannot lose this opportunity of having another means of transportation to the outer islands. There are several reasons why some people cannot fly and we should allow them the chance to travel. In the long run, everyone will benefit from this added service.

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From: John Mihlbauer [jpmihlbauer@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

As an experienced mariner, Kailua , Oahu resident 1968 - 1972 and 1980 to the present and local small business owner, I support the Hawaii Superferry and recognize the so-far successful efforts to derail the ferry to be just that. Any dangers to the environment and the whales are vastly exaggerated.

Respectfully,

John P. Mihlbauer

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From: jhung@gproadwaysolutions.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry



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The Hawaii SuperFerry should at the very least have the chance to operate. There are many reasons on why I personally support the Hawaii Superferry.

First of all, the Hawaii Poll has shown that there are for more people support the Superferry than against it.

Secondly, Hawaii people are unique to any other States that the only way to travel from island to island is by plane. By having the Superferry, it allows the people in Hawaii and tourists the options on how they would want to travel.

And lastly, the amount of effort and money spent by the State and tax payers is far too great. By stopping the Superferry, the effect is tremendous. Please take all these into considerations.

Sincerely,

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From: JDCENTER@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

Date: Wed., Oct. 24, 2007

Time: 10:30 A.M., Auditorium, State Capitol

We, Donald and June Chu, life-time residents of Honolulu, support the Hawaii Superferry for the economy, well-being, convenience, and environmentally safe travel for the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for your "YES" vote for Hawaii Superferry.

Donald and June Chu
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From: Jim Mistysyn [jmistysyn@beihawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am a 60 year resident of Hawaii, having been born and raised here. Living on Oahu, I am definitely in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

I believe I do understand and empathize with many of the fears enunciated by those who are against the operation. However, I believe, that, with appropriate safeguards, it should be no more potentially harmful to Hawaii's ecosystem and community than the impacts presently allowed via the on-going business of Young Brothers, Matson, other cargo vessels, the many cruise ships, aircraft and private vessels that connect our islands. Understand that there is the potential for harm in virtually anything done by human beings and technology. It's how you use it.

It also boggles my mind that the Superferry has been required to submit an EIS while the other above-noted entities have not, no matter how much expansion they have undertaken. One of the major issues relative to the Superferry has to do with increasing traffic, overuse of facilities and population on neighbor islands. This is exactly what those other operations have supported and continue to promote. The many transplanted people now living within the islands would not be here were it not for those entities. Therein lies an obvious contradiction.

My belief is that the Superferry should be allowed, but regulated by science and common sense. The latter, in particular, seems to be lacking among many of the more emotional advocates and politicians who jump on the bandwagon to gain popularity.

Thanks you,

James M. Mistysyn
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From: Nancy China [nancymchina@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

I am writing this email in support of the Hawaii Super Ferry. I have found not one person that I know who are against the Super Ferry. Those who are against it are in the minority and as usual they get the news. I personally would like the Super Ferry operating in all our Hawaiian Islands. We have a beautiful coastline that is not seen by many and the Super Ferry will allow many to view Hawaii in a different way. Moreso the savings for many families who want to have a vacation on our different islands without the exorbitant expenses of airfares and car rentals. I can see not good reason why not to have the Super Ferry!!

I know our legislature will do the right thing!!

Respectfully yours,
~ Nancy China~

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From: David Ward [ssnevasail@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawai'i Super Ferry

Please accept this email in support of allowing the Super Ferry to operate efficiently during the environmental study time. Hawai'i residents can only benefit from having an affordable alternative means of interisland transportation. As a twenty year resident of Oahu I urge the legislature to rise above "pineapple politics" and meet this challenge to do what is right for the state's future economic growth for all our residents.

David A Ward
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From: Bob [dad@mauirealestate.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Please approve the Super Ferry as soon as possible. It seems inconceivable to me that a few misguided vocal minorities are able to stop something that the Islands need and want. Yes there are issues that needed to be addressed and I believe that they have been.

Thanks

Robert N. Hansen
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From: VINNY [itsmadness@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPER FERRY

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I am in favor of the Superferry. Let the people vote and let the majority vote speak. A few have the "not in my back yard" attitude and why should they have the deciding voice as to whether or not the Superferry should begin service. Put it out to the voter's if the Superferry should be allowed to be in service while the environment impact statement is being done. Thank You Born and raised in Hawaii a 54 year resident Vince

Vincent Pacific
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Honolulu Hawaii 96813

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From: Diana Puulei [dpuulei@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Fwd: Re: Hawaii Superferry
Attachments: Re: Hawaii Superferry

Note: forwarded message attached.

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From: Diana Puulei [dpuulei@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:30 AM
To: Diana Puulei
Subject: Re: Hawaii Superferry

The date and time of my email is 10/23/07 at 6:28 am.

Diana Puulei <dpuulei@yahoo.com> wrote:

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 enviromental 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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From: Norma Gunther [ngunther@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Fw: SUPERFERRY - YES!!

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

From: Norma Gunther
To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:56 AM
Subject: SUPERFERRY - YES!!

Aloha to our Legislators,

I am in favor of supporting the Superferry in any way possible.

This has been a shameful debacle and the Superferry deserves to have support from Hawaii to resolve this issue. I was born in Hilo and now live on Oahu. I have been looking forward to traveling on the Superferry for get-togethers and pleasure and had expected to be doing so a couple of months ago. Please, please help us rescue the Superferry and not let the minority loudmouths destroy this enterprise for us, the MAJORITY of Hawaii's citizens. I don't want to lose the Superferry.

Thank you,
N. Gunther

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From: beachglass808 [beachglass808@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Fw: Keep the Super Ferry in Hawaii!
Importance: High

Hawai'i needs to keep the Super Ferry!

The majority voices should be heard! Don't let this fall on deaf ears.

Keep the Super Ferry in our Islands!

I am forwarding a copy of an email I sent to our State's Representatives and Senators a week ago.

Aloha,

Ernesta Shupe

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

From: beachglass808
To: reps@Capitol.hawaii.gov ; sens@Capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 8:01 AM
Subject: Keep the Super Ferry in Hawaii!

Good morning Representative Chong and Senator Hemmings

I strongly believe that the Super Ferry should stay here in Hawaii. Do an environmental impact study to prove that the Ferry's use will be harmful to our environment before just writing it off.

This is an alternate means of inter-island transportation for residents and local businesses alike. It just makes too much sense. I believe this can be more beneficial than harmful. Look at the enormous cruise ships that sail around our islands. They might have invasive species...

This whole thing is ridiculous! The SuperFerry has passed every test it was asked to. Should they and the better population of our islands be penalized for our "leaders" incompetence on this matter?

Then the protesters... insinuating that the Super Ferry is going to raise drug use and crime on the outer islands. Ludacris! Kauai, Maui and the Big Island had those problems already. Maybe those protesters should dig into their newspaper archives and read the published factual stories before making such absurd claims.

Who's the idiot that made that mistake in the beginning? Who didn't think an environmental impact study would be necessary in the decision making process. That person(s) should be fired!

I am Hawaiian. I have lived here my entire life. I have a family and we struggle to make ends meet everyday. We see the Super Ferry as good thing.

Please pass this on to whom ever will help to keep Alaka'i in Hawaii.

Aloha!

Ernesta Shupe

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From: Georgia Pinsky [georgiaroots@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Follow YOUR Laws!

Aloha

These laws are in place to protect our state (mine, and YOURS) from Enviromental Degradation.

You are contributing to giving the superferry a bad rep by bungling the process by which it (the ferry) is allowed to set sail.

If you alter this law, and allow the superferry to sail without completing the proper EA, or EIS, this will set presedent in the future. Corporations across the globe will know that Hawaii's Enviromental laws are looks only, they don't realy apply, and are not enforced. Rather, they are removed.

Linda Lingle's acceptance of a large campaing contribution from the superferry company has put her in the position of needing to make good on the money. She owes it to this company to allow the ferry to set sail.

You owe it to your constituants to DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE PEOPLE, and FOR OUR ISLANDS.

Do Not Allow the SUPERFERRY to sail without cocmpleting the necessary assesments of their impacts to these islands.

FOLLOW YOUR OWN LAWS!

Sincerely, Georgia Amber Pinsky
UH Hilo Student, and concerned citizen of Hawaii

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From: Maureen & Joe Appleton [appletonj001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Committee on environment/superferry

Thank you for having a meeting but the time is difficult for those of us who work and the location is in an area which will not experience the full impact of the Ferry. I have a feeling that a Saturday meeting in Waimea would produce a more accurate vocal assessment of the true impact of the Superferry.

That being said: I am against the Superferry operating prior to a full environmental assessment.

On the Big Island we do not have the necessary infrastructure in the Kawaihae area. No traffic control, no bus service, no car rental agencies, no affordable hotels, limited camping and a shortage of police and rescue in the Kohala district. The closest police station is over 20 mins. away and severely under manned. Our current council seems incapable of ever producing any meaningful infrastructure. The Waimea by-pass has been debated for over 20 years!

Persons coming who do have cars on the ferry will have to travel to Kona for hotels further impacting the perpetual traffic mess in town.

I worry too about fishermen from Oahu. Waters around Oahu have been severely depleted and the Big Island will offer a bountiful resource ready made to plunder. Many local families here depend on traditional gathering to supplement their diets. Over fishing by large hui is a real and present danger and the Superferry will allow this to happen.

I sincerely hope the legislature does not make the mistake of a special session for a private company's benefit. What message does that send? If you are wealthy and connected you get special treatment from the government? Yes, a mistake was made. Please do not compound that mistake with another.

Respectfully,

Joseph Appleton
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From: Cyndi Caberto [cyndic@oha.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

We need the freedom of choices and to make those choices in how we travel. I have a large family and to be able to visit other family member on the neighbor islands with my vehicle would save on car rental fees enabling us to spend our money with the local vendors helping to support the neighbor island communities. Please, please give us that freedom!

Mahalo,
Cyndi Caberto

testimony

From: Jack Katahira [jackkatahira@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Legislation

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I support the implementation of the Superferry services immediately. The additional alternative of traveling inter-island is critical to entire State of Hawaii population. Why let a small minority group dictate the wishes of the majority? The arguments advocated by the small minority will not be resolved if the Superferry is prevented from making its scheduled runs. There are many other transportation venues that will have the same alleged environmental results. Take responsibility and do the right thing but passing the bill to allow the Superferry to start services immediately.

Jack & Helen Katahira
Honolulu, HI 96817

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From: Jeff Alves [jeff@ifdesigninc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

Regardless of what errors may have already been allowed in not fully evaluating the impact of the Superferry on the environment we should allow the Superferry to operate now as a full evaluation moves forward. We should then look at the results in a positive view and try to provide viable solutions to each issue rather than close the door on a transportation alternative that has potential to benefit everyone.



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From: Bill Kish [billkish@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support for superferry

It seems to me the benefits of the superferry far outweigh the risks as currently elucidated by the opponents of the project. During the years I have lived here (moved in February 2003) the great disadvantage of the outer Islands has been the inability to get the commercial products and services we need. Things like automobile service from dealers who have no presence on the Island, ability to travel with family between Islands, more efficient transportation of goods transported from Oahu would all be improved immeasurably to say nothing of the competition which would ensue between companies wanting to do business on all the Islands.

Sincerely,

William Kish
Kailua Kona
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testimony

From: Yahiku, Andrea Ms CIV USA SDDC [Andrea.Yahiku@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the Super Ferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**
Caveats: NONE

Kindly request you approve the operation of the Super Ferry in Hawaiian waters.

The approval of this service will prove to be a beneficial method of transportation for the residents of Hawaii, now and in the future.

r/

Andrea L. Yahiku
Command Section, 599th Transportation Group
Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii
Voice: 808.656.0530/DSN: 315.456.0530/Fax: 808.656.0730

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**
Caveats: NONE

testimony

From: William Follmer [billfollmer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:01 AM
To: testimony
Cc: billfollmer@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony In Favor of Superferry

Dear Senate Committee Members,
Please take immediate action to allow ferry service while an environmental impact statement is being conducted because:

1. Most residents want this service.
2. Delay would likely eliminate the possibility of this service in my lifetime (I am 70).
3. The likelihood of permanent damage to the environment while the study is being conducted is nil.

Aloha, Bill Follmer
99-1647 Aiea Heights Drive
Aiea, Hawaii

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testimony

From: Dennis [dennis96815@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 4:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

The Hawaii Superferry company is willing to undergo extensive restrictions on it's operation. These restrictions go beyond what other companies would endure.

The Washington state ferries travel in waters with large whale populations. The ferries there travel at high speeds.

Environmental groups are not always correct in assessing what is good for the environment. Please remember that the people of Hawaii are part of the environment.

The Superferry is willing to comply.

The Superferry has already provided valuable services to our state and people. I believe this ship would provide a very valuable resource in the future in times of emergency and eventually prove itself to be an asset to the people of this state that is not foreseen by many at this time.

Please give the Superferry a chance to show the value of such an operation.

Aloha,

Dennis

testimony

From: Lei Vierra [lvierra@dofawha.org]

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

To: testimony

I am in favor of the Superferry. Please let it be my choice to travel.

Leilani Vierra
Hilo

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From: Kaia Hedlund [kaiahedlund@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

This e-mail is in request for testimony regarding the Superferry. I am in support of the Superferry and strongly urge the legislators to take whatever steps are necessary to allow the Superferry to resume operations immediately.

Mahalo,

Kaia Hedlund
Honolulu, Hawaii
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testimony

From: Tomas Hintnaus [hkd@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:02 AM
To: testimony

Hi I am in great support of the superferry. This is the only thing missing here on the islands is an other way of getting to other islands sometimes all the fights are booked or I would like to work on an other island and I need my truck this is the perfect solution.
Please let the Superferry in!
Tom Hintnaus

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From: Peggy Haskins [tutupeggy@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:41 AM

To: testimony

I am a 24 plus year resident of Maui. We love this island and all the Hawaiian Islands. Sure things were different when we moved here but general attitude toward any money-making venture has changed little. There are always groups that do not want anything changed.

How could the Superferry get to this point? Complaints should have been filed long ago and as forcefully as now but not after millions have been spent and the new venture ready to go into operation. Get real....Hawaii is moving along with the rest of the world. We cannot expect everything to remain as some might wish and the reason that we are so dependent on tourism is because we make it so difficult for any industry to grow in our precious islands. So our children leave.

Sincerely
Margaret Haskins
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testimony

From: Jacob Freeman [jakeroony@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Pro Superferry

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

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As a civil engineer and resident of the State of Hawaii, I recognize the environmental concerns raised with implementation of the Hawaii Superferry into the transportation network. There are many instances for improving our environmental well-being within this State. More importantly, there are many instances with which we can utilize Hawaii's most important resource: the Pacific Ocean. With respect to efficiency and cost-effectiveness, it has been proven that the transportation of bulk freight should be completed via the major arterials that connect distant places. Within the State of Hawaii, that arterial is the Ocean between our unique islands.

The State of Hawaii has administrative rules in place to ensure sustainability of resources in the islands. The permitting process is in place to protect those rules. All rules are subject to interpretation, but if those officials within the state government found it appropriate to allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate as it "once" did, then we should respect those in charge of protecting our great State.

Sincerely,

Jacob Freeman

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

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From: virgil hodge [keaa04@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:42 AM

To: testimony

Put your political views aside and let the super ferry run, -with reservations. Ferrys run in every country in the world, only in Hawaii do a **few** deside for the majority!

Thank You Virgil Hodge

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testimony

From: Lisa Currie [thenontoxicmom@iglide.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry



To Whom it May Concern,

I am in support of the Super Ferry for many reasons some of which are - less reliance of Gas consuming air travel, ability to take kids on day field trips on a bus to the outer islands (I work in an environmental Non Profit that educates DOE kids), increased commerce between islands, big savings to do it now with Federal Funding available.

We need to get into this century. Hawaii and Kauai will grow no matter what and we need to put infra structure in place to support the growth or migration. In the Bay Area Marin county refused BART for very similar reasons to Kauai's opposition to the Ferry, now it is cost prohibitive to build and they regret their decision. Look to the future.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Currie
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From: Dave and Linda Boote [wmcycles@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

To whom it may concern,

Please add my name to the list who want action on the Super ferry. I think that the environmental assessment can take place while the ferry is in operation. In fact, it is a much better way to assess the impact than studies any other way. *This should not be a popularity contest but consider the good for the community as a whole.* Thank you for your time.

Mahalo,
David Boote
Lahaina, HI

testimony

From: Vertical Technologies [vthawaii@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:01 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Please allow the Superferry!

As a business owner doing business on Oahu, Maui and Hawaii counties it was of great excitement to see an alternative mode of transport interisland. I service these counties and always pay large amounts of freight charges for slow shipping of parts and equipment to these counties. The Superferry will allow my service to improve and my customers to receive better service via this efficient mode of transport. It is ashame that these counties have built up a wall against those of us on Oahu when we all live Hawaii. They will only see the benefits once the ferry sails and the service is allowed to work. Before long, as when change occurs, even they will become riders and beneficiaries of this long awaited and needed alternative.

Thank you,
Barry Castle - President
Vertical Technologies
328 Kalihi St.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

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From: Chris A.Tamm [baylight@baylighting.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry



We need you to listen to the people for a change. When 80-90% of people want it, the people must prevail. You have ZERO reason to go against it.

Just do it, N O W !

Chris Tamm

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testimony

From: Carol Tashima [carol@hawaiiperformance.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Let's keep the Superferry Running

Sirs/Madams,

Please make an effort to keep Hawaii Superferry in Operation. I truly feel the Superferry can only benefit the majority of the people in Hawaii. Many of us have families and friends on the outer islands--what can be more convenient than visiting via Superferry. The ferry is also great for tourists--and isn't tourism our main economy here in the islands. Lastly, all of the controversy that Superferry has faced is bad for Hawaii's business climate. We already have a bad reputation and being a difficult place for business survival--all this negative publicity just adds fuel to the fire.

Environmental impact??? I question this controversy. What's good for the goose is good for the gander. If an environmental impact study must be done on the Superferry--don't let it stop there. Young Brothers, Cruiseliners, Airlines and large boats...they all should be included in this study.

Thank you for your time

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testimony



From: Lisa Kawamura [lkawamura@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supporting the Super Ferry

I support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I believe this recent uprising against the Superferry is unfair to the company and workers. The protesters had time when the Superferry was in the planning stages to bring up these concerns. The Superferry should not be targeted because they were told the EIS was not needed. The superferry will help Hawai'i economy and is a great addition to interisland travel. I urge the senate to support the Superferry.

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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From: Georgette A Yaindl [yaindl@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: RE" HB "Superferry"

October 23, 2007

TO: Senators Taniguchi, Hee, English, Gabbard, Menor, and Hooser

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RE: HB "Superferry" – In support of Part IV, § 13, An Audit of the Cutter-Lingle Administration

Senators: Please accept my testimony in favor of Part IV, § 13 of this bill which mandates that the legislative auditor conduct a performance audit of the Cutter-Lingle Administration to determine how it is that the Administration determined that the \$40 million expenditure of state funds for harbor improvements to accommodate the Superferry qualified as a HRS Chapter 343 exemption. I respectfully request that the remainder of this bill in its entirety be stricken.

While the good people of Hawai'i have articulated the many reasons in fact and at law why it is not in the public interest for this vessel to operate in our waters until at least an EA is completed by the state, there's at least one more reason that I want to bring to your attention. This concerns the allegations that this vessel represents a "transportation alternative" for the people of Hawai'i. Shibai!

The state of Hawai'i is the only state in the county that does not contribute to financing public transportation. Indeed, by statute, public transportation is the responsibility of each individual county. Even the capitol city of Honolulu receives no state funds for its public transportation system. It is little wonder that the transportation alternatives we the people who live here seek and deserve on a daily basis continue go unmet by our government(s). Not only do the counties have to pay their own way, they do not even get to retain their own traffic fines.

The real injury in this situation is the state's nonparticipation in providing for the real transportation needs of its citizens; the insult comes in the form of state support (to its most insane proportions as evidenced by this Special Session) of a private transportation enterprise of no actual benefit to the people (or farmers) of Hawaii. Just check out the fare and travel schedules. And don't forget to add the 28.3% fuel surcharge to EACH fare, for passenger and vehicle. And also be sure to check out the tariff schedule which shows graduated fares for trucks depending on size, and whether or not the truck is carrying a load. Were you aware that a 30 ft long truck will be charged \$766.56 when loaded, and only \$483.25 for the return trip if it returns empty. Boy, I can see why the Maui farmers are all stoked. Put their produce on a non-reefer truck, come over to O'ahu a day early, spend the night (maybe two), and pay more than \$1000 to transport the truck. This is support for local farmers just like the superfery is a transportation alternative.

I wish you the backbone and courage to do the right thing. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo.

testimony

From: Karen Chun [karen@Redwoodgames.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Bailout Bill

KJ
Attach conditions

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I add a special plea for the mother whale who brings her calf to the area between Kahului Harbor Mouth and the 2-mile buoy and duplicate the list of errors in the bill which I handed hard copy at the Maui hearing:

Special Plea: If you do nothing else, make them slow down the last 5 miles into Kahului Harbor. Every year a mother whale and her calf come there and they are kind of friends of the paddlers. In fact, I've accidentally run over them in the canoe with my stoker hitting the calf with a paddle. Because you absolutely cannot see them. They rest 12 inches under the water, no spouting, no movement. They hear the slow moving freighters and get out of the way (I think they didn't hear our canoe). But they have no experience with the 34 knot HSF. The first time HSF takes that route while they are there, the whales will be killed.

I say this because my friends were in a canoe coming back to the harbor and saw the HSF waaaay out there and thought they had plenty of time to get into the harbor before it caught up to them. Before they knew it, HSF was on top of them. As it passed, right at the mouth of the harbor (beginning of no wake zone) the 5 foot wake almost swamped the canoes and they were only saved because of the expertise of the steersmen.

The people who are saying there are no whales on the Kahului side of Maui don't know anything. We see lots of them when we are out in the canoe during whale season as well as the pod of dolphins who visit Kahului Harbor regularly, a monk seal who has been hanging out at the harbor and ranging up to Kanaha and many turtles.

PLEASE PUT A 12 KNOT SPEED LIMIT WHERE WHALES ARE during whale season and don't kill the monk seal!

False Statements Made in the Proposed Superferry Bailout Bill

1. The title is not descriptive.
2. We all know this is a special interest bill being passed so HSF can continue flouting HRS 343. By pretending it is a bill for "large ferries", you open the door to any company coming into Hawaii and starting a ferry service prior to doing an EIS. Probably no one will because they, unlike HSF, know that the economics just don't make sense. But you are leaving the door open. I also doubt

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that any judge would believe this isn't a bailout bill for one specific company and therefore unconstitutional. So this subterfuge really isn't necessary.

3. Section 1(a) Paragraph 2: **“approved by the lower court approximately two years earlier.”** No lower court approved it. They simply declined to hear the case based on plaintiff standing. Subsequently this was overturned.
4. Section 1(a) Paragraph 2: **“such an occurrence is not explicitly contemplated in chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is not consistent with the intent of the legislature, an as such, the policy that should be adopted under law must be amended and clarified.”** The law was written ESPECIALLY for a new project. Saying that this situation is not “explicitly contemplated” is nonsense. Saying the legislature didn't intent that large ferries do an EIS before commencement of operations is simply not true.

If you mean a situation where the Governor deliberately flouts the law, a timid judge rules no standing when the State is sued and subsequently that judge is corrected by the Appeals Court and the Governor is told to do an EIS – well this is EXACTLY what the law was written for.

If you pass this part of the law, you are basically saying that any time Gov. Lingle (or any governor) wants to ignore HRS 343, she will get away with it because “It is not explicitly contemplated” that the governor will ignore HRS 343.

5. Section 1(a) Paragraph 3: **“furtherance of the legislature's goal of promoting a sustainable future for its residents, a large capacity ferry vessel company would also utilize technology that produces less carbon emissions when compared to inter-island aircraft transportation with the same carrying capacity.”**

This is utter nonsense. Since when would you transport a car via airplane? If you compare passenger fuel use between interisland air and HSF, the airplane uses LESS fuel per passenger mile than HSF and is thus emits less CO2. The HSF goes about 3 times as fast as an interisland barge. Since fuel consumption goes up with the cube of velocity, HSF will use 27 (TWENTY SEVEN!) times as much fuel and put 27 times as much carbon into the atmosphere. HSF is BAD FOR SUSTAINABILITY and BAD FOR GLOBAL WARMING. And this bill's statement is BAD SCIENCE.

6. Section 1(a) Paragraph 3: **“between islands in a very short period of time”.** 3 hours instead of 9 hours. Not a real big difference when you take into account that HSF will arrive after the morning markets which is times wrong for our farmers. One farmer testified that air freight (which is faster and more convenient) is actually cheaper than sending a truck and driver over on HSF.
7. Section 1(a) Paragraph 3: **“produce...lower cost”** Our farmers and business people testified that since they had to send a driver over with their produce, wait until the next morning for the market (which they missed due to the HSF coming into 'Oahu in the afternoon) and also because there is no way to come back without spending the night, that this would be considerable more expensive than shipping via Young Brothers.
8. Section 1(a) Paragraph 3: **“ferry...would foster diversified agriculture...”** This statement is simply not backed up with any facts whatsoever.

9. Section 1(a) Paragraph 3: **“immediate operation of...ferry...in the public interest...continue...while environmental impact statement are conducted”** There is no evidence to support this statement.
10. Section 1(a) Paragraph 6(1) Oversight Task force has no power, is composed in the great majority of Lingle appointees.
11. Section 2(b) Sets no time limit on completing EIS. Makes no provision for HSF to pay for damage it causes because and EIS wasn't done first. Makes no provisions for halting HSF, if it turns out it is creating serious damage.
12. Section 2(c)1 **“critical importance of the inter-island ferry service”** There is no critical importance. We have lived without this ferry service ever since the Hydrofoil went bankrupt and we can continue living without it while it does an EIS. This is just nonsense.
13. Section2(d) **“at the same time, protect Hawaii's fragile environment”** This is so despicably hypocritical, that it needs to be removed in order for the judge who is going to be asked to strike this law down as unconstitutional to not have a heart attack laughing so hard at the sheer. brazen baloney.
14. Section 3. If the EIS is found lacking, HSF can continue operating. There is no incentive ever to do a real EIS with effective mitigation measures. There is no statement saying that the HSF has to implement mitigation measures coming out of the EIS.
15. Section 4 does not state what measures Governor Lingle is to require of HSF. Since her original bill contained absolutely NO MITIGATION measures, one assumes she will likely impose NO MITIGATION MEASURES. This leaves the environment and neighbor islands completely unprotected.
16. **ADD THIS:** All drafts of the EIS, comments, review, and notices of hearings or meetings shall be posted prominently on the State website so that the public may access all relevant documents easily.

(In the past, DOT has sent 1 copy to the library where it is too expensive for us to access and copy it. It is extremely important that the EIS and all associated events and documents be posted prominently and quickly on the State Website.)

17. **“(e) All statements and other related documents shall be made available for inspection by the public during established office hours.”** Change this to: **“(e)All statements and... shall be posted on the State Website expeditiously and prominently.”**
18. **“(f) The office shall be responsible for the publication of the notice of availability...”** should be changed to **“(f)The office..... AND BY POSTING PROMINENTLY ON THE STATE WEBSITE”**
19. (g) add **AND BY POSTING PROMINENTLY ON THE STATE WEBSITE”**
20. (i) shall commence as of the date notice of availability of the draft statement is intially issued”
Insert **AND POSTED PROMINENTLY ON THE STATE WEBSITE**
21. Section 12. The majority of the task force is Lingle appointees. Lingle appointees need to be the minority. There should be an equal number of Task Force members from each island appointed by each island's county council. Lingle's guys can come to meetings in case anyone wants to ask them a question but don't get to vote. And give them enforcement powers - they can shut down HSF operations if they see harm.

testimony

From: Richard Hoepner [richoep@aloha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

TO:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
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Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

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

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

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

FROM:

Rich Hoepner
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RE: SUPERFERRY HEARINGS, in OPPOSITION to SPECIAL SESSION and the SUPERFERRY BILL

As a retired Police Officer, after 20 years of service, I can attest that without the rule of law, there is chaos. With the passage of this bill to exempt superferry from the Hawaii Environmental Protection Act, to overthrow a Hawaii Supreme Court decision that superferry cannot be exempted, and to circumvent Judge Cardoza's ruling that superferry can't operate until an Environmental Assessment is completed, the Legislature will be contributing to the abandonment of lawful process and the probable resulting chaos. Setting such a precedent will invite any future EA/EIS to be challenged via this precedent, and what result will that have on Hawaii's fragile environment other than more litigation and chaos? How can middle school and high school students be expected to obey laws on the books, if their leaders flagrantly violate laws and court orders to allow a corporation to do whatever it wants, with potential IRREPARABLE damage to our environment and culture? The alledged "financial" advantages to the State can't even come close to balancing the litigation, chaos, and damage to the State that passage of this bill will result in.

In two days last week of talking to Senators and House Representatives at the Capitol, I discovered that the reasons for the different opinions on superferry are basically different value systems of individuals. If our values have dropped to such a low level that the rule of law is no longer a desirable condition, then "Shades of Rome" is more applicable to our society than I ever thought possible. PLEASE prove me wrong and either defeat this bill, or just adjourn without considering it.

Much Love from Kauai, Rich

testimony

From: Google Documents [noreply@google.com] on behalf of grog808@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:08 AM
To: testimony; grog808@gmail.com
Subject: Aloha!

Senate Committee: **Judiciary and Labor**

Hearing Date: **October 24, 2007**

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

Aloha!

Ever since my first trip to Seattle and Vancouver island with my parents, I've longed to be able to drive my car on Kauai, or Maui, or any of the other islands. We drive our car onto the ferry, and drove off to see the Butchart Gardens and the other sights in Victoria. Decades later, I made the same trip with my family, with an extra leg to Port Angeles. Still just as enjoyable.

Picking up a rental car on the neighbor islands is ok, but it's just not **your** car! The familiarity or your own vehicle eliminates the learning curve associated with rentals... Where are the lights, the wipers, etc. The Superferry is the embodiment of my desire to visit friends and relative on the other islands. We would pack a little differently, probably bringing more o-miyage on the way over, and more goodies on the return!

Even though I have friends working for the Superferry, I had the desire to keep up with all of the "goings-on" with the Superferry, but not the time. The only things I have heard and seen, are primarily negative, as one would expect. I guess it's human nature to emphasize the negative.

Based on the limited hearsay, third and fourth hand comments, these are my opinions. The big rub is with the EIS. I do believe that the Superferry should have done due diligence *beforehand, and obtained guidance via the EIS. However, I have also heard that the State may have committed to "grease the skids" with this regard. Again, this is only what I have heard, but if this is the case, then fault does not lie solely with the Superferry. If this is true, then the Superferry should definitely be allowed to sail, perhaps with a somewhat reduced schedule, until the EIS is complete.*

Traffic nightmares: The vehicular capacity of the Superferry is less than that of the various fleets in the Pacific Northwest. There many companies running multiple vessels in that market. I didn't see even the slightest hint of localized gridlock with the vehicular embarking / disembarking process. Granted there is far more area in the Northwest to spread the traffic, but still, not a hint of gridlock...

To me, the saddest thing about all of this, is the message that the "neighbor" islands is sending to the residents of Oahu... "Stay Home". I would expect that the lions share of ridership to the neighbor islands would be Oahu residents. Visitors to Hawaii probably wouldn't want to burn up several precious hours riding on a ferry in their rental car. Maybe I'm bringing a new

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computer for my dad on Kauai, or a sewing machine to a relative on the Big Island. I'm certainly not going to pack it as baggage on the plane!

Funny too, I haven't heard one peep about those who would travel from the the outer islands to Oahu! Do we just not care? Are we simply welcoming everyone with open arms? Or do we just look at this as a step toward a more connected society, the shrinking of our world?

I hope the Superfierry stays. Riding the ferry system in the Pacific Northwest is fine, but there's no family there... Isn't that what it's all about? Connecting friends and family?

Sincerely,
Steve Arakaki

testimony

From: carolyn miller [leimomi244@hotmail.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Aloha,

My name is Carolyn Dung-Miller, I was born and raised here on Oahu. I have moved away for 13 years and returned back to island that I have missed so much. My family rarely has the opportunity to go on any vacations off the island because of the high expense. We all were so excited when we learned of the Superferry coming to the islands. Of course we had some concerns on the negative effect the Superferry may have on our oceans, reefs and the fish/whales etc. After doing some research and keeping up with all the media I feel that the Superferry would be a great option for travel for the islanders except for possibly a couples things that they might be considered. During the winter months there are a few weeks that we have and excessive amount of traveling pods of whales that venture from island to island especially near Oahu and Maui. If the Superferry could take into consideration to hold off on travels through that time (just like we have seasons for fishing) I believe people would consider it. I wonder how did the cruise line get away with no cuts or bruises on traveling from island to island carrying locals and tourist ?? Also, airports, cruiselines, barges, and superferry should all follow the same guidlines so there are no misconceptions. Why is this ??? Why can some do it and others can't, sure doesn't make any sense. I hope we can come to the decision that the Superferry is a benefit for all of us.

We need more control on the constant building of concrete towers going up in Honolulu and Automobile Control.

My god I can't believe how many cars are on our roadways on this small island its crazy. I feel we should have a cutoff amount on how many vehicles can be regiseterred per household. Our neighborhoods are looking like parking lots, what a eye sore.

Anyways, YES I AM FOR THE SUPERFERRY !!!!

Malama pono

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

From: Seth Pressel [lavantin@gmail.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support!



I unflinchingly support the Superferry to begin operations.

Signed,
Seth Andrew-Jon Pressel

testimony

From: Lynch, Brian [blynch@honolulu.gov]
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To: testimony
Subject: SUPER FERRY



I SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! LET
IT SAIL

testimony

From: bryna Storch [unaviami@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

Aloha Legislators
Don't break the law. Its that simple.
We want the BEST for Hawaii, won't settle for LESS.

How can we teach our children to respect the law, much less politicians, if you allow criminal acts to the highest bidder.

This is a shameful message.

You representatives and elected officials, along with us citizens, should demand en EIS. Why? Because its the law and its the right thing to do. Anything less is pure corruption and that's a heavy burden to bear aqnd disgusting message to spread.
Is the government for sale?

More importantly, do you want to be the reason ecosystems and species go extinct from the high potential for unchecked spread of invasive species and overuse of undermanaged areas?

I don't and I won't be quiet about it.
This is abuse and neglect.

Don't destoy Hawaii.
Demand an EIS for every big business and military scheme in these islands.
They are the visitors, it is the host who makes the rules.

The military should be under investigation, not assistance, from the state.- for the atrocities they continue to *inflict upon our aina*. *Is this ferry to be a cover to transport their vehicles? If so, be honest.* Are you putting civilian lives into a target for terrorism?!

Be as good a politician as you would be a parent to your own children. Demand the best.
Or shame on you and pity on your descendents, you will be destroying their environment too.

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From: Susan R. Loewenhardt [kalopa@hawaiiintel.net]
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To: testimony
Subject: Support the Super Ferry

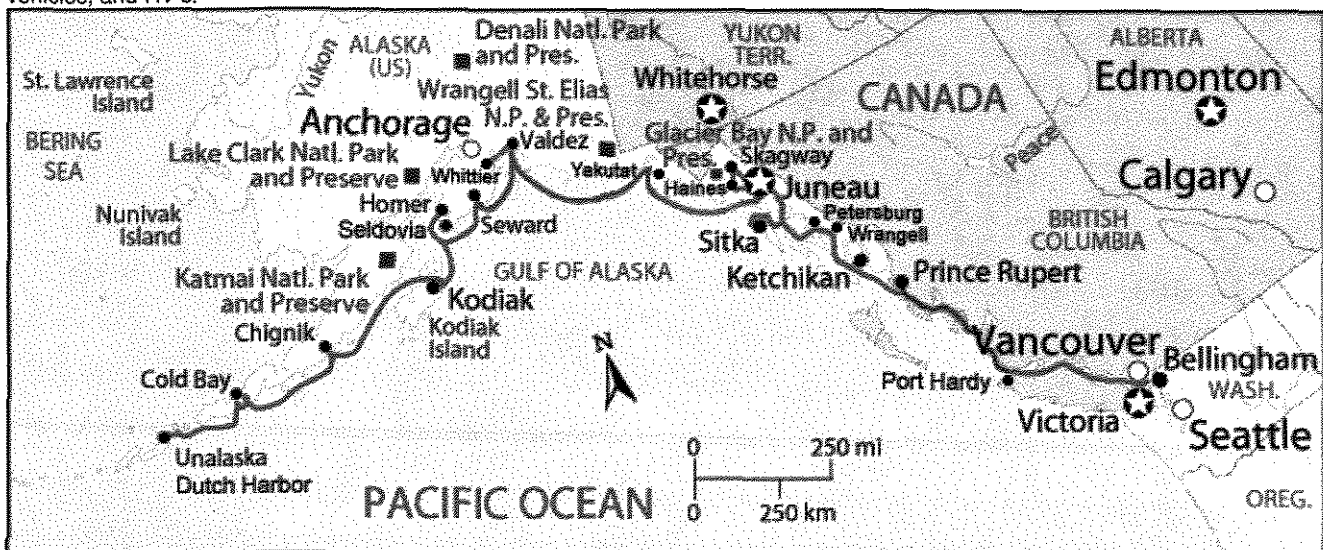
I would like to encourage you to support the SuperFerry. Please consider special legislation to allow the SuperFerry to operate while the Environmental Assessment is being done. 20 years ago my husband and I used to ship our car between islands on Young Brothers all the time. It would take days on the barge. Actually it still does but is anyone looking for coqui frogs on cars and in produce today on Young Brothers? What about the commercial airlines? Anyone checking for invasive species there? What about the freighters and private boats? What about the cruise ships?

My husband and I have also traveled several times by ferry on the Alaska Marine Highway. This is the same inside passage that the cruise ships, freighters and private boats use. We have never hit whales or dolphins on these trips! If the court decides to halt the Superferry's operation during the EA it could cause the ferry to leave the islands. Hawaii has a population of will over a million people now and we need this ferry system.

With sincere aloha,
 Susan Perry Loewenhardt

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From: Ida Dunmore [ida.dunmore@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Super Ferry

Aloha,

My husband and I are registered voters in the Honokaa area of the big island. We are originally from Kauai and moved to the big island in 1990. We are now retired and want to make it known that we are looking forward to the Super Ferry. I can no longer fly and this boat would give us the opportunity to visit old friends and family.

Mahalo,
I. Dunmore

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From: Pat Pannell [ppannell@chickboss.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Super Ferry

Honorable representatives,

I am a resident and *registered voter* of Kauai and wish to voice my *strong support* for the Super Ferry. I believe it will provide the people of Kauai a much needed alternative to flying to other islands. It's important that we have the option to take our vehicles with us, especially to Honolulu. To the potential dismay of Kauai merchants, Kauai residents want and deserve more variety to meet our consumer and service needs.

I trust the Ferry to meet reasonable environmental requirements, as would be expected with any ferry service anywhere in the United States.

As for concerns about:

- invasive species – post State of Hawaii Ag inspectors,
- whale safety – adopt the standards used by cruise ships and ferry services in Alaska, Canada and Washington State
- traffic – there will be an equilibrium between the number of cars coming and going
- vagrants – don't we have a police force? How many people arrive on Kauai on one-way tickets by air anyway?
- drugs – that's a job for Kauai's police force, regardless of where the drugs come from.

Please vote to *allow the ferry to operate*. This issue has created unnecessary strife on Kauai. Let's move on and remember that we live in a free country where business drives the economy and people have the freedom of choice.

Mahalo,

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From: Walters, Eli H. [ewalters@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Super Ferry

I believe that once all the nonsense has cleared, the value of the Super Ferry will fill a much needed niche in Hawaii and keep us in the forefront to support small business.

Eli Walters

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From: LindaFlanagan@NaHoku.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support 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

RE: Support for the Hawaii Superferry

As a resident of the state of Hawaii I urge the senate to vote in favor of the bill that will permit inter-island ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I would like the opportunity to travel to the *neighbor islands (as do most other residents) by ferry and support the local businesses there.* I believe that the residents of this state can greatly improve the economics of our own state. This would not eliminate the need for tourism, but would serve to supplement the local businesses during lower visitor counts.

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From: Margaret Tung [mtung@topofwaikiki.com]

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

To: testimony

Subject: Support the Hawaii Superferry

I'm supporting the Hawaii Superferry because my husband is one of their employee.

Margaret

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From: Andrew Tanton [atanton@cummingcorporation.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the ferry

The ferry should proceed as this is a failure by the supreme court

Time to move forward with less barriers to trade

Andrew Tanton

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From: katy bozeman [katyboz@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:29 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the bill to permit interisland ferry service

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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

I believe we need another form of interisland transportation available.

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From: Rae-Ann Kim [raekim@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:42 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry!!

Dear members of the Judiciary & Labor committee and Transportation and International Affairs & Energy & Environment committee,

In your meeting on Wed, October 24, 2007 at 10:30 in the auditorium at the State Capitol, you will be discussing the Superferry situation.

I am in support of the Superferry running between islands while the environmental impact study is being done. I have relatives on Maui and Hawaii and have been waiting for this mode of transportation to become a reality because I truly want to spend more time with my family on both islands and vice versa. The ease and convenience of using the Superferry will make a difference in bringing our families closer together and more frequently. Please consider supporting the Superferry sailing immediately, we have lost so much time. Thank you very much! Rae-Ann Kim

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From: Howard Yoshiura [hyoshiura@asbhawaii.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 8:55 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry YES

I would vote to support any legislation that will allow Superferry to operate while Environmental Impact Studies are conducted, and to keep this idea concept, and alternative mode of transportation in place & operational.

Howard Yoshiura
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From: Carmela DeMarco [carmelademarco@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 8:08 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry

Please support the Superferry. This very needed alternative transportation is important to Hawaii.
Mahalo.
Carmela DeMarco
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Climb to the top of the charts! Play Star Shuffle: the word scramble challenge with star power. [Play Now!](#)

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From: Donna or Jeff Nooney [JNOONEY@HAWAII.RR.COM]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:07 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT SUPERFERRY

I urge you to support the Superferry as an inter-island travel option. We, the locals who were born and raised here in the islands, support the Superferry and need the option of being able to transport our transportation without having to ship via barge. My father-in-law, who lives on Oahu, needs a special wheelchair and he purchased a van and had special accommodations built into his van so that he can get around. He cannot be without his van for the periods that it would take to ship it to Hilo. Without the Superferry, he really cannot come and visit us here in our home.

I truly feel that the EIS can be done while the Superferry is in operation. There is absolutely NO VALID REASON to delay its operation.

Scare and smear tactics cannot prevail in this decision making process.

Sincerely,

Donna Nooney
Mountain View, Hawaii

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From: longapw@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:24 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry

I support the superferry to see my family on the outer islands

Perry Longa

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From: James Whitfield [looziana2002@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:48 PM
To: testimony
Subject: support SuperFerry

We strongly support legislation to enable the Hawaii Superferry to provide service between O'ahu, Maui and Kauai while the EIS is conducted. Failure to do so will leave the state vulnerable to lawsuits, send a message that Hawaii is closed to new business ventures, and deprive the 80% of Kama'aiana who support the Superferry of an alternative means of transport between islands.

The vocal minority who oppose the Superferry have little in the way of rationale argumentation. Whether their concerns about transfer of invasive species, harm to whales, or overcrowding of prized surfing beaches have merit can best be established by actual operation of the Superferry. Based on experience everywhere else on the planet, their stated objections lack merit. It makes no logical sense to ban the Superferry while permitting other ships, private craft and aircraft to travel not only interisland but also arrive herefrom the Mainland, Asia and elsewhere.

On balance, the Superferry will be an economic and social asset, enabling small farmers and businessmen to better move goods and services among islands, permitting ohana to gather more easily, and lower shipping costs for everyone. Has anybody else noticed the 7.5 percent fee increase by Young Brothers this week?

James and Shirley Whitfield
Mililani

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From: spencer@saltandlightdesigns.com [info@saltandlightdesigns.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:04 PM
To: testimony
Subject: support superferry

Aloha,

My name is Spencer Shiraishi, Jr. and I support the Hawaii Superferry. I'm born and raised on Maui, a DOE school teacher and a small business owner. The superferry will make it easier for me to transport my vehicle and goods to and from Oahu and soon to the Big Island, to conduct business at craft fairs. Another reason the superferry is a great idea is we are part of a swim club and we could take our swimmers **and vans** over for competition.

Sincerely,

Spencer Shiraishi, Jr.

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From: Arnold [arnoldmcginn@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry

As a Hawaii resident I urge full support of the Hawaii Superferry and whatever legislation is needed to let it operate. Please support the majority of Hawaii residents who want this option for inter island travel and business.

Arnold McGinn

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From: Philip McCracken [phil.mccracken@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:42 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support SuperFerry

On behalf of my family I ask you to support Hawaii Superferry and do what it takes to get it operating. I agree with all the polls and fully support this HSF project. Let's support the vast majority of voters and not let a small minority stall such an important project. as a voter I urge your full support for HSF.

Thank you,

Philip McCracken

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From: Rosa Chen [rtlcorg@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:07 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry

10-22-07

To whom it may concern,

There are many reasons why my family, friends and I would use the superferry like to visit other friends in the neighbor islands. We would unlikely visit them if the superferry does not continue because we like to transport our cars to the neighbor islands to visit our friends. Another reason is I live in Honolulu and I will need to go to Hilo for training/classes next year. I will need to use my vehicle to get around the island, because I do not want to rent a vehicle so I would appreciate your decision in this matter as soon as possible.

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From: Chris Kadooka [kadooka@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:58 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry

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

Senators, I would like to voice my support for the Hawaii Superferry.
Please allow it to operate while an environmental assesment is being conducted.

I am a lifelong Hawaii resident. I was born and raised on the Big Island and moved to Oahu after graduating from UH. I believe the Superferry is a good addition to the transportation needs of the state and it is an opportunity that should not be missed.

I would like to state my opinion on one of the points that opponents to the Superferry make regarding the transport and spread of alien species. They believe that the interisland movement of cars, people and goods will increase the spread of alien species from island to island. To me this is a mute point because interisland movement of vehicles, people and commodities already occurs on a daily basis through barge service, and airline passenger and cargo service. The ferry will add an additional alternative to these 2 forms of transportation. Yes, it is inevitable that pests will be moved by the ferry, but not more or less than what is already occuring by the barges and airlines.

I am research associate at the University of Hawaii and our laboratory studies fungal diseases of plants. We are continuously working on new diseases. Some come from the US mainland, some from foreign countries, and some movement of pests occur between islands. I can tell you first hand that interisland movement of pests will continue to occur whether the ferry runs or not. The state dept. of ag. inspectors cannot inspect every item that moves between islands or check every box that comes in at the airport or dock. Of course we all want to protect the native species and the environment, but the alarmist rhetoric of the ferry opponents and their "either your're with us, or against us" attitude is only creating a division among Hawaii's residents. Please do not give in to these vocal few. I beleive that the majority of Hawaii residents see the ferry for what it is, a vital transportaion alternative that the state desperately needs at this time.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Chris Kadooka
Reseach Associate
University of Hawaii

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From: John S. Ritchie [johnsritchie@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry

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

I am sending this message in support of the Hawaii Superferry. As a teacher in Hawaii public schools I can see how beneficial it would be for students to be able to travel for sporting and academic events using their own transportation. There would be many wonderful opportunities for students to go and see places on other neighbor islands. And the ability to experience travel on our wonderful ocean is something most of our children never get to do.

Please save the Superferry from leaving our islands.

Robin Ritchie
Keaau, HI

johnsritchie@gmail.com

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From: Fred Jacobs [sameworld@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:01 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Support Superferry

The superferry will provide reliable transportation for people and goods between Islands and support the availability of goods and services where and when they are needed. I am also confident that an environmental impact statement would reveal a lower impact than comparable air transport.

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From: Junji Takeshita [junji001@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry

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The events of 9/11 where air traffic was completely grounded for days shows the problems of overreliance on airplanes for travel within Hawaii. The Superferry is vital as an alternative for interisland travel during such emergencies. Additionally, current airfares are reasonable only because of the arrival of Mesa Airlines. Having the Superferry adds competition thus benefitting of the citizens of Hawaii.

Junji Takeshita

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From: Maeshiro, Robert A. [rmaeshiro2@honolulu.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:32 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Support Superferry

To All the Honorable Members of Senate and House of the Hawaii State Legislature,

My name is Robert Maeshiro. I am writing to show my support for the Hawaii Superferry. I believe our state needs another mode of transportation for the use of isle residents and visitors. Please listen and hear the voices of the majority of the people who want and deserve this service. We need the Superferry to operate in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Robert Maeshiro

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From: Sharlene Kaya [sbizmail@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry

I am in favor of having the Superferry run and not allow small groups of protestors to bully supporters of it. There are ferries like this all over the world and I don't see anyone protesting them.

We need something like this, to move vehicles and especially people who do not like to fly at all.

Please do all you can to make this Ferry work! Raise the economy of the state because you can only tax the people so much....

Thanks,
Sharlene

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From: Sam Ng [samosng@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

I am supporting the Supper Ferry because

- 1) It gives alternative transportation mode to travel to other islands, so that the airlines do not monopolized the market. Promote local travel industry for local people.
- 2) It give alternative mode of transportation in the case of emergency for shipping heavy equipment.
- 3) If the cruise ships can sail in between the Hawaiian islands and also from others place to Hawaii, than the invasive species issues is still a problems to others islands of Hawaii. We should not have double standard.
- 4) We should support any bussinesses that willing to come here to improve the life of all who live in Hawaii.

Sam Ng
Resident in Oahu

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From: Chris Robinson [chris@isihawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT SUPERFERRY

Aloha,

I believe that the community as a whole is in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. I support the state's decision to venture into new alternatives to being stuck to flying from island to island. Although the situation could have been handled better by all parties involved, it's too late to look back now. We need to move forward and let the EIS be done while the superferry is allowed to run.

If the EIS proves otherwise, we should be able to move in the right directions.

Mahalo,
Chris Robinson
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Wailuku, HI 96793

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From: Ronald and Naomi Isa [isas@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:27 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Support Super Ferry

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 fully in support of Hawaii's Super Ferry.

Simply stated, it gives the people of Hawaii more choices in traveling between Islands. It will help with our economy; more jobs, competitive travel source, shipping of goods and if ever we have natural disasters, the Super Ferry will be a source of transportation to help families, businesses and overall transportation of emergency goods. I personally had a sister living on Kauai during Hurricane Iniki and as much as we wanted to fly over to help, all transportation was seized. After a few weeks and after making emergency repairs to the airport, was families allowed to come in to help.

Naomi Isa

Hilo, Hawaii

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From: Jennifer McTigue [jenn.mctigue@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Super Ferry

To whom it may concern,

Please do not allow a small percentage of Hawaii residents to put the Kabosh on the Super Ferry. They had all the time in the world before it was launched to say something but apparently had nothing to say. I'm in total support of the Super Ferry. Our state will not be the same if you allow a small percentage of radicals dictate policy. You will look weak as leaders and further discourage business in Hawaii.

Thank you,
Jennifer McTigue

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From: Beth.Greenhill@centralpacificbank.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry and am in favor of allowing it to provide service while and EIS is being prepared. It is important to our island economy and culture. thank you.

Beth Greenhill
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Honolulu, HI 97821

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From: Doc Bailey [docbailey@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Super Ferry

I am a business owner in Hawaii and the opportunities the Super Ferry brings to the islands is tremendous. Not to mention the ability to handle crisis situations more effectively. please vote to support the Super Ferry.

Doc Bailey

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From: DShin95480@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Super Ferry

To whom it may concern,

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

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

Thank You,

Sandy Mattos

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From: DShin95480@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Super Ferry

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

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Thank You,

Daphne Shinoda

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From: Leila Fuller [leila.fuller@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Super Ferry

I would like to express my support for the Super Ferry operations to the island of Kauai. I believe the Super Ferry provides an economical mode of alternative transportation for the residents of Hawaii and that the Super Ferry has been diligent in their planning as to minimize any adverse impact on the environment.

Mahalo,
Leila Fuller
3875 Gallo Place
Kalaheo, HI 96741

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From: Randy Dieron [dieronr001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support pls

please support the superferry. hawaii people need another way to travel to another island please thank you

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From: Tony Fontillas [tfontillas@alakaimechanical.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of the Supperferry

I am in support of the Supperferry because it is a viable option of transportation that will be key in natural disasters. In addition, families that need to come to Honolulu for medical treatments, on a regular basis, could find this means of transportation much more affordable than the traditional flying. The Supperferry is also key if the airline industry or even the barge system goes on strike, which will drive up the cost of goods and actually cripple the state.

The rest of the world is watching and waiting for the outcome of this issue. PLEASE make the correct choice and let the Supperferry sail.

Thank You,
Tony Fontillas
Wahiawa, Hawaii

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From: Rob Medrano [rob@mauigiclee.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of the Superferry

Aloha – Please accept this e-mail as my advocacy for a special session in support of the Hawaii Superferry. Hawaii needs this service, the small business owners of Hawaii need this service (note that Young Brothers recently increased rates by 15% for small shipments (this directly affects HI Small Business)) and finally we need an alternative when go! Airlines is forced out by the monopoly carriers.

Rob Medrano, President & Owner
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From: gary au young [garyauyoung@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:22 PM**To:** testimony**Subject:** Support of the Superferry

I am in full support of the Superferry. Although there may be some valid environmental concerns that are being raised by a vocal minority, their position is illogical given the other modes of transportation that can cause the same types of potential environmental problems. It appears that there is a hidden agenda to stop the Superferry from operating under the pretext of environmental concerns. Adequate reasonable safeguards can be implemented to address these environmental concerns while the Superferry continues to operate. The Legislature and the Governor should set aside their political differences and finger pointing and reach a compromise to allow the Superferry to operate.

Gary Au Young

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From: Chad Noah [Chad@refrigerantrecycling.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Support

Aloha,

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry and its inter-island operations pre-completion of an EA/EIS. It allows for the average Hawaii resident the luxury of visiting other parts of our island home and to visit families who live there. Air travel has been monopolized by the carriers for years which made rental car businesses almost impossible to afford after paying for airfare. The cost of fuel and hotel stays have raised over the years which further hinders the working class' the ability to cover the cost of living and the need for neighbor island travel. Most times, precious memories are lost because our people simply cannot afford the commute and rentals or have limitations physically that the Superferry will help to eliminate or minimize.

Support the Superferry and allow for the operations to resume immediately. The betterment of life for all Hawaii is in limbo and the outcome either way is left to trial and error or precautionary measures that no EA/EIS will guarantee. The *OPTION* for all of Hawaii should not be unjustly taken away because nay-sayers simply don't want it on *their* island after-all, these islands are *OURS* to enjoy and we can call home.

Aloha,
C. Noah
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From: Jim [baysimpsons@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry & Aloha?

Aloha to our fellow Kama Aina:

Although many Superferry supporters are very reasonably frightened to publicly air our support for the Superferry; we have families, we work, and we are the majority. Please don't allow these loud pirates to hijack our options.

Tens of millions of our tax dollar\$ are spent for harbor facilities. Investors money creates a plan and a vessel. Kama aina start their new jobs; and now we awaken to the environmental issue. Is it a coincidence that the Superferry company is being broken with this timing? What about Matson and the others, should we shut them down too?

Witnessing the tactics and demeanor of the anti-ferry activists has really convinced us that our aina is not the real issue. Anti-growth, anti-business and political advantage seem to be the real core of this and many current issues

The people of Hawaii want inter-island transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by our residents and businesses of Hawaii. The Superferry will bring many benefits to our people and our state.

Persons of genuine goodwill look for win / win solutions from the beginning to an amenable completion of any issue. Divide and conquer is shameful; no goodwill is present. Will we rise above these trite, trash , travesties of our time? Aloha?

Mahalo, Jim ~ Koloa

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From: EdBears@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Hearing

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

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am sending this email in support of the bill that will permit inter-island ferry service in Hawaii. Although a resident of Florida, I have visited Hawaii and understand the need for this alternative method of transportation. It is only logical that an Island State would offer ferry service as one of it's transportation choices. This a an opportunity for the State of Hawaii to take the National lead in approving a form of transportation that is successfully used in the Mediterranean and Pacific Island areas of the world.

Very truly yours,
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From: Steven Mickle [smickle1@san.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Passing legislation allowing the SF to sail prior to the EIS is an insult to the citizens. I am appalled at the lack of foresight the State had in granting the EIS waiver and now by covering it's error by trying to mitigate damages to the State by allowing them to sail until the EIS is completed. This is like the fox **building** the hen house.

It all comes down to money. The State wants the SF for revenue. The State needs to cover themselves from the potential damages from the SF suing them for granting them an EIS in the first place, which they relied on and invested hundreds of millions. This is so obvious it is insulting.

Since money rules I expect the legislation to pass. If it does, I would ask that several immediate steps be taken to guarantee the fears that the citizens of Kauai and Maui have.

These include:

Inspecting all cargo to prevent theft of private and public property, illegal transportation of coqui frogs and mongoose.

Check all registrants for warrants outstanding and do not allow criminals to re-locate to other islands or create more crime.

Anyone that has a warrant out for even a misdemeanor parking should not be allowed to go on the SF! Officers should be stationed at the loading docks and check all passengers visually for drug or alcohol impairments.

Have all vehicles undercarriages checked by dogs for secret storage compartments that could be used to transport drugs and varmints like the coqui and mongoose.

Make sure their are lookouts on board to site Whales and monks.

Quite simply, if the State wants to grant immediate sailing rights, they should agree to take steps to meet the concerns of it's citizens as well.

Thank you.

Steven Mickle
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Aloha,
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From: Linda Stone [lcsthrowkiss@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the Superferry

Aloha Law Makers,

Please save the Superferry to provide more options for interisland travel. Superferry officials should abide by all environmental laws, if not, apply lawful sanctions. Mahalo.

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From: Normfarn@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Allow the Super Ferry to begin service immediately and stop all this unnecessary talk.
D. Farnham

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From: The Stroupe Troop 2.4 [ken.stroupe2@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Show of support FOR Hawaii Superferry

My name is Ken Stroupe. I live on the Big island in Honokaa. I am a legal resident and registered voter in the State of Hawaii.

Let the Superferry operate. Simple as that.

We need another choice for freight transportation & leisure travel. It's just not right what is being done to *this business*.

I have a family of 4. It is not cheaper for me to use the Superferry for inter-island travel. It DOES, however, become another choice and that's what America is all about. Allow us the choice to use them. Don't run them out of the state. That's what will happen if you give in to the small, radical group(s) that are getting their voices heard over mine.

Let the Superferry operate.

Aloha,

Ken Stroupe

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From: Don Anderson [dona@aloha.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:33 AM
To: testimony

To: Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee

Aloha,

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

I don't personally feel that the ferry will harm the environment at all. There are many ocean going boats that are going all over the Islands right now and they are not causing problems. The majority of the people of Hawaii want the HawaiiSuperFerry as a new way to travel to the neighbor islands. I personally would use the HawaiiSuperFerry to go between the islands for business and pleasure. I would take my car some of the time. I would take my family with me on trips more if we could use the HawaiiSuperFerry. I think our visitors would like to use the HawaiiSuperFerry also. Some people can't fly and this would give them an opportunity to finally go to the neighbor islands to visit families and friends. Thank you for your considerations. It would also provide jobs for many people on all the Islands.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Anderson

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From: Arvid Anderson [captainaja3rd@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:28 AM

To: testimony

Subject: I give my support to the Supper!!! Ferry!!!

The supperferry is the best thing to happen for Hawaii transportation in 50 years, Please let it happen. P
S my wife hates to fly and so does our dog. Mahalo Arvid & Betsy Anderson.

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From: Edward Smith [esmith@aloha.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry Support

I support the efforts to get the Superferry up and running.

We need an alternative mode of transportation in Hawaii.

We do not need to treat the Superferry in a negative manner.

The ruling of Judge Cardoza and the Hawaii Supreme Court should be overturned by the Legislature and the Governor.

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From: Philip White [pip@pkwa.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Interisland ferry system

To Whom It may Concern:

I am appalled at the complete mess the government has made over a simple decision. I blame all three branches of government equally.

An inter island ferry system has been a dream for our state for my entire lifetime. We now have a chance for a private enterprise to see if they can make a financially viable ferry system.

Please get out of their way and let the ferry sail without restrictions that apply to all other inter island carriers - air carriers included.

Thank you for your consideration.

Philip K. White, AIA

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From: Elaine Vincent [emvincent1@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:34 AM

To: testimony

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It is very important for the LOCAL people of Hawaii to have other options of interisland travel. Allowing the Superferry to operate gives us the opportunity to visit OUR neighboring islands through other modes of transportation other than flying. Over the past several years, we have seen the outrageous prices that airlines charge because they can. For this reason, most local people spend their money out of state. It too bad that flying to Las Vegas is cheaper. Why not give us the option to visit our islands and keep our money in Hawaii's economy?

Elaine

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From: Ed Pollock [ep@hawaiian.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

October 21, 2007

Testimony for Senate Hearing, King Kaumualii Elementary School, Lihue, Kauai
Committee On Transportation and International Affairs
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabard, Vice Chair

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

Marilyn & Ed Pollock
Hanalei, Kauai, Hawaii

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From: Vanessa Schlosser [Vanessa.Schlosser@envisionns.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:35 AM

To: testimony

Subject: I support the superferry

We should allow the Superferry to continue service during the Environmental assessment; it is not fair to them that our government made a mistake by not requesting this from the beginning.

I would use the Superferry for our business, we could take our trucks to the islands and have all of our equipment with us, now we have to pay overnight shipping charges if we need additional equipment plus we waste a lot of time waiting.

Vanessa E. Schlosser

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From: patryan4@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:36 AM
To: testimony

Aloha

I am in support of the superferry because it gives our family another choice of travel between the Islands to visit family and friends.

Mahalo

Pat Ryan

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From: Sawada, Allison [allison.sawada@heco.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I support the Hawaii superferry and my family and I would ride it to take short, mini vacations locally instead of always going to the mainland to spend our money. Keep our hard earned money in Hawaii.

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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"If the grass seems GREENER on the other side, water your side more" By: Anonymous

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From: Mike Chess [chessme@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:35 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Super Ferry

I am in support of the Super Ferry.

Michael Chess
Kailua, Oahu

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From: kahanuola98@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am in full support of the Superferry. Please allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is completed. There are many more Hawaiians that want the Superferry than those that don't, but due to economic hardships we are not able to take off of work in order to testify at the hearings. We are not rich we need another cheaper alternative to get between the island.

I have just returned from Maui last week Monday and the locals there are upset because a big contractor from Honolulu tried to take 3 truck loads of Moss rock and Stream rocks from Maui onto the Superferry. I think it is people like that who ruin it for the entire community. Don't punish all of Hawaii just because 1 selfish business owner tried to steal from the island. We are not all out to get their rocks.

Mahalo,
Geanine McIntosh

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From: Sweetycook@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

My Name is Mei Cook & I support Superferry because it is another way to travel for Hawaiian residents, & it will improve our economic situation here in Hawaii.
Aloha, Mei Cook

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From: idaeth behar [edie_be2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawai'i Superferry

Senate Committees,

My name is SSG Idaeth Behar. I would like to convey my support for the Hawai'i Superferry. I am the *single mother of three children and we have family and friends in the neighbor islands that the Superferry will service.* For financial reasons, it would be extremely feasible to use the Superferry to maintain personal face-to-face contact with our family. Also, the impact it would make on the local businesses making their products and services available at a much lower cost than the current transportation would be very positive.

Thank-you,

Idaeth Behar

Edie

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From: Bob Crist [rdcrist@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I want to ensure you, our legislature, get to hear what the silent majority of our state has to say regarding the Superferry.

While I support the Democratic process, a balanced and fair judgement regarding the future of the Superferry free of politics needs to happen. It is time to put aside your partisan ways and work to support the majority of your constituents that do want the Superferry to operate so we can visit friends and family on the outer islands without having to be at the mercy of the airlines, who are also battling to oust a newcomer.

I find it impossible to believe a majority of the residents of this state do not want the Superferry to operate. I was shocked at the recent treatment, during a public hearing, of the supporters of the Superferry. I place the blame for some of the outrageous activity on you caused by your inaction and mixed signals.

Please talk to those your are supposed to represent, especially the less vocal ones that don't go to public hearings and boo and disrupt the proceeding when someone makes a statement contrary to their opinion. Please call me or any of my neighbors in Makakilo who all support the Superferry and talk to us directly, do not be swayed by the noisy minority.

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Aloha
Bob Crist
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From: tom youngblood [bobtomyb@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:37 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Super ferry

It is a good thing and not a significant environmental hazard. We are letting affluent people and criminal elements poison our state.

David T Youngblood

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From: Eric Atanes [erics1@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Hello,

I would like to express my support of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe that Hawaii needs travel options and this would help make a good choice for me and my family. Please don't let it run.

Thanks,

Eric

Sent via iPhone.

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From: joh2@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

Aloha,

I have been reading that the judge on Maui reversed his decision on the Superferry and I for one am wondering why. I believe that the Superferry should be allowed to operate while the study is completed. I have ridden on boats that went on "whale watches" and they did not go slow at all. In fact one of them went so fast that you only had seconds to see the whale. As far as transporting invasive species, what about all the cars that come from the mainland - are they scrubbed down to make sure they are spotless? The Superferry was given the go ahead and did not brek any laws. I believe the ones who broke the laws are the ones who are to uphold the law-the courts. What made them change their minds? Money or something else. We need to let the Superferry operate so that we will not be stuck with the money they would have paid us and so that people like myself can enjoy the other islands which we consider part of our home.

Mahalo for not letting the very vocal minority rule your decisions.

Joyce Bullion and Rowena Holloway

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From: Fisher, Michael D ATC [michael.d.fisher1@navy.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimony

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. Limiting or not allowing the Superferry from offering a new form of transportation to the public in favor a few other business is not the American way. I feel many fellow citizens in the State of Hawaii are misguided in their opposition to the Superferry. The reasons they give to stop this form of transportation just don't hold up under scrutiny is just smoke and mirrors to delay progress and in the long term unify the state.

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.

Respectfully

Michael Fisher

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From: Salvadta@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry is Ohana

Aloha,

Please accept my testimony in support of the bill that will permit inter island ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

I have following the progress of the Superferry service for about 5 years. I moved to Hawaii to be a part of my "extended family" and feel that this service will bring together the "Ohana" that I love so much about Hawaii.

I also love and care very much about Hawaii's beautiful marine and animal environment and it is evident that Superferry Company will operate responsibly so that it too will protect our environment.

Mahalo,
Teresa Salvador

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From: ALVIN GASPANG [primo.hi@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: IN FAVOR OF SUPERFERRY TO OPERATE IN HAWAII

Please vote in favor of keeping Superferry operating in Hawaii, let us have a choice, everything else are being imported to Hawaii

whether we like it or not. I moved back home to Hilo on 3/07 to take care of my mom, I've lived in Honolulu for 45 years.

I fly to Honolulu every week to help my husband and grandkids. While I'm in Honolulu for about a week or so, I leave my truck at

Hilo airport until I return the following week and while I'm in Honolulu, I'm without transportation staying in Kahalu'u. It would help

me greatly to use the Superferry on a weekly basis. It may be cheaper for me to use Superferry, break even or cost a little more

but regardless, it will give me a choice. Mahalo!!!

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From: Fogg SFO [foggso2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY

Hello, This E-Mail is Addressed to: **Senate Committees:** Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

I completely support the operation of the Hawaii Superferry running between Oahu, Kauai and Maui on a regular basis. I also completely support the Operations to continue until the E.R.I is completed. It is My understanding that approval was already given by a Court in 2005 to begin operations. Therefore, since the Operators didn't begin service before seeking Court Approval,.... they should be allowed to Operate until the E.I.R is completed.

I have delt with this same issue when we saved The Aircraft Carrier Hornet from the scrap yard. She is now open as an Air, Sea, and Space museum in Alameda California.

Thank You in advance for your time and serious consideration of the E.I.R. issue involving the Hawaii Superferry.

Regards, Ron Todd

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From: Tissy Kaniho [tissykaniho@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:32 AM**To:** testimony

I am giving testimony on behalf of the Super Ferry, It is much needed here if not only for interIsland transportation but for job and job opportunities on other islands. I know there is alot of opposition to it but with every form of progress you get the ones that do not want the ferry, in my experience it has been the ones that come here to retire from big cities and do not want to see progress, these people do not have children that have to leave the islands to find work. Then there are the ones that do not work and have nothing but time of their hands, they complain about the government while they are cashing their welfare checks!!! I feel that this would benefit the islands and what about the Cruise ships that come into our ports??!!! Those ships are much larger than the Super Ferry, hoping our state will okay the Super Ferry and open more jobs for our people,

Tissy Kaniho

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From: lien vuong [thevuongmail@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Green light for Hawaii Superferry

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry and they must be allowed to resume service quickly. There are too many cities (+ countries) operating successful ferries in large numbers. Due to the recent actions of a handful of "environmental terrorists", **Hawaii is now the biggest laughing stock to the entire world. This will not translate well into attracting future business investments to Hawaii.**

The best way determine if the people of Hawaii really want the Superferry is simple: let the market force play it out. If the ridership is low, then the Superferry will close shop.

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From: famatzhi@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

It is sad to see a company encouraged to enter a market, spend the millions of dollars they have spend to get here and then give them such problems! Only in Hawaii!

We need this alternate transportation. We do not need more cars and traffic on the road and even more having those same cars seeking parking at the airport. The Super Ferry was lauded when plans were being made and encouraged from every area. Now we have Kauai and Maui activists causing major problems. The statement about the Super Ferry causing drug problems on these islands, is such a ridiculous argument. The largest drug busts in the islands has already been on Kauai and Maui. As for insects and transferring them from island to island, that is a legitimate concern; however, we better check on Matson and all airplanes making the trips as they land on these islands, also. Why are we showing our ignorance with the Super Ferry. We can do it in so many other ways. The world sits back and watches as we have our little drama.

The Super Ferry will allow wheelchairs and handicap individuals a much better mode of travel. This will allow senior citizens a much better mode of travel. This will allow families a much better way of travel.

We have taken too much time in name calling and finger pointing. Let's just get the job done. We are dragging this out like we do everything else. Quick decisions with much thought and settle this.

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From: Barbara Eor [barbara.diener@eastoahu.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Please vote to have the Super Ferry be able to operate while the environmental study is being done. Hawaii needs to change its image to being business friendly or we will be another 35 years until someone comes to the islands. Jobs local jobs are at stake here and a few people who never want anything to change are affecting the majority of the Hawaiian people.

Aloha,

Barbara Diener Realtor

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From: Derinda Thatcher, (R) [thatcher@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To all Concerned,

It is amazing to me that the squeaky wheel of a couple of special interest groups is stopping the progress of transportation that can and will only benefit the lives of all who call Hawaii home.

As a frequent blue water ocean swimmer and occasional scuba diver, I encounter the marine wild life on a regular basis. This boat will not injure these animals which are equipped with sensor systems so sophisticated that scientist can not reproduce or completely explain. The animal life will get out of the way of the ferry, there will be no accidents, it will not confuse the fish, whales or dolphins. They are smarter than opponents of this transportation system.

My plea is that you don't allow the gang plankers to control common sense decisions. Gang Plankers have their piece of paradise and now want to stop all other progress and development. We've been long enough controlled by single system/company that controlled our shipping and water ways. It is time to offer Hawaii more options. Please vote in favor of allowing the Super Ferry to operate in Hawaiian waters.

Respectfully submitted.

Derinda Thatcher

Resident

Kailua-Kona, Hi

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From: Vaaleama Fosi [vfosi@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry
Importance: High

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Hello everyone,

I support the Superferry for the benefit of the Whole State Of Hawaii. The Superferry provides another means of transportation to every island of the State Of Hawaii, if the facilities are built. If the Superferry is subject to an EIS or EA, then the cruise ships, airlines, barges, kayaks, surfers, and other means that affect air and ocean travel. The cruise ships, barges, airlines, etc should be subject to the same treatment. We live on islands! We do need another mode of transportation to move goods, people, etc. to our whole state. Think of what would happen if the airlines get grounded such as September 11 and hurricanes. We do need the Superferry to accomodate these kind of emergencies. Do not single out the Superferry as only a Oahu mode of transportation as stated by Kauai and Maui protesters. These are the same people that will eventually ride the Superferry. DO NOT HIDE BEHIDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE! The airlines, barges, cruise ships have been doing service for a long time with none of these protestors going after them. PLEASE ALLOW THE SUPERFERRY TO SERVICE THE WHOLE STATE OF HAWA III

Thank you,
Va'aleama Fosi
vfosi@earthlink.net
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From: Tony Lee [tonyl@lava.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Must Continue

The Super Ferry will be a much needed alternative to flying over to the neighbor island. Our business will be using the Super Ferry to transport our men, materials and vehicles to our outer island projects as needed. It would help us in keeping our cost down. It is also difficult to find/rent trucks that will haul our material. Please consider keeping the Super Ferry going as the environmental testing is being done.
Mahalo Nui Loa, Tony Lee

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From: Jane Brown [jane@amchawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:43 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In support of the bill to permit interisland ferry service

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

Please do you best to ensure that this happens.

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From: Shelley L Bereman-Benevides [hiloshelliz@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I want the SUPERFERRY and I VOTE

I am a registered voter in the state of Hawai'i on the Big Island and I want the Superferry! I feel that these last minute protests and concerns are nothing more than ploys by the airlines and rental car industries who have had us at their mercy for far too long.

When this committee meets to decide the fate of the Superferry, I expect it to honor the voice of the majority of the people of Hawai'i and suspend any further delays as well as call for the arrest of any persons participating in illegal activities designed to thwart the operation of it.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Shelley L. Bereman-Benevides,

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From: libalia@gmail.com on behalf of Libbie Kamisugi [libbie@kamisugi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I am for the immediate release of the Super Ferry. The Super Ferry opposition is not rational! If the Super Ferry cannot operate for some environmental reason, neither should fishing boats, cruise ships, container supply ships, Navy vessels, pleasure water craft, etc. Such ferries operate successfully and without opposition all over the world.

These attacks against the Super Ferry are nothing but anti-business and an embarrassment to the State.

There are good reasons to have easy public water transportation in an Island State. One example is that people with lung problems are restricted from flying. Should such a person have to charter a boat if they need to get to Queens from a neighbor island?

Please do whatever you can to stop this nonsense and get the Super Ferry going.

Thank you. M. Libbie Kamisugi (Oahu resident)

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From: Chuck Guccione [idckona@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:13 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Super Ferry

Please approve for for all the people of Hawaii. Chuck and Susan Guccione, Kailua Kona, Hawaii

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From: Loraine Gilroy [lgint@qwest.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

This is a great way to go from island to island. Please approve the Super Ferry.
Loraine Gilroy
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Kamuela, HI 96743

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From: Patrick Cheah [Patrick.Cheah@grandwailea.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

I am in support of the superferry. If it fails, it will send out a clear message to future investors that the State is incapable of making decisions on behalf of its people. This project was originally given a green light.

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From: Stacie Ann De Silva [sdesilva@alohaairlines.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:40 AM

To: testimony

i am in favor of the SuperFerry. it will greatly benefit the local residents and the tourism industry.

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From: Eileen808@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

To whom it may concern;

I believe that the Super Ferry should be able to run during the EIS. I have been looking forward to using the Super Ferry since I first heard about it. It would be unfortunate if a few against would stop the many who are for the Super Ferry.

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From: Balbi Brooks [balbi_brooks@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To State Senate Comm. on Energy and the Environment for Hearing on Wed. Oct. 24th at 10:30am in State Capitol

I am strongly in favor of the Superferry operating in Hawaiian waters - I believe the pluses far out weigh the minuses. It's no different than any other large vessel operating in Hawaiian waters.

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From: ewadragon@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:41 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha

I support the Hawaii Superferry and do hope that the whole concept of a new way to travel interisland comes to fruition.

As an employee of Cycle City and Pacific Harley-Davidson I know many avid bikers who are eager to utilize it; not to mention those of us who enjoy camping and fishing.

Please make it happen, if for no other reason than if it doesn't we as a state are all going to look like total jerks and no one from out of state will want to do business with us in the future.

Mahalo,
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From: Angela Gesner [angie.gesner@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:14 AM

To: testimony

Subject: I support the Superferry

I fully support the Superferry! Since we moved here in 2005, I have been waiting for the Superferry to set sail, to have another option for interisland travel. Although the prices were higher than we expected, we would've used it simply to be able to bring our car and other equipment that we can't take on a plane. I hope to be able to sail on the Superferry before we leave the island next year.

Angela Gesner

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From: Lani Borton [bortonl001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: RE: Superferry

I should have included this in my original email.

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From: Lani Borton [mailto:bortonl001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:39 AM
To: 'testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov'
Subject: Superferry

I am emailing in support of the Superferry. I view it as another alternative to interisland travel, shipping, leisure and will provide jobs. Our economy needs diversification and competition. There are governmental agencies charged with maintaining quality of life in Hawaii and I am confident they can do their jobs to ensure the venture does not taint our state.

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From: JoAnn Shirk [donsso@webtv.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:27 AM
To: testimony

Dear Sirs: I am unable to attend the meeting this Tues. at the Kealakehe High School on the Big Island. However I would like to enter my testimony in this letter.

I have lived here in hawaii for 20 years and have felt the lack of an economical way to get to other islands because of the very expensive plane fares. We people need a way that we can afford to be able to visit, shop and spend time on the other islands. Farmers also need ways to send their products to other islands.

I can't understand why cruise ships that move in many other areas and at top speeds are not subjected to the same EIS that the Superferry is required to meet. I wonder, too, about Matson Lines and their container ships and barges. Why not them!! I truly believe there is some desire by some folks to eliminate any business competition again! This state continues to burden its citizen with higher costs in order to allow a few to prosper. Please allow the superferry to continue.

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From: Betty Armstrong [betty65nko@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: ferry

Please support the ferry. It will be good for Hawaii...residents and tourists alike.

A big fuss was made before PMRF came to Kauai. Now it is a very important part of our island. One special benefit is our young people are receiving much needed added education in several ways here. Another fuss was made opposing a hotel on the east side of Kauai which is now Hilton. That was the only hotel able to be in limited operation after the hurricane to house FEMA, Red Cross, etc. I remember going for a hot meal: the floor was concrete where the carpets had to be restored. The elevator ran only certain times of day. Drinks were served in plastic glasses.

The population of the world continues to grow and Kauai certainly cannot expect to avoid more population unless a private party buys the whole island like Niihau.

We needed added competition; not less to help keep prices lower.

Please support the ferry and get it operating soon.

Chuck and Betty Armstrong
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Kapaa, HI 96746

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From: don@konasrealty.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Move forward

Aloha, For years Forbes magazine has labeled HI. as the worst state to conduct business. Business means new jobs. Which pays Taxes and gives HI. stability. The Super ferry also will provide alternative transportation for Pleasure,business and emergences evacuations. Let's move HI. forward and allow the Supper Ferry...mahalo Don Helow Kona, HI.
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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From: Heather Agunoy [HAgunoy@chunrair.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

I am in favor of the bill that will permit Inter-island ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I support the Superferry 100% as it will enrich the economy of all of the islands of Hawaii and give jobs to our local people and last but certainly not least it will benefit our children for many years to come. This testimony is for the following hearing:

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Thank you,
Heather Agunoy

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From: Dr. Jacqueline Brown [jsbrowndds@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I would like to email my support of the Hawaii Superferry. This is a once in a lifetime chance to give the majority of people a wonderful service which we very much need and want.

Dr Jacqueline Brown

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From: Mark Bell [mark@postcard-cd.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:09 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Legislature's Public Access Room - Testimony 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 permit the Superferry interisland service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I am a small business owner and have attempted simple business ideas in Hawai'i with unnecessary objections. If every new idea is shut down, eventually Hawai'i will shut down too. Small business drives this state. Your friends and family are all employed by small business. Give the Superferry a chance.

Mark Bell
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From: Carl Berg [cberg@pixi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Bill

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Auditorium State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony on HB relating to Operation of Superferry

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I believe strongly that the legislature should not meet in Special Session and discuss the draft bill.

The bill is unconstitutional, illegal, and definitely not in the best interests of the Moana, Aina or the Ohana. This bill must NOT be passed.

This bill will be overruled by the Supreme Court and we will be back to where we were two years ago. EIS first!

Key aspects of the Bill will be overridden and enforced by the Federal Government through the Marine Mammal Protections Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Protect Act. The State is setting itself for federal lawsuits.

This Bill is blatantly wrong in numerous cases.. The Superferry is not in the best interests of the public. It is not of critical importance. It is not a required public convenience and necessity. It is a frivolous

adventure amusement ride for tourist and rich of Oahu. It is like a horizontal thrilling high speed roller coaster, where you vomit for 3 hours but have the added excitement of maybe seeing a whale killed.

What local families can afford to take off time from three jobs to come over to the neighbor islands at the outrageously high prices HSF is charging? The price of oil just exceeded \$90 a barrel and both Matson and Young Brothers are already raising their fuel surcharges. Can you imagine how expensive it will be to go fast on Superferry?

The State law HRS 343-5 is quite clear, an environmental assessment must be done before operation to avoid damage. Judge Cardoza stated, after hearing four weeks of expert testimony: "Plaintiffs have demonstrated the possibility of irreparable injury with respect to the environmental impacts of the Hawaii Superferry operations on natural resources, protected species, increased introduction of invasive species and causing social and cultural impacts."

IRREPARABLE INJURY. Legislators what don't you understand? This bill is proposing taking chances, playing "Russian roulette" with our natural, social and cultural environment for over a year, or until the Bill's study is completed. No! EIS FIRST!

Being reasonable, and assuming that the Legislature will not stand up to the Unified Command of the Governor, DOT and HSF, what conditions might I suggest while the Bill's study is being done?

1. To protect the marine life, HSF must go <15 knots and travel only in daylight hours. Speed kills!
2. To protect against invasive species, no vehicles.
3. To protect against traffic congestion, no vehicles
4. To protect social and cultural damage, don't come to Kauai

NO EIS, NO SUPERFERRY TO KAUAI !

Plain and simple. Legislators do you get the message?

NO EIS, NO SUPERFERRY TO KAUAI !

Without night cruising, and by going at a safe speed, it is likely that HSF will only be able to make one trip a day. By going to only one island, there need be increases in agricultural inspectors, DOARE officers, and infrastructure improvements in one place. Most of the tourists are on Oahu and Maui. That is where the Superferry customers are. But that is where the whales are. Don't sacrifice Maui!

As evident in the demonstrations that occurred in August, the Superferry is not welcome on Kauai until an EIS is completed.

EIS FIRST !

Specific comments on the Bill:

Page 2, Line 9. It is not in the public interest just for an alternative means of travel. This shows how trivial this operation really is. Just for variety?

Page 2, Line 15. Are you really that snowed by HSF PR? The HSF uses dirty fuel. It is not just carbon emissions. What is the total load of Greenhouse Gases (carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxides etc.) and soot? Get an independent scientific assessment before you add this statement.

Page 2, line 18. It may take only four hours actual transit, but if the Superferry arrives on Oahu late at night the produce sits in the truck another eight hours. Better produce travels in cheaper refrigerated trailers on barges.

Page 3, line 3. Gen. Lee, head of Hawaii National Guard, testified that in recent events the military and commercial shipping/flights adequately handled neighbor island emergencies. The military capability is huge. The Superferry does not add appreciably to the State's emergency capabilities.

Page 3, line 7. The need for "immediate operation" is not substantiated. Judge Cardoza declared that the operation would cause "irreparable injury". What is the rush? According to page 49 of the Harbors Operating Agreement between DOT and HSF, the HSF must carry business interruption insurance. So the insurance pays off the \$40 million. Has the legislature seen proof of coverage and the pay-off that HSF is getting?

Page 6, line 3. There is no documented or established "critical importance" that warrants overriding HRS 343.

Page 8, line 10. Conditions set by the governor? That is like asking the fox to set the conditions on guarding the hen house! She has no expertise and blatantly favors the Superferry position. The legislature must set the conditions. EIS FIRST.

Page 11, line 18. The Superferry must not be declared "a required public convenience and necessity". It is at best a frivolous adventure ride.

Page 12, line 7. It is un-constitutional for this bill to re-empt County regulations, approvals, and permits. You will have the Counties laying suit against this precedent.

Page 12, line 15. The Gov. cannot not ethically impose such conditions because of her obvious conflict of interests. The Legislature must impose all conditions. The role of an EIS, done BEFORE operation, is to determine best mitigation measures.

Page 13, line 15. These conditions MUST be in place before the operation of the Superferry.

Page 41, line 13. The Task Force must not be under DOT. Conflict of interest yet again. Put it under OEQC or DLNR.

The State agency employees and HSF representative must be non-voting members of the task force, again, for reasons of conflict of interest.

How is the task force going to obtain information? Will there be DOCARE officers or NOAA/NMFS officers on the Superferry to record incidents? Will the hull and jet intake ports be examined for body parts after each voyage? Will the Task Force get weekly reports from DOCARE and Agriculture Inspectors?

The Superferry must stop all operations if it takes an endangered marine mammal or turtle until an appropriate fine or settlement is made with the controlling State and Federal government agencies. Same goes if an invasive species (eg. Mongoose) is introduced to Kauai.

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From: Fuhrmann, John C. [jfuhrmann@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:43 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Super Ferry.
Importance: High

To the State Senate hearing on the Super Ferry:

The Super ferry, is a major economic engine which will, if supported generate many more jobs to community on other islands. The opposition seems to be made up of groups of financially independent people, who have moved to Hawaii after many years of making their fortune elsewhere. The environment protection arguments make no sense. These arguments apply to every form of transportation which travel to other islands. Some of these forms, unlike the ferry come from the continental United States and foreign countries, without environmental impact statements, or washing of the bottoms of the carriers or inspection and cleaning of freight. These arguments seem to use environmental concerns as a smoking mirror to hide the other reason for opposition which is the desire of the wealthy to maintain their country plantation living style.

The government of these island have economically supported through loans the local airlines and they should support the supper ferry as well.

The Senate should look to the overall "best interest" of Hawaii in general and each island in particular, by seeing through the facade of environments shields and support the Super ferry with the overwhelming majority of Hawaii's business, and workers.

I am Kamehameha graduate, A University of Hawaii Graduate, a senior manager in these islands for over twenty years and a voter for over thirty years. I am in support of the Super Ferry. I

**State Senate Legislative Hearing**

Aloha Friends,

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

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

NOW IS THE MOST CRITICAL TIME TO HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

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

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

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

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

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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

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

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

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

Copies of the bill and hearing notice can be found online at:

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From: Ian La Brack [labrack@spawar.navy.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:43 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry
Attachments: LaBracklan (labrack@spawar.navy.mil).vcf

It is my opinion Matson has an unfair advantage and strangle hold on the interisland shipping. This is a fair and alternative method to transport goods and persons to neighboring islands.

Respectfully

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From: Kathy Mezzasalma [jkkellyhb@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:42 AM

To: testimony

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
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From: Mistressjadehaz@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:43 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Hello I live on the Big island, I have family on two of the other islands. Its hard to visit them when you need to buy airline tickets and car rentals. Having the superferry will help the local people see there friends and family on other islands please do not let the superferry leave here this is a new step to helping us travel all over our great state. I hope that you let them run while having a environmental impact statement done. How else will you know the effects if it isn't happening at the same time it is running. Please allow this great new idea not go to waste Thank you Holly Zimmerman

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From: Mike Crigger [mcrigger@financeinsurance.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:43 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry Service

No one has yet to adequately explain to me why this vessel is such a concern when much larger cruise ships, nightly dinner vessels and daily rented fishing boats are prevalent on all islands and are not being held to the same standard. Possibly because these enterprises cater to the wealthy, a population the average local is not a part of.

Airlines and rental car companies have locals at their mercy. Thanks to competition we can now travel outer-island cheaper than we can fly to Vegas. This type of alternative is needed and keeps a market competitive as we've seen with the recent air-fare wars. What is most astounding is it's desired by most of us who like to travel inter-island.

The individuals who blocked the harbors are criminals and should have been punished in a court-of-law. That ridiculous woman on TV asking the governor while in Kauai "how she will feel when someone dies over this issue" has shaped the world opinion of our Islands and leaves most of us embarrassed. Hawaii needs to progress and a handful of wealthy Caucasians on the outer-islands should not be allowed to stand in the way of that progress toting a banner to protect sea animals they really have no interest in protecting.

Let the SuperFerry operate. This whole thing has turned into a fiasco that the common worker will end up paying for with tax dollars. Put the criminals blocking our harbors in jail - they are no different than terrorist and should be treated as such by the penal system. Let's get on with growing our State.

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Public Access Room

From: Joanne Harmelin [JHarmelin@harmelin.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear members of the legislature,

I'm writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry. The citizens of Hawaii need competitive transportation for interisland travel. Many families rarely see their friends and relatives because of the prohibitive costs of airline travel. To have the option of transporting family and goods to neighboring islands would be a real convenience for many of the families living in Hawaii.

There has been a lot a discussion about an environmental study and I support that idea to protect the precious sea life that surround the islands. I do think the Superferry should be permitted to run during this period. It is not their fault that this process was bungled from the start. If it is not permitted I'm sure the Superferry will go elsewhere. We will probably never convince another investor to risk financial ruin after this debacle. Frankly, This whole process has been an embarrassment for Hawaii. How does anything get done here! Let's see some common sense applied here and take these decisions out of the hand of the judges!

Mr. & Mrs.. Jon Harmelin
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Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

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From: kcrosebrock [kcrosebrock@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Folks

As 20 time visitor to Maui I have followed the Ferry issue with interest and amusement ! At the beginning it seemed like a great idea .

The more ways to get from Island to Island seemed like a great advancement . It is my understanding that Tourism is a large part of the income for your economy ?

Believe me prospective visitors are amused that you might "sink" an advancement like the Super Ferry . Please let the smarter heads prevail and jump forward to the 21st Century .

I'm looking forward to taking advantage of this advancement on my next visit !Your consideration is appreciated !

Kenneth C Rosebrock
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From: Gary Wiegand [gwiegang@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I just want to ad my voice to the silent majority of residents of Hawaii who would benefit greatly from the Hawaii Superferry.

This form a transportation is long overdue in a State comprised entirely of separate islands. Most every developed archipelago in the world has regular ferry service as a viable means of transportation.

The Superferry offers a service that should have been provided years ago.

Thanks for your consideration

Gary Wiegand
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From: Darlene Leong [fengshui@pixi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To Hawaii State Legislature:

I am testifying as a very concerned resident of Hawaii.

I'm beginning to wonder who runs this state. Is it the vocal few, most of whom are transplants? I think there has been enough tip-toeing around them.

I am all for the environment, but this superferry situation borders on the ridiculous. I am originally from the beautiful Pacific Northwest, and there has been ferries operating in Puget Sound for over 50 years.

The superferry is of utmost importance for small businesses in Hawaii and also for the state's image. I am a small farmer, and I'm sure you have heard from a lot of them that the ferry is necessary for the expansion of their businesses. People from afar are chuckling at the situation we have here.

Please let the superferry operate while an environmental assessment is being conducted.

Sincerely,

Darlene D. Leong
Aiea resident for 11 years
Hawaii resident for 40 years

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From: J-NEL CULLEN [jnel_cullen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To whom it may concern,

I live on Oahu. I have a brother on the Big Island. He's been trying to get me to fly there. For some reason I am so scared of flights. The last time I visited him? It was like 9 years ago. Since then? He's visited me every year.

I was so happy to hear of this Superferry opening...I was looking forward to go on it since we can take our car and so forth.

I hope and pray that this goes through.

I don't understand why our other islands don't want us there. Why can't we all love and support each other. We are not going to be on this earth forever....

Not one person is better than the other. They should be happy that we want to visit their beautiful islands...since like me? I never really leave Oahu.

I hope this helps..

Sincerely,
J-Nel Cullen

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From: jazareye [jazareye@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Let The Supperferry Run

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 having the Supperferry running while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I believe that the Supperferry will be most beneficial for the entire state of Hawaii. What makes Hawaii so special is the fact that we are not a single state but instead a chain of Islands making up a state. I have been keeping myself up to date with what has been happening to the Supperferry and it saddens me to see such sour reactions from our neighboring Islands. Do these few majority of people see and realize that should the Supperferry be forced to shut down due to a EIS that ALL the residents of the State of Hawaii will be responsible for the debt? If there is a response stating that the money will not be coming from the people, then where is the money coming from that will pay off the debt?

Everyone knew that the Supperferry was coming so why wasn't this matter taken care of way back then when the contract was first drawn up? I understand the concerns of having the EIS and to some degree, want to keep the Islands safe. But I say, if you are going to do this to the Supperferry, then the same attention and reactions should be taken upon all inter island transportation. Fair is Fair.

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Jaymee Nugal
Training Specialist, FCH Enterprises

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

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From: James H. Holloman II [mookie@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Legislature's Public Access Room

I feel that the State of Hawaii needs the Hawaii Super Ferry. The Hawaii Super Ferry can provide an alternative means of transportation between the Islands of Hawaii.

Public Access Room

From: Wayne Hashimoto [wkhashi@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor of Superferry

What I have seen thus far in the Superferry saga really apalls me. If one were to judge the opponents' behavior and the press and media coverage, it would appear that the majority of the people do not want the it. May I remind you that, Young Brothers, the only surface carrier between the islands, was just given a large rate increase. I do not want a monopolistic situation as it now is. The superferry does give us another means to transport items via surface.

Conditions proposed by the opponents are not realistic and discriminatory when compared to other means presently used to transport people and cargo. They are meant to shut down the superferry.

I believe the majority of the people welcome the new opportunity to travel and transport cargo. I believe that it also could be used in emergency times. Hurricane Iniki proved that we need something like it to transport goods and supplies rapidly.

Finally, to solve the issue we should have a referendum and let the people decide rather than the vocal minority.

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From: Jerome Brown [jerome.brown@dhx.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:55 AM

To: testimony

I am in favor of the Superferry I don't see why they should be any different from any other ships entering our harbors. The likes of the cruise liners Matson, Horizon, Young Brothers, NYK, ACT Lines are really no different they all harm the environment. Let the Superferry have it's day in the SUN!

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From: Richard Diehl [mrrdiehl@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I am in favor of the superferry operating in Hawaii. I see no environmental difference between it, the inter-island barges, and the cruise ships. Make all them comply with the same standards. We are possibly the only island community in the world with no ferry system.
Lets catch up.

Sincerely,
Richard Diehl

Public Access Room

From: Mary Anderson [starshinewoman47@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Statement regarding Sunday Oct. 21st meeting on the Super Ferry

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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Sunday, October 21, 2007

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE:

King Kaumualii Elementary School Cafeteria
4381 Hanamaulu Road
Lihue, HI

Dear Hawaii legislators,

I'm writing to protest the operation of the Super ferry between our islands until a complete E.I.S has been done.

As a resident of Kauai I am very concerned with the impact the ferry will have on our islands.

To watch the president and vice president of America act with immunity and change the laws to their liking has been unbelievable during this current administration. It has destroyed much of my faith in government. Now to see Hawaii legislature and Governor Lingle attempt to do the same thing in the guise of progress is worse. This is my Hawaii. Must we cave to special interests while our islands deteriorate into just another *big business state*?

Please do the right thing. Require the E.I.S. before the ferry is allowed to sail.

The whales are here now. Must we find out how devastating this behemoth will be now? How embarrassing that could be? How would you like dealing with that bad publicity?

Respectfully yours,
Mary B. Anderson
144 Aleo St.

10/23/2007

Kapaa HI, 96746
County of Kauai

Mary B. Anderson 

We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results...Herman Melville

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From: Rynette Jale [rjale@pacificguardian.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry, because it's not only good for the economy but gives the people in Hawaii choices of how they would like to travel.

Rynette K Jale
TDI Premium Accounting Associate

Public Access Room

From: Karen.Masagatani@centralpacificbank.com

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:58 AM

To: testimony

Please have the super Ferry running again, I believe the owners of the super ferry examined all the ways to start their business legally in Hawaii including the environmental studies issues. The ferry is a good alternative way to go from island to island and the other islands should welcome the additional income we bring to them.

The issues that are coming up now is ridiculous and it is going backwards, studies, protests should have happened when the idea was brought forward.

I believe the owners are well aware of the animals of the sea and will take care not to harm them.

Thank you,

Karen M

10/23/2007

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From: Linda Lee-Marquis [leemarquis@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am in favor of the Super Ferry. I feel the population of this state needs a variety of transportation options between islands. The competition between providers would be good. New jobs would be created as well.

I am fearful of the possible transfer of coqui frogs and other invasive species from island to island and am hopeful a plan will be uput in place to address this issue.

Linda Lee-Marquis
Holualoa, HI

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From: James Helton [mauihelton@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

We strongly support the sailing of the Superferry immediately. The simple fact is we live on an island so there should be a ferry service. Air travel used to be a pleasurable experience. Now it is a painful ordeal from beginning to end. Plus the fact that airplanes offer limited use for businesses on our islands. Please put the Superferry in service now. James & Jacqueline Helton, Makawao, Maui

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From: Terri Eismann [eismann@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International I support the super ferry. I would like to see this alternative mode of transportation available to the people of hawaii.

Thank you,
Terri Eismann

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From: Luke, Charles C MAJ RES USAR USARPAC [charles.c.luke@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Ferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

To Whom It May Concern:

We adamantly support the Super Ferry. Please let it operate ASAP!

Thanks,

Charles Luke

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

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From: Ralph Marushige [ulua1023@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I definitely think that the State needs this service! We do need this alternate transportation for interisland travel not only for pleasure, but for any emergency that may arise. I am in total support of the Super Ferry.

Ralph T. Marushige

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From: Donna Preitauer [ohanaproperties@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Oct 23, 2007, 6:15am

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. State Capital Auditorium.

Dear Sir;

We support the Superferry.

You must permit the Superferry to sail.

See the best for the forest (Hawaii State) as whole not individule trees (protesters). It is the future of Hawaii State for decades to come.

Thank you in advance for carrying the burden & making the rightful decision for all of us who support the Superferry.

respectly yours,

**Donna & Brad Preitauer
6090 Lokomaikai Pl.
Kapaa Kauai, Hi 96746**

(808)822-1969

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From: EVONNE BJORNEN [e.bjornen@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:59 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Super Ferry

Our names are Evonne Bjornen and Paul Tallett. We are the owners of Bjornen's Mac. Nut Farm in Hilo. We are very much in support of the Super Ferry, and feel it should be allowed to transport immediately. We have taken this same Ferry, in Spain and in Norway, and feel it is very safe for the environment, including the whales! The Protesters should be made to prove, that they are working, that they are registered voters and not just protesters! We will use the Ferry both for personal travel, as well as transporting materials and goods. Please allow the Super Ferry to sail now. Evonne Bjornen, and Paul Tallett, Hilo, Hawaii

Public Access Room

From: Roberta L. Taira [rtaira@awlaw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry...

I support the operation of the Super Ferry while the environmental study is being done. After all this time while the ferry was being built, now people oppose it? It is bad business for the government to approve this business and when it arrives and is ready for operation the public out crys stop operation. BAD BUSINESS!

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From: K Matayoshi [HiBR@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Committe on Economic Development and Taxation
Attachments: Danton.letter[1].doc

Please find attached testimony (one page) for the hearing on WEDNESDAY October 24 at 1:30 pm. Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, on the nomination of Danton Wong to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation.

Thank you.

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From: WILLIAM CARWILE [CARWILEWILLIAM@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Chaos and Anarchy

Are hooligans going to prevent what is right?

Is the legislature going to let threats of violence to prevent progress? The vast majority want the Superferry. Are a handful of lawbreakers and potential lawbreakers going to hold us hostage?

Please do what is best for the majority. This is about surf spots, the prevention of tradesman and plumbers, painters, and others from competing and lowering prices on goods and services on the Outer Islands. Not the environment. That genie is out of the bottle.

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From: matt.bishop5@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Legislators,

Make the right call and get this superferry up and running. The damage of losing this opportunity will make it hard to attract any business to invest in Hawaii's future. Do the right thing and send the right message.....the superferry needs to stay in Hawaii. If you fail to do this the only message you will send is that when a small group of environmentally unaware individuals get together to protest then the state will always give in. Find me even one vessel of that size operating in Hawaiian waters that clean. This is a great opportunity for the people of Hawaii to enjoy the full benefits of our own state.
Make it happen!

Sincerely,

Matt Bishop

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From: Mary Anderson [starshinewoman47@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry hearing Wednesday, October 24, 2007..my statement

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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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Dear Hawaii legislators,

I'm writing to protest the operation of the Super ferry between our islands until a complete E.I.S has been done.

As a resident of Kauai I am very concerned with the impact the ferry will have on our islands.

To watch the president and vice president of America act with immunity and change the laws to their liking has been unbelievable during this current administration. It has destroyed much of my faith in government. Now to see Hawaii legislature and Governor Lingle attempt to do the same thing in the guise of progress is worse. This is my Hawaii. Must we cave to special interests while our islands deteriorate into just another big business state?

Please do the right thing. Require the E.I.S. before the ferry is allowed to sail.

The whales are here now. Must we find out how devastating this behemoth will be now? How embarrassing that could be? How would you like dealing with that bad publicity?

Respectfully yours,
Mary B. Anderson

10/23/2007

144 Aleo St.
Kapaa HI, 96746
County of Kauai

Mary B. Anderson 

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From: Patricia Anderson [andersonp012@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

Dear Chairman,

I know there are people who oppose the superferry, however, there are many of us who would like to see it in operation. We also don't see

why it is any different than the other boats that enter our harbors.

Is Hawaii's government friendly to business? Many do not think so - poll small business owners sometime to see how they feel. No one wants to see the environment destroyed but very few people feel the superferry is likely to destroy anything.

Please at least poll voters and do a popularity test before you nix the superferry.

Thank You,

Patricia E. Anderson

PO Box 1091

Honokaa, HI. 96727

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From: Randy Morgan [RandyM@leisinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: please allow free enterprise

Please do not allow a vocal few to ruin free enterprise for the world, the ocean was free, are they going to regulate all traffic now in open waters and our harbors, This means of transportation has been effective world wide but not in Hawaii because a few zealous refugee's from the 60's want to save their mana, like in the 70's when they wanted to ban all growth in Maalea because it would ruin the surfing. There are people who medically cannot fly and need the use of the medical personnel in Oahu, are they to be left at the road side waiting for the hospitals to get the facilities in all neighboring islands.

Sincerely

Randy F. Morgan
2751 Palalani Street
Pukalani, 96788

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From: Bill Coney [bill@aschawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony
Attachments: ASC Letterhead 1 - Supper Ferry.pdf

Please see attached., thank you

Public Access Room

From: Bob - Big Island Growers [bob@bigislandgrowers.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Liability

To Whom it May Concern:

Have we considered that the liability of the State of Hawaii may far exceed the \$140,000,000 or so that has been mentioned for harbor improvements, and debt security. Might not the Super Ferry investors have recourse to the state for their losses as well.

We have a system and set of laws that allows a few environmentalists to run amok and do irreparable damage to Hawaii. Failure of the Super Ferry will have enduring consequences to the state's ability to attract business and investment.

We need the Super Ferry!

Robert Ely
P.O. Box 1359
Keaau, HI 96749

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From: Monte Medeiros [montemainlandtruck@gmail.com]

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

To: testimony

Subject: inter island vehicle purchases

HAWAII HRS437 REGULATES VEHICLE PURCHASE LICENSING FOR DEALERS IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES IN HAWAII. WILL THIS AFFECT THE CONSUMER FROM PUCHASING A VEHICLE ON ONE ISLAND {COUNTY} AND SHIPPING IT TO ANOTHER ISLAND {COUNTY}, VIA THE SUPERFERRY???

WHICH COUNTY COLLECTS THE EXCISE TAX? DO MAINLAND VEHICLE PURCHASES SHIPPED TO HAWAII, THEN SHIPPED TO OUTER ISLANDS VIA SUPERFERRY AFFECTED?

MONTE MEDEIROS

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(DCCA LIC. NON-HAWAII DEALER)

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From: Craig Hirasaki [craig@hirasaki-nakagawa.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:02 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

.....
Hirasaki Nakagawa Design
76 N. King Street, #200
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
ph: 808-545-5544

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From: Easton, Colin [ColinE@engenv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor of the Ferry

I believe that the service provided by the Ferry far outweighs the impact it will have on the Environment.

Colin Easton
Kona, Hawaii

Public Access Room

From: Jim Lathrop [jlathrop@hhbassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:02 AM
To: testimony
Cc: linda lathrop
Subject: super ferry

As a longtime resident of Hawaii, I am in favor of granting the Superferry tentative approval to operate. They will obviously be treading on eggshells as regards the environmental issues, and will no doubt go out of their way to avoid any problems.

Jim Lathrop 345 4668

Public Access Room

From: Anita Valteau [val2b@pacbell.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Helping the People of Hawaii

Having the Superferry for vacationers is a viable means for Hawaii's tourist economy, but more importantly, the Superferry will afford kamaaina's access to inter-islands visits or work opportunities and will serve Hawaii successfully. Help the people of Hawaii!!!

Anita Riveira-Valteau
Mililani, Hawaii

Public Access Room

From: Anita Cheung [seriabella@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: hawaii superferry

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the Superferry hearing at the following location and time;

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 for the Superferry to operate while the environmental studies are done. People on the outer islands do not understand the economic benefits it will have for their island and how tourism will boost their way of life. Also visiting families and getting together will be that much easier and less costly. There are other larger vessels that travel from O'ahu to the outer islands that probably disturbs the marine life more than the Superferry ever would. Please don't let the ignorance and hatred for a mainland company of a few destroy something good and makes sense for everyone else.

Sincerely,
Anita Cheung

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From: Jule Kamakana [kamakana@wave.hicv.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supporting the Bill

Hawaii State Legislature

October 23, 2007

The Superferry is good for Hawaii, it is good for people that need work. It is good for our visitors to our islands, and it is the best way to help our farmers. With Young Brothers continuing to change their schedule, and charge more and more and more...we need to have the superferry. This will allow some lessening of charges by being able to take their produce immediately to another market place.

Then please begin the process of getting the superferry to be able to come into Molokai, where many of us are all tired of Walter Ritte, complaining about everything, and allow us to become something other than a 3rd world island.

Thank you,
Jule and Weymouth Kamakana

*This letter is intended for only this day's testimony on the Superferry and not to be used for any other purpose.

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From: Nicolas, Nenita [nnicolas@city.kodiak.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supporting Superferry

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry because my family in Hawaii needs it when they go to the other island to visit relatives. It's cheaper and more accessible. Thank you.

Nenita Nicolas
Administrative Assistant
City Clerk's Office
710 Mill Bay Rd., Rm. 220
Kodiak, AK 99615
(907) 486-8636
(907) 486-8600 Fax

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From: James Lucas [james@konavillage.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supporting Superferry

I'm supporting the Hawaii Superferry because it will only help our economy and keep traveling inter-island affordable.

Mahalo,
James

James Lucas
Director of Purchasing
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From: RANDAL KOBASHIKAWA [kobash@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supporting HSF

Aloha,

My name is Randal Kobashikawa, and I am a disabled veteran of 27 yrs. 4 months, and 15 days. Due to damage to my cervical, and thoracic spine it's very difficult for me to fly (since it's to my upper back, and neck I have to sit/ stand leaning forward (to take weight off my spine) supporting my weight by my arms, and the chairs arm rests.

Due to it's multi hull design, computer controlled trim, and speed (I've seen the special on National Geographic). This less restrictive way to travel may be just the ticket for disabled people like myself.

I'm hoping to use the HSF to visit friends, and family on the outer islands.

And in closing, I'd just to say I wasn't very happy to hear of Mr. Say's (Calvin's son) employment which may, or may not be a conflict. But it just looks bad for HSF.

Aloha
Randy

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From: CHARLA JONES [justcharla@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: supporting Hawaii Superferry

Aloha Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment, please accept my testimony.

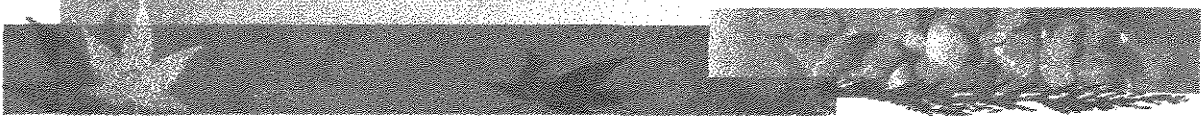
I am in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. We need to avoid losing the Superferry and will ultimately do so if we do not allow it to operate at this time. I am confident that the operators of the Superferry will take all precautions to avoid any harm or negative impact to the environment while in operation.

Mahalo,
Charla Jones
235-8556

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From: Renee Watanabe [rwatanabe@tonygroup.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supporting the Hawaii Superferry



To:
Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment
October 23, 2007
8:08 a.m.

I would like to first say that the way people protested the Superferry on Kauai was uncalled for. They were abusive and ignorant.

Hawaii is in need of some change. We need choices. The Hawaii Superferry will be a good change for Hawaii. It will generate income for our islands. I'm sure that the Superferry has the high tech equipment to detect whales and other marine animals from a distance.

As for the "invasive species", what makes them think that we won't be bringing their "invasive species" back to our island. It seems like they have the "invasive species" problem.

The Superferry will be a wonderful way for our tourist and locals to enjoy the beauty of our ocean and islands.

Hawaii needs the Superferry

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From: Grant Jones [capitalist1776@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:41 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support to Hawaii Superferry

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.

I am writing to show my support to Hawaii Superferry during the above-mentioned hearing and always. Hawaii Superferry is a breath of fresh air to Hawaii's economy; it affords us with a suitable and affordable alternative to air travel. It represents progress; I want to move forward with it instead of being stuck in the past whose ways no longer fully serve our present growing need for innovation and choice.

Thanks!

Grant W. Jones
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grantj@hawaii.edu
capitalist1776@yahoo.com

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From: Mactagone, Sandi [SMactagone@ymcahonolulu.org]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:32 AM

To: testimony

Subject: SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY-LET IT OPERATE IN HAWAII, GIVE IT A CHANCE!

Sandra Mactagone

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From: Michael G Barraque [barraquem001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:29 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Superferry!

Aloha,

I attended today's hearing on Maui regarding the special session to address the Superferry situation. Unfortunately I was unable to stay long enough to get my turn to speak.

A thought that I wanted to share was something I have observed in the debate since Judge Cardoza's ruling. Those opposed to the Superferry seem all too willing to accept the fact that one unelected, virtually unaccountable person has essentially killed the Superferry, a hugely important issue for the entire state. To me that is a very chilling precedent.

These same people are now in an uproar because our duly elected representatives are considering taking another look at the situation.

Why is that such a threatening idea to them? I believe it is because their minority opinion does not hold up well to the opinions of the great majority of Hawaii residents and those that represent them.

Please vote to give the Superferry a chance and respect the wishes of the people. Now is the time to show who you really represent.

Sincerely,
Michael G Barraque
Maui, Hawaii

Public Access Room

From: Sealy's [sealy@brevins.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Superferry!

Dear Legislator:

We support the Hawaii Superferry.

My family and I are frequent visitors to Hawaii, and we often go from island to island via the airlines. If the superferry was in operation, we would certainly use it instead of flying between islands.

The people of Hawaii and the visitors that support the tourist industry want interisland transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by visitors, residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to the state.

It is our plan to retire to the islands in a few years, and most assuredly we want the superferry to be available to us. We don't intend to just sit and collect dust...we are active and on the go people...the ability to travel between islands via the superferry is of great importance to us.

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option and protect Hawaii's business climate.

Please don't allow a small minority representing their own special interests to keep the vast majority from having this wonderful transportation option.

Mahalo,
Dan Sealy
303 W Niagara Ave
Astoria OR 97103-5739

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From: Helene Fernandez [hfernandez@hccsmg.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Superferry!

Protestors haven't given the Superferry a chance to provide any services to the islands. If they want the *Superferry to fail, then simply boycott their services and all it encompasses*. Do not use it to ship your car from island to island. Feel free to pay Young Brothers \$500.00 to ship your car.

The Superferry is just a "Super Misconception" with the protestors. All I want to say is give it a chance, give the ferry employees their jobs back, give the protestors a chance to sit back and either say "I told you so" or "eh, this ferry not so bad".

Mahalo nui,
Helene Fernandez

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From: Hirata, Keith K Mr CIV USA USARPAC [keith.hirata@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Superferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

Hello, I am writing to support the Hawaii Superferry. This Superferry would help school sports, local businesses, families, etc. travel to neighboring islands besides the airlines. If given the chance, I would use the ferry service besides flying to visit family on Kauai and Maui. Thank you for lisening.

Support the Hawaii Superferry.

V/r
Keith Hirata
94-1037 Paha Pl #S7
Waipahu, HI 96797

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

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From: John herbias [letsride@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the superferry !

Let the supper ferry operate ! It's our future , our freedom , our choice !

Sent from my iPhone

Public Access Room

From: Tommy G [zxasqw12@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:11 PM
To: testimony
Subject: support the superferry

The environmental radicals, the noisy minority, want to deny the majority of residents a much needed form of transportation. If they attempt to physically stop the service, use the full extent of the law and lock them up. I am seriously considering moving from Hawaii if the ferry service is denied. I'll move some place that allows its citizen freedom of travel and doesn't pander these environmental hypocrites..

Mad as Hell,

Thomas C. Goggia Pukalani, Maui

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From: Laverne Packard [packardohana@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:50 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

TO Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to encourage you to allow the superferry to continue services to the outer islands while a EIS is completed.

My issues are simple. I am a patient advocate on the island of Kauai. I have had my mother and sister taken from me by cancer. For 4 years we traveled back and forth to Oahu for specialty treatments that are not provided here on Kauai and we have had to sacrifice by having our family remain on Kauai to continue to financially support the treatments taken. Our medical /travel and rent a car expenses were unexpected and large at times. I see the superferry as a blessing for the families who have no alternatives but to travel to Oahu for treatment.

My sister while ill could not travel by commercial airlines. It became to draining and her body could bare very little. She would always have to be air ambulance out to Queens Hospital which was not a fun ordeal but a necessary one. She would have appreciated the Superferry. The simplicity of the travel would have been welcomed.

I urge you to consider this too while making this decision.

Laverne Packard

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From: live-2-ride@earthlink.net
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:48 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support The Superferry

To Senate Committees: Judiciary & Labor, Transportation, International Affairs, and Energy and Environment
Hearing Date: Wed. Oct. 24th
Time : 10:30 Auditorium State capitol

As a resident of Hawaii for the last 26 yrs. I have been ashamed of the way this has played out. To green light a project like this and then at the last minute change the rules is just WRONG. I was able to watch a documentary on the building of the ferry and it showed the deft maneuverability that this vessel has been designed to do. I think everyone involved should have to see it preform in those extreme conditions..

As a business owner I have been awaiting the ferry so as to be able to better service our accounts on the neighbor islands. I now have to air all my goods UPS. With the ferry my company could ship our customers goods freight free ! With all cost involved we would still be spending less money in shipping and our accounts on the neighbor islands would now pay nothing in shipping..

SAVE THE SUPER FERRY,
Give us a alternate way to travel and see this beautiful state, and a better way to do business..

Gary Robinson
Kanehoe, Hawaii

p.s. we are a state not individual kingdoms like some on the outer islands might think.....

EarthLink Revolves Around You.

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From: Donna or Jeff Nooney [JNOONEY@HAWAII.RR.COM]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:55 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY

As a responsible and mature adult motorcycle enthusiast, I am writing to ask you to support the Superferry. Each year, a group of anywhere between 16-20 of us ship our motorcycles to a neighboring island, alternating between Kauai and Maui. In order for us to ship our motorcycles, several of us need to take off from work in order to load our motorcycles in the Young Bros. containers. It leaves us without our motorcycles as transportation for about a week. Once we get to the outer island, we have to arrange transportation to the pier during pier hours so that we can pick up our motorcycles for touring. We rent rooms at the hotels, each couple rents a room for themselves. We eat our meals out, purchase gifts for our friends and families back home, and shop at the shopping centers and stores. In other words, we support the island economy. We are quiet and respectful because we love visiting our beautiful islands. We are looking forward to being able to choose the Superferry as a travel option because we will not have to deal with the logistical arrangements needed from and to the airport and pier and we will have our motorcycles for transportation immediately upon arriving at the neighboring island, and then again, upon our return home.

Not having access to the Superferry will not deter our travel. It will, however, make it more convenient for us. It will not add to traffic and beach use, because we will continue to travel, but we will be forced to use the only option, the barge, to transport our motorcycles.

We need the option! We need to support the Superferry. This is what the locals need... people who have vehicles to ship... people who prefer ferry travel to air travel.... people who want other options other than the major airlines. People who want to sit with their families and relax and enjoy the trip over... talking, visiting, and of course, enjoying snacks together.

There is no reason to delay access to the Superferry.

Jeffrey Nooney
Mountain View, Hawaii

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From: gloria garcia [glorymg@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:19 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Superferry

I am all for the Superferry for many reasons. It upsets me to know all this red tape is going on with the Hawaii Superferry. Once, all the T's are crossed and the i's are dotted then let the Superferry do it's job. I'm looking forward to the service the Hawaii Superferry will offer, not only the local people of Hawaii will enjoy this, but it's second resident , the military family.

This is a wonderful service please move on and let it happen.

Mahalo,

Gloria Garcia
(Salt Lake)

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From: Leah Kinoshita [leahkinoshita@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:25 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Superferry

To whom it may concern I am strongly support the superferry because it gives us alternatives to travel differently and more ways of communication to everyone in the ohana hawaiian chain...it is the sign of the times for GOD sakes the superferry never ran its course and those protesters are already condemning it...if they want to live primitive I suggest they move to LANAI or MOLOKAI ...I'm so for the superferry and wish them the luck they can get from all of us...by the way it is a beautiful ship ●

Alohas,
Leah

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From: Moredata [moredata@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Superferry

Dear Sirs,

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

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

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

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

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

John deButts

10/23/2007

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From: Peter Thourson [petert@enewhope.org]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:39 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the SuperFerry

The SuperFerry is something that Hawaii needs. From the financial figures that have been made public by the SuperFerry it is obvious that they won't be able to survive if they aren't allowed to sail immediately. The SuperFerry needs the exemption in order to continue to exist in Hawaii, to protect the jobs of 300+ employees and to diversify travel options in Hawaii. I believe that Hawaii needs the SuperFerry. It is a great inter-island mode of travel. Please support allowing it to sail immediately!

Mahalo!

Peter Thourson
Waianae, Hawaii

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From: Rey Nivera [rnivera25@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:54 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Superferry

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Superferry. It will be beneficial to our society because it gives another option of travel when traveling to the other island. I also believe that the Superferry will help our state's economy by promoting a healthy competition in our travel industry. Again, I am writing in support of the Superferry.

Mahalo,
Reynard Nivera

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From: Keith [keimini@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support the Superferry

We need to support the Superferry! Let us overlook the odd events that led us to this current fiasco. The facts are that the Superferry has followed the law as interpreted by Linda Lingle. Since when can we not trust what our government tells us is the law?

The Superferry has been straight forward in stated what they needed to operated. They stated that if the EIS is required then they will not come. How easy and straightforward could they be? It is time for the state to be fair and honor it's promised to businesses in Hawaii.

As a state we need to do anything we can to save the Superferry. We need to prevent a much larger problem from occurring. I feel the loss of the millions from countless lawsuits that are to follow is reason enough to keep the Superferry running. Afterall, we don't want the state to buy the boat (throught the cost of lawsuits) and not be able to use it. We already own a \$40 million dock that we can't use lets not make it worse.

Thank You for your time

Keith Greer

Public Access Room

From: John P. Macatee [jmacatee1@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Superferry

I support the Superferry for three reasons:

1. **Competition;** for the airlines and car rental companies for starters. Keeping costs down and freeing up the congested transportation system.
2. **Choice:** This will allow the citizens of Hawaii freedom to choose between Sea and air travel.
3. **State of Emergency:** Should there ever be a national disaster we will have more transportation options available.

Comment: If non growth is the agenda for not supporting the Superferry don't tie up our transportation system and keep costs high, instead - VOTE in slow growth plans, let the PEOPLE decide. This is the United States of America.

Thank you,
John Macatee
16-401 Ainaloa Blvd.
Pahoa, Hawaii 96778

Public Access Room

From: MGR25@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Superferry

I am in support of the Superferry. I believe that it is a great thing for Hawaii. It will help in so many ways. No one has brought up this fact: there are many people who have family on the outer islands and are terrified to fly. Therefore they are unable to see their family and friends. The Superferry will reunite these families. The Superferry isn't for tourists, it is mainly for us, the people of Hawaii. We want a choice in how we travel to the other islands.

Please do not allow a small minority of people to tell the majority what to do.

Thank you,
Michele Roshioru

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From: ANGIE DREW [aradrew001@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY

Hawaii is a beautiful paradise and respect for the environment is important. However extreme measures that hinder progress and providing more efficient ways to bring the islands closer and connected is wrong. Hawaii needs to step it up and enter the 21st Century. The Superferry adds another dimension for a better way to do business, travel, explore, educate, and enjoy and appreciate the entire State of ours. Hawaii belongs to all who live here and should not restrict access by certain means that is only approved by the minority. Listen to the majority of the people of Hawaii. It's not about the environmentalists. It's not just about the people of Kauai, nor about the people of Maui. We are the State. We are Hawaii. Listen to the people and judge by the overall benefits that Superferry can bring. Be visionaries. Do not react but be proactive. Hawaii needs this.

Angie Drew
Kailua, HI

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From: Ken Sanders [ksanders@oceannetwork.tv]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the SuperFerry

To the Legislature:

Please ignore the unthinking vocal minority. We need the SuperFerry for many reasons, not the least of which is to help local small and large businesses. Small differences can be ironed out. Please vote for it so it's not another 30 years before some entrepreneur dares try it again.

Thank you,
Ken Sanders

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From: Margaret Tung [mtung@topofwaikiki.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:03 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the superferry

I'm supporting the Hawaii Superferry because I'm one their employee.

Tai Ming Tung

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From: Cabjuan, Jennifer [Jennifer.Cabjuan@kapiolani.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support the superferry

Good Morning,

I would like to express my support for the superferry and would like to see it running soon. The opportunities that the superferry brings outweigh the arguments I have heard in the media in the past weeks. I feel that it is unfair to persecute this company from doing business in Hawaii and do not understand why they are being targeted. I encourage law makers to please amend the bill to clarify what is required in order to keep the superferry in business. Our family would love to visit the outer-islands without having to pack the children into the plane, deal with luggage, etc. The positive impact for local businesses is obvious and I hope we will not let a small group of opponents ruin a great alternative for the people of Hawaii. Please consider this testimony in your decision while going into the special session.

Thank you,

Jennifer Cabjuan

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From: kathleen berengue [berenguem001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support the superferry

Progress should not be denied to the big island of Hawaii.
This island needs any and all boosts to its economy as well as more job opportunities.

Aloha,
Kathleen Berengue
Big Island Appraisal Services

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From: Freitas, Elizabeth K POH [Elizabeth.K.Freitas@poh01.usace.army.mil]

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

To: testimony

Subject: Support the Superferry

I am a resident of Mililani Town, Hawaii, and I support the superferry. I ask that all of you be considerate of the majority of residents that want the superferry to continue operating and ask that you also support the superferry. Thank you.

Elizabeth K. Freitas

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From: snlinkee@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY

I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY OPERATION IN HAWAII. GIVE IT A CHANCE, LET IT OPERATE ITS BUSINESS BETWEEN THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS.

Sandi Mactagone

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From: Lholey@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Superferrt

As a voter I support the Hawaii Superferry. The government needs to get this thing going. Elizabeth M. Holey

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From: Gabriel Hoeffken [gabehoeffken@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:15 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry. It give me another option when traveling inter-island, and induces competition for both the airlines and shipping companies, which is vital for a free market economy. Competition spurs improved service, lower prices and more options for individuals and business'.

I don't see the environmental issues with the super ferry. Invasive species have already gotten to Maui (where I live), including the coqui frog, the spiny caterpillar and myconia to name a few. There are also, larger, less efficient ships already on the water, if the super ferry cannot run, why should they? And as far as hitting whales, I know the Pacific whale foundation has hit a few with their tour boats, yet they are the one's chastising the super ferry? Everyone I know sees the Pacific whale foundation for what they are; a tour company posing as a non-profit for sale to the highest bidder to lobby against anything which they do not make money on.

And for the dreaded traffic (on Maui), I don't think it will be an issue. It's not like the boat will pull up and dump hundreds of cars off in a matter of minutes flooding the roadways. It takes time to unload a boat. Cars will exit is small waves, maybe increasing the local traffic fractionally, but not creating an HI like gridlock.

The Super Ferry will also be good for the company I work for, we have jobs on Oahu, and having another way to get equipment back and forth would be a god-send. Right now we have one option, and no competition.

Public Access Room

From: Celine Janiszewski [edw.janiszewski@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:30 PM
To: testimony; joe.bertram@hawaii.gov
Subject: support the Super Ferry

To the legislature,

I just want my voice heard in support of the Super Ferry. It is good to have another way to get from island to island. If we do lose a major local airline, we may be able to avoid the high cost of travel between islands by having this other means of transportation. I travel to Oahu from Kahului, Maui once a month. Yes, the cost for travel is important to me. I think it is good to have the competition.

Sincerely,
Celine Janiszewski
Kihei, Maui

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From: CAROL HETZER [carolfred@prodigy.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

A similar ferry running at 45 mph operates from Bar Harbor, Maine to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. This is right by the Bay of Fundy which is full of whales. They whale watch there just like on Maui. This ferry has operated for more than five years and no whales have been hit.

If your worried about invasive species let's shut down Young Brothers and stop shipping freight on Hawaiian and Aloha Airlines.

Instead of of doing an Agricultural baggage check on departing flights, let's start inspecting baggage coming in from the mainland and from abroad.

I hate to be cynical, but this is all about money and how the "big money" influences our government. This is not the 1950's, the people of Hawaii know what is going on.

Fred Hetzer
Lahaina

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From: Mardi Miyamoto [meeyamoto@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:21 AM

To: testimony

I support the Hawaii Superferry because it will be beneficial to everyone in the long run. We have allowed other vessels, some of which travel in foreign waters, to enter our harbors without any environmental impact studies. While you can't please everyone, you should, as politicians who are ELECTED, support the majority. We want Hawaii to progress and prosper.

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From: Kevin [kbbkevin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support inter island ferry service...

To whom it may concern...

Please don't bow to pressure from special interests groups to deny Hawaii one more option for inter island travel...I have travelled by ferry all around the world, including England, Hong Kong, British Columbia, Washington State, Tahiti, and even Sea Flight in Hawaii, and, with proper inspection, and forms that passengers sign, concerns can be addressed.

As for whales becoming casualties of ships, yes, this could happen...But we are not talking anywhere near the numbers that Russian and Japanese whalers are already killing. Iceland and Norway are still hunting whales. I was just in Iceland and Whale was on the menu of most restaurants.

200 cars and trucks are a drop in the bucket compared to the 750,000 registered vehicles in the state. And remember, they will be taking back the same amount, so please, let's put this into perspective.

Aloha,

Kevin

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From: Taylor, Lisa M [Lisa.Taylor2@va.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:22 AM

To: testimony

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

To whom it may concern,

I am glad a hearing date was establish because I think this situation had completely went out of control. I am for the superferry to stay here because I think it is good for the state to have another option of going to another island besides flying. My family and I were looking forward to ride on the ferry but if your committees decided to go along the few then that will never happen and whatever come out of this may cause other investor to think twice before investing to our state again. Please vote to keep the superferry.

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From: Kimo Rosen [jrsensei@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:26 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Ferry ferry
Subject: Let the Ferry run

Aloha,

Let the Ferry run!

Here are my thoughts. Senator Hoser is should be ashamed of himself... Read on

Everyone driving a car is a hypocrite, what about an environmental statement for you, how many dogs, cats and wildlife are killed on the nations highways, get rid of the cruise ships and let the ferry run. I'd rather have our friends from Oahu than a bunch of rich Haole's (and I mean "Haole"(without the breath of life people) from the mainland

Everything from building materials to the bed you sleep on has been coming to this island in containers on barges for years, just recently a cat was locked in a container to Costco. The airlines do not require an agriculture inspection to neighbor islands, only the mainland, insects and whatever can just as easily get caught in someones bbackpack or suitcase on a plane.

Thus far the only invasive species are the lawyers trying to get rich of this chaos.

Peope on Oahu no longer want anyone from Kauai visiting them, why should we be entitled to their airport, hospital and shopping centers? like jet fuel isn't toxic? Give me a break...

Please check the Honolulu Advertiser and Honolulu Star Bulletin Letters to editor, 90% think Kauia has gone mad.

You are using the superferry as a scapegoat for all what you see as bad.

Please respect our Governor... G-d Bless & A Hui Hou, James "Kimo" Rosen

P.S. you are welcome to send my response to anybody you wish...

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From: Vaughn Parongao [westsidenalusurfer@yahoo.com]

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

To: testimony

The SuperFerry would offer an option for my family to save money when we take our extended visits with family and for athletic tournaments on Oahu. It is greatly needed for families and youth organizations!

Mahalo,
Vaughn P. Parongao

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From: Georgietta K. Chock [gkchock@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I'M IN TOTAL UPPORT OF THE SUPER FERRY

My name is Georgietta K. Chock and I am a 67 year old resident of the State of Hawaii. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPER FERRY!

During the past several months, I have read and responded to the shameful and outrageous actions of our neighbor island residence, or should I say MAINLAND TRANSPORTS, with disgust. I'm not against any nationality and love the blends in our islands, but this situations shows something very wrong that everyone needs to look at and wake up. How can you and members of our Legislature allow but a FEW NON-LOCALS to ruin it for us true islanders. These individuals have come to Hawaii, taken over island lands on every island and have caused so much problems in the name of enviromentalist - that's bull. They are the problem not the Super Ferry. They are the pollution and discord on Kauai, Maui, Hawaii and on Oahu - not the Super Ferry and a few locals are, again, being led down the wrong path. Do they believe that drugs and stealing occur only on Oahu - give me a break! No sooner they spoke on drugs coming onto their island - news breaks that drugges are arrest on Kauai. What a joke! The locals say they are fighting for their aina - really? Then wake up and stop these so-called transports from leading you in the wrong direction. It's not your land they are trying to protect, it's their's now - just like in the old days!

Our airports are too crowded and the harassment one must go through before and after vacation is unbearable. I would rather get on a cruise ship to travel the world then an airplane. Our family has discontinued going to the neighborlands because (1) we can't get the flight times we want, (2) we can't get rental cars and they are too expenseive and (3) we can't fine a hotel that we can afford because of the tourist industry on the neighbor islands. With the Super Ferry that will at least give us a mode to travel and a vehicle to use while visiting. The hotel or motel, is only one problem instead of three.

In reading today's Advertiser under the Editorials - Page 6 - ISLAND VOICES - this says it all! Kauai and Maui protestors along with the Sierra Club (again run by transports) should put the blame where it originated from - the SUPREME COURTS! If like the article says - they had responded in a timely fashion and not waited for two years - all of this would have been avoided - i say, SHAME, SHAME on our Supememe Courts! They should be fined! To blame the Super Ferry Management or Governor is so wrong. NO COMPANY can start any business in Hawaii unless they are given the OKAY. Millions will be lost by the Super Ferry not to say the taxes that we will have to shoulder and the many jobs that will be lost - such a shame and waste and we will be left with nothing! Let's put an end to this nightmare before our reputation and image are totally ruined around the world. Not only will millions be wasted with the Super Ferry leaving us, but the millions that have been spent on promoting Hawaii throughout the world will go down the drain. It's a two-fold incident occurring folks - pay attention! situation and it will not get better. Get on with it and go back to lowering our property taxes, improve our transportation problems, keep Oahu a clean place to live, stop the increasing developments throughout Oahu, help us to be able to buy our own homes and help to stop the outrageous rental increases going on on Oahu. We are truly being priced out of everything which is the bases of our Homeless situation and it will not get better! Forcus on the underline issues, then you'll start to see improvements.

What a better way to see if these activist or environmentalist are right - put the Super Ferry afloat and see if any damages occur to our oceans and lands. I guarantee there will be none! The best example is Alaska. Cruise ships have been sailing their waters for years and I've never heard that their enviorment or whales have been hurt.

You all need to hear the voices of the MAJORITY who really count and not just the few!

3543 A McCorriston Street
 Honolulu, Hi 96815
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From: david matthews [davemkokamielectric@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:12 AM

To: testimony

The Superferry to me is a breakthrough in transportation for the residents for the state of Hawaii. For me I work in the construction trade and when I work outer island it is a hassel to catch a early morning flight so I can rent a car, pick-up the supplies. It would be easier for me to put my truck on the Supperferry and all the supplies I need is right there. Its not like we are taking jobs away from contractors on that island because we do work for certain companies often on Maui, Kauai, and the Big island. For residents on these islands to say don't want the Superferry on their island is selfish. We all know they come to Oahu to shop and visit and the same for residents of Oahu. Only now instead of paying too much for rental cars and airline tickets we can ship our own cars if we stay for long trips. It would also be good for the economy for outer island stores and hotels.

Don't let a small percentage of taxpayers ruin a good thing for the majority of us taxpayers.

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT!!!!!!

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From: Al-Lee Walker [alleewalker@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I totally support the Hawaii superferry, the superferry should be allowed to operate during the environmental impact statement is being conducted. I really don't know what the big deal is, By disallowing this form of transportation is a big step backwards for our Hawaiian culture. We are so far behind the rest of the country in so many ways. I travel a lot to outer island and I welcome the Superferry!

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From: leo odegard [odegard001@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:11 AM

To: testimony

please consider allowing ferry for those of us that plainly see it as a benifit and not a liability

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From: IFLYUASEA@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ferry Service

Greetings,

As a longtime member of the Travel agent and airline employee's sector of the mainland economy, I must vigorously defend the concept of ferry service between the Hawaiian islands. The statement that comes to mind, "it is about time"!

In my hometown of Seattle WA, we have had ferry service across the Puget Sound for over 100 years. It is a safe and efficient manner to move large numbers of vehicles and peoples. I appreciate also that this is not a government sponsored entity, it is private industry, meeting a known need for the citizens of Hawaii.

In conclusion, I wish to offer my full support for the inter-island ferry service. And ask that you place those against this service in the their given place, out of this debate!

Sincerely,

Robert D Pierce
Seattle WA

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From: Wilette Andrade [wilettea@gentryhawaii.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:18 AM

To: testimony

I am in support of the Super Ferry. With my large family (6), it is a blessing in disguise to have options to choose from to visit family members on the other islands. Traveling only by air has created a hardship. We no longer can afford to do much traveling and have resorted to sending photos and calling. The Super Ferry will bring many new horizons to Hawaii's economy. It is inevitable that we will need change and this should be truly welcomed. We, the tax payers, have already spent so much money on it and if it does not stay here, WE will continue to pay for it and have nothing to show. What a waste of money and time for everyone. I WANT THE SUPER FERRY TO STAY AND OPPERATE DURING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY AND MANY MORE YEARS AFTER THAT.

Wilette Lum
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

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From: Tom Witt [tom.witt@graylinehawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:43 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha, I am in support of the Superferry and wish it to be able to run while an EA is in progress. I find it amazing that such a small number of our population have effectively taken the rights of the many away. I also find it odd that this group that call themselves environmentalists, have taken that title and used it in such a way that the press refers to them as if they have credibility and hold some kind of degree or credentials of training. Many are alarmist and show up whenever there is a protest. They protest whatever is the popular movement of the day. Kauai people for the most part are quiet, humble, and respectful. What you have seen from the protesters is not what Kauai represents. This segment of our population is new to Kauai. The lack of respect they have shown to others who do not share their views is deplorable. The majority can not be heard over the noise and disrespect shown by these few. The majority listen with respect and class. When they try to speak they are shouted down by this disrespectful low class few. It is disgusting that it has been allowed to continue at every gathering. What I find threatening to our state is what the Superferry has exposed. We are no longer a united island state; it appears we are now a separated island state. We as a State should have open borders and freedom of movement within our State. When the airlines were affordable we traveled from island to island with ease enjoying what each island had to offer. We were closer as a State a few years ago. Today with the airlines being so expensive and the airports not being user friendly residents now do not travel thru out the State as we used to. We are more apt to go to the mainland than to a neighbor islands, the fares are not that much different.

When I listen to the protesters and their arguments concerning the environment erode away under scrutiny, they then turn their arguments towards keeping others off Kauai. It's as if they think of Kauai as a Gated Community. This is sad to think that this group considers Kauai as their private domain. In another State such as Michigan this would be the same as putting gates around Detroit so that the City folk could not get out and contaminate the surrounding country. We as a State need to free up travel between islands to bring us closer together as a State once again. I would be willing to bet that most of the protesters have a very short residency here in Hawaii. They have claimed Kauai as their Gated Community.

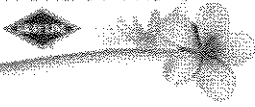
Many are wealthy and this makes me wonder why Senator Hooser and Representative Morita have both changed their agenda in mid stream. I also find it disturbing that Council woman Yukimura has used her position to gain audience at the Capitol. She does not represent all of Kauai and certainly not me. You may have noticed that very few locals are amongst the protesters. Don't let the 60,000 plus here on Kauai have our right to travel on the Superferry taken away by a few hundred noisy, disrespectful protesters. We are a democracy and rights of the many should not be dictated by the noisy few.

Mahalo,

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testimony

From: Harry Rabin [htrabin@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please allow the Superferry to begin service to Kauai & neighboring Islands

Senate Committees:

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

The SuperFerry is a tremendous benefit to those of us who live here in Hawaii. Please allow them to continue service and lets all work together and keep the lines of communication open so we can improve it's impact on our island lifestyle. Change is a good thing and any problems that may arise due to this service can be discussed in open forums and through state government

Best regards,
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If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music.
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testimony

From: Rgh0448@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:44 AM
To: testimony
Cc: sdullum@holynativity-hi.org
Subject: Superferry testimony

Dear legislators

I am a life long resident of the state of Hawaii and proud of it. I can not sit idle and not support the Superferry it means so much to so many of us to be able to travel for the first time between Islands with our own vehicles and family.

To those that have a problem with the whales being struck in shallow waters I can identify but please consider those who testify and have run there own whale watch programs all these many years and have struck whales themselves kinda like the pot calling the kettle black.

The Superferry has taken into account the shallow water problem and deep water problem with look outs and sophisticated electronic equipment according to the information I have read and is available to all.

To those that feel their cultural fishing grounds, river rock, flora and fauna, and all that is Maui, Kauai and the Big Island is being invaded. They need to take into account that neighbor islanders have been flying to there Islands for years on umpteen flights per day and fishing, opihi picking, rock gathering, (has anyone stopped a load of river rock on Young Brothers?) , hapu ferns and other items(just go to Young Brothers some day and watch what arrives to and from each outer Island. Oh by the way look at every ship and mainland barge that arrives as well as every foreign ship that arrives with heavy equipment, cars, and the like that spread even more foreign species to our Islands. Remember what is good for the goose is good for the gander in any of you decisions.

What seems like a few people who have some idea that their life is going to change because of the Superferry and choose to run it into the ground I am saddened by there lack of fore thought. Reality is that we are Hawaii an Island State and our taxes support the whole not just the individual Islands. We all as Children of the Land have a right to share in each Islands beauty all the ferry will do is give us and alternative to flying and renting a car which we all do now. I can assure you that for every car the ferry brings it will be taking away a similar number and guess what there will be fewer rental cars on the road.

Please stop and think before you act and allow the Superferry to continue but if you choose to require the 29 stipulations then make Matson, Horizon, Young Brothers, and every airline responsible for checking for invasive species as well. We will have to do what we have always done, all of us, foot yet another bill to make sure we are the most expensive state in the nation to live in.

Sincerely,
Robert Hogan

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testimony

From: Sherry Mossman [ndptjb_07@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In support of the Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

I am writing in support for the Hawaii Superferry. I have been looking forward to this for awhile and would be very disappointed if it was not able to sail. My family and I are active voters and are watching this Special Legislative Session very carefully. We are all in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

Sherry Mossman

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From: Bernard Uy [bernard@walltowall.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Hawaii Superferry

RE: Hawaii Superferry Special Session

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

Oct. 23, 2007

To whom it may concern,

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

I feel that the Hawaii Superferry will provide an effective way to connect the residents of Hawaii that can only help our State's future. An opportunity like this does not come along often. Please consider it.

-Bernard Uy

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testimony

From: Matsumoto, Eric [ematsumoto@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

Aloha Committee members:

I would like to add my support to the majority of names that are supporting the operation of the Superferry in the 50th State. We call Hawaii a diversified state and the Superferry is another diversify way of transportation for the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo.

Eric Matsumoto

testimony

From: Kalea Hinau [hookilio@hotmail.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT OF SUPER FERRY!

- **John and Sharon Moraes**
- **P. O. Box 612**
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- **Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:42 a.m.**

ATTENTION SENATE COMMITTEES:

1. **Judiciary and Labor**
2. **Transportation and International Affairs**
3. **Energy and Environment**

Aloha Senators,

Both my wife and I are in support of the SUPER FERRY! As an island state where most of our supplies are provided by ocean transport, we have long neglected the opportunities and incentives of ocean travel between our islands for our people. Our Hawaiian ancestors used this method of travel for centuries. Sailing between the islands today offers a viable alternative to air transportation for those persons fearful of flying and for many people that seek a less expensive mode of transport.

Sincerely,

John and Sharon Moraes

testimony

From: PAMELA SANCHEZ [pamjen99@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:46 AM
To: testimony
Cc: pamjen99@msn.com
Subject: Concerned Citizen for the Superferry

My name is Pamela Sanchez, I reside @ 45-330 Nakuluai St., Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744.

I am in favor of the Superferry here is Hawaii. I believe it is a good source of economy and revenue for our State. The option of having of the ferry vs. flying on an aircraft and being able to have your own vehicle go with you to an outerisland is fantastic.

My testimony is to vote in favor of the Superferry and to get it operating as soon as possible is the key.

For all of the effort and money spent to get this project going was an enormous effort on both the State and the Superferry Corporation then to let it go at this point would be a travisty.

Hawaii needs another mode of transportation to the outer islands both to and from Oahu, and the option to use this form of transportation versus flying is such a great enhancement to Hawaii.

This is for OUR PEOPLE who live here and for OUR USE as a State not only for tourist but for OUR people as a whole. I think it would bring much economy to all the islands as a whole.

Why would we want to kill any species of marine life or damage our enviornment, that is just crazy. For that matter then, we need to stop all forms of ship movement in our waters, like the MATSON barges that provide goods to these outer islands or the barges that take cars to and from the outer islands as they all share the water for travel to and from the different ports. And these people who don't want the Ferry to come to their ports, then I believe I do not want these people flying into our island (Oahu) for their i.e. shopping needs or visiting their family here on Oahu, as you know we have so much people here that our little island may not be able to withstand all the extra traffic.

Things can get so confused and crazy for such meanis because a small few don't want change or any good to profit anyone but themselves.

This may be a very simplistic way of coming across but so are these people and their thoughts about this situation.

Again, myself and my family are in favor of the Superferry and wish that the Governor and Legislature will do as they need to within the laws and get this great entity going again. Let alone recouping our dignity in the business community inside and outside of our State and to the World that Hawaii is a force to be reckon with in the business world and not coming off as shabby and so seemingly misinformed and unorganized as a unit for business to take place. We need to come around and get all of our P's and Q's together as a State, Community and People and get back into business and make this project come thru for the benefit of everyone.

Thank You,
Pamela R. Sanchez

10/23/2007

testimony

From: ODA, GINA [GinaOda@allstate.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of SuperFerry

Aloha! I'm sure you are being inundated with e-mails so I'll make this brief.

I believe the SuperFerry needs to stay in Hawaii. The Hawaii people need the competition for travel options or we will be gauged by prices again and again. I moved to the Big Island years ago and thanks to Go! airlines I am able to inexpensively visit my family on Oahu. I was ecstatic to learn that the SuperFerry was coming to Hawaii so that I won't be the relative that the kids don't know. Cost of car rentals can really hit our pockets.

I'm sure we can figure this out to satisfy all parties. I understand we have a delicate ecosystem, however, look at the ferries in Canada and Washington. They have more whales including orca's than we do here and they work perfectly without any damage to the animals.

Thank you for your time! Again, I am in complete support of the SuperFerry.

Mahalo,

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From: John Campbell [jrnc4684@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I strongly believe that for the sake of future business for Hawaii we should allow the ferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. The Superferry operators relied on what they had been told – that an EIS was not necessary. Future business ventures in Hawaii need to be able to rely on what they are told.

Anyway, I believe that to have waited until now, with millions of dollars committed and the ferry ready to sail, before challenging the matter in court is grossly irresponsible. Opponents of the ferry should simply be told they should have spoken up sooner. It is now too late. I do not even believe an EIS should be required at this stage.

Please distribute this personal opinion 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

Yours – John Campbell

testimony

From: EUNICE PAGLINAWAN [repugs@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In support of the Superferry!!!

Dear Senators and House of Representatives.

It is my sincere hope and expectation that you allow the Superferry to sail. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make the hearing. But, I want you to know that the **outspoken minority who have been very vocal in their protests about the Superferry do not represent the majority of us in Hawaii who are looking forward to having the Superferry as another very valuable means of transportation.** Their loud jeers, negative behaviors and disrespect of the people who tried to voice their opinion at the hearings in favor of the ferry (even their disrespectful of Governor Lingle) represent how insensitive and narrow-minded they are. They seem to be grasping for and giving every possible reason that they can think of to prevent the ferry from sailing. But, **please, please remember that we had the same type of protests against the H-3 freeway and the reef runway and both of those have proven to be very worthwhile and now people are so appreciative and thankful that we have the H-3 freeway and reef runway.**

As a constituent and voter, I would be terribly disappointed if you vote against the Superferry sailing as you would only be giving credence and validation to the outspoken few who have self-serving and narrow-minded interests or protest for the sake of protesting. You will also be concurring with their negative viewpoints and behaviors. They would only learn that being loud, obnoxious and forceful enough are most effective in getting you (our legislature) to eventually give in to them.

Please vote in favor of allowing the Superferry to sail!!! Thank you! for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,
Eunice Paglinawan

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From: Marie Winner [winnerm001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:46 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry

It is perfectly clear that the majority of the people in Hawaii want and need the Superferry. Hawaii should not be ruled by the majority....we are not only losing business credibility but our Aloha. Never have so few made so many look so bad. Please fix this problem....get the Superferry afloat now and help restore the Aloha.

Kurt Winner
Honolulu, HI

10/23/2007

testimony

From: sanoe garcia [nicolesanoe@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: My Voice

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

Good Morning,

I would like to voice my opinion on why I think the Super Ferry should resume thru the hawaiian islands.

The only island that I think may seem to have the BIGGEST problem is Kauai and I was born and raised on the wonderful island of Kauai. The people there are awesome but just afraid of change. I left the island two years ago because I couldn't find good work and I wanted a CHANGE. This will make a change happen and offer more opputunities for those who want to stay on Kauai but just wants more.

To get to my point, I think this Super Ferry will be a GREAT CHANGE for the people not only of Kauai but of all islands because it will provide support for everyone big and especially SMALL. I think this is great because it will give people more options in everything.

The Ferry will let people enjoy life and get to explore what else is out there. Alot of people on Kauai talks about change and that Kauai is boring well here is your chance to start something new and something that may change the lives of people and change the way people think. People are afraid that this "thing" might take away from small business but these small business's can start to expand and be "Big" too with the help of this ferry... Everyone wants things to be "Simple" in life and here it is! Here is Hawaii's change and Hawaii's way of living a "Simple" life... Everyone needs to except this change and watch what this may bring to Hawaii. If this doesn't work then hey, "If we can bring this in, then we can take it out"

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From: Morse, Kalani A. [kam@torkildson.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support

I support the superferry. Please do what you can to preserve this transportation option for our citizens.

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testimony

From: KC at Romance.travel [KC@Romance.travel]
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To: testimony
Subject: Judiciary & Labor Senate Committee: We Support Hawaii Superferry!
Importance: High

Judiciary & Labor Senate Committee: We Support Hawaii Superferry!

Senate Committees:

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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This shall serve as email testimony in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

We have long awaited the Superferry in Hawaii for personal and business reasons:

- The Superferry is a cost-effective alternative to current interisland air travel.
- The Superferry is a more pleasant alternative experience to travel than the hassle to fly.
- The Superferry negates our necessity to rent a vehicle when traveling interisland.
- The Superferry enables us to transport our family, pets and goods when traveling intrastate.

We support the environmental impact study, but wish that the Superferry be permitted to conduct business while the study takes place. After all, Matson barges and large leisure cruise ships are permitted to conduct business in our waters for generations now. How did those environmental impact studies turn out?

Mahalo for hearing our voices,

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testimony

From: JLinster@eagle.org
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To: testimony
Subject: Statement in favor of the Superferry

Gentlemen,

I believe that the State of Hawaii is thwarting a great opportunity to service its citizens to travel about the islands of the state.

It is quite dumbfounding to note that another EIS is required to allow another boat to enter harbors that already allow various types of marine vessels to transit the harbor. It brings to mind that the state DMV should have separate requirements for each model and make

of automobile to travel on our highways and streets.

It appears that the state of Hawaii is succumbing to the wishes of a minority of people who resent change and improvements.

It sort of conjures up a comparison of the United States versus the third world countries, only with a little more polished approach to stifling change for the greater good.

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testimony

From: Rose O'Connor [Rose@europeanworldtravel.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of the Super Ferry

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

In strong support of the *continual* operation of the Super Ferry here in our Hawaiian waters, I kindly ask that you remove the court's restraining order on the Super Ferry. While favorable considerations on conducting an environment impact is debatable, it is *not debatable* for the people of Hawaii to lose jobs and forfeit a means of transportation for many who cannot or are unable to fly by aircraft in order to visit family, friends and conduct inter-island business.

The precedent of environmental issues should never outweigh the human element that our State purportedly boasts to protect and serve. The shenigans of pointing fingers at each other and at the Department of Transportation is *unproductive to our welfare and economy*.

The Super Ferry is here! Let's utilize this beautiful and new state of the art venue to provide a great alternative service to Hawaii residents on ALL islands. In the long run, this company will be an enhancement to our means of transportation, just as the car rental, airlines, and other air & water crafts vehicles presently contribute to our overall economy. Hypocrisy does nothing but expose your own shortcomings. Embrace the new means of Hawaii inter-island transportation and allow the 300 plus employees to return to their jobs before the Christmas Holiday.

What a great gift of Aloha you will provide to them, their families and the people of Hawaii

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who support the use and operation of the Super Ferry.

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Good morning Senators:

My name is Erna Kamibayashi. I was born and raised on Kauai. I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe that they should be given a chance to operate in Hawaii.

I was thrilled when I boarded the Superferry on the day they came to Kauai to allow people to tour. What I was fascinated with was the handicapped facilities they offer for handicap travelers. I have a handicapped relative sustained with oxygen. To travel by plane would be very difficult. The red tape to work with oxygen is one of the many problems handicapped travelers need to deal with. Another barrier is if they wanted to use the bathroom during the plane flight it would be impossible. The ferry would be a more comfortable uncomplicated way for handicapped people to travel. The bathroom facility is wonderful. Oxygen could be carried right on to the ferry. There is a lot of space to maneuver a wheel chair and the surroundings are comfortable. The ferry offers an opportunity of choice. A choice we are entitled to have. A few very verbal citizens are rallying to try to take away this choice from the majority.

I listened to some of the testimony shown on TV. It was obvious that the few that were in support of the ferry were being attacked by the ones that don't support it. This is why many people would not show up in person to testify because the public sitting there would not allow them to have the freedom to express their views without being verbally attacked. Unfortunately supporters in favor of the ferry have not had anyone strong to rally them together. This does not mean we do not have supporters. The ferry has many supporters. The polls taken by the Honolulu Advertiser attest that there are many supporters.

On Sunday I also saw the news that talked about the rate increases on Young Brothers. A few years ago, I bought a vehicle from Oahu and needed to transport it to Kauai. It cost me almost \$200 to ship it to Kauai and I needed to wait almost six weeks to receive the vehicle. If the Superferry was in operation I would have been able to get the vehicle home to Kauai in a few days for way less money.

It's so much easier to see the negatives versus the positives. Like everything there are two views. You have listened to the views of one side. We that sit on the other side have our views also.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak my side.

Much Aloha,

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testimony

From: Leslie O'Connor [leslieo54@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:46 AM
To: testimony; leslieo54@hotmail.com
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Support

I would like to speak out in support of the Hawaii Superferry, which I believe will offer a competitively priced alternative for inter-island travel. Especially in light of the recent allegations made against the carrier driving down inter-island flight prices, I am worried that those deeply discounted prices we are now enjoying will disappear and prices for flights will increase to beyond where they were before the fare wars. As a single professional traveler, I would be able to pay those prices, but what is to say that lower-income travelers and those with families would be able to as well? Higher prices could keep them from visiting family and loved ones on our neighbor islands, and that would be a shame.

I also feel that a large portion of the protesters of the Superferry are doing it not based on an informed position, but by preying on people's concerns for the environment in these Al Gore, Nobel Peace Prize times. If there is an environmental reason for the Superferry not to run, then don't let it run. But if we are *imagining* that there is an environmental reason for it not to run and stopping it before we know, doesn't that violate some very basic American tenets? I realize we're talking about an entity rather than an individual, but I'd like to think that the presumption of innocence is pretty universal.

Thanks for your consideration,

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testimony

From: Darlene DePonte [darz223@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM

To: testimony

Subject: I am in Support of the Superferry

To whom it may concern,

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

I believe the Superferry is good for our economy and is a great alternative for interisland travel. The Superferry is giving employment to hundreds of local people where as the airlines (Hawaiian) are laying off hundreds and thousands of local employees and giving those jobs to people in other countries.

We need the Superferry in Hawaii.

**Thank you,
Darlene DePonte**

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testimony

From: David Loo [hawaiiadjusters@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: hawaii superferry

I totally support the running of the ferry. According to an experienced fisherman, the hull of the ferry actually pushes the waves away from the ferry and would likewise do the same for the whale(s). The thoughts of those irresponsible "environmentalists" are so demeaning to the majority of Hawaii residents who would enjoy the alternative form of interisland travel. I cannot get those pictures of those protestors on Kauai who had the nerve to let the air out of the tire of one of cars which "dared" to spoil their special island. And there were those who proceeded to terrorize those in the cars by pounding on the windows and the car itself...There may have been more criminal acts which were not captured on film....Thank goodness we were not held captive by those people. Were they really from the State of Hawaii?!?!?

There's more, but at least you know, generally, how I feel.

Linda Loo

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Ian Foo [ianfoo@hypr.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: LET the SuperFerry FREE Hawaii residents from being Island Bound

Our Honored State Leaders,

Please do NOT let the self interest of a FEW people stop the other 99.9% of Hawaii residents that want to have travel options do so. If the ones against the Superferry have a problem, they can just NOT use the service instead of PREVENTING the rest of us from using it.

Stand UP for the SILENT MAJORITY – We have full time jobs and are not paid by Young Brothers or Matson to picket !! Aloha

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testimony

From: Wesley W. Ichida [wes@loio.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Judge Randal K.O. Lee

Dear Chairman Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

For 36 years, I have been a civil trial lawyer, representing some mainland insurance companies, business entities and individuals, both plaintiffs and defendants. I have never written to any body concerning a judicial nomination before, but feel compelled to do so about Judge Randy Lee. His understanding of not only complex transactions and backgrounds of cases, but also the parties and their customs and traditions, are outstanding and far exceeds the average. His insight into the parties and attorneys involved has always been right on the mark. He always has a firm grasp of the applicable law. His interaction with the parties and lawyers was always courteous and professional, but firm. Of course, his judicial demeanor was likewise always professional, but firm. In short, he is an outstanding Judge in every respect.

The only regret I have is that even though he is now on the criminal calendar, we civil trial lawyers will not have to pleasure and benefit of practicing before such an outstanding Trial Judge when the judges rotate.

I strongly urge the approval of Judge Randal K.O. Lee.

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testimony

From: christopher.j.wilson@cummins.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:00 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

This for support on the Superferry to travel from Island to Island. I work for a company that is in the trucking business. We sale trucks, engines, and generators to various customers on all of the islands. We also do the service for the things we sale. The Superferry will provide faster delivery time to our valuable customers that need the product as soon as possible. This also in the future will help us better do the repairs needed on the outer island due to the fact that we can now ship the truck with his tools and parts along with the tech. in one shot. So I and my company support the Superferry in any possible way.

Thanks

10/23/2007

testimony

From: maria caprio [locations@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT OF THE SUPER FERRY

PLEASE COUNT ME IN AS ONE WHO SUPPORTS THE SUPPER FERRY.

OF COURSE WE HAVE TO GUARD AND PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT BUT IN PICKING ON THIS ONE BUSINESS, IT SEEMS TO ME ONLY FAIR TO DEMAND THE SAME STRINGENT RULES FOR ALL AIRLINES & BOATS, BARGES MAKING ANY CONTACT WITH ALL OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS -

IF THE SUPER FERRY IS STOPPED, THEM ALL OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS SHOULD BE STOPPED UNTIL THEY ALSO COMPLY WITH THE SAME RULES & REGULATIONS.

MAHALO,

MARIA CAPRIO
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testimony

From: Zeta Belinda [zameenah2001@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Hi!

I support inter-island ferry while the statement is being drawn up. Thank you.

Zeta Shearill

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testimony

From: Warner Kimo Sutton [sabc.kimo@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry bill

Aloha,

I am a Kama'aina Na Keki o Ka Aina, who so wants to see the Superferry sail. While the super minority that oppose this bill have very vocal and rude methods I am humbly asking for your support.

I have traveled both by sea and air between our islands and know that the ferry will give not only a different perspective, but also a choice to all that need a ferry. All that want the ferry in Hawaii are more than a super majority. Let Hawaii have the Superferry.

I have traveled to far away lands that use ferries and have found them a great treat compared to Hāwāii. They include Australia, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Italy, France, England, Canada, and New York to name a few. I also know that seeing the islands from the sea will bring you such pleasure that you will want to visit our neighbor islands. Just to take a trip to Maui and see Molokai and Lanai can be a new insight to feel as the first explorers and polynesians who came upon this paradise. Have you any idea how the past generations got to the other islands before air travel-by ship and way before by canoe.

Sea Flight was not a true ferry, not carrying vehicles, but was spectacular in the journey. It went 55 knots and did not kill whales. In fact the boat went by too quickly to watch any one whale for long. This ferry at least will give a great view of them and go much slower. It will help even the vocal minority in many aspects of their lives. We can have more local affordable produce, more small business, better knowledge of the sea, and time to meet people one on one sitting next to you for a few hours. A lot of Aloha.

I love the aina and kai and ask for your approval of this bill. Please Kokua.

Mahalo,

Warner Kimo Sutton
Member of Ka'iwi Action Council
Delegate, 1978 Constitution Convention

testimony

From: INEZ HAGEMANN [inezp001@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

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

For many years, before the airplanes arrived in Hawaii there were ships (Interisland Steamship) that went between the islands regularly; on a schedule like the Superferry is proposing. Those ships took passengers, cargo, etc and should have been allowed to continue. The popular thinking then was that planes could do all that Interisland Steamship did. As we have learned over those many years, the Islands need more ways to move people between islands than just planes.

The smokescreen put up by the "environmentalists" about saving the whales, invasive species, etc. is just that...a smokescreen. All of their arguments are like water in a net. The coqui frogs made it to the Big Island from the labs at the UH Manoa....on what, a ferry, or did they swim? The outer islands are concerned about people from Oahu coming and stealing all their precious opihi, or crime increasing; they should wake up and see it can happen without a ferry. After seeing how the ferries operate between the State of Washington and British Columbia; Hawaii is missing out on all the possibilities of families and friends getting together more often, and easier. Since we are one state composed of many islands, the ferry would help unite us in a way we have not seen since Interisland Steamship days! Bruce Pfeiffer, my father sailed for Interisland in those days and he was a big supporter of the first ferry system that tried to start in the 1980's.

Thank you for listening.

Paul and Inez (Pfeiffer) Hagemann
44-397 Nilu St #2
Kaneohe
Written at 9:36 am 10/23/2007

testimony

From: Daisy Carbone [yodi.2@netzero.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm in support of having the Superferry here in Hawaii. Not only will it help with commuter transports and helping to lesson our already crowded traffic commutes, I'm sure a lot of people were anticipating another mode of transportation.

I and many of my friends are looking forward to using it to explore other islands surround our beautiful Oahu. Not only for sightseeing and business ventures, there are a lot of jobs that will help boost Hawaii's economy.

As far as environmental issues, the whole commotion about this little ferry being a detriment to the global aspects of the world, it is TINY in comparison to all the nuclear waste that goes on in other parts of the world which had far more impact than this ---remember Chernobyl??????

Sincerely,

Daisy Carbone
Mililani

"Good people will be remembered as a blessing" Proverbs 10:7

testimony

From: Phylis Toguchi [designerdispatch@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for providing "we the people" a time to speak out...we are in total support of the superferry and what this could mean for the islands.

Our family lives on Kauai and we have land ties there, but flying has always been a process for us. This superferry would enable us to have the freedom to take our whole family on trips.

We are prayerful that your committee will make the right decision for the State of Hawaii.

With Much Mahalo,
The Toguchi Family
Bob, Phylis & Mimi
Grandma & Grandpa

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testimony

From: BCameliKona@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: RE: Support for The Superferry

To Members of:
The Judiciary and Labor
Transportation & International Affairs
And Energy & Enviorment

Re: Support for The Superferry

To Whom It May Concern;

Having lived and worked in Hawaii for nearly 37 years, I don't believe that I've ever seen an issue divide the people and the Islands as drastically as the arrival of The Superferry.

I firmly believe the advantages of having such a transportation system available as a life-line between the Islands far outways any enviornmental issues. Ferry systems have operated sucessfully over the years bringing people to jobs and goods to people in such pristine areas as the San Juan Islands in the state of Washington, without killing the protected Killer Whales or adversely polluting the waters sorrounding these beautiful Islands.

To think that a brand new state-of-the-art vessel such as "The Superferry" is going to cause more damage to our Eco-System than all of the other vessels sailing in and out of Hawaii's waters is rediculous. And the spread of Invasive Species is no more likely to occur than it is on the inter-island barges or flights.

As far as traffic is concerned, the same amount will come and go with each sailing, same as with the traffic occuring with each and every inter-island flight.

Please consider the following benefits; allowing the travel of;

- Construction Company Crews and Equipment
- School Sports Teams, Equipment and Buses
- People With Disabilities who are unable to fly
- Visiting Church Groups and Buses
- Emergency Crews and Equipment
- Produce from Local Farms
- Farm and Rodeo Events just to name a few.

I say let's give this thing a chance and add another mode of transportation to the Hawaiian Islands enabling everyone the opportunity to explore and enjoy what each Island has to offer. Who knows it might even bring us closer together.

Count me as one of the silent majority.
Barbara Cameli
Kailua Kona, HI

October 23,2007
9:45 A.M.

After reading this letter please add my name as a supporter.
Raynette Young
Kailua Kona, HI
October 23,2007

10/23/2007

9:00 A.M.

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testimony

From: CHAD DEPONTE [chadz27@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I am in support of the Superferry

To whom it may concern,

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

I believe the Superferry is good for our economy and is a great alternative for interisland travel. The Superferry is giving employment to hundreds of local people where as the airlines (Hawaiian) are laying off hundreds and thousands of local employees and giving those jobs to people in other countries.

We need the Superferry in Hawaii.

Thank you,
Chad DePonte

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

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testimony

From: Diana Schommer [dschommer@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: hawaii superferry

i am in favor of the superferry. please vote to allow the superferry to begin operating as soon as possible. i do not believe that the superferry will hurt the environment as much as the host of cruse ships that are allowed to operate in hawaiian waters. who is really behind the opposition? i believe those people have another agenda and are using the environment and the judicial system to restrict open trade. please vote to give us, the majority of the people, this additional form of transportation between the islands.

thank you.

cliff schommer

testimony

From: Elizabeth Hansen [lihansen@ksbe.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for SuperFerry

My family and I want interisland transportation choices and the Hawai'i SuperFerry is a transportation alternative that we feel would benefit the residents and businesses of Hawai'i and bring many benefits to the State. We support a special session of the Hawai'i State Legislature to identify a solution that would enable Hawai'i SuperFerry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

Mahalo nui,
Elizabeth L. Hansen

testimony

From: steve keller [klrbros7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry

I completely support the needed Superferry. Those opposed seem to have an agenda that is not in line with what everyone I know wants. We will be extremely disappointed if the Superferry does not succeed. Please do what is necessary to help the Superferry succeed. Thank you.

Sincerely, Stephen Keller

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testimony

From: Lydia [sp2lydia@aloha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super ferry

Please allow the Super Ferry to remain in business by allowing it to operate. After traveling to New Zealand and seeing our Polynesian cousins operate so smoothly, I highly recommend a Ferry service for our Islands. Can't we use the EIS that was done for the cruise liners as a basis for the upcoming one? I am sure they did one, didn't they? As far as invasive species we can use the EIS done by the airlines, they did one, didn't they? If they did not why are we singling out the Super Ferry?

I don't want our state to be sued for doing the fair thing (giving the ferry permission to run without a EIS). We just can not afford it.

Hopefully in the future we will see a solar powered ferry, but until then let's give these guys a chance. Doing business in Hawaii is difficult enough and barring the Ferry would send a message to the world that we are not open to innovative solutions to our transportation problems.

Respectfully yours,

Lydia Alvarez
Alfonso Alvarez
Mary Lou Brown
Kevin W. Smith

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FAX 440.0350

testimony

From: Laura Tobosa [laurahi2002@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry to continue their services in the state of Hawaii. Having this service will benefit the the neighbor islands tremendously in cost and economics.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Tobosa
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Hilo, Hawaii 96720
e-mail: laurahi2002@yahoo.com

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testimony

From: Quantum-Touch, Ashina [ashina@quantumtouch.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry must get an EIS first, before any more operation.

To Whom it May Concern,

No Superferry until the EIS is successfully performed.

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
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Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

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Ashina
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Kapaa, HI 96746

testimony

From: Hannelarue@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Let the Superferry do it's job!

I hereby testify that we NEED the Superferry and request that you vote for its service! Why would there be such a change, if I flew to Kauai or Maui I would have to rent a car, if I took the Superferry and have my car with me, it would be the same, one more car on the road. And the EIS can be done and I'm certain that the Superferry takes great care not to harm the environment. How about all the ships that cruise around the islands? Let's get this show on the road.

Thank you,
Hanne La Rue

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testimony

From: Lizann [arcklizann@vipahawaii.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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

I'm in support of the Hawaii Superferry for both personal and professional reasons.

With rising costs of airfares between our islands it's hard for our local families to travel within our state.

The Hawaii

Superferry for many will make travel alot easier.

The Hawaii Superferry is for our Kamaaina, the cruise ships that we've already allowed into our ports bring visitors from

far away places and no one has complained about them.

Please accept this my testimony in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

Mahalo,

Lizann Vidinha

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The Arc of Kauai

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testimony

From: Geerling Goosen [geerling@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Superferry

Aloha,

I am a builder and general contractor, specializing in staircases from Island woods. I and my team of trained woodworkers have numerous requests from the other islands to take on projects. We cannot do this because there is no reasonable way to get our tools, equipment and materials, (mostly sustainable eucalyptus and ohia), to the job sites.

With Matson and Young Bros., putting up their rates on a regular basis it makes it too expensive to ship things, and with the restrictions on the airlines, we cannot fly with many of our tools of the trade, even in our checked in luggage, e.g. nail guns, compressors etc., and many of our vehicles are equipped with our work stuff. So cannot be replaced with a rental vehicle, even if we could afford to absorb the costs. We miss out on a lot of work and our potential customers miss out on getting our skilled specialty labor.

I also have family in Oahu and would like to share some of the luau celebrations, but cannot with the cost. So we hardly get to see them.

Mahalo

Geerling Goosen
General Building Contractor
Keauhou-Kona HI
#BC 28286

testimony

From: Sharon Flores [Sharon@shigemura.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am in favor of the Superferry. I think its great for small business as well as an alternate form of interisland commuting.

Sharon Flores

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testimony

From: James Loux [jloux@louxeng.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in support of a bill to allow inter-island ferry operation
Attachments: jloux.vcf

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Hearing held

Monday, October 22, 2007
3:00 p.m.

The residents of Hawaii, including those of us who live on the neighbor islands, need an economically viable ferry operating between the islands. The Legislature creates the laws in this state, not the Governor and not the Judges. We, the majority of residents, expect the Legislature to pass laws that allow an inter-island ferry to be able to operate in an economically successful manner so that we have choices and competition to meet our needs for inter-island travel and shipping. We expect laws that protect our environment without making us vulnerable to being held hostage by a vocal and active minority. The residents of Maui support the ferry operation but are not willing to subject themselves to the rude and abusive behavior of ferry opponents. Do not allow this vocal minority to deny the rest of the residents of Hawaii and Maui the services that are available to people in virtually all other island communities around the world.

Thank you.

James Loux
Kihei, Maui

testimony

From: bonnie morgan [artsyoceanic@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:43 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry bill from Bonnie Morgan

From Bonnie Morgam
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Lahaina, HI 96761 808 669 1612

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

- **It overturns the unanimous Hawaii Supreme Court decision.**
- **It overturns Judge Cardoza's decision indicating potential irreparable harm; he heard 22 days of testimony.**

- **It leaves it to Governor Lingle to create the superferry's operating conditions, BUT - It offers NO specific protections for marine animals.**
 - **It creates NO specific safeguards to protect each island from invasive alien species.**
 - **It makes NO provision to mitigate traffic and harbor congestion.**
 - **It neglects to protect residents from inter-island crime and drug shipments.**
 - **It leaves us vulnerable to theft of natural and cultural resources.**
- (Unfortunately, to-date Governor Lingle has frustrated all efforts to get any mitigation measures.)**

- **It allows the superferry to operate free of HRS 343, the Environmental Protection Act.**

- **It sets up a potentially stacked, 13 month "oversight committee" with NO enforcement capability.**
- **It denies the County any ability to regulate the superferry.**
- **It sets a precedent that our courts may be over-ruled by legislators meeting in a "special session" while the public is given only 2 minutes to comment.**

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

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

MAHALO,

10/23/2007

Superferry Operating Conditions

Submitted to the Legislature on Behalf of Maui Tomorrow

We strongly oppose operation of Hawaii Superferry during the time it takes to prepare an EA or an EIS. Such operations violate unambiguous Hawai'i law. Maui Circuit Court Judge Joseph E. Cardoza correctly found that such operations caused the possibility of irreparable harm to marine mammals and an increased rate of alien species introductions.

Evidence received during the hearings made it obvious that the Hawaii Superferry project "may" have a significant effect on the environment and, as such, a full EIS is required. Legislative recognition of this inevitability is no real concession to environmentalists.

We urge the Legislature not to pass this unconstitutional special legislation benefiting a single business, depriving us of vested Constitutional rights and violating the separation of powers by overruling a judicial decision.

If the Legislature has already decided (a) to convene a special session and (b) to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EA or EIS is being prepared, it would be irresponsible of us to abandon the protection of the environment to the same administration that has been dedicated for many years to minimizing legitimate concerns about the Superferry project.

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

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

CONDITIONS OF OPERATION

Protection on Marine Mammals and Turtles

1. Hawaii Superferry vessels shall travel in routes that are in waters that are in excess of 1000 fathoms.
2. If Hawaii Superferry vessels travel in a route that is in any part in waters less than 1000 fathoms, its vessels shall travel at the NOAA recommended speed of no more than 13 knots. The 13 knot limitation shall be inclusive of the first 10 miles of exists and entrances to Honolulu, Kahului and Nawiliwili harbors. At all times, regardless of fathom depth, the ferry shall travel at lesser speeds than provided above as determined by the Captain to provide safe passage to passengers and to minimize strikes of whales.
3. Should a Hawaii Superferry vessel strike a marine mammal, a written report of

such strike shall be immediately transmitted to NOAA and any other agencies responsible for monitoring and regulating strikes.

4. Hawaii Superferry shall immediately apply for and receive from NOAA an incidental take permit and in engage in Section 7 consultation with NOAA regarding the impacts of its ferry operations on protected marine mammals.

Protection Against Introduction of Alien Species

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

Protection of Customary Native Hawaiian Practices

14. Passengers, upon checking in at a harbor, shall declare whether they intend to camp at any destination island. Hawaii Superferry shall disseminate to all passengers who have declared their intent to camp written rules and procedures

for camping on the destination island.

15. Passengers shall only camp at Federal, State and County campgrounds at destination islands, and then only if they can demonstrate upon checking in that they have obtained in advance permits to camp at those campgrounds.
16. Passengers shall not be permitted to transport to another island cultural or natural resources or products from the ocean, from the shoreline or from the inlands of another island, unless the can demonstrate through a written receipt that the have purchased these items from a legitimate commercial establishment.
17. Should Hawaii Superferry, through the inspection process, discover an attempt to transport natural resources to another island, this transport shall be disallowed and Hawaii Superferry shall immediately notify local DLNR DOCAR officials.

Agricultural Inspections

18. There shall be two (2) qualified Department of Agriculture agricultural inspectors present and participating in agricultural inspections at all times of embarkation and disembarkation at each port. The DOA inspectors shall supervise all HSF screeners.
19. Hawaii Superferry , as an impact fee, shall pa all costs of the agricultural inspectors required in the foregoing paragraph.
20. The State Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Governor, the State Legislature, and the Department of Agriculture shall forthwith allocate positions and funds for the additional agricultural positions necessary to staff the inspection personnel set forth in paragraph 18 above.
21. Hawaii Superferry shall post a bond in the amount of \$40,000,000.00 to reimburse the State for the balance of the funds due, in the event that the Hawaii Superferry does not operate or refuses to follow mitigation measures required b the EIS.

Permission to Operate Applies Only to the Alakai

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

Time Limits

23. Hawaii Superferry shall not be able to utilize the lack of a time deadline in HRS Chapter 343 for the completion of the EIS as a means to keep operating for whatever period of time it may take to prepare an EIS. The Alakai shall not be entitled to operate after the expiration of the last day of the fifteenth (15th) month after the date of the adoption of this legislation.
24. These conditions of operation shall, however, be applicable to any and all Hawaii Superferries irrespective of whether they operate before or after the preparation of the EIS.

Verification of Compliance

- 25. Designated representatives of Plaintiff groups shall be entitled to verify Hawaii Department of Transportation's and Hawaii Superferry's compliance with all the foregoing.
- 26. In order to accomplish the foregoing, the designated representatives of Plaintiffs in Sierra Club et. al. v. HDOT: Civil No. 05-1-0114(3) shall be granted access to all State lands granted at all ports to Hawaii Superferry for its operations

Enforcement of Conditions

- 27. The foregoing conditions of operation may be enforced by the Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i and by Plaintiffs in Sierra Club et .al. v. HDOT: Civil No. 05-1-0114(3).
- 28. These conditions may be enforced in any Circuit Court in the State of Hawaii and the prevailing party shall be entitled to the reimbursement of reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
- 29. An allowable remedy in any such enforcement action shall be the cessation of Hawaii Superferry operations until and unless compliance is achieved with the foregoing condition

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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

Gentlemen;

Being a business owner of an Insurance Agency, I am exposed to the needs of numerous business owners in Hawaii that believe that the Ferry is very important to their mobility along Islands. They need to be able to jump in their vehicles, put tools in their auto and go off to work for the day or a few days on any Island within Hawaii. This is the way that they can make a living. The Ferry should be running daily; there is no better way to get around in Hawaii. If we don't make it easier for our residents to work here, they will go to the mainland for work, especially our young. We need to keep our young men at home in order to insure a healthy and prosperous economy for our aloha state.

With warmest aloha,
Penny

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H. Courtenay

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From: Lizinkona@aol.com
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Aloha, Yes I'm for the ferry I grew up where we depended on ferrys to get us tro Seattle for our doctor appointments football games baskeyt ball games concert and hoilday shopping..... We never hit a whale or Orca wemay have slowed so all onboard could see it. Invasive critters no way the cruise ships that go all over the world would be the culprits there I have witnessed them dumping trash in Alaska waters and sewage also. Yes I'm a registered voter and do live in Hawaii. Please yes let the ferry run between our islands.
Elizabeth Rychlik KONA HI

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My wife and I live in Kona and were appalled to hear that the SuperFerry had been "derailed" by a boisterous few. The technology aboard the ferry, together with the native intelligence of whales, dolphins, etc. render the danger to those creatures minimal at most. Economically, however, the SuperFerry would be an enormous benefit to the kamaaina, giving us an alternative travel method, not to mention the convenience of taking our own vehicle.

Please allow this much-needed service to move forward.

Mahalo,

Baron and Christina Birtcher

Kona, Hawaii

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WE NEED MORE FREEDOM OF CHOICES & WAYS TO MOVE BETWEEN ISLANDS.THE ARGUMENTS TO STOP THE FERRY ABOUT WHALES ARE PRETTY WEAK. AS A BOATER & FISHERMAN OVER THE PAST 30 PLUS YEARS I HAVE SEEN PLENTY WHALES AND NEVER SEEN A PROBLEM.

SAVE THE SUPERFERRY

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From: Sharon Flores [Sharon@shigemura.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:51 AM

To: testimony

I am in favor of the Superferry. I think its great for small business and an alternate for inter-island commuting.

Sharon Flores

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Please support a bill that will permit inter island ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

The State of Hawaii needs an **alternative** inter island mode of transportation other than the 3 airlines that seem to be fighting with each other and on the verge of bankruptcy. The ability to transport our personal vehicle is also a benefit that the airlines do not provide.

The State did not require the Super Ferry to complete the environmental impact statement. If the Super Ferry can't operate in the meantime they will probably default on their loan and sue the State which will **cost the taxpayers money**. Ironically, it was the lender that wanted the environmental impact statement waived to ensure the success of the project.

It makes the State of Hawaii look **anti-business** which is not good for the economy and the people of Hawaii.

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From: Villa Bausano [bausano@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I am from Washington state and have used the ferries as my normal commute to Seattle from the Olympic Peninsula. If not for the ferries I would have a 3-4 hour drive rather than a 1 hour drive plus 30 min. ferry time to reach the same destination. Washington state considers the ferry as an extension to the highways.

I feel it will be a wonderful addition to a present poor road system we now have on the island of Hawaii. Allowing the people a way to travel with their family and car to other islands.

Please vote to continue the needed supper ferry system.

James A. Bausano
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Kailua Kona Hi.

testimony

From: Laura Ibanes-Tulba [ltulba@asbhawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

I would like to see the Hawaii Super Ferry operating in Hawaii. I think that it has done all that was expected of them and that they should not be penalized for a handful of loud protestors. It is not that I hate the whales or don't care about environmental issues, I feel that they have in good faith addressed those issues as much as any other business operating in Hawaii. I think the Super Ferry would be good for the economy for the visitors as well as people that live in Hawaii.

Please help to keep the Hawaii Super Ferry operating in Hawaii.

Mahalo,
Laura Ibanes-Tulba
Kapolei, Hawaii

testimony

From: eleanor crisostomo [oheloai@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

As a local born resident of the State of Hawaii, we urgently need the SuperFerry to sail. Many local residents here have families on every island. With the high cost of living, finding an alternative method to travel would only benefit us, especially those with larger families. Airfare and shipping of vehicles are way too expensive as it is. We are not "bad" Oahu residents wanting to spread invasive species, drugs, etc. We are all too aware of the many drug busts that include Kauai and Maui, as well as Oahu. Some of these people who live there collecting their welfare checks are convicted felons and drug dealers. Why are we listening to so-called "environmentalists" who let cruise ships willingly into their harbors every week without protests? These are the very same people who with their wealth, buy large properties and drive up our taxes, build illegal bed and breakfast joints and brag about not paying taxes. Why are we letting the newly transplanted wealthy newcomers decide how and where we should travel? How many of these protestors have hidden prison jail terms? These people do not have families and relatives to visit and can afford the high airfare and car rentals. If the SuperFerry is bad for the environment, why do whale watching tours still run while we know that they are as guilty for killing the whales themselves? I do not feel that we should (along with our families) suffer any longer. We also seem to forget that the "disabled" are not able to travel as easily as we are able. They have special cars that I'm not sure you can rent on another island. All of this fighting over nothing, including the bad news media coverage on the mainland does not encourage future visitors to enjoy our island. After watching the protestors harrass the incoming residents to their island by yelling obscenities, pounding on cars, flattening their tires, harrass our own Governor, yell at our elders who speak for the SuperFerry, I am ashamed to say that these are the types of people who represent our islands. As far as I am concerned, these protestors have no grasp on the true Aloha Spirit.

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From: Robyn Aggers [robynaggers@yahoo.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24th 2007

Time and Location: 10:30 A>M> Auditorium, State Capitol

As a member of the silent MAJORITY, I feel it is now
time for me to speak up.

I had the opportunity to ride the Superferry on one of it's
1st voyages. It was a great trip until we couldn't land on
Kauai because of the MINORITY protestors.

The Superferry is needed for many reasons, transportation
of our sports teams to be able to play more interisland
sports, farming commerce, family reunions and emergency
equipment relocation just to name a few.

To give in to the MINORITY would be a disservice to ALL
the islands of Hawaii.

Robyn Aggers, Kailua

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From: living777waters@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

My family, friends and I are in SUPPORT of HAWAII SUPERFERRY. We need the services of the FERRY, not only to be used for pleasure but most especially for emergencies (natural and/or national devastations/catastrophies).

Please do not let the SUPERFERRY leave the Hawaiian Islands...we need this other mode of transportation, being that we are so very isolated, located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

**Yours truly,
Felisa M Miner
Miner Ohana
Vendiola Ohana**

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

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I am writing this letter in support of the Hawaii Superferry. The Hawaii Superferry is something that the Hawaiian Islands have needed for some time now. It will serve as an alternate mode of interisland transportation. It's affordable and convenient for locals and will enhance the quality of life for Hawaii.

testimony

From: Brandy Laphorne [brandy@makalaconstruction.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:03 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I Support the Superferry

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

Brandy Laphorne
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808-876-1654

testimony

From: Wesley Tufaga [tufaga12@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

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

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I support the Superferry 100%. The main reason is to give us the people of Hawaii OPTIONS to travel within the islands. The Superferry will be more beneficial than harmful. It will bring more jobs to the islands, connect families, easier travelling for residents, business, vacationers and especially families. I would love to one day take my entire family to see family and friends on other islands because we can afford it by using the Superferry.

Sincerely,
Wes Tufaga

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From: Island P M Service [ipms@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:52 AM

To: testimony

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We Need the Superferry For Work And fun
We Support The Superferry , Pass it.

LARRY FYUIT

testimony

From: Deborah Burnham [aquacraniel@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supeferry needs a successful EIS

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DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007
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415 South Beretania Street
Dear Senators:

I value keeping the preservation of our land and our other life-giving natural resources as a high priority. I support the current Hawaiian laws requiring a successful EIS prior to initiating a business venture such as the Supeferry. I urge you to heed the wisdom of your predecessors and to vote against the creation of new legislation to counteract the intent of our current law.

Mahalo for your consideration and service.

Aloha,

Deborah Burnham
POB 1023
Kilauea, HI 96754

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testimony

From: Jennifer Tanabe [hi_virgo@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: don't shut the ferry down!

Aloha Legislators,

I am sending this message in staunch support of the Superferry. It's not often that we have options for transportation in Hawaii, and the ferry provided a smart solution, especially for businesses transporting gear. As someone who works in TV and video production, providing an alternative solution for shipping gear to neighbor islands is a tremendous time and money saver.

I feel as though the testimony of those who are opposed to the ferry is shortsighted. I question their motives and their seeming inability to look at the long term future of the islands. I am in favor of a fair environmental assessment, but I have to ask why is it that other vessels don't have to undergo such scrutiny? Matson? Young Brothers?

The Navitek? Did they face such opposition? I think not.

I hope that cooler, smarter heads will prevail in this situation.

Let's show the rest of the country that Hawaii is progressive and business friendly!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Tanabe

Lifelong Hawaii resident and someone who cares about the environment AND business

testimony

From: L Posto [lposto@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

October 23, 2007

To those considering the fate of the Superferry,

By now you have heard all the considerations on each side of this debate. Therefore I will not provide a rehash of reasons.

I encourage you to **vote in favor of letting the Superferry travel to our neighbor islands while the Environmental Assessment is in progress** for the sake of our people, our commerce, and to encourage free enterprise here in our state.

Thank you,
Linda J. Posto
808 741-9800

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testimony

From: Brian Tottori [brian@hpcfoods.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry because it offers another alternative means of travel between the islands.

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From: Stan [electrc@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Hawaii Superferry

October 23, 2007

Stan M. Gapol
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Senate Committees:
Judiciary and Labor
Transportation and International Affairs
Energy and Environment

Subj: Hawaii Superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry and fully support a bill that would permit the ferry service while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Being the only island state in the union, I believe that the Hawaii Superferry would (among others):

- Provide a viable option for kamaaina and malahini by "bridging" our islands allowing a suitable and affordable mode of transportation.
- Support and promote our interisland commerce and business climate for small business owners and alike.
- End expensive interisland shipping monopolies currently done by existing air services and seagoing freight companies.
- Allow individuals and families a vacation travel option to other islands by using their own personal vehicles.

I respectfully request passage of this bill so Hawaii citizens can move forward with a viable optional means of interisland travel.

Malaho,
Stan M. Gapol

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From: Robyn Gentry [robyngentry@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support!

I am Robyn Keonaona Gentry and I am in full support of the Hawaii Superferry. My mom who lives on Oahu is in a wheelchair and she would benefit from the Superferry's service. Just to visit my brothers on Kaua'i and Maui and hopefully here on the Big Island. Please approve the Superferry to service our islands while the EIS is being completed.

Robyn K. Gentry
Hilo, Hawaii

testimony

From: JAMES HOBAN [jhoban@prodigy.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Support

I have been a resident of Hawaii for 34 years. I **strongly support** the immediate operation of the Super Ferry for the benefit of ALL the people of this state.

Jim Hoban
Kaneohe

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testimony

From: John Guzman [john@royalcontracting.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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

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I am a strong supporter of the Superferry and would use the ferry in my line of work.

Again consider we need this transportation, options are a must. Let's give the superferry a chance to run it would be good for all of us.

Aloha and Mahalo,

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testimony

From: Tom Coyne [tom@blue-fin.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Dear Sirs:

I am a long time business man in Hawaii and I support the Super Ferry 100%. Please have the guts to do the right thing for the people of Hawaii and don't be distracted by the vocal minority.

Tom Coyne
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testimony

From: The Sieverts [thesieverts@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Let the ferry sail @ a slower speed during whale season

Let the ferry sail @ a slower speed during whale season.

Protests should be peaceful and what was witnessed on Kauai was nothing even close to peaceful. These anti- ferry demonstrators acted like terrorist and should have been arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent. Had these events happened on the mainland justice would of been served. I am ashamed of all the government agencies involved especially the Kauai Police Department for not controlling the situation. What a waste of tax payers money. This whole thing would have been circumvented had EIS been completed back in 2003. There is a lesson to be learned in all of this and unfortunately it is at the expense of the people of Hawaii. We need to wise up and hold all corrupt government officials responsible for this. The people of Hawaii deserve an apology for this wrong doing.

The Sieverts

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To: testimony
Subject: superferry- MEETING AT 10:30 AM OCTOBER 24

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY. WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HAVE ANOTHER WAY TO GET TO OAHU AND TO BRING OUR VEHICLE WITH US. WE HOPE THAT THE LEGISLATURE WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE DESIRE OF THE MAJORITY OF HAWAII'S PEOPLE WHEN DECIDING THIS MATTER ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT THE STATE CAPITOL.
MAHALO, DOMINADOR AND CAROLE RAGSAC
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To: testimony
Subject: Support of the Superferry

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

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I would like to voice my Support for the Superferry. I feel the Superferry will be an asset to Business people of the islands where it runs its service. I also believe that the Superferry will benefit the people who live on the islands having another option for inter island travel. Thank you, Rick Scott

testimony

From: Cydney Chu [cydney_chu@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

I am in support of the Super Ferry operating during the required environmental impact study because the ferry will allow for economic influxes for outer island farmers/business owners to tap into the oahu market.

Cydney Chu

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From: Veronica Fajardo [vfajardo@thisweek.com]
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Subject: Testimony in support of the Super Ferry

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Our unique geographical position and distance from the rest of the U.S. dictates a unique interdependence among the islands.

Our markets are intertwined albeit presently at a very limited level.

Small business has been the backbone of our island economy from the state's earliest days. Many bemoan the entrance of "Big Box" stores to our shores at the expense of these smaller "mom and pop" stores. Allowing the Super Ferry will give small business access to "other" markets that at the present have been

financially out of reach.

That's one reason I support the inter-island ferry.

The second is for safety reasons.

Weather at war with man or nature, access to the neighbor islands is crucial for transporting supplies, people and emergency vehicles etc...

Hurricane Iniki

Hurricane Iwa

Pearl Harbor

Countless firestorms that inflict heavy damage on the support services in smaller areas.

For these reasons and more I support the Super Ferry

And finally, we must realize that we are dependent upon one another. Our farmers must ferry their supplies to market.

I remember the summer of 1971 and the dock strikes that drove up the cost of toilet paper from 25 cents to a dollar; the milk from 65 cents to \$1.50.

For too long we have been held at the mercy of the BiG Five. No more!

Thank you for your continued effort in intervening on behalf of this much-needed service.

Veronica Fajardo

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Jane Morioka [jane@spotlighthawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Ferry Service

Good Morning!

I am for the Inter Island Ferry Service. It will wonderful for people that are afraid to travel by air. They will have a chance to visit the islands. Also, you can bring your pet(s) and car.

Thank you,
Jane

testimony

From: Quantum-Touch, Ashina [ashina@quantumtouch.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry must get an EIS first!

To Whom it May Concern,

NO SUPERFERRY UNTIL THE EIS IS SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED.

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

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Auditorium State Capitol
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Ashina Ashina
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Kapaa, HI 96746

testimony

From: Erika Stuart [erika@aaaahtheviews.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: My support for the Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Dear Decision Makers,

I am writing to express my strong personal support for the Hawaiian Superferry to be allowed to operate fully while the EIS is being conducted. I offer my support both as a self employed small business owner and a Waimea resident and mother of small children.

We have been excited about the Superferry from the outset. First as hard working self employed parents, we have taken almost no vacation time in 4 years until Go airlines entered the market with affordable flights. Now we are able to take a couple of days now and then. One of the hindrances to travel is the valuable relaxation time lost standing around in rental car offices. Being able to take our own car, carseats etc, will enable us to travel more easily and more often. As a family, the superferry itself is one of our destinations. Just the idea of spending a day together, on the water, seeing the stunning islands of Hawaii from the ocean is very exciting. We do not take cruises and flights are short. We are really looking forward to relaxing and enjoying time together on the ferry as we see the coast lines from a new perspective.

As a small business owner, I felt the superferry was good for the economy. It would create jobs directly and indirectly. It would make interisland travel for tourists more convenient as they could rent the car only once and have it from island to island. Hawaii is growing, more people are coming to visit and to live. Another form of interisland transportation is desirable.

I am very interested in learning what the EIS would report and might reserve my own permanent decisions about the superferry until then, but in the meantime, it should be allowed to operate fully to determine the level of value it adds to our community, our families and our economy. It will act as a window to possible problems that would need to be addressed for permanent operation to be approved.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Erika Stuart

testimony

From: Barbra Tompkins [barbratompkins@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:47 AM

To: testimony

YES -- we want the superferry!

The majority on Maui have spoken-----we want the superferry! How can a judge, regardless of his interpretation, actually OVERRIDE the majority?

John and Barbra

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testimony

From: Dan and Charlene Mersburgh [mersburgc001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support SuperFerry

Aloha,

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. March 2006 our four year old daughter Ruth was found to have a lump in her left neck. Our family of five scrambled to find affordable last minute airfares so we could take her to Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. The cost was tremendous. The only airline that was supportive of our family during our crisis was go! They donated 40 round trip tickets through the Oprah Pay It Forward Challenge. Four of the tickets were given to our family so we could be together for Thanksgiving. Ruth was diagnosed with stage IV Neuroblastoma. Her treatment was everything the doctors could do for cancer. We lived at the Ronald McDonald House for 11 months as Ruth battled for her life. Having the Superferry during our time of need would have been a great option for our family to travel back and forth to Oahu. We spent so much money trying to keep our family together. Having the option to put our second car on the Superferry would have been great. During our 11 months living on Oahu we met many families in medical crisis that could have used the services of the Superferry.

It breaks my heart to have a few minority drive out the Hawaii Superferry in the interest of marine life. Are animals more important than humans? If it was their child battling for their life would they think different? Put special interest aside and do what is right for Hawaii. The residents of Hawaii have paid enough to the two major airlines. Support the Hawaii Superferry so it can help the people of Hawaii.

Aloha,

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testimony

From: Matsuda, Linda J CIV (PMRF 7400) [linda.matsuda@navy.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Kauai, and have lived here since 1980. I support the Superferry and hope that you will vote to allow the Superferry to operate during the EIS. There will be a time I'm sure in the near future that the interisland airfares will go up again, they always have in the past. The Superferry is a great way to get back and forth between the island at a lower fare, and also be able to take your car. I feel confident that the Superferry can show that they can avoid the whales and keep evasive species from coming over from other islands. I think it is a great alternative to flying. Please allow the Superferry to operate during the EIS. Thank you.

Linda Matsuda

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Ann Mochida [amochida@email.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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I support the Superferry because it will provide an alternate means of transportation between the Hawaiian Islands. Every resident of Hawaii should have a choice of method of travel, and presently there is none. We are held captive by the airline industry, and need to have a choice. Thank you.

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testimony

From: Vanessa Roberg - Kohanaiki [mfkccc@aloha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I am FOR CONTINUING operation of the Ferry while the environmental impact statement is prepared. It is too late to do it properly. The money is spent, lets move forward and not make this dumb mistake again in the future.

Thank you

Vanessa Roberg
73-1285 Kaiminani Dr.
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

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

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Subject: I would like to testify in person.

I am in support of the Superferry. We should not destroy something that we have wanted so long just because of fears that may or may not happen

1. Change of License plate numbers to 3 letters and 3 numbers. People complained saying that it was too hard to remember, crooks would be driving off and we could not remember the license plate number.
Fears that did not come true.
2. in the 1970's there was gas shortages and lines at the gas pumps.
Environmentalists stated that there would be no oil left in 20 years and as a young boy I thought that I would never be able to drive a car. Now after 30 years, I do not see any oil shortages. Fears that did not come true
3. Walmart and Sams Club on Keaumoku streets. People against it said that there would be daily traffic jams, business in the entire area would go out of business. Now Walmart and Sams club is so busy, no daily traffic jams, business's in the area are doing really.
Fears that did not come true.
4. Costco and Walmart, people complained about Costco and Walmart on Kauai, now if you go to Walmart at 11:00pm at night it is so crowded. At Costco almost the entire island shops at Costco. Costco and Walmart are the best things that has happened on Kauai since Elvis Presley was on Kauai.
Fears that did not come true.
5. The environmentalist stated that we could not build the Alaska Pipe line because it would affect the Carabou. Now the caribou are doing fine, as they lay around the pipe line due to the warmth of the pipe line.
Fears that did not come true.
6. I coach athletics at the varsity level for and I wanted to take the girls To Kauai to play against the Kauai teams. The girls on Kauai were so happy they said no one ever comes over to play us. It was going to be so easy taking the team over with all the equipment, sleeping bags etc. vs going on the airplane with the team and checking in, security etc.

I spoke to Rep Hermina Morita office and I asked if they would support the HSF if they complied to all the EIS requirements and they said they would not, so it is not about the EIS, they just don't want it. I also spoke to Jeff Mikiluna and he said even if the HSF met all the EIS requirement the Sierra Club will still not embrace the HSF. So it really is not about the EIS. They are just against it period.

Let us not hold ourselves back due to fears that may or may not happen. We do need to take care of our environment but let us not hinder ourselves from something that will benefit the entire Hawaiian Islands. This opportunity may never come again in our life time and we have been waiting for this for so long. Let not the minority speak for the majority of us in Hawaii. Let the Superferry sail now!

“Only Thing We Have to Fear Is Fear Itself”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dan Goo

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testimony

From: Jeffrey J. Valdez [jvaldez@awlaw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: State Senate Legislative Hearing (Hawaii Superferry)

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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I am very proud to claim my Nationality as a Hawaiian, though my ethnicity is not Hawaiian, but still very proud to have been born and raised here. It is in this cultural melting pot that we all have united and strived for a better Hawaii and it breaks my heart to read, see and hear that a few OUTSIDERS are ruining the image and future dreams of the people of Hawaii and even the Hawaiians before, especially the main dreams and purpose of Hawaii's first King "Kamehameha the Great" who fought to unite the islands and its people, and also died to keep them united and yet these OUTSIDERS who claim to be Hawaiians or even at least to be Kama aina's are actually the true invasive species who are trying very hard to do just the opposite, trying hard to divide its people and the islands. I'm not saying Kamehameha the Great thought of the Hawaii Superferry, but he always thought of his people first and kept the islands united, always looking toward the future and striving to make Hawaii great and if he was still alive today, he'd agree that the Hawaii Superferry would be a major tool in doing just that, Uniting his people and the islands.

I'm for the Hawaii Superferry and it's purpose!!!

testimony

From: Cathi Fremer [cathi@anekona.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry support

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing about the following Superferry hearing...

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*I am a resident of Hawaii and I hope that the vote today will allow the Superferry to begin to run again while the environmental impact statement is being done. I am concerned for the environment and the safety of our islands and ocean but it seems to me that the company who owns the Superferry kept our aina in mind when building this boat. It would be a shame and a gigantic waste of taxpayer and State funds if the Superferry had to leave without being given a chance. If the committee decides that the Superferry is not allowed to run then I hope that the committee also halts **ALL** large delivery boats and cruise ships from docking in Maui and Kauai as well unless they have a similar E.I.S. already completed. Otherwise this would be an embarrassing hypocrisy for our legislation. Thank you for you time.*

-Cathi Fremer

testimony

From: Warren Miura [warren.miura@maryl.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

10:30am Auditorium, State Capitol

My reason for supporting the Hawaii Superferry is because it gives residents and alternative method of traveling between islands as well as businesses.

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testimony

From: Kathleen Takashige [Kathleen.Takashige@hawaiiintel.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To whom it may concern,

I cannot believe such a small group of "citizens" can make such a huge impact on MY/OUR future.

We who are in support of the Superferry are the everyday, hard-working class trying to make our futures brigter, easier, with more options available to us.

Seems this small group of people have way too much time on their hands.

Dont they have jobs to go to? If I could, I would have been right there protesting those protesters.

But! I have a job I have to be at everyday, a family and household to support!

It's not the Superferry's fault, or the Governors fault, nor our fault.

These judges made wrong decisions from the beginning when they said an EIS is not needed.

But, we will be the ones paying for it if we dont get the Superferry up and running, in more ways than money!!!

Mahalo,

Kathy Takashige

testimony

From: Claire Dodson [ctnd75@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

To whom it may concern,

I am in support of the Superferry providing our state with an alternate form of transportation. Last summer I had my first opportunity to ride ferrys in both San Francisco and Washington state. My brother-in-law drove my sister and I up to the town of Anacortes where we drove our car onto the ferry to head to Vancouver Island, Canada. It was a relaxing and fun way to travel and I was so excited waiting for the ferry to start here. Our family (21 of us) even planned a family trip to Maui so that we could ferry over together with our cars loaded up with our needs, including 3 car seats for my grandchildren and my rice cooker.

I love Hawaii and want what's best for all of us and that includes making better use of our precious waterways.

Thank You,
Claire Dodson
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Aiea, HI 96701-3361

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testimony

From: Loretta O. Hussey [lohussey@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: October 24, 2007,
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Time & Location: State Capital Auditorium

Re: The Hawaii Superferry

Aloha Senators!

Mahalo for this opportunity to share my manao on the Hawaii Superferry, and my strong belief and support of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate even while an environmental report is being done.

For years, we have prayed for more avenues, and alternate routes and modes of transportation among and between our islands, to enable us to travel with our ohana and vehicles to other islands, not only to visit ohana, but to enjoy the beauty and historical sites on each of the islands. This mode of travel also allows farmers another mode of transporting their local products to other islands, which is better for us as well as them.

Auwe, to many of these residents, for being so loud, boisterous, and disrespectful. Please take into consideration, that many of the local folks are not loud and outspoken, but are the silent majority, and truly support the Hawaii Superferry.

Mahalo nui,

Nicole Hussey Lee
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Kapolei, HI 96707

testimony

From: Nakita Feliciano [kitta1226@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY

Aloha,

My name is Nakita F. and I support the Hawaii Superferry. I would really like to see it set sail. My main reason is that I do travel frequently to Kauai to visit my mother who is ill. And traveling with children is HARD. Especially on a airplane. The Superferry has so much ROOM to walk around stretch your legs and if your kids get fussy go watch some TV or go look out side the windows to see the ocean!!! I think it would be GREAT!!!! Life is to short to waste it on fighting!!!! Hawaii is about ALOHA...Not about hating everything new that comes our way!!! They didn't even give it a chance!!!!

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testimony

From: Ursula Carvalho [ucarvalho@fopco.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:46 AM
To: testimony
Cc: koop1974@yahoo.com
Subject: I SUPPORT the SUPERFERRY

Aloha Everyone,

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry. This wonderful barge will bring numerous needed benefits to our State. Whether it be farmers being able to sell to various islands, to people visiting relatives, children taking school trips or just people wanting to experience the Superferry.

I understand how people are concerned about the Environment, especially innocent sea creatures. Those of who support the Superferry are not against our Environment, we do not want to hurt any living beings. We would like an alternative to what we have now. The concerns of the opposition are concerns that people live with everyday in every issue. No one in Hawaii wants invasive species, no one wants drugs and no one wants innocent beings hurt. To label the Superferry as a carrier of such is unfair and wrong. Bad individuals do these negative things and will do such in any way that they can. Be it a fishing boat, a plane or via mail. Each business has their policies and guidelines to hopefully prevent such. Nothing is guaranteed, it is unfair to many of us who support the Superferry to base opposition on these issues when other businesses are allowed to continue under policies that are also not guaranteed total prevention.

Personally, I wish the Environmentalists would all take a long hard look at themselves. In wanting to protect the Environment on the pretense of what is native, where are they when it comes to Native Hawaiian rights. They are adamant about protecting the ocean's creatures, but care nothing about their lands native beings. How the Environmentalists take care of the various ocean creatures and plants when they cannot support or respect their own?

I respectfully ask for you to look at every aspect of the Hawaii Superferry, your present view and your opposition's view. What is good for Hawaii and the people of Hawaii? Why do you feel this way? Why does the other side feel their way? What is sensible on either side, what are the benefits, what guidelines/laws can we make to protect both the Environment and the people? Who or what exactly is the root of the problems plaguing the Superferry? Is it the Superferry?

I believe that the Superferry is not a problem. I believe the Superferry is benefit for Hawaii and the people of Hawaii.

Ursula U. Carvalho

testimony

From: Jason E Patla [patla@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: We support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii...

...while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Jason and Mariah Patla
808-599-3513

testimony

From: Cabanting, Marie [mcabanting@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I Support The Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry because I like to have options on how to get to other islands. If I know I will be on another island for a week or so, I would like to bring my car. The cost for a rental can be phenomenal. Living in Hawaii is very costly so when you have new companies that will benefit the islanders, I say go for it. I rather go visit our islands then go to Las Vegas.

I feel that the Super Ferry can help the people of Kauai, Hawaii, and Maui with jobs here in Honolulu. The Super Ferry can help by hiring our local people instead of getting them from the mainland.

We need this for our people, and our islands. Thank you.

Marie Cabanting
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testimony

From: Norm Sander [normsander@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:49 AM

To: testimony

I am all for the ferry, I think it would be a huge plus for the island

Thank you Norm Sander

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testimony

From: Clifford Sur [cliff@aloha7.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

To whom it may concern:

My family and I feel that the Super Ferry would be beneficial to the state. It would provide a viable alternative to interisland flights and barges for personal and business use.

Currently, it seems that the vocal critics of the ferry are receiving all the attention in the media. But the polls show that the great majority of the people in Hawaii favor allowing the ferry to operate during the environmental review process. As our representatives you should reflect the will of the majority – not the minority.

Of course, there must be safeguards during the operation of the ferry. Reasonable measures to protect the transportation of invasive species and enforcing DLNR regulations should be taken. But some of the measures proposed by the opponents of the ferry are ridiculous and exist only to make the operations feasibly and fiscally impossible.

Besides the benefits the ferry would provide there is also the matter of our business climate and investment from outside the state. This situation of reversed approvals and violent protests reflect terribly on Hawaii. Apparently, a vocal minority can stop a huge project that was approved by the state and supported by the great majority of our citizens. Hawaii is already viewed as a state that doesn't support business and this can only worsen our image as a place for investment.

We must allow the Super Ferry because it is a valuable transportation alternative that is supported by the great majority of the citizens of Hawaii. It will also show that our state does support business investment and commerce.

I hope that you will fulfill your responsibility as legislators and follow the wishes of the majority in the state of Hawaii.

Clifford Sur

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Sunny Crowley [sunny@a-natural-choice.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Small business owner needs the ferry

Aloha! I am a small business owner here in Hawaii. I have lived here for 33 years. As a Natural Products Broker, my job is to visit my store buyers each month, on most of the islands. With all the high security and airline restrictions, my work has been forced to change.

It takes excessive time and process, to fly. I cannot take more than 50 lbs per bag in weight, which often limits my work load. I have to take samples, some being liquids: juices, oils, etc, and just packing those to be thrown around by baggage takes a long time, and occasional accidents occur.

I need the Super Ferry to be able to drive my samples and heavy paperwork, to my accounts, each month.

Hawaii should support us tax payers who vote and participate, and not be pressured by surfers on Kauai, or those on outer Islands that are not doing their research, but rather causing delays for emotional reasons.

I consider myself an environmentalist, but clearly have a difference of opinion on the Super Ferry, as do many others.

Please support the Super Ferry!

Sunny Crowley
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testimony

From: Terence Songsong [terences@gvisfd.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:41 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

I'm writing in support of the Superferry. I think it will be a great tourist/business attraction. I was looking forward to taking the family on a trip to visit other family on the neighbor islands and not necessarily with car.

It would've been more like an affordable cruise trip. I don't see how the Superferry can have more impact on the environment than the larger cruise ships or the tugs and barges from Young Brothers. You may want to consider doing a PIS (political impact statement) if the Superferry doesn't go through and we end up paying for something we can't use. The ramifications could be severe!
Mahalo, tls.

testimony

From: Vernon Okada [vernon.okada@uokada.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:54 AM

To: testimony

Subject: superferry

Please don't let the vocal minority destroy our ferry. Ferries are run all over the world. I have not yet heard of a ferry system destroying an island. Please save the Superferry.

Regards
Vernon Okada

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Stephen C. Kohn [kohnheds@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Let the Hawaii Superferry sail!!

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I am in support of letting the Superferry operate while it completes an environmental assessment. (I am in support to let it operate without even doing an assessment too!) It would be a shame to have it leave the Islands under the surrounding circumstances. Yes, it should've done the assessment long ago but I am sure that the assessment will find that the impact is the same or less than any other form of inter island transportation- on the water or in the air. All these other forms of inter island transportation have just as equal an opportunity to spread invasive species, drugs and whatever the complainers are against, between our islands. Also, there are many large vessels plying the waters between our islands that have just as good a chance to collide with whales as the Superferry. Let the Superferry sail for everyone's benefit!

Aloha,

Stephen C. Kohn
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testimony

From: Loretta O. Hussey [lohussey@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Hawaii Superferry

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Mahalo nui,

Sohn Drake Lee
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Kapolei, HI 96707

testimony

From: JAMatKohala@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hearings on Superferry Legislation

Re: Judiciary & Labor, Transportation & International Affairs, and Energy & Environment Senate Committees, Hearings to be Held on Wednesday, October 24 at 10:30 AM.

As a private citizen, unaffiliated with Superferry or its owners and not a member of any of the lobbying groups, I urge the State Legislature to ignore the loud and organized protests of the various so-called environmental groups, NIMBY screamers, and, without doubt, the special interests who are financing the opposition to a clean, environmentally sound, modern form of transportation for our State. The only people to benefit if you cause the demise of the Superferry will be the entrenched interests who make this State such a difficult place for ordinary people with ordinary incomes to live. If you give in to these minority voices on an issue as clear cut as this, Hawaii slides further into retrograde as a quaint tourist destination and a place for second homes for wealthy West Coast folks.

The so-called "environmental" issues raised by the opposition groups and supported by either a naive or venal judiciary are particularly distressing. The Superferry, compared with planes, slow-moving barges, fast-moving cruise ships and freighters, is so environmentally superior that I wonder why someone doesn't stand up to phonies such as the Sierra Club and shout "the emperor has no clothes". I am sure these smarmy folks will be ranting and raving tomorrow and trying to drown out reasonable voices, and, of course, threatening to cut off contributions to and election support for you. For once, however, listen to the (usually) silent majority of the citizens of Hawaii and represent them as you were elected to do.

James A. Martens
Kamuela

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Subject: I am in favor of the super ferry!

I am in favor of the super ferry!

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From: Kaneohebaybnb@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Gamorrisinc@aol.com
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

My family has been looking forward to a convenient way to travel with four children and a vehicle that fits a family of six to visit relatives on neighbor islands.

It is good for the people and good for the economy. It will be a horrible mistake if this company has to leave these islands.

GAIL MORRIS

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testimony

From: Ruth Johnson [infohalelani@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM

To: testimony

Subject: In Support of the Superferry!

The Superferry is a much needed method of transportation between the islands. It has been overwhelmingly supported by 80% of the population-the silent majority.

We request that you vote in favor of allowing it to operate during the EIS.

To not do so will severely damage the business climate and reputation of Hawaii, not to mention, establishing a separate set of rules for this method of travel while allowing other competitors and cruise lines to operate.

Ruth Johnson/Sandy Johnson
Kapaa, HI

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testimony

From: computertutor@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

TO:

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

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing in support of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the environmental impact study is taking place.

I am embarrassed to be a Hawaii resident while the Nation watches this.

Why hasn't Matson or Young Brothers, or Norwegion Cruise Lines, or, or, or !! had to go through the environmental impact studies? They are the ones who are moving between states and countries.

END this nonsense NOW !

Regards

Jim Dompier
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Honolulu, HI 96818

testimony

From: Sue Tilden [stilden@infraconsultllc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony in support of Super Ferry

Please enter my testimony in favor of allowing the Super Ferry to immediately begin operations. Any environmental assessment that is decided upon should be done concurrently with the Super Ferry operations, given the huge financial burden which has already been imposed by the last-minute court actions.

Pursuant to that, please also move forward with regulations to limit the time that the State Supreme Court has to deliberate on cases before them. Such a time limitation would have greatly ameliorated the situation we face now with the Super Ferry environmental assessment.

A further suggestion would be to commission a statewide environmental assessment covering all maritime operations within state waters. This would then serve as the basis for supplemental environmental assessments to be mandatory for any new operations as a condition of start-up. If Hawaii's waters and islands are worth protecting from impacts of the Super Ferry, they are even more worth an overall protection assessment and process.

Sue S. Tilden

testimony

From: Don Aus [dacpa@aloha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hearing tomorrow re super ferry

Please pass a bill to allow the super ferry to sail while the EIS takes place.

Thank you
Donald Aus
Jane Yamashiro Aus

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Dawn Ladera [dawn@konacoast.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

This is just ridiculous what the Superferry folks are being put through. I am more concerned about the effects of the environment from what comes in on container ships and cruise ships than an interisland ferry. Look at the junk China is sending the USA. Do you see anyone protesting this?

The folks who are concerned about the extra cars on the island are not even thinking about the ones being taken away at the same time.

Hawaii should model after the ferry system in New Zealand. That country knows how to protect the environment and the ferry is a great service there. My husband and I took the New Zealand ferry from the North Island to the South Island last year and there were lots of students on it being transported for sports and other events, in addition to the tourists. Can the Keiki here enjoy the same opportunities without tons of fundraising??

The PAE (People against everything) are just idiots in my mind. The world is going to progress whether these folks are on board with it or not. Maybe they should move to Nebraska so they don't have to worry about interisland shipping. Most of the PAEs are not even Hawaiian or Hawaii born. Go home to the mainland.

Mahalo for opening up this testimony.

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testimony

From: Kimi Cook-Walls [kcwalls@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Bring the Super ferry to Kawaihae!

I have been in support of the Supper Ferry from day one. It is time that we look hard and long at who is behind the stalling of this Supper Ferry from getting off the ground and providing another much needed alternative of travel between the islands.

There are many who will benefit from this service and the only ones who wouldn't are those who are in direct of having a bit of their business directed elsewhere. Free enterprise is what we should be looking at.

Killing the whales? If people really believe that this service will kill whales, and pollute our ocean have not done their homework.

If anything, we should look closely at some of the "older" ocean vessels that service and travel throughout our islands. I would not be surprised to find that there are many that currently not only pollute our ocean but are still allowed to continue to operate rather than be dry docked until they are updated and brought into the 21st Century.

My Grandmother was born under a Monarchy, lived to see the islands become a Territory of the United States, and then a State. She saw this as progress.

I see the Super Ferry as giant steps forward. We need more forward thinking from our leaders.

Why do we continue to allow a handful of people many of who do not directly contribute to our society in a productive way, have so much power.

Yes, I am in favor of the Super Ferry. Bring it on to Kawaihae. Just about 7 miles away from where I live.

Kimi Cook-Walls

--

Kohala Coast ~ "Big Island" of Hawaii

Phone: 808 882-7762
Fax: 808 882-7759
Kimi's Cell: 808 938-3040

My E-mail is checked at least twice a day. However, I am often out of the office, please call if it is urgent. 808 938-3040.

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testimony

From: David & Kehau Harrison [kdharrison@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support for Hawaii Superferry

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

The Hawaii Superferry has my full support and I hope the State Senate will see the need for the Hawaii Superferry here in the islands.

Thanks you for taking my response on the this issue.

David Harrison

testimony

From: Joy Higaki [jhigaki@hilaw.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

I am 100% in support of having the SuperFerry run while the EA is being done. If it is not able to run, it will be a complete shame on our State. I strongly do not feel it should have gotten to this point at this juncture in the endeavor. Shame on the other islands for having such a terrible attitude. If it is not able to run, it will have severe impact on all of our islands.

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testimony

From: Yagi, Gerry [Gerry.Yagi@boh.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

I am definitely in favor of keeping the Hawaii Super Ferry. Our state (which includes the neighbor islands) should not stop the Hawaii Super Ferry from continuing business as they have acted on good faith w/ the State of Hawaii. I realize that the political argument must continue, but the Hawaii Super Ferry should not have to suffer for that.

I think the Hawaii Super Ferry will give the Hawaii taxpayers another option on how to travel within our Hawaiian Islands. I think you would have the Hawaii taxpayers vote on this, you will see a MAJORITY of taxpayers for this Hawaii Super Ferry.

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testimony

From: GreeneOhana@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: SUPERFERRY

Aloha Legislators,

I think this is going to be a tough one.

This new business is dividing many peoples as Ms. Hanabusa has voiced.

Bottom Line for myself and my family is:

WE SHOULD TRY THE SUPERFERRY: IF WE FOLLOW SOME RULES AS HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED.

ALL OF US DO NOT KNOW THE FUTURE BUT WE SHOULD TRY A NEW VENTURE.

WE ALREADY HAVE HUGH SHIPS HERE AT LEAST 4 DAYS A WEEK HERE IN KONA SO WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE THEY ARE HUGH SHIPS TOO?

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Flower farmer -Keahole

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From: Patricia Kaneshiro [pakanesh@ksbe.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Hawaii Superferry

Please count me as one who supports the Hawaii Superferry. I am in favor because it adds another means of travel to the neighbor islands.

Patricia Kaneshiro
Mililani, HI

access4

From: Mario Bol [mbol@durrant.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Support for the Superferry

I support the Superferry.

Please do not have a few people ruin this opportunity for many.

Mahalo,

Mario Bol
68-068 Akule Street
Waiialua 96791

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From: Deborah Kirk [deborah@homerenovate.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i
Importance: High
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

I am sending this testimony in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I am originally from Vancouver Island British Columbia I grew up on & around one of the biggest ferry systems in the world
The people that are protesting the ferry system will be using the ferry system as well as everyone else.
You can be assured of this.

Note to any ferry protester
Get on with your life's people & stop acting so ignorant!

Sincerely
Deborah Kirk

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From: roseanne ulii [roseanne_ulii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha!

I am part of the 80% of the residents of Hawai'i that have not stood up for the Superferry, but I am in support for them, simply for this reason...HOW DARE 20% OF THE RESIDENTS OF MAUI AND KAUAI THINK THAT THEY ARE SPEAKING FOR THE ENTIREITY OF THE STATE? The protesters have their rights, as do we all. But they are making it seem like everyone from O'ahu is the enemy, and we will be coming to their island to destroy it. We have family there. We have a right to come and visit them. We have a right to visit the rest of the state of Hawai'i, of which we are tax-paying citizens of. In many cases, we can't afford to take our keikis to the outer islands to visit, because of the cost. Three of my four children haven't even been able to visit Maui. My children are native Hawaiian, and they have no intention of doing any harm to any outer islands. They have been taught respect. They know how to malama ka 'aina just as much as anyone from the outer islands. And I was really looking forward to being able to take a trip on the ferry with my whole family, and our car. I am still looking forward to it!

I just pray that "cool heads" will prevail, and that a way will be made for the Superferry to operate in the islands. The protesters need to stop ranting and raving, and LISTEN. Do they honestly think that the operators of the Superferry want to kill whales? Do they honestly think that everyone is out to destroy "their" island?

This can be worked out, and I hope the sooner, the better!

Mahalo,
Roseanne Uli'i

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From: Cierra Fua [write.cierra@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: PLEASE ALLOW THE SUPERFERRY TO OPERATE

Aloha!

I believe The SuperFerry should be allowed to service the state of Hawaii now, while an environmental assessment is being conducted if one [enviro assess] is unavoidable. I think this wonderful addition to interisland travel has been treated unfairly since its inception. I was appalled at the attitude and behavior of the residents who set up a human blockade to prove their point and the rudeness encountered by Governer Lingle when she held a community meeting in Kauai. Surely, there must be better ways to voice an opinion? I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY and hope our legislatures will do the same.

Three years ago, I moved to Hawaii from American Samoa to pursue a post-secondary education. I am currently a full-time college student and worker whom has never travelled to any of the Hawaiian islands besides Oahu. I would love to experience the beauty of Kauai that I've only heard of and not seen, but hesitate to deal with renting, etc. The SuperFerry offers a way for me to take not only myself, but my vehicle and belongings on a vacation that I so eagerly long for. Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Cierra P Fua

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From: Al & Kathleen Linton [als.islandgirls@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please let super ferry run

Aloha Senate Committee Members--

Mahalo for allowing our input.

Our family has been looking forward to the arrival of the Super Ferry to use for taking vacations to the outer islands.

The commercial glass construction company my husband owns would like a more affordable way of shipping the necessary construction vehicles crews to job site on the outer islands. This would make doing business on Kauai and Maui less expensive.

My daughter's scouting group has also been in hopes of using the super ferry as a means of getting all the girls on a trip.

We support the Super Ferry. It gives us affordable options. Please allow the Super Ferry to run!

Kathleen and Al Linton
Kailua HI 96734

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From: B C [divrb2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Interisland Ferry Service

Aloha,

I am in support of a Bill that will permit Interisland Ferry Service in the state of Hawai'i while an environmental impact study is being conducted.

Thank you and aloha

Bill Cox
Haiku, Maui, Hawaii

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From: Cheryl Kekona [kekonat003@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Hawaii Super Ferry

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

Hearing Date; Wednesday, October 23, 2007

Time and Location; 10:30 am Auditorium, State Capital

Dear Committee Members,

I am asking for your support... allow the super ferry to resume and continue service while the required impact study is being completed. Their service will provide a viable option for local people to travel inter-island. Ferry service is currently being utilized very successfully in many areas of the United States as well as other countries. While it may be necessary to do an impact study, the ferry should be allowed to do business as planned. The outcome of allowing them to serve the people of Hawaii should provide more telling evidence than a study done by a few behind closed doors. It is not even logical to believe that an inter-island ferry represents a larger threat of invasive species than the international shipping lines and air travel. It is more than unfortunate that the entire process was mishandled, resulting in tremendous cost to the residents of Hawaii and to the owners of the super-ferry. Please do not let all this expense be for nothing...proceed in a way that will allow the service that has been brought here and wanted by the people of Hawaii to begin NOW.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

Cheryl Kekona

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From: Matthew Bossenmeyer [boss1@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry and would like it to be permitted to operate while the environmental report is being prepared. I live on Oahu and have been looking forward to being able to take my car on the ferry to the outer islands for a visit to friends and relatives. The Super Ferry is important to the people of Hawaii. Please allow it to operate.

Thank you,
Kathy Bossenmeyer
Wahiawa, HI

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From: *LeigH* [lmonishi536@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the Superferry!

I am a HUGE supporter of the Hawaii Superferry and I strongly feel the State of Hawaii should do all that is possible to not only allow the vessel to operate during the environmental assessment, but to allow it to operate going forward.

The Superferry is an enormously positive business for Hawaii. It gives all the people of Hawaii another travel option, whether the travel be for work or pleasure. The Superferry offers services and amenities that other companies don't, such as the option to travel with your loaded vehicle, unassigned seating, play areas for youngsters, and big screen televisions.

The Superferry has a huge impact on the state's economy as well. The new business has already opened up new jobs for the locals, giving them the opportunity to work for an enterprise that could affect the state for many years to come. It also makes a positive difference for hotels, restaurants, and other businesses on the islands where Superferry travelers will likely visit. Since the tourism industry is the industry that we depend on it would be wise to support it and find new ways to keep it prosperous. We need to be innovative - what worked for Hawaii in the area of tourism 10 years ago won't be the same factor 10 years from now.

I recently moved back home from being in Colorado for nearly 4 years, working for a fortune 500 company and completing graduate school. While there I met many friends and colleagues with whom I am still in contact with. They all hear about the Superferry news affecting Hawaii and they all are sad to know how something that could be so great for the state is causing such bad press in all the news. People outside of Hawaii are the ones we depend on to bring in money to help the state survive. It's not only the individual travelers that we need, but businesses bringing in new ideas, technology and services to keep Hawaii on a competitive track with the mainland.

I wanted to go away for school to be able to bring back the knowledge to a place that I will call home for the rest of my life. My husband and I will raise our children here who we also hope will perpetuate the love for the state and live here for all of their lives. In order for us to do all of that we need to look toward the future, as a family and as a state, to do what we can for our loved ones so that they want to and can afford to stay in the islands.

I am proud to call myself a kama'aina. Sure, I want us to make national news, but I want to show everyone out there why they should come to visit and why we are "lucky we live Hawaii".

Leigh M. Inoshita

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From: Susie Cysewski [agkona@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SupeFerry

Hello,

I'm against the SuperFerry. Don't want it, Don't Need it!

Thanks,
Susie Cysewski

access3

From: Valerie Yadao [vyadao@asbhawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the Superferry

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

Please save the Superferry! We have anxiously been awaiting the Superferry! It would help the economy and provide a valuable service to the people of Hawaii. In the event of a hurricane, what better way to provide emergency supplies and/or to provide transportation to/from the outer islands. Right now we are hurting our reputation to do business in Hawaii. Please don't let us lose this value service to your community! VOTE TO SAVE THE SUPERFERRY!

Valerie Yadao
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Waipahu, HI 96797

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From: Diane Fuse [dfuse@royalstate.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

I am totally in support of allowing the Superferry to operate while all the legalities of the EIS or EA are being performed. I am very confident that they will prevail after the studies are completed.

I do not see the concern regarding the environmental impact. This vessel is probably the most environmentally friendly vessel we will have in our islands. They have taken great precautions to assure that contaminated water (including rain run-off) will not enter the ocean.

They are also well aware of the possible interaction with whales and have procedures in place to avoid such interaction, unlike all the whale watching vessels which deliberately find and follow the whales, creating more danger and possibly increased stress to these animals.

We have waited a long time to be able to travel inter-island with our cars. The impact of traffic should be minimal, since the majority of people who bring their vehicles would have rented cars, anyway. Granted, the traffic around the pier will be more congested when the vehicle arrives and prior to departure, but I don't see the difference between that and a major event happening at different venues on the islands.

If, for some reason the Superferry is not allowed to operate and leaves our islands, I honestly hope no other company will be allowed to use the facilities which have been built at the piers. I do not want to see any other shipping/sailing company to come in with vessels with drive-on drive-off capabilities to use these facilities to transport vehicles &/or people between the islands.

Thank you,
Diane Fuse
Mililani, HI

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From: Vicki Schulte [loangal@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Special Session for Legislature on Superferry

Dear Legislature Members,

I wish to community a resounding NO to the legislature considering changing the laws specifically for one "profit" entity to circumvent the law of the State of Hawaii Supreme Court ruling that requires an EIS prior to the operation of the ferry due to public funds use.

It is unacceptable to me that the Governor is trying to change a law she and her DOT did not want to follow in the first place. This EA or EIS could have been done over 2 years ago as the parties were all notified of the interpretation of this law as it pertains to the Superferry operations.

I vote NO to the legislature changing the law to suit parties that could have done this correctly years ago and chose not to. Our environmental needs MUST be addressed before the operation of the Superferry.

Sincerely,

Vicki J. Schulte
Haiku, Maui, Hawaii

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From: Mizuguchi, Linda Ms CIV USA USARPAC [Linda.Mizuguchi@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry (UNCLASSIFIED)
Signed By: There are problems with the signature. Click the signature button for details.

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept my vote in support of the Super Ferry. This alternate transportation will do the state of Hawaii good and welcome more needed jobs only to help our economy. We all need to get together on this issue.

If you need to contact me, my name is Linda Mizuguchi and my number is 223-8925.

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

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From: Norman Stites [beinhawaii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: State Senate Legislative Hearing

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

I have supported and will use the ferry not only for business, but also pleasure for myself and family.

To jeopardize this great service for the incompetence of some that failed to do as they knew and should have is in itself a crime. A lot of families, people and company's will be affected. The concept of this type of travel throughout the mainland and many other countries has been proven by them. Let's not fall behind the times for a few that did not do their job.

I support the operation of this service to ALL ISLANDS within Hawaii and strongly recommend that the ones that failed to do their job, have action taken against them. THEY have caused the TAXPAYERS of this state additional expense, might cause loss of jobs and quite frankly, made the State of Hawaii look very foolish.

So let's move forward with the service during the impact study.

Regards,

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FAX 808-247-8682

access3

From: KEVIN DOLAN [kevdolan@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

We need it we want it the Super Ferry is a necessity in the Islands.

Kevin Dolan

Honolulu

access4

From: Kim Devereaux [devereauk001cold@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry meeting Wednesday 24th....2007

I am in favor of getting the Superferry running as soon as possible. The environmental impact statement is important but I think everyone involved knows of the delicate environment. The superferry is a shallow draft and has jets rather than propellers and can maneuver more than most large ships. We need this type interisland option.....

Thank you for listening.

Kim Devereaux
Haleiwa, Hi 96712

This email is for Wednesday 24th 10:00 meeting of the State Senate.

10/23/2007

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From: Herb Hussey [hhussey@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

My name is Herbert Hussey, I am a resident of Oahu. I believe that the Super Ferry should be allowed to sail during the EIS process. The ferry is a benefit to all people in the state, and should be allowed to sail NOW.

Sincerely,

Herbert Hussey

10/23/2007

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From: KIT ELLISON [ladysqueak2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Please Read

It is time we all on the Islands of Hawaii to look forward to something that will aid these Islands and not back into the stone age where we "hope" there will be no changes and we will have our wonderful laid back life style we once enjoyed. Let us face facts.

1. With the Super Ferry gone and Go! chased off the Islands the air craft carriers have declared the prices to fly inter island will raise to the level they once were or higher. This will make travel inaccessible for people with fixed incomes.
2. People who are afraid to fly or people with health concerns would love to have the Ferry. I have a nephew on oxygen who would love to visit without the hassle of air port security as well as getting on and off the plane.
3. If the Ferry is made to do the EPI statement then Young Brothers Matson and all other carriers, including whale watching boats, would have to do the same as they are doing the exact same services but in a different level. Cruise ships travel as fast in open waters so should be held to the same high standard as the Ferry.
4. It is quite evident there are more people wanting the Ferry than there are those who do not so therefore the majority should have the right to have what we need instead of having to buckle down to those who throw tantrums and are more heard. Please listen to the masses on this issue.

I could go on and would love to speak with you if a cooler head and one with the inclination to research instead of emotion is of interest to you. My phone number is 808-645-1806. Thank you for listening.

J.A. Kit Ellison

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To: testimony
Subject: SUPER FERRY TESTIMONY

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

ALLOWING THE SUPER FERRY TO OPERATE DURING THE EIS PROCESS IS IMPORTANT FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: IT CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT ITS NOT INTRUSIVE AND THE IMPACT ON NEIGHBOR ISLAND CITIES WILL BE MINIMAL. AS OPPOSE TO A CRUISE SHIP THAT UNLOADS 2500 PASSENGERS IN LESS THAN HOUR. AS WELL AS HAWAIIAN AND ALOHA AIRLINES UNLOADING THOUSANDS OF PASSENGERS A DAY AND WHO RENT HUNDREDS OF CARS PER WEEK. SUPER FERRY IF I AM CORRECT WILL UNLOAD ONLY 250-300 PASSENGER AND 100 CARS PER DAY VERY MINIMAL COMPARATIVELY TO OTHER TRANSPORTATION VENUES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

NEWTON "JOHN" HINO

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From: Kate Phillips [kateinhawaii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I am in support of allowing the Super Ferry to proceed conducting business while also conducting environmental impact studies. The studies have already been conducted by the company to ensure business and investment feasibility long before they ever came to Hawaii. Their due diligence was extensive enough to convince the Senate and will most likely be sufficient throughout their business lifespan. The EIS is more of a formality at this point and is being used as a political tool by an extreme group of people. I am so embarrassed by our state and our lawmakers at this point that they would cave in to such a small, non-representative minority.

Sincerely,

Kate Phillips

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

I Anson K. Cortez, my wife Irene N. Cortez and both of my daughters Natasha-Quinn K. Cortez and Tristan-Leigh K. Cortez who reside at 310 Honono St. Honolulu and are registered voters' all feel that the Superferry is a excellent addition to inter state travel. I personally feel as if the people from other islands despise people from Oahu. I feel that I have as much rights as any other citizen to decide on inter-state travel. The main tax base is Oahu. I would imagine that at least 50% of the state taxes collected on Oahu is spent on the outside islands. All this aside, the legislators represent the people, majority should rule. If there are environmental concerns, identify and address them. Implement necessary guide lines on all marine vessels for that matter. Do not single out and destroy a necessary mode of transportation.

Sincerely Anson K. Cortez and Family

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From: Lloyd Uto [lloyduto@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

All,

Hawaii needs the Superferry. Please respect the wishes of majority of the Hawaii's citizens!!!

Aloha,

Lloyd Y. Uto

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From: Annette & Paul [hilojensen@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I have read the fifty page bill and in my opinion it is excellent. Thank you for working as hard as you have on this very important issue. I was born on Oahu and when my family came to Hilo in September 1941 we came by boat on the Hualalai. It was the only way to travel between islands, or anywhere else. There was a team of boys, I don't know what sport or organization, that spent the trip on the fan tail. I remember that they were having a real good time, a party, singing and laughing all night long as the islands passed by in the night. We lost that part of our way of life for all these years. I pray that now some semblance of an important part of the good old days may now be restored. Mahalo! Mahalo! Mahalo plenty!

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From: Brian Hyatt [bigbh@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Sirs;

I am extremely interested in seeing the Superferry operating here in Hawai'i for numerous reasons as many of my friends and associates are. There is a real need in an island community/state such as we reside in. Please do your utmost to counter these special interest groups who have a vested interest in destroying this interisland transport capability and allay the fears of the environmentalists who are "doom and gloom" naysayers.

Sincerely

Brian Hyatt
808-879-1669

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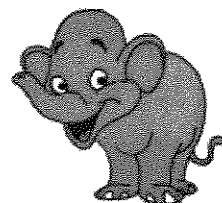
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From: Dan & Elsie Reimer [danandelsiereimer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY

To Whom it may concern,

We would just like to say how much we would LOVE to have the superferry up and running. We live on the Big Island. However we have a son living in Ohau. We would love to be able to take our car and go and visit him. The fares on the planes are becoming higher all the time. It would be nice to be able to visit other Islands also. We ARE IN FAVOR OF THE SUPERFERRY> Thank-you. Elsie and Dan Reimer.

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From: Kristy Zukeran [kristy@mauidivers.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am embarrassed at the way people are acting over the Superferry operating in Hawaii. The Superferry is here to make travel between the islands easier and in some ways cheaper by allowing us to take our vehicles to other islands instead of renting a car. As for the environmental assessment, I think it's a little late for that. If they are worried about any foreign life that it might bring here, too late, it's already here. The ferry already traveled from the mainland and crossed many miles of ocean and whatever attached itself to the ferry was brought here on her voyage here. I don't see why there is such great concern. We have cruise ships coming in and out of our ports from all over the world. We also have the Norwegian Cruise Line that travels between islands and makes a stop in Fanny island. Who knows what they bring back with them from Fanny island, but no one is complaining about them. Probably because we get millions of dollars from the visitors buying goods here in the islands.

Another complaint was the impact on our ocean life, in particular our humpback whale population that visits us every year. I am not sure that they are aware that the ferry is state-of-the-art and has no propellers to injure our ocean life. We can't say that about the cruise ships or even the barges that bring goods to our islands. As a matter of fact, the barges are deadly even to humans and if you are caught in the path of the barge you have no chance of out alive. That is probably what happens to our ocean life when caught in the path of a Matson barge. The Superferry has no exposed propellers to harm our ocean life.

I hope people will look at the facts and allow the Superferry to carry on with their business here in Hawaii. This is an opportunity for us to create jobs for local people and give our economy a little shove in a positive direction. All islands can benefit from the income, whether it's the 249 jobs lost by Superferry workers, or a merchant on Maui or Kauai benefiting from islanders spending their money in the islands instead of going to Vegas and spending it there. I guarantee the amount of traffic created by the additional cars will not be even close to the traffic created by cruise ship passengers and the buses that transport them all over the island.

Please look at the positive effect that the Superferry could have on our economy. Not only monetarily, but the fact that families will be able to take more frequent family vacations and visit family on the other islands keeping family ties strong.

Thank you for your time
Kristy Zukeran
Superferry Supporter

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From: Herbert Baer [baerherbert@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

1. I support the superferry as a way to reach Honolulu to see family, buy goods at the Kaneohe commissary and attend programs and events. It is cheaper than renting a car and buying two airfares.
2. Natalie Norman Baer
3. PO Box 330
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From: Bradley Wilson [bwilson@cummingcorporation.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry- testimony- Legislature's Public Access Room

Senate Committees – Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs and energy and Environment.
Hearing date: Wednesday, October 24.
Time and location: 10:30 am Auditorium, State Capitol.

I am an Architect and have lived a wonderful life in this state of Hawaii. I believe the Super ferry is a great addition to these Islands.

I know the opportunities the super ferry will bring are enormous, they include: improved trade between islands, family's taking vacations, improved shipping of cargo such as: construction materials, food, vegetables, Hawaiian made products. The success of the Super ferry will determine the future of other businesses coming to invest in Hawaii and is needed to provide an alternative to travel and shipping goods between the islands.

Do not let the claims of environmental issues cloud the real value of the Super ferry, there are many ships and barges that travel between the islands, why are the environmentalists claiming this is the only destructive ship to travel these Islands – other ships and barges can hit a whale as well? They have another agenda, they are being supported by the companies like Young Bros, and Matson who do not want competition for shipping goods, and rental car companies who also do not want competition.

Please help make the Super Ferry a reality with minimal operating restrictions during the EIS process so it can re-hire the local people back, pay its bills and be a viable business during the EIS process.

Aloha,

If you have any questions, comments or need any additional information, please contact me.

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From: Randall Cislo [randallcislo@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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

Wednesday, October 24

State Capitol

To Whom It May Concern: I would like to express my support for the Superferry. It will provide a great service to the citizens of the State of Hawaii. I would also like to see a successful infrastructure in place at the harbors. Mahalo, Sharon Cislo

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From: Ronald Federizo [r_federizo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Hawaii Superferry

To: Various Committees (Judiciary, Transportation etc.)

I would like to express my support for the Superferry. I believe that this is a great service to Hawaii and should be allowed to operate while the environmental study is being done.

Thank you.

Ronald N. Federizo

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From: Mike Luce [mikeluca@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

The Superferry should be allowed to operate, with conditions, during an environmental review process.
Thank you,
Mike Luce
North Kohala resident for 35 years

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From: grannyching@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I FOR ONE WANT THE SUPPESRFERRY BECAISE I CAN GO OVER BY CAR OR JUST GO WITHOUT A CAR AND FOR US SENIOUR CITIZENS THIS IS A GOOD THING FOR US THIS IS SOMETHING LONG OVER DUE IF THE BIG SHIPS CAN COME INTO ALL THE ISLALNDS WHY CANT THE SUPPESRFERRY ALSO IS THE STATE OR ISLANDS AGAINST HAWAIIAN PEOPLE WE LIVE HERE IN HAWAII WHY DOESNT EVERYONE GRUMBLE WHEN TWO SHIPS SIT IN OUR HARBORS FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD COME AND GO TO ALL LTHE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS NO ONSE GRUMBLES IS THEIR FAVORTISIM. ALSO WHESN THE TRIALETES COME NO ONES GARUMBLES WHY BECAUSE THE STATE OR COUNTY WANTS THES MONSEY BUT DONT CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE ISLANDS I FOR ONE WANT IT ITS A DREAM COME TRUES FOR ME AND ALOT OF CHILDREN WHO IS HANDICAPED WHO CAN NOT FIT IN A PLANE CAN RIDES THES SUPPESRFERRY AND ESNJOY LOOKING AT THE OCEANS DULPHINS AND ETC. GIVE THES SUPPERFERRY THE GO AHEAD.

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From: R & J Amano [jfoarla@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:29 AM
To: testimony; All Reps; All Senators
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We would like to take a moment to let you know that we are just two of the silent majority in support of the Superferry. Its time for our elected officials to pay attention to the "quiet" chatter amongst its lifetime constituents rather than the few "transplanted" wealthy constituents.

Unfortunately, most of us don't have the ability to take time off from work to show our support for another method of transportation. Given a choice, a vacation of pleasure will win over vacation time spent testifying before a committee (i.e. 3:00 p.m. yesterday and today on Maui and the Big Island). Even if it was held during the evening, there is dinner to be made, children to tend to.

Yes, we believe that, administratively, the matter was poorly handled. That aside, we believe that it is important that Hawaii become more self reliant given our great distance from the remainder of the states.

Have we not learned anything from events such as 911 and last year's major earthquake? These events demonstrate our vulnerability to terrorist attacks and natural disasters.

What will happen to Maui should an attack such as 911 (never say never) occurred whereby they destroyed, or badly damaged, our only major airport? Or the major earthquake created a major shift that, once again, damaged our airport runway? We can't wait for something to happen before taking action. By then, it will be too late!

Imposing restrictions yes, but in doing so, one must be fair. If certain restrictions are placed on the Superferry, these must be placed on other carriers (Young Brothers, airlines, cruise ships, and certainly whale watching tour boats who literally seek out and "chase" whales).

Like it or not, Hawaii will continue to grow. But its infrastructure continues to fall behind because of people who call themselves "environmentalists".

Thank you.

R and J Amano

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From: Sharon [SRolirad@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:18 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

Without going into tremendous dissertation, I strongly urge we keep the SuperFerry and keep it running just as it had planned. But among many things that have occurred, I must say we egg on our face that this business started up with a full green light and then had to stop. And it's such a wonderful way to travel between the islands. We no longer would have to rent a car on Kauai to go to our favorite private home and spend a restful week. I'm sure the airlines and rental car companies LOVE that.

I have about \$1K worth of words but I'll leave it go at this \$.25 cents.

Sharon Rolirad, Kapolei, HI

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From: Gary & Michelle JONES [gam4ever@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

We believe the Superferry would be convenient, easy, and a better way to experience our beautiful hawaiian islands to go by ocean instead of being crammed up in an airplane.

We hope you let the Superferry stay.

Thank you,

Gary Jones and Michelle Footlik

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From: Paul Botts [paul.botts@risksolutionpartners.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

Honorable Representatives and Senators:

I am a big supporter of the SuperFerry for a number of reasons. First and foremost is the fact that it gives us another mode of transportation to the outer islands. For businesses it will help get people, vehicles and merchandise to customers on the other islands. For visitors that don't want to fly and want to see the islands from a boat this is a great means of seeing our beautiful islands. Hawaii needs to move forward in this fast changing world and we cannot go backward. Look was has happened to those states that have put there head in the sand. Those states that are not progressive in their thinking and support of business have seen their economies go down hill very fast. They are now faced with having to turn things around and that is much harder than supporting business and making their economies grow.

On a personal level I look forward to taking the Superferry to Maui and Kauai to ride my Harley Davidson motorcycle and visit friends.

Please pass legislation that allows the Superferry to continue operations pending the Environmental Assessment. It is very puzzling to me how other ships and Young Brothers can operate for years without this kind of scrutiny and a new business that has invested millions of dollars gets picked out for this kind of treatment.

Thanks You.

Paul R. Botts, MBA
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From: naomi costa [mauimangohut@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: re: KEEP SUPERFERRY RUNNING, PLEASE!

Importance: High

Dear Members of the following committees:

Judiciary and Labor
Transportation and International Affairs Energy and Environment

10/23/07 8:18a.m.

We believe in fair play. Please keep the Hawaii Superferry operating while an environmental impact study is being conducted. Not all of us subscribe to boorish displays, nor the mob mentality we've been exposed to.

Superferry offers Hawaii a greater opportunity to enjoy our islands.

We can't afford the cruise ships that pass through the islands. Now Superferry will give families just that opportunity. We can regulate the ferry's operation.

There is no need to run them out of town. Stop the misinformation, do the study and allow us to make up our own minds while we use the superferry in the interim.

Thank you for being impartial.

The Costas

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From: Galen [gkitamura@hawaiianexpressinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry testimonial

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the Super Ferry.

It gives the people of Hawaii more mobility and choices.

It creates competition between transportation companies which should benefit the consumer.

A bigger threat to Hawaii is the brown tree snake from Guam. Are we spending as much time and money making sure that "invasive specie" *does not operate in Hawaii?*

Thank you for listening.

Galen Kitamura

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From: rose pikake [rosepikake22@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Please keep our Superferry here in the islands. Much money has been spent on this wonderful project. You mean to say you would let it go ... what a waste of our money! Here in Hawaii money is wasted like it grows on trees. This is something that is so good for we the locals as well as the visitors. I will be so angry if it goes away!!! I was truly looking forward to this. Please try to work things out and keep Superferry here in the islands. Thank you and God bless you!

In Him, LindaW

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From: Bob Sabatini [bob@choicefencehawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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

I Robert Sabatini, as a business man and resident of the State of Hawaii, not the state of Oahu, firmly support the addition of the superferry to our infrastructure. We are supposedly all residents of one state, albeit segregated by water free to come and go without hinderence. The only concern that I can agree with is some type of procedure to mitigate any damage to the marine animals. I request on this 23 rd day of October 2007 to be acknowledged in favor of the superferry.

Robert Sabatini

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From: Wendy R. Cook [wcook@inkinen.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry Testimony

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

Hearing Date: *Wednesday, October 24*

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

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

I would like to state that as an Oahu resident and former Hilo resident of 40 years I support the operation of the SuperFerry in Hawaii.

I believe it is an essential addition to the transportation pool in Hawaii. It will benefit the both the local and business community.

If the state needs to conduct studies I would hope it would be during the operation of this system that will better link our state together. It seems odd that these studies have not been conducted for all other water going vessels over the years and that this one has been singled out.

Mahalo,
Wendy

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From: Sophia Rohr [texas_5@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24


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I am writing in support of the Superferry. Please give the people of Hawaii another choice in their transportation. With the price of flying and shipping constantly going up (Young Bros. just raised their shipping rates AGAIN, the third time in 3 years!), the people of Hawaii are being held hostage. The Superferry is something the people of the state can use to visit relatives, use for shopping trips, sports events or just go on a little vacation. I thing the Superferry as something for US, not for the tourists. As much emphasis as there is on tourism - and rightly so - this ferry is for the people who voted for you! Example: My niece's Softball team from Hilo High got to go to the state tournament. They had to raise so much money to pay for the flight, for the rental vans they needed, etc. With the Ferry, the parents could have carpooled them over and they would not have had to rent vans to transport the girls around. When we were in the market for a computer, instead of picking out something on the internet and paying a lot to get it shipped to us, we could have gone for a weekend to Oahu and picked out our computer from Best Buy ourselves. Our shopping is so limited in the neighbor islands, it would be nice to be able to get something that can fit in your car and not only what you can take on the plane. The Superferry is going to be wonderful for the local economy!

Please find a way to keep the Superferry running! Those of us on the Big Island want to be heard and want that choice!

Thank you,

Sophia Rohr
Hilo, Hawaii
808-933-2800

Sophia 

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From: Regina Poehlmann [krpnapa@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To whom it may concern:

We lived on Oahu for over eight years. During that time we made many trips to the outer Islands and remarked then how nice it would be to have Ferry Service like the rest of the civilized world. We have used the Ferry Services in the State of Washington, Tahiti, Italy, Greece and Australia. Ferry Service in the Hawaiian Islands would be a real advantage to people who want to see their families and now have to spring for Airfare and Car Rental. For Tourists as well it could add a new dimension to their travels to the outer Islands. We would certainly use it during our frequent trips to Hawaii. Don't let the Naysayers do to the Ferry Service what they did to the Rapid Transit. Thank you for your consideration
Keith and Regina Poehlmann --- formerly of Waimanalo.

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From: Tion Buehler [tion@lokahipacific.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:31 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

My testimony:

I can understand the concerns of those that oppose the Superferry. However, what I don't understand is the fact that there are many abandoned vehicles that sit until government employees remove them. There is also a significant amount of rubbish being dumped along our shorelines that have sat there for years. Why aren't these environmentally concerned citizens out cleaning our land and beaches of abandoned vehicles, dumped mattresses and all sorts of opala? The Superferry will help reduce cost of living for many local hard working families. In an environment that is not friendly to middle income families; where it is expensive to pay for daycare, own a home and improve quality of life, we need the Superferry.

Sincerely,
Deborah Buehler

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From: Philip McCaffray [PhilipM@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry is important to us!!

It is unfortunate that a fired up minority can take away the rights of the majority. Interisland transportation is important to all people of Hawaii. When the cheap airfares go away some people will literally be stranded.

Please do what is in your power to get the Super Ferry going soon!

Phil McCaffray RA, ABR
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From: Aamanu22@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY

We do believe we need another means of inter-island travel and the Superferry is the answer. Please, please support the Superferry.

Domian and Loretta Seina
Pearl City, Hi

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From: Doug Pang [doug@trinitylender.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super ferry

I'm in support of the Super ferry!"

I'm Hawaiian born and raised in Honolulu. Hawaii is in need for other ways of travel in this volatile economy we live in.

The convenience of having your own vehicle and to see our beautiful State from the ocean, makes us and visitors more appreciated of what God created to support our home land.

I don't no where these people are coming from that is against it. Maybe they are being supported by the competition?

From the Big island and today is 10/23/2007 8:04am

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From: rtakase@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of SuperFerry

Gentlemen, I live in Maui, a true born and raised citizen, that cannot believe this fiasco that is going on with the SuperFerry. Yes, contrary to popular belief, there is a huge silent majority that supports the SuperFerry. My family, friends and I do not have the time to attend these so called hearings that the Senate has scheduled, because we work for a living! We have families to support and don't have the free time that the opposition has. Therefore the only way we can relay our opinions is via e-mail. If you really look at all the opposition and what they stand for it is pretty obvious that this is a no win situation. Like all fanatics, the opposition believe that their cause is righteous and everyone else is wrong. But in the big picture, the Ferry system offers the citizens a lot of benefits in Hawaii. Ferry systems in the United States, have been operating for years with absolutely no adverse impacts. You have to acknowledge the fact that Young brothers has had no adverse impacts for the last 30 years, even though their interisland system is pretty old? Let's get some courage and do what is right, let the SuperFerry operate as planned. When all is said and done, let's not forget to take into account all of the benefits of this venture when drafting the EIS.

Richard Takase

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From: Lowell [carreirol001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: FOR THE SUPERFERRY

Hawaii needs the SuperFerry. I believe it will be beneficial in good times as well as in times of state emergencies. *All of the other islands have their own negative impacts that occurred thru their own fault. SuperFerry cannot be blamed for their coqi frogs, marijuana growers, crowded roadways, high rises, crimes etc. that happened all on their own! And where did the banana bunji disease start? Certainly not because of the Superferry!*
Henri Carreiro

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From: Kimberly DeYoung [oceanart75@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Oct 24 Superferry Hearing Testimony- Kimberly DeYoung

Legislature's Public Access Room

Please find attached my testimony for the:

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

If you have difficulty with the attachement I have included the testimony in the body of the e-mail below.

Thank you for you time and attention,

Kimberly DeYoung

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

Dear Committee Members:

Topic: Support the Superferry Now, Support Your Local Artists

Thank you for your time and please take into consideration how supporting the Superferry now, supports your local art communities. Currently it is very difficult and expensive for local artists to transport art, attend and participate in art festivals and art related events on neighboring Islands. With the introduction of the Superferry many local artists will be able to share their works at these events. There are several other benefits to consider:

Benefits

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1. **Supports New Artists**- Helps new artists gain greater exposure by being able to participate in Art Festivals and Events on neighbor islands and being able to afford to do so.
2. **Supports Established Artists**-Allows for more cost effective transportation of original art to galleries and festivals on other Islands. Helps reduce shipping damage.
3. **Networking**- Expanding participation at events helps artists build networks with other artists within their craft, who may not have been able to do so without the Superferry service.
4. **Diversity**- Allows for a greater diversity of local art at festivals and events.
5. **Tourism** -
 - a. Gives Tourists the option to see the art work from multiple islands even though they may only visit one island.
 - b. Ferry service could help increase attendance at these festivals and events, the visitor(s) may not know about the event until they arrived on the island, a day trip on the Superferry could be an inviting option as opposed to getting on another flight.

Why Now?

1. **Missed Events** - There are several events in the upcoming months that would be otherwise missed without the Superferry. The Artist could wait over a year for another opportunity.
2. **Planning** - Several festivals require advance judging and registration, knowing the Superferry will be available will allow for proper planning.

Why should Superferry be allowed to run during the EIS interim?

1. **Responsible Passage**- The articles and news reports I have seen lead me to believe that Superferry *is* taking environmental precautions in the interim.
2. **Not Fair to Discriminate**- There have been and are currently vessels on these water ways that travel as fast as the Superferry. There are cruise lines and shipping barges that have been taking these routes for years. It is not right to hold one group to a completely different standard than the others.
3. **Local Jobs** - Local responsible people have been hired and trained by the Superferry organization. What about the impact to them and their families?

Please take this heartfelt and sincere statement into deep consideration, for myself and the Artists of these Islands.

Kimberly DeYoung,

DeYoung Fine Art,

Honolulu

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From: Stefen W. Manhard [S-Manhard1@ti.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Keep the Superferry running committee.

October 23, 2007

This e-mail is for the Judiciary & Labor, Transportation & International Affairs, and Energy & Environment Division. The scheduled meeting is at 10:30 a.m. at the Auditorium State Capitol. Let's keep the Hawai'i Superferry alive and kicking. Keep it going, guys. Mahalo from a man from Houston, Texas.

PS. i visited Oahu once in Dec. 2005 and we had a great time. Honolulu is very nice and Waikiki beach is beautiful.

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From: Beattie [dabeatties@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To all committees: Judiciary & Labor, Transportation & International Affairs, Energy & Environment

We vote in favor of the Superferry to start their engines up in Hawaiian waters. We are united as a state and the majority's voice should determine the way, not the loud minority. The Superferry gives all of us another means of transportation to visit our outer islands; for business and pleasure.

Mahalo,
Christian & Janell Beattie

**ATTN: Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair,
Transportation and International Affairs, Senator Kalani English, Chair
Committee on Energy and Environment, Senator Ron Menor, Chair 19/22/07 12am**

Mahalo for permitting me to testify in support of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an Environmental Impact Statement is completed for the safety of the environment and the benefit to the community. My name is Kauila Clark and I serve as a Native Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center certified by a Kupuna Council of Master healers as created by law and sanctioned by Papa Ola Lokahi. My practice has taken me all over the US and the world. In my experience the Hawaii Superferry has gone beyond in its' commitment to Native Hawaiian values and process. They have been very cooperative and respectful in being pono in their process to build a business in Hawaii to benefit the families and businesses in Hawaii. The Hawaii Superferry will make it affordable to bring our families together.

Pilahi Pahi, a noted Kupuna, gave us the Acronym of ALOHA that the Hawaii State Legislature passed into law. She also said before she died that if we do not accept and practice ALOHA by the year 2000 that we would end up being like anywhere else because the Aumakua would leave these Islands and we would become HA OLE (without spirit). The behaviors in protest against the Hawaii Superferry did not exhibit the behaviors Auntie Pilahi gave us. She did not express tolerance but an acceptance of oneself and others through honor respect through lokahi. The acronym reads
A-Akahi meaning kindness as expressed through tenderness (non judgment),
L-Lokahi meaning unity as expressed through harmony (conflict with honor and respect),
Olu Olu agreeable as expressed through pleasantness (being a teacher and student at the same time, to listen, share and learn from each other),
H-Haa Haa humility as expressed in modesty (remembering all the support and encouragement you received from others as you journey through life)
A-Ahonui meaning Patience as expressed in perseverance (Holding personal priorities over the situation at hand)

These are the values that have perpetuated the culture for thousands of years and we need to utilize them in these trying times. Let us resolve this as we have for thousands of years in solving problems. May we be pono for all especially for the families of Hawaii. May we be pono in our discussions and resolve.. I think a task force to oversee the process while they operate is fair.

I humbly submit my name for consideration to join the task force to assist in overseeing the EIS process as a cultural consultant on Native Hawaiian values and processes.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify in favor of the Superferry operating during the EIS

Meka haahaa,

Kauila Clark

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From: Kauila Clark [clarkk44@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:08 PM
To: testimony
Attachments: ATTN.doc

Mahalo for excepting my testimony.
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Kauila Clark 12 05 am

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From: Aloha Charlie [alohacharlie@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

The ferry personally could have helped me in my recent move from Oahu to the big Island (if it was running here already). To get here, I had to turn in my vehicle 4 days prior to my departure. Which left me with no vehicle during a very difficult period. I had no ride back from the harbor and no ride to the airport (4 days later). When I arrived on the big Island I had no vehicle So I got a taxi to a rental agency. Had that car for 2 days. Then had to hassle with returning the car and getting to the harbor. If there ferry service, I could have kept my car until the day I left, had my car when I arrived and I could have packed pillows and an air mattress, since my cargo container didn't arrive until 5 days after I arrived on the Big Island. Why should we be forced to jump through so many hoops when there is an easy solution. We need this ferry.

I moved to Hawaii 2 years ago and I am already disappointed with the inaccessibility of this state. Hawaii is not 8 different states, it is one state and I should be able to travel across it and explore it with more ease. The Superferry will give me that opportunity. Hawaii is full of tourists but it also has millions of American voters that should have the same rights and advantages as other Americans living in other states. Imagine if the people living on Staten Island in New York had there bridges and the ferry taken away. They would be stuck on that island, isolated from the rest of the state with flight being their only way off. Or imagine if you live in Southern California and you want to explore Northern California but you are told you have to fly there because the roads can not be traveled, lets say for environmental reasons. The people in those states and all states have had roads and bridges built at taxpayers expense to connect them to the rest of their state. If the state is not going to build bridges in Hawaii then we should be given an alternative. The government should have provided the state of Hawaii with bridges or a ferry many years ago. With that said, as a minimum, the government should be behind this company which is providing us the opportunities that was the governments obligation.

I am sure environmental issued could have been raised with the building of every bridge in America and yet the bridges were built. The Superferry is Hawaii's bridge. We need a bridge so please don't take it away. Helping the superferry isn't helping one company, it is helping millions of Americans.

Sincerely,

Charlie Hazelton

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From: Gia Baiocchi [gia@blossominglotus.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:06 AM

To: testimony

To whom it may concern,

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

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

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Sunday, October 21, 2007

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE:

King Kaumualii Elementary School Cafeteria
4381 Hanamaulu Road
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From: myarbrough@miml.calstate.edu on behalf of Mark Yarbrough [yarbrougm002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:44 PM
To: testimony
Subject: PRO Superferry

Aloha, please forward this testimony to the following committees before the 24 October hearings at 10:30 AM:

Judiciary and Labor
Transportation and International Affairs
Energy and Environment

Dear Senators,

I urge you to pass legislation allowing the Superferry to operate unimpeded during the EIS process. The Superferry has already addressed the true concerns associated with their operations.

It is clear to me from listening to the Kauai and Maui community meetings that the Superferry opposition just does not want the Superferry. Their push for the EIS is just a delay tactic to put the Superferry out of business. The case against the Superferry is just a collection of contrivances being used to put the Superferry out of business. Most of the arguments are based on a flawed understanding of maritime operations, marine science and the law. This became clear to me when the opposition was unhappy with the plan to proceed with the EIS instead of doing the EA first. Clearly, they want the longest path possible, not the best path.

Few of the opposition are willing to just say it like it is because there is no way to support the bigotry and selfish hypocrisy of exclusion. In this case, the feeling of those of the outer islands that no one else has any right to visit "their" island.

Thank goodness these people are just a small (but very vocal and rude) minority; or Aloha would be nonexistent.

Mahalo,
Mark Yarbrough
Kailua
22 October 2007, 11:35 PM

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From: Terri [tr@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Allow The Supperferry to Sail

I would love to see the Supperferry connect the islands. Just have inspections of vehicles, slow down when in whale territory, embark and disembark when it isn't at high traffic times.

Terri L Richards
20 Papali Lane # 53
Wailuku Hi 96793

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From: SHEILA POLLET [polletsb@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

Regarding hearing Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 10:30 am in State Capitol.

My husband and I are fully in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service for the Hawaii Superferry while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. We actually have been in support of the Superferry from its inception and do not understand all of the opposition that has ensued. All modes of motorcraft and airlines travel freely between these islands carrying all kinds of "invasive species", the whales are only here a few months of the year and have been dealing with all of the vessels we already have with no problem for many many years, and as far as thousands of people invading the seclusion of the outer islands, well these same thousands can go by air and for now at very reasonable rates. The thing is we should have a choice - flying is not best for everyone. Our family includes elderly people and children and it would so much easier to pack up our van, hop on and off the Superferry and unpack at the relatives or hotel instead of packing up the van, going to airport, looking forever for a place to *park, unloading our items to put on the plane, claiming items again on outer island, renting a car, packing the car again and unpacking again at the relatives or hotel.* Now tell me - which one would you rather do? We have been looking forward to the Superferry ever since we heard it - please do not let it go away.

Stanley and Sheila Trueman

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From: John & Sheri Kerr [kerrs@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor of Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I would like to testify in favor of allowing the ferry to operate while an EIS is being conducted. Since we are a state separated by water in the middle of the ocean, it makes perfect sense to have a ferry transportation service. I live on Maui and have used the ferry to Molokai and Lanai many times. My daughter's soccer team has benefited from having that service.

I am afraid if the Superferry cannot operate during the EIS, this good company will not be able to wait it out and they will go elsewhere to do business. The local people will lose out and the world will know that Hawaii is not a place to do business in. I feel a travesty has been committed by a small group of selfish individuals.

Thank you,

Sheri L. Kerr

4700 Kula Highway

Kula, HI 96790

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From: Joyce Gushiken [jkg@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor of Hawaii Superferry

Dear Members of the Legislature,

Where's the Aloha? Are we a State united as one or divided by the waters that surround us? How dare the people who oppose the Hawaii Superferry say that they don't want us "Oahuans" on their island. I was born and raised on Kauai and although I now live on Oahu, I still visit my Mom and relatives on Kauai quite frequently. I wonder how many of the protesters were born and raised on Kauai or Maui? I respect those who genuinely want to protect the 'aina but for those who do not have any grassroots here on these islands are selfish in that they want the lifestyle they found on these islands for themselves. Does this mean that they can come to Oahu to play in our backyard but we can't go over to play in theirs? Sounds kapakahi to me.

We live in a state comprised of islands and as such, we should be able to move freely between the islands; and the Hawaii Superferry provides a wonderful alternative for us to travel to our neighbor islands. In the spirit of Aloha, please take to heart what the majority of Hawaii's constituency want . . . please reinstate operation of the Hawaii Superferry in our state.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Aloha,
J. Gushiken

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From: Takata, William H CIV DISA PAC [William.Takata@disa.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Aloha!

Just showing my support for the Super Ferry.

I've been looking forward to the possibilities of traveling to the other islands with my own vehicle. Every year my fishing buddy and I, go to various islands to fish from the shores and camp where we end up at the end of the day. Purely recreational.

It would be great to be able to bring our own necessities and begin our vacation immediately instead of spending half the day renting a vehicle and shopping for the things we need during our trip.

Truly, that's the main reason for my support of the Ferry!!

Mahalo!

Bt.

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From: Ross M. Brown [Ross@Hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Dear Legislators,

I do not know of any single service business that can be a greater benefit to all of the people of Hawaii than the Hawaii Superferry. Numerous examples of benefits abound which will help the people of our state. There are multiple businesses that will also benefit by the addition of the Hawaii Superferry. Unifying our state must be a prime objective of our legislative body because of the obvious help to our people. In addition, this is another positive experience that we can provide visitors to Hawaii. Please support the immediate reinstatement of the Hawaii Superferry in the waters of Hawaii Ne.

Aloha,

Ross M. Brown

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From: JulieCr8on@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In support of the Superferry

To whom it may concern:

I simply write as a resident of the Big Island in support of the Superferry. In an island state it is imperative that we have access to reasonable forms of transportation to keep families together and to permit comfortable inter-island travel for residents. The cruise ships service the vacationing visitors to our state, but the Superferry has far more potential to ease travel and access to services for residents and the small businesses that serve us.

It is not rational that this mode of transportation cannot be made enviro-friendly. Ferries ply the waters between Vancouver and Vancouver Island, and this is also is a habitat for whales.

It is the role of government to solve problems for the common good. When so large a number of people support the Superferry it is inconceivable to me that a compromise cannot be imagined and enacted.

I support the Superferry and the environment.

Julie Creighton
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From: Jackie Dunn [djackielu@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

We must remember, that the people transporting their cars between islands are our own Ohana, not tourists. *Tourists will just rent a car on another island. Why put a rental on the ferry?*

Thanksgiving and the Christmas Season are coming up. I would like to see the Super Ferry running so locals can visit their Ohana on other islands throughout the Holiday Season. Especially if all the flights are sold out.

Boo! Scare away worms, viruses and so much more! Try Windows Live OneCare! [Try now!](#)

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From: James Nakagawa [jknakagawa@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:53 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Hawaii State Legislature:

We are in favor of having the Super Ferry continue to operate. We do not normally participate in this process but feel that this is important to the future of the State of Hawaii. The so called vocal minority is speaking so I would like our voice to be heard too. Just because we are working and are not able to personally testify doesn't mean that our voice should not be heard as loudly as those who are not as vocal. Although I don't know all the issues related to the Super Ferry other than the television news & the print media, I don't feel that the Super Ferry should be held to any higher standard than any other transportation or military operation that currently exists in the State of Hawaii. You were elected to do what's best for the State of Hawaii as a whole based on all the information provided to you. You can't please all of the people all of the time. It should not be a win lose situation for either side but after weighing all the information presented, I'm sure you will come up with a solution that both sides of the issue can live with.

Aloha,

James K. Nakagawa
Kei K. Nakagawa
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From: Dale Wilson [dr-dale@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry
Importance: High

Aloha!

I have lived in Hawaii for more than a dozen years now (October 1973-December 1976 at Schofield Barracks and December 1999-Present on the Big Island) and would like to add my voice to the very solid *majority* of Hawaii's citizens who are in favor of "H-4"! We *need* this mode of 21st century transportation. Sadly, the news media has made the small but rude and obnoxious alliance of pro-sovereignty and far-left ecologists jamming into small court rooms appear as though *they* are the majority.

It's time for legislators to stand up and act in the best interests of those of us who would like to see the SuperFerry operating between the Big Island and the neighbor islands ASAP!

Mahalo nui Loa for your kokua!

Respectfully,

dale

Dale E. Wilson, Ph.D.
Major, U.S. Army (Ret.)
Mountain View, HI

10/23/2007

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From: Henri [henri96744@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In favor of SuperFerry

SuperFerry should be allowed to operate while all the problems get ironed out. We need this alternative transportation, lets not destroy it before it even gets started.
Lowell Carreiro

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From: woofdjh01@att.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

----- Forwarded Message: -----

From: woofdjh01@att.net
 To: testimony.Capitol.hawaii.gov (Superferry)
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 governor.lingle@hawaii.gov (Linda Lingle), senhemmings@Capitol.hawaii.gov (Fred Hemming),
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 Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 10:15:47 +0000

Please amend state law so our Superferry will be able to operate, with monitored conditions, while an EIS is being formulated.

Some suggested topics for your consideration: a) The ferry has never collided with any whale or other forms of marine life, causing injury or death --- **other forms of ocean transportation have!** b) The ferry has never introduced invasive species within our islands --- **other forms of land, sea and air transportation have!** c) Superferry has not violated cultural areas of our islands --- **other businesses have!** d) Hawaii Superferry **put its trust in** our state administration --- Lingle and/or Fukunaga were hard-headed and made the mistake!
 e) All existing businesses and transportation methods continue to pollute or harm the environment in various ways, **Superferry never did --- it is not in operation!** f) Opponents say the ferry will cause harm --- **can it be proven?** g) The Superferry has the most comprehensive means of mitigating environmental, invasive species, or cultural harm --- **it is doubtful other businesses or transportation forms can make the same claim!**

*Why is there such heated concern for **what might happen**, yet only "after-the-fact" efforts are made to correct what has and is continually happening to our environment?*

The state administration gave approval for Superferry to operate within our waters. Our courts ruled against the administration. It is within the power of our legislature to correct the other two branches.

Henry Miyamoto

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From: G Everett [geverett@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save our Super Ferry

This is the most important issue for Hawaii to date. We have become the laughing stock of the United States and most of the nations in the Pacific. This is an opportunity to develop and expand services locals and visitors alike.

The resistance to this opportunity to improve the lives of our people here in Hawaii becomes very suspect in analysis.

We question as to the policies voiced by the small and rude group of protesters. Attacking people's cars and putting their children in the path of danger to advance questionable motives.

To place a load of unneeded policies and restrictions on the Super Ferry and not on every other commercial shipping enterprise is again suspect.

Sincerely,

Gary and Hsiu King Everett
Pearl City, Hawaii

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From: barbara lau [bjzda1@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: My Love for Nature and OUR Islands

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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

RE: My Love for Nature and OUR Islands

I am a person who LOVES Nature and Animals (big time!) People and Places. The Outdoors.

Each Island holds "something" of the heart to protect. If it's not in the heart, then it's not worth it. It holds no value, no meaning what so ever. It's like our ohana, keiki, kapuna, neighbors, visitors, here and world wide.....we keep in touch, send things from the heart, value who they are, show pride in what we have that's unique to each individual, family member, children "young and old" and most of all to these islands with it's wonderful splendor of color and nature all around us that link us all together.

I was asked by family, family in the mainland, friends and their friends through them, to just send something I wrote along with the Petition I asked of them to support. So.....I figure, what have I got to lose. I asked of them, now they ask of me. Since they feel it was too simple a "tid bit" to not be heard, yet held true for them as well so here goes.

The following is what I sent to friends and family, in turn they passed on to others;

For those of you who are on the mainland, if you believe in this venture, please sign/send

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From: Bautista Victoria [vmbautista@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry / Senate Committee Hearing 10/24/07

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

To All Concerned:

Please keep the Hawaii Superferry going. This interisland means of transportation is much needed for all the visitors and residents of Hawaii.

I am a Travel Consultant in the San Francisco Bay Area and had made this announcement to my Clients last month. Everyone is thrilled to have something like the Hawaii Superferry. It is very unique and creates more excitement to travelers.

If we can support it, why can't you. You should be proud that something like this can only happen in Hawaii. Please keep it going.....

Thank you,
Victoria Bautista
Travel Consultant
ALTOUR/Calig World Travel & Cruises
Tel: 510-222-3890
e-mail: vmbautista@yahoo.com

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From: DALE MERLIN TURNER [Turner@pobox.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Neighbor Island access via Superferry

With the airport access problems it is all the more necessary to have access to our neighbor islands.

The Superferry helps us maintain contact with our neighbors.

DALE MERLIN TURNER
P.O. Box 10037
Honolulu HI 96816
(808) 923-4141

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From: Frank MacDonald [FrankMacDonald@HawaiianTel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Aloha Legislators,
This message concerns the following:

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

There are already lots of invasive species on and around our beautiful Hawaiian islands. None of them were brought by the Superferry. To my knowledge none of the major carriers that brought these species was ever required to do an EIS. Until now.

The Superferry means jobs, alternate transportation, and family vacations on other islands in our own cars. It opens up deliveries between the islands using road transportation for whatever business wants to use it, and is another avenue for tourists to experience our islands.

The people who oppose Superferry do so for a multitude of reasons that go far beyond just wanting an EIS.

The people who manage to get and keep the Superferry running are the true visionaries.

Please let that be you.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Frank

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From: Thelma Gretzinger [tgretz@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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

The Superferry will offer an easy alternative to access the other islands for local residents and tourists as well. Also, since it has no propellers, its effect on marine life will be far less than other ocean vehicles.

Please do the right thing and change the law so that we may begin using this fine service right away. Hawaii needs this service.

--

Thelma Gretzinger

President

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From: Mindy Berry [mindy@mindyberry.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Aloha,

I would like to register my voice in strong favor of the super ferry.

I am a local resident, born on Oahu, living on the Big Island. My business takes me back and forth between Oahu and Hawaii and this ferry would be such a huge blessing to me and my family.

As well, with my business as a consultant I have talked with many local business owners who would greatly benefit from the Ferry.

Please do everything you can to allow the ferry.

Mahalo,

Mindy Berry



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From: Rose LaCoursier [flubinator@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: hawaii superferry

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. This will give different ways to get from island to island. The airlines need the competition. This is also a beautiful way to go island to island. Thank you for listening Rose

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From: Neal Hendrickson [nealh@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:50 AM

To: testimony

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

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I am in support of the Superferry operating until an environmental study is completed. Please base your decision to put the superferry back in business upon the testimonies you have and will receive. Results of polls completed by several media sources must also be taken into consideration.

Should your decision be to allow the Superferry to operate, please include in your decision, effective methods for law enforcement to deal with protestors who may cause interference with the superferry, it's passengers, and cargo.

Thank you
Neal Hendrickson
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From: Dennis Hann [dennishann@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Letter of support for the Superferry

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

Re: Hawaii Superferry

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

The Superferry is a good example of free enterprise meeting a legal and valid need in the community.

Overregulation is not good for consumers or the environment.

Dennis Hann
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From: thedaigles@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Keep the Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I was born and raised on Oahu and now live in Boston. I was embarrassed to see an article in The Boston Globe about the Superferry and the Kauai locals not wanting mainlanders to invade their place. The reality is that if someone wants to go to Kauai, they are going to go there. The superferry is simply another means of getting there. It seems to me that larger interests - Airlines and rental car companies - have to be behind the objection to the superferry. Here in MA, we have ferries and plans to the islands of Nantucket and Martha's vineyard. This has worked perfectly for years and I'm not sure why it is such an issue in HI. It would be so wonderful to more closely connect the islands with a virtual water highway and bring us all closer together. I hope the law makers do the the right thing here and support the Superferry and keep special interests in their place.

Thanks,

Laura Daigle

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From: Michael Arrillaga [mja069@adelphia.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

The Arrillaga's from the island of Kauai are in total favor of the super ferry. Our address is Kiahuna Plantation #113, 2253 Poipu Road, Koloa, HI 96756.

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From: Lance Parks [Lance.Parks@watts-con.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Legislation

Attn:

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

I Support the Superferry, Its time has come, Such service is 20 years late as it is. Eddie would Ride.

Lance Parks
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From: Lynne "Gigi" Hayes Polk [gigi02646@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I SUPPORT THE INTERISLAND FERRY SERVICE

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

I am a resident in Big Island, Kona and also have to commute to Hononolulu as a Registered Nurse in the hospitals. This allows me to take a car or travel eaiser to and from.

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

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From: Caluwe, Ken (Addison, IL) [CaluwK01@unisourcelink.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry - Whales & Technology

My wife and I are middle class Americans from the mainland and have had the good fortune to visit Hawaii the last seven years and will continue to do so every year for the remainder of our lives. Our number one passion is watching the whales. We would find it a travesty should a single whale be injured by the Superferry. I believe the only issue at hand in allowing the Superferry to operate is the safety of the whales and possibly we have the technology to appease everyone. I also believe it is the speed at which the Superferry travels which endangers the whales and not the ferry itself.

I recently received an automobile loaner from a dealer with all the bells and whistles. One of the features on the vehicle was cruise control which detected other vehicles in its path and automatically adjusted my speed to maintain a safe distance from other vehicles. If this technology can be installed on the Superferry to detect whales and automatically reduce its speed to less than a fatal speed this may appease everyone. Our vote is for the safety of the whales.

Sincerely

Ken Caluwe

Phone: 630-705-6174
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From: Dave Marvin [dave@honolulufish.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:01 AM
To: testimony

Aloha,

To the Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment for Wednesday, October 24 at 10:30 am Auditorium, State Capitol:

I rode the Super Ferry from Oahu to Maui on the 1st run. It was wonderful. The staff was very friendly and knowledgeable. They did a great job and was very responsible for checking each car. When on the open ocean they seemed very careful as to watch for whales etc. I support the Super Ferry and hope service will start very soon. This method of transportation is vital to the state of Hawaii.

aloha,

Dave Marvin
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From: Sam [smigliazzo@jjconvertingmachinery.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Senators,

I am watching the discussion of the Hawaii Superferry very closely. My wife and I are planning to visit Hawaii this winter and a large part of our decision to come there was the Superferry. We do not like to use airplanes to visit the other islands so we plan to go to Kauai on the Superferry. If the company is forced out of Hawaii, we will go somewhere else this winter. I urge all of you to treat the company fairly.

Respectfully,

Sam Migliazzo
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From: Daphne [daph@olympen.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I am not a native of Hawaii. I live in the Pacific Northwest. For many years, ferries have been a way of life for me as I live on the Olympic Peninsula.

I feel your concern about the environment and water life. However, I think that a ferry would improve tourist activities, help keep costs down, also make it easier for inter inland travel for the people of the Islands. I have been going to Maui for 27 years, and would love a chance to go to the big Island on the ferry. We have looked into flying over, but it is costly and time consuming.

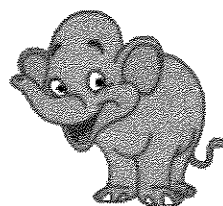
I think that if this was done in a manner that would be friendly to the environment it would benefit all concerned.

Thank you for listening to the public, both in Hawaii and tourists.

Daphne Eshom
Port Angeles, WA 98362

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From: Nancy Merrill [merrilln001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry must have an EIS

This testimony is for the following hearing:

THE SENATE
 THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
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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

I want to add my number to the many on Kauai who object to the way the Superferry has been forced upon us without due process. I have copied a quote from the newspaper here that states my opinion exactly,

"...the law should not be bent or changed just to suit the current whims or sentiment of some people, even if they are the majority of people.

The law is intended to apply to all people, the minority as well as the majority. The ranks of the majority and minority constantly shift with each new issue. 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.

On one issue or another and at one time or another, we will all find ourselves in the minority. It will be a terrible blow to our confidence in our system of government if, as a minority, we felt that the law will not protect our interests because the majority could whimsically change it to suit itself at any time."

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The anger we feel is generated by several issues:

1. The special consideration offered the Superferry by the Governor. Even a bike path on Kauai involves an environmental assessment. This apparent preference for the benefit to business interests at the expense of due process involving the people it impacts is very troubling.
2. The focus on the potential benefit to residents of Oahu. Yes, they want to come to Kauai because it is still very different from Oahu. What a great vacation! But they forget that by coming here and bringing their cars, surfboards, hiking boots with Oahu weed seeds embedded in the soles, gear for camping on our beaches, and plants grown and products made in Oahu they are impacting our environment and gradually changing it to be more like Oahu. We want Kaua'i to stay Kaua'i for as long as possible.
3. The apparent view of our lawmakers that they are above the law. It should not be possible for our elected officials to change a law just because it is not convenient. What if we all decided that the speed limits or tax rates were inconvenient? Laws are passed to create order and establish priorities. We change these at our own peril.
4. The possible unintentional (or even intentional) introduction of invasive species during the time the environmental assessment is being done. The one that concerns me the most is the mongoose. I can see someone thinking this would be a great prank to play on Kaua'i and bring a pair over in their car. They could easily be brought in a small container, even a picnic basket, that might be missed during a routine car inspection. We have many more native birds here because of the absence of the mongoose. I enjoy the sound of nene flying over my house in Princeville on a regular basis. Once the introduction is made, it cannot be undone. This possibility needs to be addressed in an environmental assessment BEFORE the SuperFerry sails to Kaua'i again.
5. The media features the owners and the employees of the Superferry and the hardships created by any delay in beginning service. I do feel sorry for the employees, but the owners had to be aware that doing an environmental assessment was the usual precursor to doing business in Hawaii. They had plenty of time to do it while the Superferry was being designed and built. This lack of foresight isn't something we should reward. We should discourage this behavior from ever occurring again by taking action and establishing for once and for all that an EIS MUST come first!

Every day we learn more about how our activities impact the environment. When will we learn that the time to act is NOW? Overturning a law intended to protect our environment is taking many steps backward just at the time we should finally be putting the environment first before all other considerations.

Respectfully submitted by,

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From: Rose Reed [leahirreed@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry: Hearing on Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry. We need an alternate form of transportation to and from the various islands aside from air. The Superferry provides a safe, comfortable, and sensible alternative, for both tourists and the local population. The Superferry needs to be able to operate while the environmental impact statement is being conducted for the company to have a chance at making it.

Please give them the opportunity to make a real go at it, so much time & resources have gone into this already, it would be an absolute shame if they are not.

Thank you,
Rose M Reed

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From: Phoebe Lambeth [phoebel@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Dear Senators,

Please keep the Superferry running during the hearing and environmental studies. In fairness to all, the Cruise Lines, Young Brothers, ferry from Leeward to Honolulu were not required to have any environmental studies done prior to their services. Why are we punishing the Superferry because of a few activists? If I remember correctly the feasibility of an environmental study was brought up during the last legislature and those of us in the business sector such as the Chambers of Commerce wrote in stating our views which is not to require the Superferry to have to do an environmental study. We cannot continue to discourage people from doing business in Hawaii. Our economy is doing well now but if we continue to discourage business from coming to Hawaii we may have to face negative consequences in the future. Please, keep the Superferry running.

Respectfully submitted,

Phoebe M. Lambeth
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Hilo, Hawaii

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From: Marie [Marie@ICCKona.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am for the Superferry, it will create jobs for the local people of hawaii and will give us locals a choice of traveling interisland, without having the huge expense of flying and renting cars.....It will let us visit our families on the other islands, otherwise I could not afford flying to the other islands with the cost of plane tickets.....

Mahalo
Lexus Mehau

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From: Leeper, Robert W CONT [robert.leeper@navy.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Gentlemen and ladies of Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Committees.

This is a short statement in support of the superferry. I think you all know the many reasons for allowing the superferry to run during this crucial Phase. I understand there is a small vocal minority that have their reasons for keeping this from happening, but I wanted to remind you of your overwhelming support when this was first proposed several years ago. Nothing has happened that should alter that support. To allow this fantastic opportunity to slip through our fingers, and to deny the people of Hawaii the opportunity to have this alternate method of travel for pleasure or business, would certainly be a travesty. Forget the politics, and please make every attempt to make this happen.

Thank You
Bob Leeper

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From: Ellen Cunningham [emcunningham@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Please register my support of the Superferry traveling between the Hawaiian Islands. As a resident of Kailua-Kona I believe the Superferry will provide reasonably priced transportation for families visiting family members around the islands as well as provide economic opportunities for businesses, farmers and others. Please refer my testimony to the following committees:

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment
Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24
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Ellen Cunningham
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From: Karen Nishioka [k_nishioka@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

As part of the quiet majority who support the Superferry, we urge you to think about the good of the entire state and not be influenced by the loud minority. They do not represent everyone Please help the Superferry get sailing!!!
Thank you.

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From: carl kaleugher [ckaleugher@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

To All,

I am in support of the superferry as I believe by talking with many friends this will be a good thing. I am a registered Demo crate and I believe this is something the Governor got us into and now the best thing is to go forward. Please vote for the superferry with limited restrictions.

Carl Kaleugher

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From: Lad1142@cs.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

10-23-07

9:10 am

Why restrict free enterprise and waste taxpayers money. Let the superferry operate. If it is not an asset for the people of Hawaii it will be out of business in a short period of time. On the other hand if it is an asset the public will benefit and operation will continue. All should be treated equally.

L.A. Dougherty

Maui

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From: Hawaii Community Chiropractic [chiroprah001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:03 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

To all involved,

I am writing in favor of the superferry. I have been waiting for something like this to happen since I was 5 years old. I am now 44. The superferry makes too much sense. I believe the superferry should operate until proven otherwise. Im sorry if a few residents on Kauai are against it believing the people of Oahu may want to transfer drugs and invasive species but thats what security is for. All other businesses have been allowed to operate without any impact study, why is the superferry the only one.

If the superferry is not operational, I will boycott Kauai and its products as well as Maui. This whole state is backward enough, lets do something right.

Thank you,

Stephen Mar.

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From: Lisa Cates [lisacates@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Legislature's Public Access Room

To Senate Committees:

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Time: 10:30am Auditorium, State Capitol

Aloha Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am submitting testimony in support of the Superferry. I believe that the positive impacts that the Superferry will have on Hawaii's families and Community outweigh the negative impacts (of which many will be mitigated). To allow the Superferry to operate during the environmental assessment is a worthwhile compromise in lieu of losing a great asset to the State of Hawaii.

I know that our family would use the Superferry to visit extended family on the outer islands and enjoy the convenience of having our own vehicle while traveling with small children. Every Christmas we fly to the Hilo from Oahu with suitcases, boxes of Christmas presents (unwrapped), and coolers of moi (farm raised - not taken from the environment) for a week long celebration with our family and friends. This is a tradition in our family that allows us to reunite, guaranteed, once a year. I believe the Superferry would allow us to do this type of get together at least twice a year. We need another option for travel. Airfares may be somewhat affordable now, but prices prior to Go! airlines were shockingly expensive and much too high for families.

Mahalo for listening to my input.

Aloha,

Lisa Cates
Kailua, Oahu

10/23/2007

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From: Donna Aukai [Donna@heide-cook.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Operation of the Super Ferry

I am greatly concerned about all the rhetoric that seems to be clouding the picture of whether or not the Super Ferry should operate while an EIS / EA is being done and I would like to state for the record that I feel they should be able to go ahead with business while the required statements are being done.

Everyone keeps saying that they (Super Ferry) should be held to the same conditions as everyone else, but who else is being required to steam wash and vacuum each vehicle that is transported; not Young Brothers or Matson. Who else is required to have drug sniffing dogs to inspect all cars, bags and people before leaving for the neighbor islands; not Young Brothers or Matson. As for the importation of invasive species, anyone with an iota of intelligence can see that these have already been brought in from the mainland and other ports by Young Brothers and Matson, but where were the environmentalists then? I know you have heard all these arguments from many other people, but as a tax paying, voting member of this state whose family can be traced back to the beginning of Hawaii's population, I am tired of having the decisions of my home state dictated by people who have moved here from somewhere else and now feel they want to change things to suit them and keep things they way they feel it should be.

The people here need another means of transportation and the Super Ferry is exactly what we need. This will help people who won't or can't fly be able to finally expand their horizons and visit family on another island, help keep the cost down for the schools who have teams that travel to other islands for sports games, and have a quick and efficient way to get goods and emergency equipment to people in need from one island to another. Please don't let the vocal minority decide what is best for the entire state. It is time that we stop being a state of monopoly business; electric, water, phone, barge transportation and start making the decisions that will encourage business to come in and create competition to benefit the people of this state. It is hard enough to live in Hawaii because the cost of living is so high, let's not keep it this way and competition is the best way to change for the better the economic stress here. Please vote in favor of letting the Super Ferry operate while the assessments are being done.

Thank you for letting me express my views and for taking into consideration what people are saying, both for and against.

Remember only YOU can make it a great day!

Donna Aukai

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From: Stacey-Ann Mukaisu [smukaisu@aloha.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:15 AM

To: testimony

Now is the time people of Maui & Kauai should really think if the Whales are more important then peoples lives. The superferry could actually help evacuate if ever there was a large fire like California. If the airways was to ever catch on fire there would be no way for them to get off the island.

If a hurricane caused them not to be able to fly the planes in to get them food and water this would be a really good way the superferry would help. I mean it is endless what the superferry could do for the people of the islands.

Thank You,
Stacey-Ann Mukaisu

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From: Ellsworth Fontes [ells808@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I am in favor for the Super Ferry as I think it will be good for the citizens of Hawaii as well as the businesses. Aloha Ellsworth

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From: Rev. Michael Gannon [michaelwgannon@wave.hicv.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express my support of the Superferry service to the Islands of Hawaii. I believe that the Superferry will be good for our Island home and good for the people of Hawaii.

Please offer your voice and support the majority of those in Hawaii who believe this will benefit Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Rev. Michael Gannon

10/23/2007

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From: Henry Chang [shakamanchang@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Can't make the meeting today, but definitely support the Super Ferry traveling to all Hawaiian Islands to include Maui and Kauai.

Thanks,
Henry Chang

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From: kleenco.hawaii@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I am in support of the Super Ferry as an alternate way to travel. The red tape this company is forced to go through reiterates the "anti" business climate Hawaii portrays. The arguments the environmentalist are using should be meant of all users of our waterways, not just the Super Ferry. Whales are not just in Hawaii, they are also in coastal areas where ferries have run for years.

I am totally against the minority few stopping what the majority wants.

Diane Miller
Kapolei, Hawaii

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From: Heather Yoshida [nsrsinfulangel@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

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

I feel that if the Super Ferry does not begin service soon it may be forced to leave the islands due to massive financial losses.

For several years I was the Co-Editor of Xhift Magazine, a magazine that was produced in Hawaii to cover the automotive enthusiast lifestyle and various races, shows and other functions. I am currently the 2nd fastest girl racer in the state. My car has been featured on Island Driver TV, in Midweek and has won several awards at recent car shows.

As you know we no longer have a track here on Oahu. For months me and many other car enthusiasts have been following the building, progress and now legal battles that the Super Ferry is facing. We have been eagerly awaiting its affordable service to travel to Maui and use their race track. Currently to ship a car roundtrip interisland is about \$500 per car. To most car enthusiast this amount is not feasible at all. Please don't allow automotive racing enthusiasm on Oahu die. It's not right that only the most wealthy people in this scene should be able to race.

The state let Hawaii Raceway Park slip through their fingers, and should not let the same happen with the Super Ferry.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Heather K. Yoshida
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Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Joshua Frost

Wednesday October 24, 2007

In opposition to the Second Special Session, Relating to Transportation

This Second Special Session flies in the face of H.R.S. 343. The goal of H.R.S. 343 and Environmental Impact Statements is to study the effects of certain developments on the environment prior to their integration or implementation. To allow large capacity ferry vessel company to operate an inter-island ferry service before the environmental assessment or environmental impact statement process is completed, defeats the purpose of this process altogether. Only once the process has been completed should any such service be allowed to operate in the state of Hawaii.

Secondly, the State Supreme Court ruled, unanimously, that the need for an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement was triggered by the harbor improvements necessary for the operation of a large capacity ferry vessel service. At the announcement of that ruling, the state and the large capacity ferry vessel company should have halted plans to operate until both were in full compliance with the law and ruling of the State Supreme Court.

What's more, convening a special session of the State Legislature to pass legislation specifically designed to allow a large capacity ferry vessel service to operate without having completed the steps laid out in H.R.S. 343 sets a dangerous precedent to allow future businesses and administrations to maneuver around H.R.S. 343 in detriment to the unique and beautiful environment of Hawaii.

Lastly, a temporary Hawaii inter-island ferry oversight task force, I believe, will not be able to adequately regulate a large capacity ferry vessel service while attempting to safe-guard the environment. Without the completion of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement, it is unlikely such a task force will be effective in predicting and responding to potential environmental hazards created by large capacity ferry vessel service and such an oversight task force would be even less effective if one of its members is a representative of the large capacity ferry vessel company, as there would most certainly be a conflict of interest.

In conclusion, I am in opposition to this Second Special Session Relating to Transportation because I believe the steps and provisions laid out in H.R.S. 343 are sufficient; I believe the unanimous ruling by the State Supreme Court makes clear the correct course of action; I believe such a special session sets a dangerous precedent for the future and I believe an oversight task force, as laid out in this proposed legislation would constitute a conflict of interest and be ineffective in adequately predicting and safe-guarding against potential adverse environmental impacts created by the operation of a large capacity ferry vessel service. I thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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From: Thomas Yadao [Thomas.Yadao@hawaiiantel.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

This is in support for the Super ferry, we have been monopolized and price fixed for too many years and held hostage by the existing providers. This is a way of bringing competition and an alternate means of transportation. Competition is good.

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From: herbpsc@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I urge your support of the bill allowing the super ferry to operate while the EIA is being prepared. It is unrealistic to wait until the EIA is completed and then to determine the fate of the super ferry. By then the super ferry may not be available to provide us with an alternative means of inter-island travel. The EIA will provide the State with a realistic and factual identification of any environmental factors to regulate the operation of the ferry. I am sure that the owners of the ferry are sensitive and concern people that are willing to work with the State to operate an environmentally safe system.

We should have had a ferry system a long time ago. With the counties separated by water, a ferry system is a logical means of transportation between the islands. The polls show that most of the people of all the islands support the ferry----they are the silent majority, like myself. We don't like to be exposed to the abuse like the governor was exposed to. She has the courage to speak for people like us.

My family, all my friends and co-workers have all expressed support for the ferry. I have yet to hear any negative comments from people I associate with.

Please support the bill allowing the ferry to operate.

Herbert & Sadie Minakami
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From: Josh Frost [gooie78@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Second Special Session Relating to Transportation
Attachments: 2nd Special Session Testimony Senate TIA.doc

Aloha,

My name is Josh Frost and I am submitting testimony (attached) to the Committee on Transportation And International Affairs for the hearing scheduled for Wednesday October 24, 2007 at 10:30AM in the State Capitol Auditorium. Please distribute seven copies, one to each member of the committee.

My address is 1418 Mokuna Pl., Honolulu 96816. My phone number is 808-371-9334.

Thank You,
Josh Frost

The life which is unexamined is not worth living
~Plato
Fighting for peace is like screwing for virginity.
~George Carlin

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From: Joe Leineweber [jleineweber@hardwarehawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

It is disturbing that so much time, effort, and resource is wasted in our great State. The new Super Ferry and the technology employed in it's operation is impressive. As usual the opposition is a minority, yet more vocal than the majority. Grandstanding antics in public venues drawing media attention always overshadows the sensible steps that a process should follow.

Protectionism of true threats is understandable but viable business, competition, and service done in a considerate fashion is good for all of us. I have been to numerous cities around the world and ridden on systems that have enhanced the visibility, enjoyment, and lives of the community without hurting the environment. It is paramount to be attentive to all the impacts but minimizing and solving potential obsticals is more productive and beneficial than to cut and run.

Our great State of Hawaii is lagging in a modern land and water system that employes the current modern technologies available. Instead the protectionism of out dated methods that currently employ many residents creates a culture of fear and conflict.

I am at work and unable to attend the scheduled hearing tommorrow. Please cast my vote in favor of safe operation of the Ferry during its initial phase between Oahu, Maui, and Kauai while the EIS is completed.

Sincerely,
Joe Leineweber

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From: depontejt001@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Start superferry operations now.

There is little to no enviromental impact of the superferry. So let it run now. If there was impact from siling ships Matson, NCL ,and Young brothers all would have undergone an EIS years ago. Don't let the hype and misguided, misled, uneducated protestors run our state. The majority rules and not the minority.

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From: Julianne Puzon [hawaiijourneys@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Hearing Oct. 24, 2007 10:30 A.M. Superferry

October 24, 2007 10:30 A.M.
Hawai`i State Senate

Subj: SUPERFERRY BILL

To the Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chairman, and Members of the Senate
Judiciary

and Labor Committee;

To the Honorable J. Kalani English, Chairman, and Members of the Senate
Transportation and International Affairs Committee; and

To the Honorable Ron Menor, Chairman, and Members of the Senate Energy and
Environment Committee:

I strongly support the intent of this bill to allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. As an island state we need an ocean mode of travel and transport as an alternative to the airlines for interisland travel. It is very clear that the majority of the residents of this state also support the Superferry as evidenced by numerous polls, letters to the editor in the daily newspapers, and the Honolulu Advertiser online forums.

The vocal minority who oppose the Superferry is just that, a very small part of our community. Those who have expressed themselves in a hostile, aggressive or illegal manner are not representative of the people of this state. Their actions have made a travesty of the Aloha spirit and have brought international attention and shame to the good people of Hawai`i nei. Many of the opponents of the Superferry do not have their roots in Hawai`i. Therefore they may not appreciate the importance of another means of transportation to bring families together on different islands because they do not have an extended `ohana here.

I consider myself an environmentalist (whatever that overused term may mean). I am simply not convinced by arguments that the Superferry is a destructive force to the land and ocean. Plant species have been brought to Hawai`i not just by humans but also by birds, ocean currents and wind currents. Recently on Oct. 5, I participated in a volunteer service project sponsored by the Army Natural Resource Program. We went to the top of Mt. Ka`ala, the highest point on O`ahu, which has a native wet forest ecosystem. The purpose of the trip was to remove an invasive rush *Juncus effusus* that is establishing itself in this very pristine environment containing mostly native plants that are also endemic to

Hawai`i. Because this area is not open to the public and is very remote, it is quite possible that *Juncus effusus* arrived through natural means and not via humans. I have also participated in service trips to Koke`e State Park on Kaua`i to remove invasive species that have established themselves in the forest such as strawberry guava and kahili ginger. There are very few areas in our state that are truly pristine and untouched by invasive plants.

The NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service has compiled a database of all known ship strikes of large whales worldwide from 1975 through 2002. In 134 cases where the type of vessel was known, the following number of strikes occurred: Navy ships - 23; container, cargo and freighter ships - 20; whale watching vessels - 19; cruise ships - 17; ferries - 16; Coast Guard vessels - 9; tankers - 8; recreational boats - 7; steamships - 7; fishing boats - 4; and dredge boat, research vessel, pilot boat and whaling catcher boat 1 strike each. Furthermore, in the 58 cases where the speed of the vessel was known at the time of the collision, more strikes were reported at speeds of 13-21 knots than at speeds in excess of 30 knots. While the data in this report is by no means definitive because of the many variables and unknowns, it is clear that a wide variety of shipping activities constitute a threat to these magnificent creatures. And our Hawaiian waters certainly are abundant with the many different kinds of vessels that have been associated with large whale ship strikes. (source: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/protectedresources/whales/publications/lwssdata.pdf>).

This Legislature expressed strong support for the Superferry in 2004 by adopting Senate Concurrent Resolution 149. The Legislature further provided support by approving a reimbursable bond for \$40 million to fund harbor improvements to facilitate the Superferry's operation. I respectfully request that you continue your support of the Superferry by passing this bill out of committee to the full Senate. Thank you very much.

Julianne Puzon
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From: Lynne Donkerbrook [ldonkerbrook@tghawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save Our Superferry!
Importance: High

Aloha,

I have lived in Hawaii since 1975, on the Big Island. Back then it was affordable to fly interisland to visit family or see a doctor on O'ahu. Now, it is not! Please do everything you can to ensure this transportation stays in Hawaii.

What kind of a signal will it send to the world if we cannot advance? Why do big Matson liners and cruise ships get to travel the waters and the Super Ferry is squashed? Let them operate while the Environmental study is conducted. Don't let the stupidity of a few squash the progress and opportunity for the rest of us!

Aloha,

Lynne Donkerbrook
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From: robsaragosa@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save Our Ferry Service

I am a staunch supporter of the Hawaii Superferry. I am not affiliated with the company in any way and have no special interest, but I recognize the need for ferry service in Hawaii.

This isn't about saving one company. It's about saving a much needed and wanted mode of transportation. I say the service is wanted because of what I read in polls and by what I hear from friends and colleagues. The support is overwhelming. You, our state leaders, cannot roll over and let this service die because of a loud and vocal minority.

The invasive species, harming whales, cultural impact arguments are nothing but a big smokescreen. These minority groups don't want the Superferry at all, no matter what they do. They don't want the ferry to run during an environmental study because they know the ferry will go out of business if it sits idle. You need to see these arguments for what they really are.

Now is the time to stand strong and not point any fingers. Fix the law and put this sad episode behind us. So far, it has been a huge embarrassment for the state, but you have the power to remedy this. Please do it. A lot of us are watching and will remember the actions you choose to take. I hope you do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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From: c lima [lima4travel@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Superferry

Hello Gentlemen,

My hope is that you will allow the Hawaii Superferry to continue operations on both routes while the environmental study is being completed. This service represents a wonderful alternative to the inter-island air service for those of us who visit the islands regularly and for the clients we send there. Thank You,

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From: ixaya chaska [ixohana@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: re: Special Session on Wed

Greetings~

i am writing re: HSF Special meeting with the Senators on Wednesday, October 24, 2007.

yes, i did attend the meeting on Kauai and i did give my testimony.

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

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

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

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

Please, elected officials, THINK GLOBALLY AND ACT LOCALLY.

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

This war must end!!!!!!!

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

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

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

I feel very very very strongly that we MUST look 7 generations into the future and consider how our actions effect the aina and the people, and act to protect and support the life force of the aina.

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

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

THIS MUST END!!!!

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

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

mahalo nui loa,

ixaya chaska
Kauai resident

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From: Kathleen Range [kmyhr@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Hawaii Superferry

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

I'm in support of the Superferry for travel and business to all my family and friends on all the Islands.

Hoku Range

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From: Antone & Jan Poche [pochea001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: re: Superferry

I am for the Superferry. I think it would be great for everyone. It would bring jobs to many people and provide an alternative means of transportation to other islands.

Thank you,
Janis Poche

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From: Bruce Ames [amesb001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Super Ferry

Dear Law Makers:
10-23-07

DO ALLOW the Super Ferry to operate in Hawaiian waters!

The Super Ferry will move Hawaii into the future, provide jobs, and increase revenue for the state, business will prosper!
The Super Ferry reunites family members and it is a good business practice to allow free enterprise, which America is known for.

As I visited family members in Missouri recently, I was embarrassed at the news story surrounding The Super Ferry.
Comments incinuated that Hawaii had *dishonest* law makers and the people in Hawaii are afraid of progress. **No one should try to do business out there in Hawaii.**

Is that the type of news media we want? ARE WE A BUNCH OF LOLOS OR WHAT?

The tail is wagging the dog if we do not allow the Superferry to operate. **OTHER BUSINESSES WILL NOT GAIN REVENUE,** businesses could partner with the ferrying bussiness. **THERE ARE UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES!**

Since the inceptional idea of a Hawaiian Super Ferry, I thought what a great idea and what great traveling experiences to be enjoyed by so many!

I have a family on the outer islands and the biggest concern is the price of traveling and renting a car. With the Super Ferry they can bring their own car and return with their car. It seems traffice congestion would lighten with the operational Super Ferry.

Sometimes during events in the Hawaiian Island chain, there is not a single car to rent, a single air ticket to be purchased, or a single room to rent. STUCK. THE SUPER FERRY TO THE RESCUE. Just ask anyone who tries to fly the the Merrie Monarch festival in Hilo, or to the Kona Triathalon, or to Honolulu during Pro Bowl Season.

THE ISLANDS NEED A VARIED TRANSPORTATION MODE. THE SUPER FERRY IS JUST ONE MORE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION.

If Maui county doesn't want it, send the Super Ferry to The Big Island, that is where our family is. We will be able to have Thanksgiving and Christmas together again.

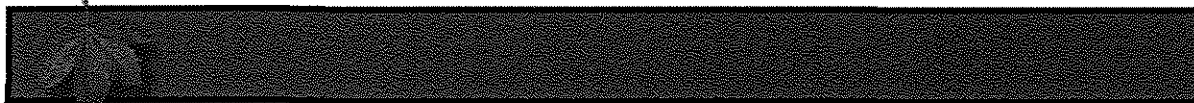
Thank you for your time in reading my thoughts regarding the Super Ferry issue.
Again, please allow the Super Ferry to go forward.

S. Ames
Honolulu, Hawaii

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From: Christi R. Groesbeeck [christi@oconnor-hawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please support the Hawaii Superferry bill!!!



To Whom It May Concern:

Believe it or not, there are those of us over here on Kauai that do support the Superferry for a number of reasons. My mom and I attended the public hearing a while back and left in complete disgust at the obscenities and the rudeness that were displayed by some of the Kauai residents. I was ashamed to say I was from Kauai after that despicable display, and I can only hope that once these people calm down and "hopefully" listen to all of the benefits that the Superferry can provide, their behaviors will become more civilized.

Between the benefits that the Superferry can provide our handicapped citizens, as well as the economic advantages that it provides (especially to those of us living over here on Kauai), this is a win-win situation.

Please support the bill!!!

Thank you.

**Christi R. Groesbeeck
Kilauea, Hawaii**

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From: Hasegawa, Lynnelle [LHasegawa@ymcahonolulu.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I am in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I feel that the Superferry has abided by our laws and has been treated unfairly. It deserves the right to operate.

Lynnelle Hasegawa

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From: DOCROSCOE@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

We, the people of Hawaii, have overwhelmingly expressed our support for resumption of Super Ferry services as soon as possible. Please do not let the loud voices of a strident minority stop this special service. David R. Roscoe, Ph.D.

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From: Joseph Nguyen [Joseph@Engineering-Systems.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT OF SUPERFERRY

We strongly support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. This is good for our economy and we can be proud of having advanced water transportation.

Please feel free to call should you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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From: Chad Schimmelfennig Schimmelfennig [chadsws@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Superferry

Dear Committee members,
Senate committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment
Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24
Time and Location: 10:30 Auditorium, State capitol

My name is William Schimmelfennig and I'm from Koloa, Kauai. I've gone through 3 hurricanes since my childhood on Kauai (Dot; Iwa: and Iniki). Now we have a chance to have supplies and equipment brought to Kauai within hours instead of days. Air transportation was almost at a stand still at that time with tourist trying to get out of here. I have family in Honolulu who were scheduled to come here before the protesters stopped the ferry coming into port. I hope that just because of the mess the governor and Dept of Transporation caused, this will not END the ferry from eventually coming in.

I'm also concerned about our having some efficient way of monitoring vehicles coming and leaving the island and not raping our island like has happened to Oahu. Meaning the over fishing of our areas, poaching of game that is fairly abundant now that lots of areas have been closed off and game has flourished. We have enough poachers as it is. The taking of cultural things that are still around. If some thing can be done to protect us from this and other things from happening, I'm all in favor for the ferry. Thank you.

Sincerely, William Schimmelfennig

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From: Liz Quartero [lizq@nogins.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: My Testimony

I would like the opportunity to take my family on the Superferry and I believe it is my choice to ride it or not. These people who are against it have too much time on their hands. It has open jobs for the local people. I support the ferry service 110%.

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From: Nancy Merrill [merrilln001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry must have an EIS

This testimony is for the following Special Session:

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Auditorium State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

I want to add my number to the many on Kauai who object to the way the Superferry has been forced upon us without due process. I have copied a quote from the newspaper here that states my opinion exactly,

"...the law should not be bent or changed just to suit the current whims or sentiment of some people, even if they are the majority of people.

The law is intended to apply to all people, the minority as well as the majority. The ranks of the majority and minority constantly shift with each new issue. 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.

On one issue or another and at one time or another, we will all find ourselves in the minority. It will be a terrible blow to our confidence in our system of government if, as a minority, we felt that the law will not protect our interests because the majority could whimsically change it to suit itself at any time."

The anger we feel is generated by several issues:

1. The special consideration offered the Superferry by the Governor. Even a bike path on Kauai involves an environmental assessment. This apparent preference for the benefit to business interests at the expense of due process involving the people it impacts is very troubling.
2. The focus on the potential benefit to residents of Oahu. Yes, they want to come to Kauai because it is still very different from Oahu. What a great vacation! But they forget that by coming here and bringing their cars, surfboards, hiking boots with Oahu weed seeds embedded in the soles, gear for camping on our beaches, and plants grown and products made in Oahu they are impacting our

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environment and gradually changing it to be more like Oahu. We want Kaua`i to stay Kaua`i for as long as possible.

3. The apparent view of our lawmakers that they are above the law. It should not be possible for our elected officials to change a law just because it is not convenient. What if we all decided that the speed limits or tax rates were inconvenient? Laws are passed to create order and establish priorities. We change these at our own peril.

4. The possible unintentional (or even intentional) introduction of invasive species during the time the environmental assessment is being done. The one that concerns me the most is the mongoose. I can see someone thinking this would be a great prank to play on Kaua`i and bring a pair over in their car. They could easily be brought in a small container, even a picnic basket, that might be missed during a routine car inspection. We have many more native birds here because of the absence of the mongoose. I enjoy the sound of nene flying over my house in Princeville on a regular basis. Once the introduction is made, it cannot be undone. This possibility needs to be addressed in an environmental assessment BEFORE the SuperFerry sails to Kaua`i again.

5. The media features the owners and the employees of the Superferry and the hardships created by any delay in beginning service. I do feel sorry for the employees, but the owners had to be aware that doing an environmental assessment was the usual precursor to doing business in Hawaii. They had plenty of time to do it while the Superferry was being designed and built. This lack of foresight isn't something we should reward. We should discourage this behavior from ever occurring again by taking action and establishing for once and for all that an EIS MUST come first!

Every day we learn more about how our activities impact the environment. When will we learn that the time to act is NOW? Overturning a law intended to protect our environment is taking many steps backward just at the time we should finally be putting the environment first before all other considerations.

Respectfully submitted by,

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From: Oahumom@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am in support of the superferry. How convenient for us locals to be able to travel interisland and not have to rent a car or be stranded when we arrive at another island. Most people I know were so excited about the ferry coming and now some ridiculous concerns were raised.

Do these people complain when cruise ships dock? I think it's a personal affront to the people living in the islands. They will be the ones to use the ferry. Besides, it should help commerce on the islands visited. I think it would be a marvelous way to visit friends or family or just to sight-see.

Maureen Fukushima

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From: Joyce Brown [jmarybrown@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

Dear Special Session,

I cannot testify in person today, but I have written all the legislators regarding my unqualified support for the Superferry.

I think it would be disastrous for the state and its reputation in the business world if we allowed the Superferry to fail.

Please pass legislation that allows it to start operating immediately.

Considering the absolutely exhausting effort of going to the airport, parking, waiting in line for the Homeland Security, waiting in line to board the plane, waiting in line to get off the plane, waiting in line to take a shuttle to the rent-a-car, and waiting in line to rent a car -- I don't have an outerisland trip planned right now.

Why would I visit our beautiful neighbor islands?

The beauty of a relaxing trip on the Superferry will make an outer island trip a consideration...I look forward to the day that my husband and I can be part of our outer island ohana again.

Joyce M. Brown
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From: Debbie Markle [ddmark55@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor of the Super ferry

It seems that our voices here on this island don't have a voice regarding keeping the super ferry. Why is it that people who are not born and raised here think that they can come and reside here and take over and control what ever they want. I've been here all my life "born and raised" and only want to see Hawaii and the other islands progress for the better. This ferry will help us in many ways, not only to travel for pleasure, but to travel for emergencies. It's another open door if our planes get grounded again, (not wishing on it) but for those who can bring their vehicles to the other island when large families need to travel for family reunions, funerals, weddings, you name it. Renting a vehicle for a large group in your family is out of this world, and I know - I have a large family.

What I'm trying to get across is that we need progress and more open travel avenues. This island is too small to keep it "old fashion". The population has grown so large, even the airlines overbook people and we end up being bumped off or catching another flight that gives us a bad taste in our mouth for air travel.

We have large ships that come in, such as we all know, the cruise ships, matson, fishing boats, and so on. So what's the big deal about the ferry? I only see (excuse the phrase) white people protesting and claiming its their island.....where's the brown, tan, or mix color complaining? Are they hiding and letting the white do all the noise? I must believe that the white sees an island not touched like Oahu, where they can hide their illegal dealings and growing stuff in Maui. It's sad to see them taking over the government AGAIN!! This is pitiful for our nation to be bullied again. If they win.....we will never grow in business and in spirit of pride as we watch the outsiders control us again.

Maybe if I move off island to another state, maybe it would be easier to handle the prejodous thinking of others because I will be in another foreign place and should expect their reaction to my brown skin.

I'm in total favor of the Super Ferry and hope we can get more to travel to the other islands especially the big island. I do have more family there.

Thanks for your listening eyes.

Have a great day.

Debbie Markle

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From: rosalielee@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

We are the caretakers (grandmother and grandfather) of a 25 year old with Cerebral Palsy. He is unable to walk, and confined to a wheelchair. In order to get him around, we were forced to purchase a van and install a wheelchair lift to be able to get him around. When we heard the Superferry was coming to town, we were elated!

The Superferry would be the way to get him to and from neighbor Islands to visit ohana. We have tried to take him traveling with us by plane, but because he is now 163 pounds, it is almost impossible for his grandfather, who is 68 years old, to lift him out of the wheelchair to get him in and out of vehicles. In the recent past, Grandpa was able to do it, but with his knee replacement and arthritis in his hands, it is not possible for him to continue doing it.

If we were able to use the Superferry, we could drive our van onto the ferry, and travel to and from the neighbor islands with no problem.

Please think about all the people with disabled family members, who would be able to visit ohana using the Superferry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rosalie & Willie Lee
Wahiawa

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From: Ryan Lee [rlee@airtreatment.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please allow the Superferry to operate

To Whom It May Concern:

This makes no sense to me. There are boats bigger, faster, much worse on the environment, for a more frivolous purpose, and yet the Superferry is the bad guy. Why? Why is this the only boat that needs to submit an Environmental Impact Study? Why is this the only boat that gets told it can't operate and taken to the courts. Something is not right. Please allow the Superferry to operate as quickly as possible.

Make it a great day,
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From: Jamie Olson [jamie.olson@cliffordprojects.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

This is my testimony to support the Hawaii Superferry as a good alternative for interisland travel which is an affordable way to travel for residents of Hawaii.

Jamie Olson
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From: Rich Meachen [rich@pshawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ref. Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment,--
Hearing Oct.24

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I favor the use of the Superferry in the Hawaiian Islands. I do not understand how a few people can intimidate our elected officials in an issue that greatly affects the whole state.

Why after having a ferry system a number of years ago, is again having a more viable ferry system causing such an outcry? Is it because Young Brothers, the airlines and car rental companies see this as a major competitor coming into their market place?

The Superferry would help local agriculture spread from the outer islands to Oahu and encourage visitors from Oahu to visit our outer island neighbors.

If there were a river dividing our state, a bridge would be built to allow access for those on both sides to the rest of the state. The Superferry is our bridge to the outer islands.

Please pass a bill that will permit the Superferry to operate in Hawaii.

Yours truly,

Rich Meachen
President
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From: Fran Sanford [fran@kathyclarkehawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Attachments: fran.vcf



fran.vcf (450 B)

We are in favor of having the Super Ferry stay in Hawaii and service all major islands. We need more choices for transportation, not less.

Also, has it been proven that the Super Ferry creates more disruption for our Whales and other marine mammals than cruise ships, barges, etc?

Fran and Ken Sanford
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Kamuela, HI 96743

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From: Cindy Lucas [smile1013@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of the Super Ferry!

Aloha!

This letter is in SUPPORT of the Super Ferry! I think that the Super Ferry is a great benefit to the people of Hawaii. It gives us another way of transportation between the islands. It is especially a benefit for those who have disabilities and who are in wheelchairs. I am an active volunteer with the Muscular Dystrophy Association and know that the Super Ferry would be another option for those with disabilities to transport themselves to other islands.

They would be able to take their own handicap accessible vans and their families at a cheaper cost.

Please don't take away a GREAT opportunity for the people of Hawaii who are in SUPPORT of the Super Ferry! We have been waiting for alternative transportation options for years. Please allow the Super Ferry to operate during an Environmental Impact Statement. I wish you the best in making the right decision for the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Cindy L. Lucas

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From: toni rimer [tonirimer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Keep the Superferry

Dear Legislators:

My husband and I have been regular visitors to Hawaii for over thirty years, and now that we are retired, we have recently purchased a second home on the Big Island. One of the reasons we made that financial commitment was the expectation that we would have more than one option for inter-island travel.

It is critical that the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment committees of the Hawaii Senate POSITIVELY support the current legislation, to be heard on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at the State Capitol, which will enable the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an environmental impact statement is conducted.

The Hawaii Superferry is vital to the future economic well-being of the state, and I hope you will heed the wishes of thousands of residents and visitors who believe in this valuable service.

Thank you for your support.

Toni Rimer
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From: Patricia Kam [pkam@smsihawaii.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:26 AM

To: testimony

To Whom It May Concern:

With regard to the following hearing, I would like to state that the Superferry is a good idea for Hawaii because I have traveled to many places, and in comparison, Hawaii is probably the most boring place to visit. I'm not trying to be negative, just honest. People here are resistant to trying new things or inviting new ideas. It's time to allow something like the Superferry, a fresh idea to the islands, to operate and bring some life and fun, not to mention restore the many jobs lost.

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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From: Lora and John Johnston [shinseido@chesapeake.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:43 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Hearings

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

Re: Hearing, October 24
10:30 a.m.

Dear Committee Members:

Please add my name to the list of environmentalists who support the Superferry being permitted to operate while the environmental impact study is conducted.

Sincerely,

john f. Johnston
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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From: Silvio Cadenasso [silcad@netzero.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: ferry

My wife and I strongly support the ferry. we feel that it will have many benefits for the Big Island.

Sincerely,

Silvio Cadenasso

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From: Paul Gammie [gammiep001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Aloha Senators

I am for the Super Ferry.

My name is Paul Gammie. I live in Pukalani on Maui and own a company named Gammie HomeCare which provides medical equipment for people to use at home.

MANY of our clients have great trouble traveling between the islands with their medically necessary equipment. Primarily, and most commonly, its our clients who use portable supplemental oxygen and those in power electric wheelchairs (although there are others as well). Many challenges, and sometimes additional costs, are forced on to these people by the airlines for handling their equipment. Often, because the airline personnel don't understand the equipment, the equipment gets broken in transit by the airlines. On the Super Ferry, these clients could bring their own equipment, not suffer any additional cost and take care of this equipment as it is meant to be.

I also support the Ferry as a alternate mode of transportation between the islands bringing more competition to this vital service.

I think its a very BAD thing to have pulled the plug on these guys at such a late time. The voices of discontent should have been MUCH more vocal at the original hearings. Where were they then??

The Pacific Whale Foundation boat has hit whales in the past. Why have they not been shut down?

If the Ferry does not do as promised, create massive fines. They will do as needed if the alternative is losing all profit.

Finally, let the public decide. If the majority of people don't support it, it will die a natural economic death.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Aloha

Paul Gammie
Pukalani, Maui

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From: jdolier@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

To whom it may concern,

I am writing because I believe that the Superferry will provide an excellent service to the people of Hawaii. I believe that an environmental impact statement should be done, and should have been done a long time ago, but that requiring one should not delay the initial operation of the Superferry.

Sincerely,

Jason D'Olier

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From: Maloy, Julia (JMLY) [JMLY@chevron.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super ferry

Aloha,

My name is Julia Maloy and I am support of keeping and restarting inter-island service of the super ferry. For the future of Hawaii there needs to be alternative transportation services. Creating an atmosphere of competition will help eventually help stabilize costs.

Thanks
Julia Maloy

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From: William W. Remmers Jr. [silverback88@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry Support

I am William W. Remmers Jr. and I support the Hawaii SuperFerry. It is good business. Pls submit my brief support statement.

Climb to the top of the charts! Play Star Shuffle: the word scramble challenge with star power. [Play Now!](#)

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From: Maloy, Julia (JMLY) [JMLY@chevron.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Aloha,

My name is Julia Maloy and I am support of keeping and restarting inter-island service of the super ferry. For the future of Hawaii there needs to be alternative transportation services. Creating an atmosphere of competition will help eventually help stabilize costs.

Thanks
Julia Maloy

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From: KALANI ASUNCION [kalaniasuncion@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support for 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

I am writing to you on regards for my support for the Hawaii Superferry. I was very disappointed to hear the verdict made by the Maui courts for the Superferry not to resume operations at Kahului harbor and having a small group of protestors and environmentalist that delayed and are trying stop operations completely for the Superferry is mind boggling. I am very much in support for the Hawaii Superferry from now and into the future of Hawaii. We need other means of transportation between the islands beside just the airlines and if it wasn't for Go! Airlines the price for a round trip airfare wouldn't be affordable. If Go! Airlines and the Hawaii Superferry should leave the Hawaii state we will go back to NO alternative other the Hawaiian and Aloha airlines. This will lead to higher price for a round trip airfare to the other islands. Then were going to wish we had the Superferry as an alternative. With the Hawaii Superferry everyone will enjoy another alternative to visit the other islands for business, vacation or even visit family members for all islands.

Mililani Resident

Kalani Asuncion

Darlene Asuncion

Beatrice Irish

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From: mayvis kapahu [mayvis_maybenot@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:38 AM

To: testimony

Aloha, I see NO reason not to embrace the Superferry into Hawai'i's Transportation System. It will allow so many people, (Kamaai'na and Tourists alike) to travel between the islands and enjoy every inch of our island chain. Shame on you if you don't support this project.

Aloha No- Mayvis B. Kapahu

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From: EHWeyand3@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

I am urging you to vote in favor of the bill to allow the Hawai'i Superferry to offer inter-island ferry service. My family was anxiously awaiting the opportunity to use this service for weekend get-a-ways to the outer islands, and was very disappointed when the service was abruptly halted. Not only were we excited for our own benefit, but we are often asked by visiting relatives and friends for vacation ideas. The Superferry was going to be, and will hopefully become, one of our top recommendations.

Please vote in support of this much awaited and deserved service to the state of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

Joanna Weyand

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From: Colin K. Perry [perryc001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

It is clear that we need the Super Ferry now!

Colin Perry
Ewa Beach

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From: KFafard@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:07 AM
To: testimony
Cc: KFafard@aol.com
Subject: (no subject)

We are in favor of the Superferry, all of this nonsense that has been going on is unbelievable. I was born and raised in Kaneohe and have seen many, many changes on our island and state for 60 years, and environmental excuses is just hogwash. There are thousands of other things that these people SHOULD be taking care of instead of keying in on one large boat that would help a lot of people in Hawaii. The cost of a round trip airfare and car rental to visit just for a week-end on Maui or Kauai is so expensive that people like us cannot afford to go visit family on the outer islands (By the way our family on the outer islands are for the Superferry) the real concern for the people against it is that the ferry would be too much competition for the airlines and car rental companies. Its not an environmental issue.

Oh! and lets not forget that they are afraid that the people from Oahu will come and steal their food from the ocean, and take bugs and koodies that doesn't exist there. (THEY ALL FORGET THAT WE ARE ONE STATE) We can go on and on but there are so many mainland grown people that are coming here to run our state and our representatives are just kneeling at their feet. And lets also not forget that the last list of people that were arrested for drug dealings were all from Kauai & Maui, are they afraid that the people from Oahu will horn in on their payroll? (oops!)

I agree with a LOT of people who have written in to the editorials in both the Advertiser & Star Bulletin defending the Superferry, yes I remember the H3 and how I was against it, but I can eat my words and feelings. I traveled the H3 for 3 years to go to work in Waipio & loved it, and everybody that was against it is now traveling the H3.....hmmmm!

My husband, myself and all of my immediate family are for the Superferry and hope that it stays. I am emailing this with the agreement of my family that I include their names.

Karolyn A McCabe Fafard
Leighton H Fafard
Leigina L L Fafard-Kaaihue
James K Kaaihue Jr
Leiricia L L Fafard-Maluafiti
Phillip Kaaihue
Ashlee Sheldon-Fafard
Shanyn Fafard-Kaaihue
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From: Patricia Parsons [parsonsp@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Dear Sirs,

To say my husband and I are disappointed at the Super Ferry being banned is a polite way to put it. We are travelling to Oahu on Oct 25th and we were have been looking forward to using the Super Ferry's service to travel to another Island. To us it was the perfect trip choice as we would get to see any sea life along the route and would not have to be on a plane again. Unfortunately for us these radical groups have blocked the ferry and now if we want to travel to another island we must fly. We have decided to stay exclusively on Oahu while we are there during our 10 day stay, so the other Islands have missed out on our tourist dollars due to their own actions.

I am sure there are ways to please everyone with the super ferry service. As long as they are mindful of the *migrating hump back whales during the winter months* I see no problems. These other islands allow cruise ships into ports, why not the super ferry.

Thank you

Robert and Patricia Parsons
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Irwin, PA 15642

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From: Eric Amorozo [erix@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I give my full support for the Hawaii Superferry and hope you allow the Superferry to continue business while an environmental impact study is done.

Sincerely,
Eric Amorozo
808-620-8231

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From: John Ramsey [ramseyj001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

For Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment October 23, 2007; 4:28 a.m.

We support the "Hawaii Superferry". The ferry should be allowed to operate without the unrealistic restrictions proposed by a few environmentalist. We are one State, one people and should have the opportunity to travel inter-island by the most economical, reliable means available without undue and unrealistic restrictions.

The Hawaii Superferry is needed for the State of Hawaii and its people to move forward. Surface water transportation has always been a viable means of transportation between Islands and dates back to Hawaii's beginning.

John and Myrna Ramsey
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Kailua, HI 97634

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From: Robin Holt [rmkholt@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:43 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support super ferry

Is any concern put towards people who cannot fly? I have a love one who cries, panics, hyperventilate and vomits when its time to fly. Her alternative is to stay at home and miss grandma's birthday party, family reunions and simple family and friend visits. Super Ferry was an alternative to her problem. There is many more like her out there. Give the Super Ferry a chance to at least breathe life into our community while the EIS is being conducted.

Aloha,
Robin

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From: jon myers [myershi@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support for the Hawaii Superferry

Dear Senators,

I want to voice my support for the Supperferry. My friends and I here on the Big Island talked of the ferry and how it would make interisland travel affordable again like in the 70's when we were kids. You could jump interisland on a small commuter plane for \$18.00 one way, those were the days! Please support a bill that will allow the ferry to operate while the EIS is being done. I want to be able to afford to travel interisland with my kids, like I use to, and the Superferry will do this.

Thank you so much for your time,

Jonathan Myers
POB 6805
Ocean View, HI 96737

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From: wini shim [shimwi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

we support the operation of the Hawaii Superferry. we moved from Maui to Oahu in August & would have benefitted from it by shipping our car, household goods & ourselves instead of paying for airfare, renting a car until ours arrived on Oahu. thank your for your support.

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From: Shelly Freitas [shelly.freitas@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save Super Ferry - Hearing Wednesday 10-24-07

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

Hearing: Wednesday, 10-24-07

Time & Location: 10:30 am, Auditorium, State Capital

Please don't let us lose another good thing! We want and need the super ferry as an alternative means of transportation to and from the neighbor Islands. Our tax dollars have been invested in this and to lose it would be the biggest waste of our money ever. I paddle every day in our ocean and see the pollution caused by humans. I don't believe the super ferry would cause more or be worse for our waters or fishery than we humans are and have already been.

Please keep it going while your studies are done. Please listen to the voices of the majority over all which are in favor of, and have paid for this service.

Mahalo,

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Realtor, Principal Broker
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From: Steve Morgan [stevemmorgan@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To Whom it may Concen:

I am a frequent visitor to the islands, and like many other visitors, would certainly like to have choices when it comes to inter-island travel.

Thank you.

Steve Morgan
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

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From: Darryl and Solette Perry [perrys007@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Dear Legislator:

My family and I support Hawaii Super Ferry. As you know the HSF offers a more convenient way to travel between islands, and could be of great benefit during natural disasters where the need for goods and services at its highest (i.e. hurricane Iniki). Please pass the new proposal so that the HSF is allowed to sail while the E.I.S. is conducted.

Mahalo,

Erin Loo
Mililani, Hawaii

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From: James Miura [jmvdo@hawaii.rr.com]

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

To: testimony

My wife Joyce and I are in favor of the Super Ferry. I can understand the concerns of some of our citizens especially on the issues of enviromental impact. These will eventually be addressed. In a state such as ours where we are divided by waters the more means of transportation provided the better for the people. Please let the (silent) majority rule.

**Sincerely,
James and Joyce Miura**

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From: Rosalia [rosalia@quickset.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am a resident of Illinois. The Hawaii Superferry and the opportunity to use interisland ferry service is the prime motivator for my first-ever visit to Hawaii, which is planned for this coming summer. The convenience of the ferry service and not having to use air transportation between the islands made Hawaii more attractive to my family as a travel destination despite the high cost of tourism in Hawaii in general compared to other destinations also with great natural beauty. I have spoken with excitement of the ferry service with family, friends and work colleagues. If the ferry is not available, I will reconsider our vacation in Hawaii.

I hope you can monitor ferry operations to prevent damage to the environment, but that you do NOT cancel operations, as this would be a great loss to many people personally as well as to Hawaii's growth and economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Nora Crispe-Smith [noracrispesmith@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony - Wednesday, Oct 24, 2007

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

Good morning,

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

The Superferry service will help reduce transportation problems for the people of Maui, Kauai, Big Island and Oahu.

- It will provide the people another transportation alternative. It will help reduce cost of interisland transportation.
- It will help facilitate transfer of commodities from the other islands to Oahu and vice-versa and in the process help reduce cost of transporting them via air which reduces the cost of goods the citizens have to pay.
- It will help commerce flourish.
- It will help Hawaii.

Thank you.

Nora A. Crispe-Smith

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From: Lawrence Beckley [praiseyahweh@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Honorable Members of the House & Senate, Hawaii needs the Super Ferry. We need more options of travel between Islands. It is not only good for Business but also good for all citizens of the State of Hawaii because it keeps the cost of inter Island transportation down to a affordable level for family's visiting relatives on all Islands.

Sincerely, Lawrence V Beckley,, Registered Voter Island of Maui

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From: cindy spencer [spencerc005@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: RE: superferry

To the Senate Committees for Transportation.

I would like you to know that many people including myself on the Big Island support the Superferry. We do not have access to the other islands as easily as Maui or Oahu. Many people live in remote areas and are unable to afford to rent cars, travel to Oahu just to get to Maui unless you want to spend four hours if you don't want to fly in a small plane. If we have another disaster like our recent Earthquakes or a hurricane or lava flow the superferry would help to move a lot of people quickly.

All the people against the superferry should have spoken up long ago. I don't see why they seem to have no problem with cruise ships, jet ski's , or the huge volume of air traffic that goes on around the islands daily.

Please don't let the CAVE (citizens against virtually everything) decide for the rest of us.
Spencer

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Keaau, HI

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State Senate Legislative Hearing

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

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

NOW IS THE MOST CRITICAL TIME TO HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

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

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

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

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

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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

Email to: Legislature's Public Access Room

testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

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

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

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From: MrsB86@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Interisland Ferry Service

Senate Committees:

Judiciary and labor, transportation and international affairs, energy and environment

Hearing Date: Wed., October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 AM auditorium at State Capitol

As a frequent visitor to the islands, as well as a perspective future resident, I am in full support of allowing the interisland ferry to offer service while environmental impact statements are being conducted.

This service would help boost tourism, and offer a second way of travel between islands to residents, as well.

As it now stands, there are numerous cruise ships, tour boats and the like operating on all the islands without causing any problems, and I feel very strongly that the superferry will not cause any problem to the environment, either.

I urge you to allow this wonderful opportunity to stay in Hawaii. It would be terribly sad to see it end before it even got off the ground.

Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,

Marian Boyko
Windsor, CT

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From: Char Willis [char@frazmtn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Please allow the Superferry to continue serving the Islands.

I don't understand how cruise ships can cruise the Islands, which are much bigger, and carry more people

and how the Superferry could be harder on the environment?

I do believe the environment comes before the almighty dollar, regardless. Maybe the cruise ships should go through the same scrutiny?

The Superferry not only provides jobs, but is a more economical way for locals and tourists to move among the Islands, and that is very appealing. I come to Hawaii every year, and have been looking forward to using their service.

Charlotte Willis

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From: Gavin Yamasaki [gavinyama@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:50 AM
To: testimony

STATE COMMITTEE: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment.

HEARING DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

TIME: 10:30am Auditorium, State Capitol

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry.

Having been one of few to experience the awesome scenery of the islands and the convenience that only the Hawaii Superferry could provide. I believe this venue is just another way for the islands to stay connected as a State.

Thank you for your time and effort in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gavin Yamasaki

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From: Patricia Phillips [pnalei@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

we need the superferry... i lived on kauai for twenty years and am ashamed of how some people , mainly haoles and Hawaiian activists, have acted...auwe... legislators, please HELP.. ALOHA

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From: Elaine Adler [travelwithelaine@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

**WE AT VIP TRAVEL SUPPORT SUPERFERRY AND FEEL IT WILL CERTAINLY
BRING MORE CLIENTS TO HAWAII!**

E.H. ADLER

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From: Bob De Bauer [debauer@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Superferry

It is not surprising that some people are against progress, deeming it the work of the devil or worse. What is surprising is that they so often get away with it, as with Hokulia and the Alii Parkway. If the vociferous minority manage to stop the ferry it will just be another example of the gov't caving in to those who abhor progress. We need the superferry as an emergency vehicle in case of a natural disaster or a terrorist attack. If the legislature ignores this the citizens and the world will be scratching their heads about who we have governing us. Bad enough our justice dept. have their heads in the sand, let's not compound the problem by agreeing with them.

Aloha,

Bob De Bauer

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From: Paul Kelley [paulck_99@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: No Superferry Without EIS

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

Dear Senators and Representatives:

I have read the proposed legislation regarding "large capacity ferry". This terrible legislation is a mockery. It is all so wrong and so corrupt and the message you are sending is that we disregard the environmental laws which are already too minimal, in favor of any big business. Please do not hold a special legislative session. Tell the Superferry they must conduct the proper EA/EIS before they can proceed with ferry service. It is only right. There should be no special session but if you have to, please vote "no" to this doggy do-do. It leaves the determination in the hands of the governor. What a sham! How corrupt can we become. Hello!? Anyone want to buy our islands. They are for sale. Just call "the honorable" Linda Lingle who will sell our state for a couple of 100 million dollars. If this goes through, what else will go through.

Also, since when do the majority rule on environmental issues. Those most severely impacted are not alive or eligible to vote yet. Besides, it is 3 islands to 1 against the superferry disobeying environmental laws. The outer islands, who would be most affected by any negative impacts, all want the EIS to be conducted first. Just because O'ahu has the biggest population, it shouldn't rule such a major decision as this.

If our governor and DOT made mistakes, then tell them to apologize, take their medicine like a man and move on. The further you go with this, the deeper you are digging us into a big web of deceit. Why can't you just admit that a mistake has been made and apologize to the people of Hawai'i and to the bigwigs of the Superferry and move on?

Please have the backbone to say "no" to no EIS, and start saying "no" to other out-of-control development projects. But if you are going to pass it then please slip in a rider to disallow any 'large capacity development in Koloa town' and at least save something. And if you abstain, plant a tree.

Please take a thoughtful and righteous stand for the environment as those from the outer islands have done (except for our Mayor--who is a weenie!)

Paul Kelley and Debbie Friedman
Kalaheo

Aloha

Paul Kelley

10/23/2007

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From: John J Carroll [captapa@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supper Ferry

We need good inter-island transportation. The Superferry will give us that! I urge that it be allowed to operate.

J Carroll, property owner at Kuleana, Lahaina, Maui.

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From: Bill P [superwino1@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry.... In favor of.

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

PLEASE permit inter island ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

This new, and much more affordable mode of transportation will help many locals be with their families more often within the island chain. I, too, would certainly take advantage of the affordability and the ease of travel between the Islands.

I also see quite a windfall for the island's TAX coffers as well..

Mahalo -

Wm.S.Painter Kihei, Maui

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From: Alexis Sheldon [slp79akamai@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am writing to voice my support for the Superferry to operate in the Hawaii islands. I am a citizen that sees the value of such a transportation option for our island people to travel between islands. It will benefit all of our island citizens to have the opportunity of this type of alternative transportation instead of what currently exists, i.e. air travel. Please consider the Superferry as a viable and important travel option for all of us. I want to be counted as a supporter of the Superferry in Hawaii !

'O wau no me ka ha'aha'a,
(I am, humbly yours)

Alexis Sheldon
45-662 Puohala Street
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

E hiki lo no na mea a pau i ke Akua
With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

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From: RANDY MORGAN [rmorgan004@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2007 5:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the ferry

Justin Morgan, Mariah Morgan and Randy Morgan are all in favor of the super ferry. My son tore his retina last spring, if it happens again he cannot fly to Oahu to get it repaired without the use of the ferry he would have to go blind the only retina specialists are in Oahu.

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From: Paul Kelley [paulck_99@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: No Superferry Without EI--Committee on Transportaion

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

Dear Senators and Representatives:

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Paul Kelley and Debbie Friedman
Kalaheo

Aloha

Paul Kelley

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From: Walter K. Hussey [husseyw001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Hearing

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

Hearing Date: October 24, 2007
Wednesday

Time and Place: 10:30 am
State Capital Auditorium

Aloha Senators,

Mahalo for this opportunity to allow me to express my feelings regarding strong support of the Hawaii Superferry conducting business even while the environmental report is being done.

This offers another mode of transportation and seems to be a very good business venture. I am totally appauled at the strong resistance against this by a few loud, boisterous individuals, who appear to be "transplants", but gives the whole world an awful view of the way we actually do business in Hawaii.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to state my strong favorable opinion toward the Hawaii Superferry. I very rarely express my opinions aloud, except when I cast my vote, as most of us are part of the silent majority. This, however, is too crucial to remain silent.

Mahalo nui,

Walter K. Hussey
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From: rexandderry@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Please do not let the Superferry fiasco become another Hawaii mess up. It appears from news accounts that the majority of Hawaii residents want the ferry to be put into service now. I would like to remind you that ferries have been in use in Washington state and in Alaska for many years...same ocean, same whales!

Derry Morris
Waikoloa Hawaii

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From: John Nielsen [nielsenj001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:21 AM
To: testimony
Cc: hawaiiisuperferry@hawaiiisuperferry.com
Subject: Super Ferry

Please pass the legislation to allow the Super Ferry to operate inter- island to Kauai and Maui prior to the completion of an EA or EIS.

Mahalo,

John Nielsen

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From: Paul Kelley [paulck_99@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: No Superferry Without EIS--Committee on Energy and Environment

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

Dear Senators and Representatives:

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Paul Kelley and Debbie Friedman
Kalaheo

Aloha

Paul Kelley

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From: karenconeil@gmail.com on behalf of Karen O'Neil [koneil@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I think this is a good thing for Hawaii

Thank you,
Karen O'Neil

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From: Debra Ravey [raveydebra1955@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: RE: FERRY

I would definitely want the ferry to come to hawaii, we need transportation to and from the other islands that we will be able to afford. I feel it will benefit the Island due to it may attract more visitors to the Island which then we will more jobs.

DEBRA RAVEY
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From: David Hughes [bagey63@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Medical comments

From a medical logistics provider who works with patients that require oxygen for transit is that the set departures and allowance of oxygen on board make it easier for the weaker patients to move safely with much less stress of the airport environment.

And with our growing older population and risk of airline terrorism it would be foolish to not have a back up for these situations.

Respectfully yours,

David Hughes
OxygenToGo

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From: Paul A. Lemke [lemkel001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save The Super Ferry

Hi,
Please support The Super Ferry. We need an alternate source of travel. The airlines will eventually raise their fares wonce one of them drops out and then we will be at their mercy. It is ridiculous what the environmentalist are demanding. The barge system was operating fo many years and nothing was said about the environmental damage they may be causing. These protesters just don't want the Super Ferry. They feel it will interfere with their lifestyle. Many are not from here. We are local and have families on the outer Islands.

Please Support the Super Ferry.

Thank You,

Paul A. Lemke

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From: Peter D Larsen [larsenp001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry supporters

To who it may concern, Our family of four adults fully support the Superferry immediate commencement of services. Peter, Kathy, Megen and Erin Larsen

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From: szabofoto@earthlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superFerry support.

Please support the SuperFerry.

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From: oharam003@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Please support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. We have gone onto the ferry when they conducted an open house before it set sail and we thought it was great.

The Ohara's