

Senator Taniguchi: Superferry Testimony Maury King-Kihei
There seem to be concerns about our image in attracting business to Hawaii over the Superferry fiasco. This is not a reason to make a new law or exemptions to existing environmental law unless it can be proven the law doesn't work. Running the ferry during the EA won't prove the law doesn't work & may prove how well it was supposed to work if damage is done. Maybe our state should do a better job up front on rules & regulations & err on the side of being overly cautious with projects affecting our precious island environment & lifestyle so we don't look foolish on the back end. Would we look better as a state if business investors thought of Hawaii as a place where people could come to do business by rampantly getting away with rules & regulations - or maybe even get a special law written just for them to do business? Maybe if we had a reputation for being an easy place to do business that was overly concerned about the environment - because we all do acknowledge its importance to our economy & lifestyle - we'd attract businesses that were concerned about the environment as well & get us moving towards the sustainability we seem so interested in but don't seem to take actions that reflect that belief. What a unique idea. Attracting businesses that were pono, had their hearts in the right place, & their profits stayed here. Hmmm. I wonder what kind of Hawaii that would create? I bet most of us would like to find out.

I'm sorry for the people that lost their jobs. I wonder if the Superferry told them that pending litigation might cause that to happen at the time of their hiring? I think over 300 jobs - & a lot more than that - would be lost if one invasive plant or animal arriving on the Superferry wiped out one important food crop. Let's do the assessment first & malama aina like we're sposta. Maybe our governor or DOT Director should apologize to Superferry for the mixed signals they were given.

Thank you for the hearings & for distributing this.

The Senate 10/24/07
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 Hearing on the Superferry
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Requested by the citizens of Hawaii
 Nei to present this Testimony and
 inform the People of Hawaii Nei

Military/Superferry, with Hidden Agenda?

As a 2008 candidate for the US House of Representatives, District I, I feel it is my assignment to inform our people of Hawaii at this time regarding matters important to them. One such matter in Hawaii is the Superferry, which is part of the Navy's Westpac Express Program.

Heretofore, as seen in my many conversations with our people, the public has not been adequately informed about the military aim of the Superferry, which is to transport the Stryker Brigade, which are assault vehicles carrying a 105mm cannon or 25mm Bushmaster machine gun firing depleted uranium (DU) rounds. Additionally, it is designed to transport the M113 Armored Personnel Carrier, the Apache Attack Helicopter, and the Cobra Gunship Helicopter and soldiers to train in the Pacific area such as Oahu and the Big Island of Hawaii.

Thus, the public should be made aware of the military usage of the Superferry and the impact of contaminants such as DU dust used in military training maneuvers on the environment, the Superferry, and the public who may use the Superferry. Along with environmental impact studies of the Superferry on the environment and culture, as with all other military oriented projects, environmental impact studies on the Superferry as a military transport vehicle and its aims and impact on the environment, culture, and public is essential. Omission of such impact assessments is irresponsible. As the old saying goes "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

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From: LYONBYTE@aol.com
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Subject: Support for the Hawaii Superferry

This is an email testimony.

I fully support the Hawaii Superferry. I personally feel that the silent majority is once again not being heard in Hawaii. I would hope that the loudest voices of the few people who do not want the Superferry do not out weigh the majority of people who want and need the Superferry. There is a definite need for an alternative form of transportation in Hawaii. The people who are fighting the Superferry seem to be putting up roadblocks as fast as they can. If they want an EIS as they say, then the State should mandate that ALL inter island shipping should be suspended until ALL shippers comply. If the Superferry cant run then Young Brothers should also be held to the same standard of compliance.

Thanks for your time.

William Lyon
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From: Carol Suan [csuan@mmirealty.com]
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Subject: SUPERFERRY

I am writing to support the SUPERFERRY!

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From: Jeffrey H Tamaye [tamayej@hawaii.edu]
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Subject: superferry

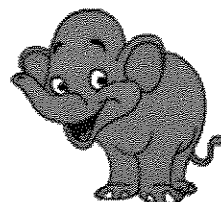
I would like to support the use of the superferry in Hawaii if it is deemed environmentally safe, because it would allow so much more job, economical, and social opportunities for everyone. The people of Hawaii have to realize that they do not own the islands that they live on, and stop acting like ignorant idiots.

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From: David Hauser [kawika@kkacc.biz]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Pro Superferry

The people that are anti the ferry have given no good reason to stop it. They talk about drugs, invasive species, traffic, etc. If you have ever been to Washington State the ferry system is a joy and makes movement much easier. We have ships from Foreign Countries entering Hawaiian waters all the time. Young boys go from Island to Island several times a day. With no inspector polls that have been done in the State are 91 to 94 percent in favor of the ferry. The legislature needs to do the right thing and allow the ferry to run during the EIS. David HAUSER
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From: Linda Staton [writtenword@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Testimony,

Please allow the superferry to operate during the EPA assessment.
The economic impact of the superferry is an important part of the growth of our state.
The people of the state are in favor of having the superferry here making the convenience
and opportunity to choose our mode of transportation.

Mahalo

Linda Staton
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From: kostborg@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I support a bill that will permit interisland ferry service while an EIS is being conducted. I think the Superferry has been unfairly targeted and we need to fix this. The ferry service will help me to conduct business on the outerislands. Please listen to the majority that support the Superferry. Mahalo

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From: James Friedman [jbdesignss@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:28 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

I am **strongly** in favor of the Superferry here in Hawaii. I feel that they should be allowed to operate while the Environmental impact/assessment statement is being conducted. I am looking forward to using the Superferry to travel inter-island for business and pleasure. I can only hope that the legislature will see through the (minority) "environmentalist / Protester's" ill guided intent and keep the Superferry here so that the (majority) good people of Hawaii will reap the benefits of having such a progressive, diverse, environmentally friendly form of inter island travel. Its clear that the intent of the "environmental / Protesters" is to make sure the Superferry fails. It has been and is nothing more than politics.

We are counting on you to do the right thing.

James B Friedman
Honolulu Hi

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From: Mary M [mea200096744@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

I am Pro Superferry, after following this issue, I feel it's really not an issue of Environment, but more a Territorial issue, no other transportation company has had to get a EIS, and seems the majority of us are for the alternative transportation

Mary Mauro

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From: g [grs808@gmail.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: It would be Super to have a Super Ferry

Please Allow the Super Ferry to operate because it would be an excellent way for the local people to enjoy the beauty and splendor of the Hawaiian Islands. As Surfer, the view from the water is the best view of the island. I've read that and saw that the Super Ferry is being used all over the world. If that is so, wouldn't there be solid evidence that it would cause any detrimental effects to the marine environment. I'm all for protecting the environment but if hasn't been proven to be harmful than by all means Hawaii should have a Super Ferry.

Mahalo
Garnet

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From: John LeMay [John.LeMay@watts-con.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii superferry support

I support the Supperferry 100%, and I am as well extremely protective of our environment. I believe I understand the reasons why the smaller neighbor islands do not want the Superferry coming to there island, but believe this will help spawn new job opportunities and business for everyone. The vacationers will come no matter what, by boat or plane. Regarding the environmental impacts, yes I believe there should be a study done about impacts, but this doesn't change the fact of larger ships coming into port as well as smaller vessels speeding around. If this is the case, a simple re-scheduling of time frame to slow the vessel down when it arrives in shallower water would be easily done. A matter of 10 minutes longer wouldn't sway passengers from using the new vessel. Further delay of this issue is only setting back tax payer money, as well as individual job income amongst other things. It was no new issue the Superferry was coming, it only saddens the companionship between the islands, that they would wait until it final was underway they seemed to have waited until the arrival of the vessel to take such drastic actions, this shouldn't of been the case.

John LeMay
Oahu

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From: moses mattos [mattosm002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha Honorable Senators:

This is in support of the Superferry being validated to operate in our waters. For many years we have only had few choices for travel in these islands and now that we are so close to having another choice it is challenged. We do understand the validity and concern for our environment and the need to have studies done in order to be compliant with not invading or disrupting any of the eco system. Many other elements are at work here. We have already compromised our ecosystem with all the building that has transpired. The water issue is already manifesting and causing concern. Yet the building continues. I believe many people are taking their issues our on the Superferry. WHY NOT THE SUPERFERRY?

Lets make it work. The majority of people in Hawaii (and Maui) want this to happen. It is the small amount of people who are able to make big noise and cause much aggravation who are getting attention to block this from happening. The working class and people who have a life do not have time to go to the harbor and create havoc.

Let us also take a look at the disabled population and our Kupuna here who are unable to travel due to the Airlines and their criteria. The Superferry would allow many of these folks a way to travel that has not been purposed before. Many of them would be able to visit family finally.

My husband and I both support the Superferry and are asking for your support such as we have given you all at election time. Anything is a challenge that is different and we are ashamed to be clumped with the few loud mouths that are causing so much difficulty. We feel that we will be attacked should we travel to another island and say we are from Maui. We are also ashamed of how some of the the people who live on this island act. They are violent and obnoxious and we do not want to be included because all Maui people do not act this way. Shame on them.

Please consider all the people who DO WANT THE SUPERFERRY TO HAPPEN.
Thank you for your time.

Malama Pono,
Moses and Candie Mattos, Maui

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From: sacham1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry: Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I am in favor of allowing the Superferry to conduct business to and from the neighbor islands while the EIS is being performed. It will be good for Hawaii business and its people. I think it is good to have a back-up way to transport emergency equipment to neighbor islands in the event of a disaster.

Sincerely,

Sacha Mendelsohn

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From: Erik Covarrubias [blunote2005@hotmail.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Superferry support testimnoy

Aloha, my name is Erik Covarrubias and I work as a realtor in Honolulu. I am in support of the Superferry because I think it will make life in Hawaii better. For people who live in Oahu, we now have another choice of how to enjoy the outer islands. For the outer island people they will now have a more inexpensive way of getting furniture and other goods back to their homes. Really there are just many more postive options that out weigh the negative. I hope the super ferry gets going. Thank you

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From: Kahealani Wolfe [hawaiian_builtk@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Aloha Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Kahea Gomes and I have been a resident on the BigIsland for 13 years. Prior to that I lived on Kauai. I must start out by saying how ashamed I am of our people. This controversy over a boat that is going to connect families in a whole new way is outrageous! If everyone took the time to protest their heart and soul against our ice problem and our domestic violence problems, our island would be a much better place to live. As a diver and fisherman, I understand the concerns about piliging our resources. But how much different is it than what our own islanders already do? And what about the construction? Is it so different that we are so concerned about our ocean and the marine life in it that we don't realize that our reef system that supports the pelagic fishes is dying because of all the run off from the construction? Whales have always been around and whats to say that the barges don't hit them, but never say anything about it. Cruise ships have every opportunity to hit whales and what happens if they do; what does the public say then? This is ridiculous!! Let the Superferry sail. I watched a television show on how that boat was made and that boat was specially crafted for our waters. It was amazing how much effort went in to it to make sure that it could handle the rough channels between our islands and the double hull design was specifically designed to avoid marine life. Not to mention the fact that it can turn on a dime because it is jet propelled and doesnt have propellers like most boats. Can your cruise ships and barges do that? Didn't think so!

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From: Manager@hawaikitower.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Dear Legislators:

I think it was incredibly foolish for the Governor and staff to have waived (or otherwise decided it wasn't necessary) the EIR requirements for such a high-profile business as the Superferry. I suspect the cost of the EIR would have been a fraction of the cost of the consequences of not performing it. The Governor earned every bit of the political flack for that decision. If the Superferry owners thought they could obtain a rapid deployment without an EIR, shame on them. They should know better.

Nonetheless, I am in favor of the Superferry. Whether I drive my own car on the Ferry to visit the outer island or rent one after flying over there, the same number of visitor vehicles will be on the roads. Interisland commerce would be enhanced by the Superferry. Perhaps the competition on the outer islands from Oahu service providers is not welcome by outer island workers. Increased efficiency and a high standard of service is usually a good thing when it results from a competitive market. I don't believe that the retail businesses that receive a fair share of shopping revenue on the outer islands will see a decrease in revenue due to routine trips from outer island residents traveling to Oahu to shop. Anyone so motivated to do that is already doing it at the holidays or for business.

I am not in favor of the Legislature voting to provide any concession to the Superferry that would circumvent any requirements that all other businesses must comply with.

I am in favor of the legislature enacting laws to provide tax breaks or other incentives to all new businesses in Hawaii to encourage development of sustainable industries not connected to the tourist trade. That's just good public policy.

I encourage the Legislature to do the right thing and not use this situation primarily for political purposes (I won't hold my breathe - for I'm sure I'll pass out). The Democratic Party cannot claim the Governor and the Republicans are the only perpetrators of this type of "waiver". That would be calling the kettle black (and your voters know this). The post-statehood Dems are responsible for more shady deals than the Republicans will ever be able to match. It's time for them both to end.

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Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I am fully in favor of the Superferry operating between the Hawaiian Islands of Maui, Kauai and Hawaii (Big Island) while an environmental impact study is conducted. It is only fair to allow the Superferry to operate immediately to provide a much needed service for the majority of the citizens of this State.

Only a handful of citizens protest the Superferry's operation and they base their protests on unsubstantiated reasons. Other vessels ply the inter-island waters and air around the clock, 24 hours per day and are not held to the same scrutiny that has been placed on the Superferry.

My family and I were anxiously awaiting the startup of the Superferry. We were excited about the opportunity to go "holo holo" and not deal with airports, airlines and rental cars. Hey, we are still going to stay in a hotel!

I feel I am in the majority here. All polls have shown overwhelming support in favor of the Superferry. Don't let a very small minority of people dictate to the majority.

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Subject: Superferry Testimony

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To Members of the Committee:

I support the operation of the Superferry while an EIS is being conducted. In good faith, the Superferry met all the requirements set by the State of Hawaii prior to its operation and it is unfair to change the rules after the fact. The conduct of the Superferry executives in public forums and in the news media at this time of crisis has been exceptionally patient and demonstrated good faith effort to address environmental and security issues and make the Superferry an asset for all people of Hawaii. I have traveled on ferries in many parts of the USA and believe strongly that this form of transportation is environmentally and people friendly. There will always be unforeseen issues as a consequence of change. I believe that the example set by the Superferry executives is a good indication that they will continue to comply with all regulations and address future issues that arise through open communication among all stakeholders.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the Superferry at this critical juncture.

Jonna D. Zane

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From: Andrea Chow [achow1@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry!!!!

Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs and Energy and Environment
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We are the silent majority!!! We want the Superferry to resume service as soon as possible. We need to bring this state into the 21st century. A compromise can be reached. We're sick of the blame game!!! Get the job done. We don't want whales to be killed either, but sometimes in life risks must be taken. It happens every day when we get into our cars. People die! That doesn't stop us from going places. Set up a reasonable system for avoiding the death of whales that is cost effective for the Superferry and accept the consequences. It is unreasonable to hold the Superferry to a higher standard than all other modes of transportation.

We vote every election. This is a nonpartisan issue. Work together and amend the law to allow the Superferry to run!!!!

Respectfully,
Steve and Andrea Chow

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From: NICKY CHAPIN [golsrus@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

it is long overdue to have transportation options in hawaii. i have just purchased a new car and would love to take it outerisland, and we only have one option dont delay this decision any longer.

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From: David Gropp [hisbluesky@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SupperFerry

I am in support of the Superferry which I believe is a benefit for the people of Hawaii and their families. It's time to let the people who live and work here enjoy transportation to and from each Island along with their families and automobiles with out the high cost of air fair and rental cars. It seems that the Liners have no problems with the environmental issues. We are waiting for the Superferry to come to the Big island. Please vote in support of this alternative transportation.

David W. Gropp

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From: Juli Patao [juli@aritapoulson.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support - Super Ferry

The Super Ferry came to Hawaii to support the people of Hawaii with another forum of transportation within the islands. They should be allowed to operate in Hawaii to serve the people.

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From: Darizumi@aol.com
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To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

I am a pharmaceutical sales representative and I promote my product for people with diabetes on all the Hawaiian islands. The Hawaii Superferry would be very beneficial for me and the people that use my products because I would be able to drive my company van onto the Superferry and deliver product to patients in need without delay.

Currently, I am limited to the number of items I can check-in via air travel. There is also a weight limit. Anything over the limits will cost me and my company more money. If I ship by air cargo there is also a substantial cost especially since I need to rent a truck once I reach my destination.

Please consider continuing the Hawaii Superferry.

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From: Felita Dadulla [FDadulla@hmaa.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:27 AM

To: testimony

Aloha,

I am all for the Super ferry to operate. I have rode a similar ferry in Washington State from Seattle to Victoria B.C., Canada several years ago and I thought, "hey this is great Hawaii should have something like this".

This would be another option of traveling inter island with the air fares are being so ridiculous. I don't feel that the Super ferry has been treated FAIRLY & JUSTLY!

If the Hawaii taxpayers get stuck with this bill, I say let the counties of Maui & Kauai taxpayers pay for IT!

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From: Annalee Jones [glassrainbows@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

I want to strongly urge passage of the Superferry Bill. As a small business owner in Kaneohe, I look forward to using the Superferry to make deliveries to customers on the outer islands. The Superferry can help drive the islands economic engine.

I have lived here over 40 years, and raised family who continue to live here. I consider myself very protective of our beautiful environment, but feel in this case the environmentalists are way over the line of reasonableness. Please let the Superferry operate in a manner that will allow them to remain in business, serving the people of Hawaii. We need them.

Annalee Jones
Owner
Glass Rainbows Art Glass Studio

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From: Pualani Colburn [pualani_colburn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I live on the Big Island and am a single mother of three. The superferry would allow me acces to other islands with my family vehicle. We rarely get to attend off island family gatherings due to the high cost of transportation both air and ground. Please allow the superferry to compete with the airlines for our transportation needs. Hawaiian and Aloha both were charging over \$100 for a one way ticket to another island...their latest kick is making people flying to molokai pay for two one way tickets just to get there..When we go home for a visit, I end up paying for four tickets per person for myself and my three children..after that, there is no money to bring gifts or even buy food while on Molokai..Terrible.

I know the superferry has already done an internal environmental impact study to ensure they will not negatively impact the environment. It is unfair and unconstitutional to restrict one companies right to sea fare when smaller companies (smaller boats) do more damage than the superferry itself. The superferry and it's executives have stressed over and over that they actually have a strtegic plan to kokua our ocean and it's many resources. The superferry should be allowed to move forward as planned.

Mahalo nui,
A. Pualani Colburn, native Hawaiian

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From: Worthy, Lorri [lworthy@castlecooke.com]
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Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE HAWAII SUPER FERRY

I do not understand why people are complaining. The Super Ferry I feel will benefit Maui and Kauai because it will bring more business to them as I think many people will take advantage of the Super Ferry once it is running as it should. I support the Super Ferry 100%.

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Senate Committee~

I am voicing my concern regarding the Super Ferry. I would definitely want to see it back in operation while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I don't understand why the opposition is trying to stop a vital part of growth to the islands. I truly believe that the local people along with the tourist industry would thrive with this new transportation system as well as the opportunity to see Hawaii as never seen before. I understand the need for safety of our waters and living creatures, but we already have cruise ships and other sea vehicles, so why are they being treated so differently. We the people have long awaited for transportation such as this. Please do not let some small minded individuals send the Super Ferry away.

Thank you,

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To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry, because I would be able to choose whether I want to fly or go by ferry, also, I believe it would create jobs and probably be good for the economy. If we work together we can still protect the environment and still run the ferry.

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I support the Hawaii Superferry. We need alternative interisland ferry service and the Superferry is long overdue. I do not believe the Superferry will damage the environment.

Thank you. Shannon Maresca

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From: FORREST NELSON [forrestnlsn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

I support the superferry!!!!!!

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From: Jim Bauckham [jbauckham@pankow.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

Dear Legislators,

I support the Superferry for the following reasons:

1. The convenience it offers for inter-island travel is sorely needed. Another option besides planes and barges would be a great benefit to the state.
2. Personally, I work in the construction industry and we do projects on all islands. The ability to send men with their trucks and tools in one day instead of 1 week is an amazing advantage to our industry. We all could work more efficiently and complete our projects sooner. Additionally, we could avoid project delays due to the 4 to 7 day time frame it takes to get material from Oahuto the neighbor islands. Last minute items could be put on the ferry and arrive the same day.
3. In my opinion, people and vehicles have been traveling between the islands on planes and barges for more than 50 years. The Superferry is not fundamentally changing this process, only making it faster and more convenient. Environmental concerns must not be ignored, but we can't let this fantastic opportunity slip away. A compromise with the environmentalists must be reached to allow the Superferry to operate while the environmental review is being conducted.

Thank you,

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From: larry walter [lewalter@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support for the Ferry!

I am in full support of the SuperFerry ! This service will greatly benefit all islands and will certainly do much to increase tourist awareness of our entire state. Our harbors and waters are filled at present with cruise ships and cargo traffic, the ferry will present no additional threat! Let's enter a new age in transportation and public service!

Larry Walter
Hilo, Hawaii

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From: Jan Fox [jmf@bww.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support of Hawaii SuperFerry

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am writing to voice my response to allowing the Hawaii SuperFerry to operate while the environmental study is being conducted. I am also totally in support of the Ferry going into full operation.

I believe the Ferry will bring great benefits to the islands and its kama aina, and that the operation of the ferry will not have as negative an impact as some tend to believe.

I support the Hawaii SuperFerry.

Sincerely,
Jan Fox

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From: Ching, LoriAnn K. [LoriAnn.Ching@ggp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:27 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

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe the people of Hawaii want and deserve interisland transportation choices. The Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to our state.

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From: Holadero@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support of superferry

I would like to give testimony in support of the superferry. I was born here 59 years ago and I love Hawaii. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I think the superferry represents progress. I have been to Seattle many times and ridden on their ferries. They have a terrific system going from island to island and connecting to Seattle. I never heard of them hitting whales or transporting alien species island to island.

I think the local people deserve another way of transportation besides flying. It is sooo ideal to load the car up with personal stuff (like sleeping over at grandma's) and visiting relatives. Of course there should be a way to prevent dangerous items from getting on to the ferry like explosives or guns but Young Brothers takes containers island to island on barges.

Hawaii is a state made up of islands. I feel the superferry will "connect" its people better.

Laura R. Inouye
Hawaii Resident Kama'aina

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From: Patricia Reilly [REILLYP003@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support

thank you for allowing a second look at the superferry issue. i lived in pugent sound area and the ferry system there was a great addition to our lives. through that system we were able to save gas, have less traffic on the roads, make trips for shopping and medical appointments a whole lot easier.
i support the superferry system issue. thank you patricia reilly.

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From: Joseph AIWOHI [ofdwal@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:26 AM
To: testimony
Cc: hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.com
Subject: Superferry

Hi,

I am Joseph AIWOHI and I live on the island of Oahu. I would like to voice my support for the superferry. The superferry provides a much needed alternative for interisland travel to the communities of ALL OUR islands. It's unfortunate that the vocal few get all the headlines. I am in support of our eco system, but I be you can provide a manageable plan, which would provide adequate controls for the eco system.

Thanks

Joseph AIWOHI

Ewa Beach, Hawaii

PS : It's kind of said for the vocal protest to protect our sealife, when the druggies are ruining our families and these vocal people are silent. The vocal people on Kauai should keep the superferry so the druggies have another alternative for their supplies. Afterall, the last two newsworthy drug busts involved quite a few people from Kauai. AMEN

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From: Judy Hornick [judhornick@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

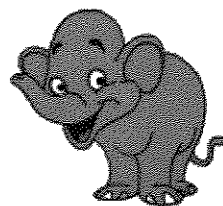
Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen: as one of the newest residents of Hawaii, "happy to live on Maui", I am appalled and embarrassed by what I saw on the news last night. The conduct of the "hearing" in Maui at Baldwin high school was reprehensible. Who was in charge? Who, in civilized America, allows conduct like was shown to continue? Were you or your representatives not there? Was someone responsible for procedures that would allow people to speak??? This was the invitation: come and tell us what you think. You appear to want to hear only what you want to hear. Hardly the way to operate in a democracy, hardly the way to teach citizenship to the keiki of this great state. Opposition to anything new is to be expected, however, the ability to speak both for and against an issue is a Constitutional right we all share. But the right of my neighbor to shout me down if I offer a view opposing him or her is not part of that guarantee. That's the beginning of anarchy. Is that what our new island home is all about??? If so, we're packing up and finding a new place to retire. I'm beyond disappointed. Whether or not the Superferry sails doesn't seem to be as pressing an issue as how we treat each other in a Constitutional democracy.

I have watched for the past 4 or 5 years, during our winter visits here to Maui, the anticipation of the Superferry, have visited with merchants and islanders alike and heard concerns and great expectations: the ability to get small merchants goods from Oahu to sell locally. The ability to travel to neighbor islands to visit family, friends or just simply to visit. Like the airlines, the ferry appeared to be another means of transportation to bring the islands closer together. Now I realize that the opponents see their neighbor islands as enemy who are waiting to pounce on the shores and ravage the treasures of our island. This is, of course, based on those 2 abandoned pick up trucks in August, that were full of lava rock. If that isn't just the silliest thing I've heard: first of all it sounds like something set up by the opposition to trap the weakest of minds into a frenzy of fear. And it worked!!!

One of the greatest assets of our islands is that our people are fairly unsophisticated; they enjoy life on a more simple and slow plane that we have experienced on the mainland. That's one of the greatest appeals. However, it's also what is keeping the Hawaiian people from moving on into the 21st Century. The "Old Ways" are to be remembered, studied and revered. However, they are NOT coming back, no matter how much you complain, protest or how many bumper stickers you slap on your pick up trucks. Progress happens and in a democratic society it happens thoughtfully and with each person who is passionate enough to voice an opinion, an opportunity to be heard. What happened last night at Baldwin high school was an example of the worst kind of anarchy. That representatives of your body sat there and made no effort to have order restored so all opinions could be heard was a travesty against the many thousands of islanders who didn't bother to show up because they already knew the results. Shame!

Thank you for your time in reading this, Judith Hornick, Kihei, HI 612-859-0133

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From: Rich Moran [ricmoran@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

I am a resident and business owner in Hawaii. I am appalled at the actions that the Enviro-Nazis have weighed against a legitimate business that was provided information to begin business legally and without infringement within the waters and shores of Hawaii. To continue to allow the Enviro-Nazis the voice to disrupt one business from providing a much needed alternative to air and barge transit is baseless and without merit.

Please consider the fact that today people, enter Hawaii waters by foreign vessel, equipment and products move from island to island by air and sea without infringement of said Enviro-Nazi wrath and focus.

To allow this debacle to continue would mean that **ALL** transit should be halted, transfer of construction, agriculture equipment and automobiles into and within the state by sea should all then be required to have an EIS to assure that no harm to what they say is a fragile environment would occur. Any incurrence of new vessels or air transit should all be required to have an EIS filed., otherwise the demands are baseless and without merit. An action on one should be an action on all. Purchase of equipment on each island also should be then required to have an EIS completed, as each piece of equipment does leave an environmental footprint.

Does any of that make sense? Stopping the economy in Hawaii for EIS is without merit simply due to the fact that the Super Ferry does not stand alone in transport in Hawaii. No other transport form was

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required or carries this stigma. Why the Super ferry? Why allow the vocal minority the right to stymie the Super Ferry? Their demands for rigorous actions if allowed are without merit, as no other carrier is required this action. If passage of the rigorous actions are taken, the action should be levied on all carriers. I warn of a consequence that cannot be borne by business nor consumer as business in Hawaii

will slowly grind to a halt by dissemination within the business community as fear for investment in new

business as well as old business will occur by the thought 'what will we loose from the time and financial

investment by moving forward to invest in expansion or diversification'.

Laws are made by people to protect the people, when found that the law is not correct, law change are made by people for the good of the majority, not of the vocal minority such as 250 or 300 people on the islands where the meetings have been held.

Please consider the fact that as yet, no meeting has been scheduled on Oahu to discover what people on

Oahu want, as we do have a right to have our vocal opinions to be heard similar to what the neighbor island

ENVIRO – NAZIS have been given.

Richard J. Moran
President
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From: Brian Kitt [brian.kitt@noaa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry
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Please be advised, the views in this email do not necessarily reflect the views of my agency or it's staff.

I feel the Super Ferry has not been handled as other large vessels have been in the past.

In the past large barge and cruise ships have never been held to this standard, setting a standard for all passenger and cargo carrying vessels. I feel if the laws were being applied correctly, the ferry should have been able to operate for some time now.

The US government is not in the business of making laws to convict people after actions have taken place, nor would it be legal.

I do not see how the state of hawaii can use presidence created long ago for other vessels, and now say "After all is said and done let new law be created for and old action".

The ferry should be allowed to operate and should not have to provide an EAS.

As in the Canary islands, the ferry will decrease shipping costs, increase opportunities for people on all the islands it travels to.

Increase the tax base of Kauai and Maui providing needed funds for infrastructure repairs with out having to increase property taxes.

The people of Hawaii Super Ferry have shown time and time again, how the vessel can preform and how they plan to avoid whales.

The only way to see if the plan is effective is to proceed, if they happen to hit a whale and injure or kill it, they will swiftly be hit with a huge fine.

At that time the federal and state govts can revisit the impact of the vessel on whales.

Thank you for your time.

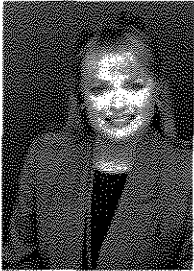
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From: Margaret E. Murchie [MargaretM@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: pro superferry

100% for expediting the Superferry beginning business in Hawaii. Let's not make this a finger pointing, blame game and get on with the business of doing business here in Hawaii. I suspect that the competition is behind the vocal minority, who hate any type of progress or change. We are always chastised for not speaking out by Chamber of Commerce, etc. Hey, we are hard at work, striving to pay ever rising egregious taxes, medical and all other costs of doing business that never seem to end. Small business people need this to promote their wares from island to island. This is not the time to question the eis. There was nothing to stop our legislators then from asking then the questions they have now. Hopefully, the legislators will not try to promote their careers to the detriment of us all. Everyone had an opportunity to verbalize their feelings and that was a long time ago. The resolution was signed in 2004 and then would have been the time for the questions, not now! We taxpayers do not want to be stuck with the \$40 million bill for harbor improvements. We, too are environmentally conscientious but to single out on form of alternate transportation is ludicrous. Let's move into the 21st Century and get the Superferry sailing!



Warm aloha,
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From: mindaluz@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: On Behalf of Hawaiian Children

October 23, 2007

I, Luzviminda Parco-Kendrick, fully support the operation of the Hawaii Superferry. I am very priveleged, if read, to present this testimony.

I am a licensed pyschotherapist for over twenty years, came to Hawaii from California and Arizona for over six years. I raised three children in the mainland. I am a Filipino born naturalized American Citizen. My children were born in the Philippines, Bangkok and Philadelphia. In all the countries that we lived, we have not experienced such a divided people when it came to progress and infrastructure. My youngest son Jay came to Hawaii two years earlier with one backpack on his back because he loves the ocean and want to surf forever. Arizona did not give him that pleasure. I joined him and left Arizona and my other son in Caliornia. My first son Josh is in heaven looking over us to contribute to the joy of being in Hawaii.

All of us love Hawaii. They are glad that I am here. I am very honored to be here and be of service to the children of Hawaii. I have been credentialed as a social worker to provide behaviorial care and stability to our children who are troubled and astrays. I am particularly proud to be of service to those children who have been taken away and are being placed or return back to their parents or identified with other available and supportive foster families. What we have forgotten in all the challenges and struggles to provide this service is our children. They do not normally fly the planes. They are a group set aside and opinion not taken. How much more delight could they have to enjoy a ride back and forth to the different islands and see the beauty of the ocean living, fresh wind, beautiful rainbows and colorful sky right below and above them. And not have to fly and land to do this. Legislators, please think of them in every plan you do. They are the future of Hawa ii. They learn from us adults. Selfish motivation is one that we cannot let them witness among us. We teach them the enrichment of ahaina, pono, and kamaina, please let us continue to do so.

Again, I write this on behalf of our children in Hawaii. I am sure all the other DHS Social Workers, Guardian Ad Litem, foster parents and honorable Judges that I have been honored to work with will agree with me. I wish all others will think of them, too.

Yours respectfully,

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From: Francesca Azuremare [fourwinds4@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry MUST HAVE EIS FIRST

*THE Govt MUST SERVE THE PEOPLE OF KAUAI BY LISTENING TO THEM THE EIS MUST BE PERFORMED BEFORE THE SUPERFERRY IS ALLOWED TO OPERATE. FURTHER, IT IS ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK THE PEOPLE WHEN A TIME FRAME OF ONLY ONE DAY IS GIVEN FOLLOWING THE MEETING.
FRANCESCA AZUREMARE KILAUEA

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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING
DATE: Sunday, October 21, 2007
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A G E N D A

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

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

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Persons wishing to testify should submit testimony in one of the following ways:
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From: Bailey, Susan [sbailey@Benchmarkmanagement.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

October 23, 2007 7:58 a.m.

TO:

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Dear Committee Members:

I am very much in favor of the **Superferry** operating in the State of Hawaii.

There are no Bridges to join the islands making it possible for easy none costly access to other islands for work, family visits, business, etc.

Only because there is a competitor "Airline" out there now is there affordable airfare...but that will probably not last long into the future.

My home is on the Big Island; however I live and work on Oahu. Paying rent here, mortgage there and flying back and forth on weekends is costing a fortune.

In the past I lived and worked on the island of Lanai and thank goodness for the Maui/Lanai Ferry which allowed me to do monthly grocery shopping and other household needs and take in a good movie and leisure shopping. The cost to fly home to the Big Island was way too costly so I rarely had opportunity to visit family, but for special occasions. **WE DO WHAT WE HAVE TO HERE IN HAWAII TO PROVIDE FOR OUR FAMILIES.** I am born and raised here in Hawaii and it would be wonderful for our children and their children to experience all of our beautiful islands without the worry of can we afford it. As you know reality is that it is **CHEAPER** for us to visit Las Vegas or San Francisco with the discounted airfares than to visit and spend our money here at **HOME**. Every year I take my family to the **PRO BOWL** it cost me over \$2,000 and that's staying with family.

Why can't we be afforded the consideration of **TRANSPORTATION** that would make life in **HAWAII** a **LITTLE EASIER** and **ALLOW FOR OUR CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE ALL OF HAWAII AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE?????**

I DO FEEL THAT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE HERE WANT IT!!!! Unfortunately only the oppositions speak out and make the **NEWS**...they are not the **MAJORITY** of local people who are born and raised here.

Lastly, there are ferries all over the world allowing people to experience those areas and transport to and from work.....this is not new.

GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY to add to our quality of life here in Hawaii.

Susan

Susan M. Bailey

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From: Vincent Cannella [naauao2001@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: FW: In Support of Super Ferry

From: naauao2001@msn.com
To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov; naauao2001@msn.com
Subject: In Support of Super Ferry
Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 18:31:59 +0000

Dear Madame's and Sir's,

My family and I support the SuperFerry and what it will do for our economy. My family and I live on the island of Maui and visit the neighbor islands a few times a year. The high cost of the airlines and the rental cars make it sometimes impossible to transport my whole family. With the Super ferry in service, it would help cut costs such as eliminating the use of a rental car. People say that the "ferry" is just as expensive as the airlines. It's true if you just go for a couple of days with your car, but if you spend the week, people would save.

Another use of the ferry would be to transport goods between Oahu and Maui or the other islands. With only one form of ocean going transportation such as the Young Brothers Barge there is no competition and the company can continue to rip us off. The ferry gives all of us the option of shopping on Oahu where the prices are more competitive and transporting the goods back to our islands with our vehicles

The Superferry can also be used for not only transportation between the islands, but used in case of a disaster or emergencies such as hurricanes, etc. It gives us another option of transportation besides only having 3 major airlines trying to monopolize, play price games and sometimes ripping off the people of Hawaii.

I disagree with what the Sierra Club, the Maui Tommorrow and other oposition groups have to say. They say that they are representing the people of Maui without asking us if we would want them to represent us. The majority of people on Maui are for the Superferry; it's just a few people that do not want it.

As for the whales and marine life, yes, I do want them saved and there should be a EIS. Why can't the Superferry run while an assessment is done? Was one done for all the cruise ships that come and go through our ports weekly? Was one done for every other form of transportation?

Why just here what the opposition has to say?

Why not make a special ballot for the majority of the people of Hawaii to decide the fate of the Superferry?

Thank You,

Vincent Cannella

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From: Al Beeman [albeeman@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:32 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Sen. Colleen Hanabusa; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim; Rep. Calvin Say; Rep. Jon Karamatsu; Rep. Kirk Caldwell; Sen. Gary Hooser
Subject: Support for SuperFerry returning to full operation during EIS

**TESTIMONY TO
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
AND
THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

HEARING DATE: WEDNESDAY, October 24, 2007

Room: Auditorium, State Capitol

Copies: 35

To: Chair Senator J. K. English, Senator L. R. Vice Chair M. Gabbard

and
all Committee Members

Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Chair Senator R. Menor, Vice Chair Senator G.L. Hooser

And all Committee Members

Committee on Energy and Environment

From: Albert E. Beeman, Private Citizen

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Tel: 808-895-1813

Subject: Support for SuperFerry returning to full operation during EIS

10/23/2007

Aloha Committee Members!!!

Unless action is taken immediately the SuperFerry will either go bankrupt or be forced to leave Hawaii.

I urge the Legislature to take action and prevent the loss of this great asset to Hawaii through no fault of their own but listening to the advice they were getting from the State of Hawaii.

Now that the courts have spoken it is up to the legislature to save the SuperFerry while meeting the various courts concerns including an Environment Impact Study if that is really necessary.

The people of Hawaii have clearly spoken in the majority that they want the SuperFerry service. I urge you to please act decisively to ensure the our state has inter-island ferry service.

I further urge the Legislature to ensure that progress continues at the harbor facilities on the Big Island to accommodate the new SuperFerry on time. We on the Big Island are waiting patiently for ferry service to Honolulu and hopefully

Me Ka Mahalo, (Respectfully)

Albert E. Beeman

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From: Lee Syvret [LeeSyvret@outtamyhead.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In support of the Hawaii super ferry

I am writing this letter to the

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

In **support** of the Hawaii super ferry. As a resident of Hawaii since 1979 I am in favor of the Hawaii super ferry and urge you to consider over riding the Hawaii state court to allow the super ferry to run. As a representative of Hawaii Business I know how much the Super ferry will improve the local economy and access.

We faced this issue with the H-3 freeway years ago and we all know how the H-3 is such an important roadway used by thousands of commuters daily. The Hawaii super ferry will also be one of our major highways linking the Islands for a much needed passage.

I am urging my friends to join in this campaign and know that the results will have an effect on our next election.

Here are some of the facts.

FACT: Hawaii Superferry is working collaboratively with invasive species experts to develop new standards that go beyond current practices.

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FACT: As we bring our Islands together, Hawaii Superferry is working proactively to help keep passengers and communities safe.

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FACT: Hawaii Superferry has worked proactively with whale researchers and other experts in developing our whale avoidance policy.

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FACT: Hawaii Superferry harnesses state-of-the-art technology to create one of the most

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environmentally friendly vessels at sea.

Protecting marine life

The amazing diversity of life populating Hawaii's waters attracts visitors from around the world. Hawai'i Superferry is applying advanced technology and strict policies to ensure that life in the ocean is undisturbed by our presence.

Special radar and digital imaging technologies help our crew avoid whales with as much precision as any craft on the water. During whale season, we'll have two extra crewmembers exclusively devoted to watching for whales. And our routes have been carefully designed to avoid areas where whale's *congregations are greatest*.

Our self-imposed policies are stricter than any federal government regulations, and have won the support of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. >> [Read PDF...](#)

Our routes are primarily in deep waters avoiding areas of greater whale concentration. Our Whale Avoidance Policy contains additional precautions and information. >> [Learn more about our Whale Avoidance Policy](#)

Please join me and my friends who I hope will write you in support of this effort. The Hawaii Supper Ferry is MUCH needed here in our Islands. I have spent many years in the Pacific North west where Whales and other Marine life are an essential part of the Islands existence. I know from experience that the impact has been minimal. I have never heard of a collision with a ferry and any Whale. The 30 + ferries routes in the Pacific North West run every 30/60 minutes and there are no environmental issues that have caused unsolvable events in their long history of operation. I hope you will agree that the success of the super ferry to operate is as essential as all the other passages that connect Hawaii residents. It is essential to improve the accessibility, lower economic costs we all face and improve the life we live while enjoying and loving our Islands.

Vote to over turn the state court rulings...

Lee Syvret

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From: Joyce Moore [poijoy@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:38 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

Aloha To All Concerned,

I sincerely doubt that this one simple note will carry much weight. But I refuse to throw up my hands and give up on the system as so many of us have done.

I am asking that the Superferry be allowed to conduct it's business in Hawaii as we told them they could at the onset. Is it a matter of integrity? Yes it is. Everyone I have mentioned this to says the same thing - welcome to business in Hawaii! The single worse message this state consistently sends out to businesses - that business in Hawaii is impossible. I know of a prominent investor who has said, "I would not invest in a popsicle stand in Hawaii" due to the impossible business environment. We told them "the Superferry investors" that they would be allowed to do business - so let's do it.

In any case, Hawaii would do well to get out of the dark ages and move forward with a basic Ferry service that even Third World countries have. I look forward to interisland options besides costly air flight. Come on guys, this is not rocket science - the people want it and you represent the people. Nuff said.

Thank you for your time,

Joyce Frederic

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From: Barbara Montemayor [BMontemayor@kauai.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of the Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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

To the Honorable Chairman Taniguchi, Chairman English, Chairman Menor and Members of the Committees:

Please be advised that I strongly support the bill that **will** permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted because I believe that this alternative means of transportation is a very important one and would serve the island community in so many ways as an option for interisland travel. I feel that the Hawai'i Superferry is going to be a very viable means of transportation between the islands and would certainly be needed should the islands face any type of natural disaster such as a hurricane.

In addition, I also strongly believe that there will be no additional threat to the environment that has not already been affected by the other types of transportation already in existence at all the Harbors.

I know of so many families with young children and sports teams that are looking forward to this mode of travel as traveling aboard airlines in these types of situations can be rather cumbersome. In addition I know of someone who is expecting their first child and is not allowed to travel via airplane and this would allow her to travel to visit her parents.

Lastly, I strongly believe the Hawai'i Superferry's commitment to serving our islands in a very environmentally friendly manner far exceeds other modes of water transportation already in existence.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara S. Montemayor

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From: terry pierce [tpiercehi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I work in the auto industry and am involved with shipping vehicles everyday. I know for a fact that for all these years vehicles and cargo are shipped inter-island and beyond without the scrutiny being imposed upon the Superferry. I do not know if companies such as Matson and Young Brothers etc. have been forced to do an EIS. Should we shut them down until they do? I don't think so. Let's move forward instead. Also consider the massive propellers beneath all the ships coming in and out of our waters compared to the Superferry's jet stream and manuverabilty.

Thank You for your consideration.

Terry Pierce

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of Letting the Superferry Operate In Hawaii

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Phone: 808-551-2686

In Support of Letting the Superferry Operate In Hawaii

The Senate, 24th Legislature, Second Special Session of 2007

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Auditorium, State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St.

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

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

Dear Senators:

I support the passing of legislation that will let the Superferry operate in Hawaii while an environmental study is being done.

The Superferry has chosen Hawaii as the place where it has invested millions of dollars in order to provide a service that will eventually benefit people throughout the state. It has done everything asked of it to date, and even in the face of great monetary losses, continues to show that it is willing to do whatever it takes to make this service happen.

I hope that whatever you decide to include in your legislation will apply to all maritime carriers, and not single out the Superferry to meet a higher standard than anyone else who currently operates here.

Thank you for holding a Special Session to address the operation of the Superferry. You have the power to show the world that, while we are concerned about the environment here in Hawaii, we also are a great place to live and do business.

Regards,
Jay McWilliams
Resident of St. Louis Height

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:17 AM
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Subject: eis and superferry

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Thank you,
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We need the Superferry in Hawaii.

**Thank you,
Nathan Book
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testimony

From: Betty Lee [babygirlkiani@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry testimony

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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I state that I am in favor of the Super Ferry operating. I believe that only positivity can grow from it's operations. I believe that it will help local businesses such as our contractors who frequently go to neighbor islands for jobs. I believe that it will only help bridge gaps in families and friends. I believe that now is the time for our neighbor island communities to support one another in furthering our growth and making us stronger and bring us much more cohesion as a state.

Now is the time, more than ever to emphasize family and friendship for our future generations. I believe that the SF can help us facilitate this need.

I am in the design/construction business. I can only imagine how much easier it will be for myself and all of my contractor friends when we need to get to Maui, or the Big Island and carry large pieces of furniture or stone and not have to worry about it arriving damaged in a container somewhere.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my testimony.

Betty Lee

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testimony

From: Chris J. Wong [cwong@island-guy.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:21 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Wong, Christopher
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

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

I am in support of legislation that will allow the Hawaii Superferry to conduct interisland ferry services. These services will be a great asset to the island economies and allow the kupuna of many families who cannot fly due to physical limitations and illnesses to once again visit the outer islands and other extended ohana that suffer the same limitations.

Please pass legislation to allow ferry operations so that the kupuna in my ohana, as well as in other ohanas, are allowed to see the outer islands at least one more time. The ferry bridges this gap between generations and brings true the wishes of many island kupuna.

Christopher Wong

Constituent Testimony
Regarding the Hawaii Superferry

23 October 2007

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

Hearing Date: 24 October 2007

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

My name is Tiffany Vara, and I reside in Honolulu. I am writing to urge that the Senate find a solution to allow the Hawaii Superferry to remain in operation. The youngest of my five children, 6-year-old Abigail Faith, is a near-drowning survivor. For the past three years she has used a wheelchair, received feedings via a G-tube, and sometimes requires supplementary oxygen. We were thrilled at the prospect of being able to travel to Maui and Kauai with our ramp van loaded with all of Abbie's equipment and supplies.

We have visited both Maui and Kauai since Abbie was injured, but it requires planning and coordination that rival a military troop movement. It is virtually impossible to rent ramp vans on the neighbor islands, so Abbie and I are relegated to a Handivan shuttle while the rest of our family takes a rental van to the hotel – twice as much traffic created and fuel consumed.

Getting Abbie and her equipment through airport security is difficult and exhausting, but obviously can be done. However, the oxygen is a whole different matter. We are unable to take her travel tank with us in the airport, so we have to hope she will be OK until we board the flight. The inflight oxygen requires us to pay a significant extra charge. When we land on the neighbor islands we are again without oxygen. This is a nerve-wracking experience, to say the least.

The Hawaii Superferry offers people with disabilities and their families the opportunity to travel more safely, conveniently, and more efficiently. I respect the views of neighbor island residents who want to protect their 'aina, but the truth is, we are already visiting – we are just creating more traffic and using more resources to do it.

My contact information is as follows:

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testimony

From: Marsha Gibson [azabusa@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY

I am in favor of keeping the Superferry service in Hawaii. The protestors are not thinking straight, economically, and for the betterment of Hawaii's residents.

I abhor the shameful acts of the protestors; what kind of aloha spirit is that? They are a bad example to potential tourists and visitors. The Superferry will be a big help as far as transporting people and freight to the neighbor islands and vice versa.

Thank you,

Marsha Gibson

testimony

From: Ruth Ann Newby [ruthann@younglaundry.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

The majority has clearly stated that we want the Superferry to be here and to succeed without the interference of a few people who clearly do not represent the residents. I do not understand how you have allowed this to get so far off track! Once again, it is proven that Hawaii is not a business friendly environment or sophisticated in their way of life and thinking because small town cheap politics gets the voice and the attention of the media that the rest of the country hears about. Before listening to these people = their very backgrounds, motives, funding should be investigated and made public. Why does no one say anything about the "screamer" tour boats that go 80mph across the water doing "who knows what" to the environment! (but then look at the OWNER!)

We need the Superferry and we need business competitiveness to provide healthy growth in the right direction.

Ruth Ann Newby
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Young Laundry and DryCleaning
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testimony

From: Doug De La Fontaine [ddelafon@financeinsurance.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am in favor of doing what it takes to let the Superferry run. It's unfortunate that we have to have a special legislative session to accomplish this though.

I am all for protecting environment, whales, etc., but it is unfortunate that a minority of noisy people are probably being very selfish, under the pretense that outsiders are going to ruin "their" island and lifestyle permanently... The news media has shown that some of these people seem pretty ignorant.

If the ferry gets to run, I think anyone who tries to disrupt the service should be arrested and made a lesson of.

I hope this whole fiasco is a lesson to all concerned, and we can learn from our mistakes.

Doug De La Fontaine
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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:51 AM
To: testimony
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From: Milton Allione [schippi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

TO:

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

From:

Milton Allione
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Kailua
HI 96734

Please allow the Superferry to proceed while an environmental study is performed. This transportation is needed to support the many needs of Hawaiian residents as well as visitors who wish to vacation and travel to the various islands. Also many of the arguments against the Superferry are false. For example thousands of cars are shipped to Hawaii from all parts of the world with no environmental impact. Also large navy and cruise ships travel Hawaiian waters without environmental constraints.

Thank You

Milton S. Allione 10/23/2007 10:06 am

testimony

From: barbra@mauipestcontrol.com

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:45 AM

To: testimony

WE NEED THE SUPERFERRY! DOESN'T THE MAJORITY RULE? IF SO, I BELIEVE THE MAJORITY IS OVER 70% AND HAS SPOKEN ALREADY.

YES TO THE SUPERFERRY.

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testimony

From: Daily, Patrick W [patrick.w.daily@smithbarney.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Though I do not have much time to write right now; my wife, our two daughters, and myself are very much in favor of the Super Ferry- and in allowing it to begin regular operations immediately! We believe having a viable, operating ferry business benefits our local economy--from expanded commerce, job creation, increased tax base, and favorable perceptions by both out-of state businesses and tourists considering coming here. To turn it away, will hurt us economically in the near term, and in the long term by reinforcing the belief that Hawaii really is not a friendly place to do business and create jobs that benefit our citizens. Thank You. Pat Daily and family

Smith Barney*

Patrick W. Daily

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From: rajesh tadimalla [rajesh_tads@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of Superferry

Dear Sir/Madam:

I support a special session of the Hawaii State Legislature to identify a solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted. The people of Hawaii want interisland transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to our state.

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

Mahalo,
Rajesh Tadimalla

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From: Sidney Gurtiza [sidgurtiza@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Need

I believe it is my right as a Hawaii citizen to have an alternate mode of transportation between the islands.

I also believe the ferry would benefit local farmers tremendously -- they could finally have a cheaper way to ship their produce and other items, including fresh milk!

Did you know that only Big Island children can have fresh milk now?

Sid Gurtiza

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testimony

From: Mike/Nancy Souza [souzan002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Superferry Hawaii

Aloha,

My name is Nancy Souza. I am a Kama'aina, live in Honolulu and have family on the islands of Hawai'i, Mau'i, Kaua'i and Moloka'i.

I support a healthy environment. One that nurtures not only growth and development of our plants, animals and marine life, but one that also supports and nurtures our community; our families.

I have been a passenger on the Superferry. I have also traveled on catamarans, hydrofoils, submarines, airplanes, cruise ships and helicopters.

With the exception of catamarans, these modes of transportation are far more invasive than the Superferry.

The Superferry offers families another option of travel. It's a much more economical way for families and easier travel for and with elderly and family with disabilities.

I Support the Superferry.

I hope it will be allowed to run during the environmental studies.

I believe the findings will support the Superferry.

I urge you to support the Superferry.

Respectfully,
Nancy Souza

testimony

From: Maleko [maleko@malekosroom.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:57 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry Testimony

Aloha,

My name is Maleko McDonnell. I am a private citizen who wishes to submit testimony to speak at the special hearing on Wednesday, October 24.

Presenter Contact Information:

Maleko McDonnell

Radio DJ - Star 101.9-FM

Phone: 808-550-9279

Honolulu, Resident

My testimony follows:

The Superferry has invested millions of dollars to bring a new transportation alternative to Hawaii, they complied with every federal, state and local rule and regulation; they have worked with the Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council to develop a plan to avoid whales. They have a plan to avoid carrying invasive species. They should be allowed operate. Numerous polls show that a majority of our citizens want the service.

I work in an environment where people express their concerns to me every day. I have heard the people speak out and support this new and innovative inter island service. I interact with thousands of radio listeners in Hawaii every day and they want the Superferry. Only a few have ever spoken out against it on my show, and even then only to recite and repeat the same few objections that have gotten so much attention without even the foundation or backing to make those objections cause for concern.

The vocal minority does not represent the majority of people at large in Hawaii. But unfortunately the media covers these groups as though they represent a large majority.

The Superferry represents positive growth in Hawaii, not just economically but environmentally. The very environmental concerns that people have used to halt this project are the ones the Superferry worked so hard to protect. Whales, and endangered species will be safer with their method of detection and protection. The Superferry's self imposed rules could be more effective than current inter island shipping service standards. So much so, that even if this initiative fails, we should adopt the Superferry's conservative methodology to protect the environment and apply it to Matson, Young Brothers and other inter island shippers. Take another look at what this new and innovative company stands to bring to Hawaii. They are updating our standards for quality and responsibility in inter island shipping with respect to the aina. And they did it before the media scrutiny and without legislation.

If the issue was really about avoiding whales then the objectors would be protesting all forms of water transport, including the large cruise ships that travel between the islands. If the issues really had anything to do with invasive species then the groups would target Young Brothers and Matson who both transport thousands of cars, trucks and construction equipment covered with dirt every year.

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Those against the Superferry do not speak for a majority of Hawaii citizens.

Time is of the essence, Superferry is losing hundreds of thousands of dollars every week it sits idle. The Governor, the House and the Senate all need to put partisan politics aside and agree on language that gets the Superferry sailing, so we don't lose this valuable transportation alternative. Please amend the law and allow Superferry to begin service, without restriction.

Mahalo and respectfully yours,

Maleko McDonnell,
Star 101.9 Radio DJ

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testimony

From: Jeffrey Parker [jeffy3@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Opposing Special Session for Superferry and Opposing Draft House Bill
Importance: High
Attachments: 1-Superferry Legislature Testimony 10-23-07.doc

To:
 All Hawaii Senators 10-24-07
 And Committees:
 Judiciary and Labor
 Transportation and International Affairs
 Energy and Environment

From:
 Jeffrey Parker
 President, Tropical Orchid Farm, Inc.
 P.O. Box 170
 Haiku, HI 96708
 Tel 808 572-8569

Subject: Opposing Special Session and Opposing un-numbered Draft House Bill relating to transportation (Superferry).

Dear Senators,

My name is Jeffrey Parker, owner and operator of Tropical Orchid Farm, Inc. I am a member of the Maui County Farm Bureau. I have lived on Maui for 37 years and I am celebrating the 30th successful year of my business.

I was present at the first public forum on Maui regarding the Superferry which was the PUC Hearing in November 2004. At that hearing 50 out of 51 testifiers begged the PUC to exercise their power to require an Environmental Assessment for the Superferry project. 3 years later, we now have a unanimous Supreme Court ruling and a Circuit Court ruling that the exemption from HEPA granted by the DOT was improper.

But now this disingenuous House Bill threatens to undo all the progress that has been made over the last 3 years. The bill is so full of misinformation and lies that its origin must be extremely suspicious to all of you. This Bill must be rejected by any of you who still have respect for our State's laws and for the well-being of the environment.

It is easy to understand some of what has been going on here: Surely all Legislators have been paying attention to the Bush Administration's assault on the nation's environmental laws – his administration has worked overtime to reverse or weaken many of those laws. Linda Lingle is a Bush ally – a crony of Bush. And the true owner of the Superferry, J.F. Lehman is a Bush Neo-con, a close ally of Bush representing the Military Industrial Complex - and an architect of the Iraq War. So, it all makes sense: a Republican governor decides to attack and weaken Hawaii Environmental

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Policy Act.

What I don't understand is why any Democrat would support weakening our law.

In the beginning of the Draft House Bill, references are made to the Superferry being such a great thing for farmers on the outer islands. I was shocked by the twisting of reality. How inserted this into the bill?

The only framer that the Superferry could get to come as their witness in the Circuit Court hearing admitted several things under cross-examination:

1. That there would be no impact to his farming operation if the ferry were not allowed to run during the EA preparation period.
2. That the scheduled arrival and departure times do not really work for Maui farmers: the ferry arrives too late on Oahu to make the morning vegetable markets – and then the driver of the truck would have to spend the night on Oahu in order to return to Maui the next day.
3. That refrigerated shipping is available currently (without the Superferry).

On Page 3 of the Draft Bill is stated “Operations of a large capacity ferry vessel company would foster diversified agriculture, helping the State of Hawaii to meet one of its constitutional mandates.” Where is the proof of this? Once again, who is the supposed expert on agriculture who inserted this into the Draft?

What would actually help protect and foster farming is to allow the EA/EIS process to be completed prior to the startup of the Superferry. So that the real threats to agriculture can be studied – for instance the threat of the Tiny Fire Ant – which is known to travel in automobiles – and which is already impacting agriculture on the Big Island (farm workers refuse to enter infested fields to harvest crops).

Regarding Section 13 of the Draft Bill (calling for an audit of the Lingle Administrations' actions in granting the exemption for the Superferry). I understand that the Governor wants this section taken out before she will call the Special Session. Don't you dare take that out! That is the only good part of this charade bill.

Much lip service has been paid to the idea that we have to get past the divisions in our community caused by the Superferry issue – the need to begin the healing process, etc.

If you gut our court decisions. If you ignore, in the words of Judge Cordoza “the likelihood of irreparable harm to our environment – the so-called healing process will NEVER begin.

The core of HRS Chapter 343 is injunctive relief. It simple is not possible to conduct a fair study of a project's impacts while a project goes forward. For example, how do you deal with study of the “No Action Alternative” if the action is already underway?

And finally I want to make sure that all of you saw Superferry Board member Tig Krekel's statement in the New York Times article – that the real plan is to have 5 vessels – with 4 voyages a day to each of the outer islands.

So, if you pass a special law for the Superferry – you really will be exempting up to 5 vessels..... with 5 times the impacts to the environment.

I am opposed to any new law to exempt a single startup up corporation from Hawaii's environmental law. At the very least any attempt to do this will be corrupt unless it contains the 29 conditions proposed by the Plaintiff groups.

The idea that the Legislature will act – and then leave it up to Lingle to put in the safeguards to protect the environment - is a complete travesty. Lingle cannot be trusted and will only look out for the interests of the Bush business allies.

I urge you to adjourn from any Special Session on this matter – and to soundly reject this absurd un-numbered House Bill.

Thanks and aloha

Jeffrey Parker

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testimony

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Mahalo!

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Captain John Paul Jones, 1778

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Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 14:30

To: 'mararagan@capitol.hawaii.gov'

Subject: Superferry Support

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testimony

From: Charlene Ahn at HON x1359 [CAhn@matson.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:55 AM

To: 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. Why? I think it's in the best interest for the people of Hawaii to be able to have an alternative route of traveling from island to island other than flying. The children, young teens & adults would benefit and enjoy the ocean scenery and bond with nature. We are too much on the go... go... go & living busy..busy...busy life styles that we forget about slowing down and taking it easy.

Personally I think the Super Ferry would be an ideal tool for the families of Hawaii to spend quality time with each other and getting in touch with nature and of course pure enjoyment.

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testimony

From: Dennis Reed [dpreed@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

Aloha,

The Hawaii Superferry represents an unprecedented opportunity for residence of Hawaii to travel with their family and their own vehicle to neighbor islands at a tremendous savings. The impact on the tourist industry; inter-island airlines and rental car companies, would be minimal because many of the Hawaii Superferry would not otherwise have the means to travel as a family.

Environmental impact should be minimal. Frequent inter-island barges, cruise ships, fishing boats, and sail boats complete their voyages without impact. There is no logical basis to indicate the Hawaii Superferry's impact would be greater than the other vessels.

Aloha,
Dennis Reed

testimony

From: nlhunt@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

We strongly support the Superferry and believe that you should allow it to operate while the EIR is being processed. These people have not been handled properly. We need to see that the right thing is done now.

Thank you for your assistance.

Nancy and Rob Hunt
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From: Lynn Kiyan [Lynn@AirCentralHawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In support of Hawaii Superferry

I believe Hawaii should have alternative forms of travel, and this is why I support the Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry should be allowed to run, while an EIS is performed. To stop it's operation until the EIS is completed is ludicrous and would mean an end to the Superferry.

Hawaii lawmakers need to show support of business; Stopping the Superferry would only send the message that Hawaii is a "backwards" State.

Sincerely,

Lynn Kiyan

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From: Jordon W.Y. Wong, Jr. [jordonw@marcusrealty.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Hawaii Superferry

Dear Judiciary and Labor Committee, Transportation and International Affairs Committee, and the Energy and Environment Committee,

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I'm a Hawaii born and raised citizen of this beautiful state and support the Hawaii Superferry. Please accept this testimony as a vote to keep the Hawaii Superferry here in Hawaii and to let them start their business. I believe that this will be a great asset to Hawaii, and will provide an alternative way to travel to the outer islands. Small businesses will flourish, as well as the state's overall tourism business. Please do all that you can do to keep the Hawaii Superferry here for the people of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you

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From: Lohengrin & Shari Lee Naho'opi'i [sharbear@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

Aloha,

I would like to let you folks know that by stopping the SuperFerry will be a devastating impact in the lives of many physically challenged Hawaiian's. We are not able to jump on a plane and travel anywhere we want. Being able travel interisland using our own vehicle, which many are equipped with special lifts, is the only way we can visit all the islands of our state. Please don't let the voices of a vast minority of people speak for us and our land.

If you were able to go from home to home on every island you would realize how much we want the SuperFerry running. We live in an Island Paradise, please don't restrict us to the island where we live.

The environmental impact study is the only thing these protesters can find to stop us from using the SuperFerry. Why haven't they tried to stop the barges? Oh yeah, because the barge brings the food and supplies they need to live, so of course they won't protest that. The NCL has ships sailing around and stopping at various islands, are there any protesters there? Of course not, because when travelers get off the cruise ship they purchase things which will boost the economy of that island.

I read in the Advertiser that the Kauai protesters don't want their island ruined and we aren't welcome there. My only question is how can we ruin their island when we are there, using their hotels, restaurants, gas and basically boosting their economy just like the cruise ship travelers.

Please hear the voices of the real residents of Hawaii and permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Respectfully yours,
Naho'opi'i Ohana

testimony

From: SHERRIE.KURODA [SHERRIE.KURODA@pruhawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: We need the Hawaii Superferry

Dear Sirs:

This is a project that has been a long time in coming to Hawaii. I was shocked to hear that at the last moment the Superferry was in danger of becoming an extinct project. Is this just another example of legislators holding up progress? Environmental impact studies should have been conducted before the project was allowed to get off the ground. To me, this is just another example of someone getting paid to cause trouble for a project the majority of Hawaii residents want.

If I want to visit my family on Maui and take my car for example, this is the only way to go. It's an alternative to flying that we don't have now.

Don't stop the superferry.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Kuroda

testimony

From: Bingue, Eugene W CIV NCTAMS PAC, N53 [eugene.bingue@navy.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

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Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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From: Ray Iacovelli [ray@bmwhawaii.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:13 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Testimony

We wholeheartedly support the Superferry.
It is a long needed form of transportation between our islands.
Why have we bowed to the voices of an uniformed minority?
A few of these people are threatening anarchy.
This is a country of laws.
The Superferry has complied with these laws.
The minority has not.
Legislators, take a stand. Support the majority.

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From: Bob Reed [reedosan@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

10/23/2007 10:28 AM

To: Senate Committees Hearing Super Ferry Issues

From: Robert L. Reed, 44-533 Kaneohe Bay Dr. Kaneohe HI

I strongly support the Super Ferry and its immediate use in this State! Why? Because it will provide equal access to the public treasures of the whole State of Hawaii to all its citizens, not the few who live nearby. Don't we all have an equal right to the treasures?

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testimony

From: Janice Reischel [insurancelady@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:57 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry

I support the superferry 110%. I believe it is good for our residents and businesses. I am embarrassed that the minority of 800 people in Maui and Kauai can cause this much of a problem.

Janice Reischel
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testimony

From: Fuamatu-Lane, Ime [Ime.Fuamatu-Lane@boh.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry - Why Not?
Importance: High
Sensitivity: Personal

I'm not a politician nor am I an advent supporter of the Super Ferry, but I do know that throughout Northern American approximately 40+ states/providences use the Ferry service as a main or alternate route of transportation, not to mention internationally how countries abroad totally depend on the ferry service as their main source of transportation. Is it really an environmental issue or is it a cultural issue between island residents? Based on the animosity displayed by those against the Super Ferry, it appears more as a cultural hatred of those in Maui and Kauai of those who live in Oahu than it is an environmental issue. Nonetheless, I am saddened by the lack of "good form" displayed by the protestors recently captured in print and on the news, which is what motivated me to write in support of the Super Ferry. I hope for everyone's sake that the State of Hawaii work to resolve this issue amiably. Informed negotiators who were involved in establishing Super Ferry's in their home towns, some within island settings should have been summoned to assist in the negotiations.

Please reconsider keeping the Super Ferry in Hawaii!

Mahalo!

Ime

Effective immediately, please note the new prefix to my phone & fax number and new e-mail address. Thank you!

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From: yvonne kahikina [ykahi1@gmail.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

I'm writing in regards to the Interisland Superferry! I'm in support of it and think people are being really ridiculous when they say it's an environmental issue, because we have Matson containers being shipped all the time between states. We have big ships coming in with a lot of tourist from the Mainland so why can't we find means to travel to the other islands by a superferry? I think the car rental places and airlines are the ones who are in a panic mode. Why? because now prices will have to stay at low rate to compete. I think for once we should think of the people of these Islands who want a cheaper way to visit OHANA on the other Islands..

Mahalo,

Yvonne Kahikina

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testimony

From: Sharon M. Madsen [sharmad@fastnethi.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:42 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Super Ferry

Aloha,

I am in firm support for the Super Ferry. I know how much the benefit will be to the state. I used to live in Juneau, Alaska. I was there when the Alaska State Ferry System was started. You can't believe much the small villages and towns were helped. It united Southeast Alaska. It was a boon to the struggling small businesses. It created many good paying jobs. We were able to get fresh vegetables from Haines. We transported livestock. Rather than Hawaii looking like a dead-end place to live, chasing out businesses instead of welcoming them, use the time between now and the environmental study to let the super ferry prove itself, instead of shooting it down without a chance, and setting Hawaii back instead of going forward.

Sharon M. Madsen sharmad@fastnethi.com

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

Aloha,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mahalo,

Katherine K. Bumatay
Wailuku, Hawaii

testimony

From: Gordon W.H.. Ho [gho@pyramidins.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:58 AM

To: testimony

the superferry should operate their business for the good of all Hawaii's people.

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From: Rachel Dowell [rachel.dowell@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Aloha Ladies & Gentleman of the Senate,

I am writing to ask that we utilize the Superferry in the State of Hawaii. We need another means of transportation from island to island as the number of residents grow and the hopes to support an increase of tourists.

If our islands continue to grow, how will our community sustain itself with just air transportation? Our airports will need to eventually add more gates to increase tourists to support our island population. Going to the outer islands will be such a hassle if Honolulu and Maui airports become congested.

We already support inter island cruise ships and cargo ships that bring and take goods to the outer islands. Why not have three or four more ships of the super ferry run in the waters of Hawaii? I am looking forward to the growth of Oahu and the other islands but soon we will become so populated, we will look like a mess in comparisons to big cities like New York and L.A. They have different types of transportation, why can't we?

How can Hawaii grow if we don't create infrastructure to support it? I was looking forward to using the Superferry to go to the outer islands using MY CAR for several years now. I was looking forward to the business that was going to bring more jobs and bring growth to our economy. If we should stop the Superferry running, shouldn't we cut down on the number of other ships that run in our water? Don't forget the military presence with their ships and planes too.

Please let the Superferry run in Hawaii. So we can bring more business and another type of transportation in our tiny, growing islands. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rachel Dowell

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testimony

From: Aliifua, Tamua [TAliifua@NCL.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:56 AM
To: testimony

I, Tamua Aliifua, fully support the Hawaii Superferry being here.

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testimony

From: Patty [pattypapaya@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry!!

To whom it may concern..

I live on Kauai....I have lived in the Islands for almost 40 years. I was looking forward to an ocean trip to Oahu or even the Big Island. I am a surfer and I am concerned about the safety of our marine life here....

I hope to hear that this will not greatly impact our sea creatures. at this point...I am in favor of this new way to visit the other islands.

sincerely,
Patty Irons

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From: Cindy Starr [cindy.starr@us.rlb.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In SUPPORT of Superferry

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

Where would Seattle be without ferries? Same with every city/town adjacent to a large body of water. Barges, military ships, & cruise ships are allowed.

If the ferry were not given a fair chance to operate in the Hawaiian Islands, and Hawaiian Air is successful in getting Go Airlines out of the islands, we'll be right back to super expensive and extremely limited travel between islands... and people will STILL continue to come here (long-term & vacation). Also, imagine the embarrassment to the State of Hawaii! Let's not do things backwards this time. For anyone with any common sense – it's a no-brainer allowing the Superferry to operate in the Hawaiian islands.

I strongly support the Superferry.

Thank you for listening.

Cindy Starr
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From: Purdy, Barbara at PROP_MAUI [bpurdy@abprop.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY - IN SUPPORT - ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEES
Importance: High

Goor Morning Honorable Members of the Committees.

I am Barbara J L Purdy and I represent a family of 6 who never and/or travels off island once a year because of the high and fluctuating cost of air transportation which remains unstable at this time and I am submitting in writing my support for the Hawaii Superferry.

We have had many attempts on ferry's traveling between the islands before but none like the Hawaii Superferry. Hawaii suffers so much natural catastrophies that no one realizes that this Superferry is a blessing in disguise and I support Mayor Kim's realization that it could be another means of transportation that will be vital to natural catastrophies. The Lurline was our last ship to have sailed between the islands back in the 50s and people want to see that return back again. Time spent waiting in long lines at the airports or sitting on runways is time taken away when I can enjoy that precious time with my family sailing and seeing them enjoy the beauty of hawaii basicly from the sidelines on the superferry and you can't get that anywhere else. With the Hawaii Superferry, I have an option now to sail with my ohana with my own vehicle to another island and return to home in style with no hassles and difficulties. I can now double or triple my travel to outer islands per year very comfortably. I am also part of hula halau, we can now travel to outer islands for competition as a group and bring all our costumes, t-leaf skirts and implements all with us and not worry about having 2 people fly out a day earlier to receive all our stuff and arranging vans to be picked up and shuttled to the airport during state competition times when airline prices stay high. I have all the faith in the Hawaii Superferry's ability to maneuver around whales and kept at a distance so no harm is done to our creatures in the sea. My only concern just like the airlines is that how do we know our captains haven't been drinking and driving behind the wheel. We have seen more people mending a boat, a ship, a catamaran who have had too much to drink and maui had to arrest its first for drinking behind a motorized boat. That is one thing that I don't like is people drinking and driving but that is something the superferry and all other transportation companies need to have a policy in place that insures the safety of all people.

I urge you, the members of this committee, to support our Hawaii Superferry.

Mahalo Nui,
B J L Purdy

testimony

From: Patrick Gallagher [korkygallagher@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha Legislators:

I am writing this letter in support of the Superferry.

I simply believe that this addition will offer Hawaii's people a new lower cost and esy alternative to neighbor island travel. It will allow local business to grow and make it easier for our people "connect".

I am very ashamed of some of our neighbors that have lowered this debate into finger pointing and name calling, all the while trying to re-write history and to assign blame.

Please do not let these noisy and disrespectful tactics influence your continued deliberations on this subject.

At every step of the way, the Superferry executives have been honest and upfront. I believe the legislature also has been responsible when it held hearings over the last couple of years for the harbor improvements that were ultimately passed.

Our governor relied upon simple logic and past practice when her administration granted the exemption noting that Superferry basically merged all existing technologies already in use to be able to offer Hawaii's people a lower cost alternative.

I fairness to some of the environmentalists, the speed issue during whale season may be a cause for concern so long as new restrictions on the superferry would be equally and retroactively appllied to other vessels (navy submarines, freighters, jet skies, etc).

Thank you for this opportunity

Patrick J. "korky" Gallagher
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testimony

From: William Heil [wheil@sprintmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimony

I ask that the legislature allow the superferry to operate while any assessments are done. I operate a small business on the island of Kauai and am sick and tired of being held hostage by the environmentalists, Young Bros, Matson and the three interisland airlines that serve Kauai.

The superferry will at least offer an alternative DAILY service and should be allowed to operate. I say, let the economics of their business as it relates to the others mentioned above rule. The ferry should at least be allowed that chance. Invasive species are going to happen regardless. Progress will happen regardless. What we should learn to deal with change and not try to block everything that some of us don't like.

What I have come to believe is that the people that oppose the ferry just don't like the ferry. It's not about the environment. That's their excuse.

William Heil
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testimony

From: mack [mack717@hialoha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY

Good Aloha Tuesday State Senate Legislative Folks

The Cruise ships, Matson Navigation Company, Horizon Lines, Young Brothers and all sorts of private and corporate vessels sail in and out of our beautiful waters every single day.

We see the end result of these entities trickle down thru our economy in a mostly indirect but positive way.

The SuperFerry is a hands on direct benefit to the people of Hawaii.

Please allow common sense to prevail.

Much Mahalo & Aloha
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testimony

From: Elvia.Aragon@kp.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:41 AM
To: testimony

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I support the Super Ferry because I believe that it will greatly benefit the **LOCAL PEOPLE**, myself and my family.

I have families in the Islands of Maui and Hawaii and don't always have the monetary resources to visit. It will cost us a lot less to use the Super Ferry since we wouldn't have to rent a car.

The Super Ferry has already been built and in use and it would be very disapointing and frustrating to see it go to waste especially since it a source of beneficial transportation for the **LOCAL PEOPLE**, myself and my family.

I am furious to hear that if the Super Ferry is "allowed" to sail, we will have to vacuum the bottom of the cars. Are they vacuuming the bottom of the cars that are shipped to the Islands? Why don't the activists or enviromentalist ask the people who travel by plane to vacuum the bottom of their shoes????

Regarding the invasives species, they will not be brought by the Super Ferry, they are already in the Islands and most of them come from the Mainland and I would like our legislators for once to listen to the **LOCAL PEOPLE** and not to the minority or activists who only think about themselves. Why would they care about the local people since they have all the money in the world and can participate to all hearings. **LOCAL** people can't afford to take off the hearings in the work day. Why aren't the hearings in the evenings. Thank you.

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From: Steven K Baker [stevenkbaker@MicronesiaRegistration.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: in support of Superferry

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

I am writing in support of the Superferry, in which I have no personal financial interest. Please take action to save the Superferry.

- Please do not deprive us residents of Hawaii of a ferry service that virtually all other island groups in the world have, to assist our students, farmers, tourists, small businessmen and occasional local vacationers.
- Please do not let one company, one union, and a handful of so-called environmentalists dictate transportation policy for Hawaii.
- Please do not let Hawaii become the butt of jokes for years to come and the best example of a government and community that reject change and new businesses.
- Please stand up to your adult responsibilities to represent the people of Hawaii, and reject the mostly spurious and childish arguments against the Superferry.

For your information, in my nearly thirty years in Hawaii, I have never been so disappointed or lost so much respect for our government, as I have during this Superferry debacle. I do not blame the crazies. I blame our State government, because you are supposed to sift through this type of flak and to lead the State forward.

Aloha, Steve

testimony

From: nadine sefronio [nadinesefronio@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supper Ferry

I Think that this is the best thing for Hawaii and that it should be allowed to go . If we are going to make a example out of the Supper Ferry then you folks should have the Cruise ship have an ornamental test done on them as theyare more danger then the Supper Ferry. Those who are against it should really think about it. Don't know where they went to school but if 50 cars come over there and 50 cars come here it still doesn't change the follow of traffic. But if that is how they feel then maybe they should just stay on their own island and not come to our island. But what they are saying is so upsetting as you are fighting local against each other do they not realize this is not pone? I hope that the Supper Ferry can resume business soon as it will help out the retail, as well as everyone involved

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testimony

From: dmngandy@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:01 AM

To: testimony

Let the ferry run. Stopping it after all of this time is just wrong! Any politician voting against the ferry will never have my vote.

Sincerely, David Gandy Kapolei

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testimony

From: Mark Milbrath [mosaic2121@earthlink.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:51 AM

To: testimony

Senate Sergeant of Arms - State of Hawaii -

We wish to express our full support for the Superferry and encourage the Hawaii Legislature to past the special bill allowing the Superferry to operate concurrent with the Environmental Assessment.

We first saw the a version of this ship being tested on the Big Island 3 years ago by the US Navy and looked forward to the implementation of service here as a commercial venture. To our disappointment it has been delayed or may not happen at all. It is unfortunate that the circumstances surrounding the Superferry have polarized each islands residents.

We feel that the Superferry offers a refreshing option to travel and conduct commerce interisland. We noticed that Young Brothers has just raised it fees for shipping also and the Superferry was a competitor that would keep down costs for goods shipped as well.

Finally, in the light of the most recent Earthquake we experience a year ago, the Superferry is a important asset in the event of a natural disaster.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments -

Mark and Carole Milbrath
Kihei, Maui - Hawaii

testimony

From: courtneyg001@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:01 AM
To: testimony
Cc: courtneyg001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: We need the Superferry

Hawaii needs the Superferry for alternative transportation to the neighbor islands. I am a large person and when I fly on the local airlines everyone of them I am like a sardine packed in a can. On the Superferry SIZE does not matter. We live in America the land of the free and land of many CHOICES !!!!!

Aloha

George Courtney

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From: Jerrilyn Nirei [jnirei@lokahimortgage.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:12 AM

To: testimony

Subject: FOR the Super Ferry

I am in support of the Super Ferry! Please let it run!!!

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testimony

From: KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance [kahea-alliance@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

Aloha Legislators

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

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

- Hawai'i's EIS law should be upheld because it provides a crucial layer of protection for Hawai'i's irreplaceable natural and cultural beauty.
- The proposed legislation to exempt the Superferry from its obligations under the law is overbroad. It exempts the Superferry from every permit requirement and public oversight requirement currently on the books. Proposed conditions on the operation of the Superferry fail to address to legitimate concerns about the possible irreparable harms highlighted by the Maui Court.
- The Hawaii Constitution guarantees everyone the "right to a clean and healthful environment" (Haw. Const. Art. 11, sec. 9). The Constitution, however, does not guarantee anyone the right to a profit. If our elected officials grant an exemption to our environmental laws, then they will be placing the corporations' right to profit over the public's right to a healthy environment.
- Public participation is essential to a well-functioning democracy! Hawai'i's EIS law provides a rare opportunity for public hearings. This fundamental public right should not be side-stepped to serve special interests!
- A legislative decision of this magnitude cannot be made properly in the 7 days allotted for a special session called by the Governor. It does not provide a sufficient opportunity for lawmakers to hear from the communities most affected by this decision. If the process of decisionmaking lacks integrity, then so will the outcome.
- Special treatment for special interests creates a precedent of uncertainty about when and if Hawai'i's laws will be applied and upheld, and for whom. Good business and economic development requires wise governance and certainty about the rules by which all businesses must play. The rule of law must be respected by all levels of government to ensure our system functions properly.
- Strong protection of public trust natural and cultural resources depend on upholding the law. Laws that are not upheld or enforced are shibai and useless!
- The Maui Court decision found, after 22 days of expert testimony, that there will likely be irreparable harm from Superferry operations. Following the law as written and conducting a complete environmental review will help us to develop thoughtful, meaningful mitigations to these harms before they happen. Allowing this exemption now will not.

KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance KAHEA P.O. Box 270112 Honolulu, HI 96827

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From: BOBBIE PALENCIA [babsy777@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: KEEP THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY OPERATING IN HAWAII

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 2004 THE STATE LEGISLATURE PASSED A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, THE U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS FOR THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY'S PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND FINANCING REQUESTS. THE LEGISLATION ADDITIONALLY ENDORSED THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY BY APPROVING 40\$ MILLION IN FINANCING (FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR HARBOR IMPROVMENTS) FOR FLOATING BARGES, RAMPS AND OTHER FACILITIES TO BE USED BY THE COMPANY A THE FOUR PORTS.

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

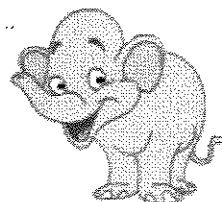
IN 2007 THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY IS HERE AFTER THREE (3) TO FOUR (4) YEARS OF PLANNING, FIXING HARBOR PORTS, ETC. AND WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO OPERATE IF IT WAS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL AND STATE GUIDELINES. CORRECT? SO DURING THE PLANNING AND RULING OF BEING EXEMPT FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, WHERE WERE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTESTORS WAY BACK WHEN? IF THERE WERE VOCAL AND PARTICIPATED IN THE PLANNING STAGES, WHY WEREN'T THEIR ISSUES ADDRESSED BEFORE THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY WASTED TIME AND MONEY TO BRING A BEAUTIFUL, LUXURIOUS FERRY TO HAWAII? I BELIEVE THIS WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TAXPAYERS AS WELL IF THE SUPERFERRY IS RESTRICTED AND TAKEN AWAY. WHAT A SHAME THAT THE THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY COMPANY IS NOW IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FEDERAL AND STATE'S RULING MADE YEARS AGO, COSTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SHAMING THE STATE IN ONGOING COURT ISSUES THAT SHOULD OF BEEN SETTLED BEFORE COMING TO HAWAII?! IS THIS HOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS DO BUSINESS? THE STATE AND FEDERAL THOUGHT IT TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST FOR THE PEOPLE, BROUGHT THE FERRY HERE SO IT SHOULD STAY HERE. THE VOTING POLLS SAYS IT ALL, LET THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY OPERATE. THE HANDFUL OF ENVIRONMENTALISTS SHOULD OF DID THEIR HOMEWORK BECAUSE IT'S

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OBVIOUS THAT THE NCL CRUISE SHIPS (THREE (3) OF THEM) CRUISE THE HAWAIIAN WATERS BETWEEN THE ISLANDS WITH NO PROBLEM! THE BARGES FROM THE MAINLAND SAIL THROUGH THE HAWAIIAN WATERS WITH NO PROBLEM! ALTHOUGH SMALLER, "THE BOAT" SAILS THROUGH THE ISLAND COAST AT 30-35 MILES DAILY FROM KALAELOA TO ALOHA TOWER AND BACK WITH NO PROBLEM! SAME ISSUE! WHY SINGLE OUT THE SUPERFERRY? ALL OTHERS ARE IN FULL OPERATION WITH NO PROBLEM! I KNOW THE CANOE CLUBS WILL UTILIZE THE SUPERFERRY TAKING THEIR CANOES TO THE OTHER ISLANDS FOR REGATTAS. . .HOTELS WILL TAKE THEIR COMPANY VEHICLE FILLED WITH PRODUCTS TO THEIR SISTER HOTELS FOR VARIOUS FEATURED FUNCTIONS. . .MORE FAMILIES WILL TRAVEL TOGETHER FOR REUNIONS, VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS. . .SURFERS WILL COME AND GO WITH THEIR TRUCKS AND SURFBOARDS TO MEET FRIENDS ON OTHER ISLANDS TO "WAVE THE DAY". . .TEAM ORGANIZATIONS CAN TRAVEL AS A TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN HAWAII STATE COMPETITIONS. . .AND ALL THIS WITH THE BENEFIT OF TAKING OUR OWN VEHICLES! I, AS MANY OTHERS WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF EXPERIENCING THE INAUGURAL VOYAGES, APPRECIATED THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY'S BEAUTY, LUXURY AND STYLE TRAVELING FROM OAHU TO KAUAI, OAHU TO MAUI AND VISA VERSE. WE HAVE RIGHTS AS TAXPAYERS TO HAVE OPTIONS OF HOW WE WANT TO TRAVEL BETWEEN THE ISLANDS. STAND FIRM WITH THE DECISION MADE YEARS AGO AND KEEP THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY IN HAWAII!!!

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testimony

From: Polly Cosson [pc@masonarch.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Bill allowing interisland service while EA being undertaken

I am writing in support of the proposed bill to allow inter-island Super Ferry service while an Environmental Assessment is undertaken.

My reasons:

1. My mom had a job with the superferry as a steward – she was subsequently furloughed, but is now working as part of their interim, part time skeleton crew until the fate of the Super ferry is determined. My mom needs and wants this job!!!
2. This bill would respect the EA process (albeit in a somewhat unconventional approach that probably shouldn't be repeated)
3. I want the Super Ferry for my own use! I would love to be able to take my car and gear to an outer island to go camping, or even take my scooter there!
4. The Super Ferry company should not be held accountable for the under-the-table-dealings of the DOT. The DOT made the mistake of being so brazen as to think they could disregard NEPA/the EA process. The Super Ferry company should not be held financially liable for this pathetic, Hawaiian-kine back door politic-ing.
5. This is baaaaaad for Hawaii's business climate. If Hawaii's economic development bureau, or whatever its called, posted signs saying "Mainland Companies, Don't Come to Hawaii to Do Business, Don't Bring Any Good Ideas Here, Because We Will Just Shut You Down", they couldn't have been more effective in raising a red warning flag to businesses considering coming here.
6. Did I mention my mom needs this job??

Please consider getting this bill signed into law.

Aloha,

Polly Cosson

testimony

From: Carol Helekunihi [carolhelekunihi@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:55 AM

To: testimony

Subject: In support of the Superferry

I support the Hawaii Superferry because I strongly believe Hawaii needs a more diverse economic base.

Thank-you,

Carol Helekunihi
Pacific Buddhist Academy
and
Brigham Young Univevrsity-Hawaii

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From: Univfinllc1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Senate Legislative Hearing
% Legislature's Public Access Room

My name is Alvin H. Yamada a life citizen of Hawaii. I am in support of the Superferry for the following reasons.

1. We need an alternative form of transportation other than flying.
2. It will help Hawaii economy prosper by allowing farmers to transport their goods directly to the market
3. It will help the tourism industry and locals to transport their cars on their trip.
4. Allowing the superferry to operate while the study is being conducted.

I agree that the superferry should have safe guards to protect the whales, check of invasive species, etc.

Alvin H. Yamada
Citizen of Hawaii

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testimony

From: Lori Constantino [constantc002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am in favor of the Superferry. I have family on both Kauai and the Big Island. It would save me a lot of money (by eliminating the need to rent a car) if I could take my personal vehicle to those islands when visiting family. I also would not have to pack up my child's car seat, put into luggage and hope that it gets to my destination in good condition. Not to mention having to reinstall it in a rental. I have no intention of taking rocks or opihi or anything else. My intentions are to visit family.

As for spreading invasive species, it was my understanding that the underside and wheel wells of vehicles needed to be cleaned (pressure washed) prior to being allowed onto the Superferry. I am completely comfortable with having my vehicle inspected prior to being allowed on board, as I have nothing to hide.

Please allow the Superferry to continue to operate. If not to Maui or Kauai, why not begin service to the Big Island?

Thank you for your time.

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testimony

From: Sue Liscombe [sue_liscombe@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:37 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Super Ferry

I am writing to support Super Ferry operations during the Environmental Impact Study. I feel that just about everyone screwed up on this one. The Governor for waiving the study, the Ferry for not agreeing to a limited study earlier, the Environmental Groups for not filing sooner and the court system for not taking timely action.

Whichever way this goes at this point in time, it is the people of Hawaii who lose, either a new mode of transportation or tax dollars to pay for this litany of errors.

I personally feel that the Environmental Impact Study should cover all water vessels operating in Hawaiian waters, of course then you can't ask Super Ferry to pay for it.

Sue Liscombe
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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:18 AM
To: testimony
Cc: 'Hawaii Superferry'
Subject: 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 for the ferry running without EIS. At best I support of the bill that will permit inter-island ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Benedick Howard
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testimony

From: yufen croddy [ycroddy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: let ferry work for us, please

Please let supper ferry be a part of our transportation! Just like airplane. We need supper ferry!!!!

Please! Too many reasons to list !!! Keep long reason short, I and my family think the supper ferry is much needed for Hawaii. Just like airplane!!!! Thanks!

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testimony

From: Alex Dahlman [adahلمان@alohatower.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Hawaii Superferry to Operate Immediately

My name is William Alexander Dahlman. I live at 700 Richards St. I go to school at University of Hawaii, majoring in Travel Industry Management. I work at Aloha Tower Marketplace in the property management office.

I am in full support of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe they should be allowed to operate immediately. It is my opinion that an environmental impact assessment be conducted concurrently with normal, scheduled Superferry operation to Kauai and Maui, and a statement filed after the assessment is complete. I believe that since the Superferry is the only maritime vessel being forced to conduct an EIS, which is a form of special treatment, then the legislative government should also treat their case appropriately with a special session of congress that has the express and sole purpose of creating the conditions needed for the Superferry to begin operations as soon as possible. I have yet to hear any evidence from those opposed to the Superferry that convinces me there is substantive additional environmental risk posed by their operations. I believe it is our duty to protect the whales (as well as other forms of life) and the Earth itself, but I have yet to see how disallowing the Superferry to operate significantly improves the livelihood of the inhabitants of the Earth or the Earth itself.

Moreover, I don't think the State should be left to pay the balance on the loans, should the Superferry be denied the right to conduct business in Hawaii. From which budgets would you pull funds to pay back those loans? The Superferry claims they were losing \$650,000.00 each week before they furloughed the majority of their employees. Wouldn't you like to collect taxes on that kind of operation instead of forcing them to relocate to another market?

Please finish what you started and create the full conditions needed to allow the Superferry to start conducting business immediately, with the provisions necessary to allow it to continue operating without "special treatment" by lawsuits representing the minority opinion interfering.

Wm. Alex Dahlman

testimony

From: John Mullin [mullinjfwww@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:05 AM

To: testimony

Subject: 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

Good day,

I wanted to note my concern and interest in seeing the Super Ferry start and continue operations for the residents of Hawaii.

I believe it is very unfair how Superferry have been targeted by special interests in the community and these same groups have never addressed these same issues to the inter island airlines and cargo ships that travel allot more often and not scanned or put to the strenuous process. If there is key concerns the special interest groups should be sitting down with the key parties to iron out measures to mitigate any concerns while an proper assessment is being done which would then give an official report on necessary measures. To me since this is not the case and as seen in Maui's meeting yesterday if anyone tries to speak on the behalf of the citizens for the SuperFerry we are just shouted over and no common sense and responsible debate is allowed. This shows the concerns on the special interest part is at a personal level and the true interest of the community and environment are not at the top of the list. Thank you for your time and ask for you to fight on the behalf of the people of Hawaii who do not have the time to come down to meetings since we are working many hours and taking care of our families but do have concerns for the community and environment but do not see any reason why such a black eye should be put to Hawaii over this issue and allow the Superferry to continue operation and show the world Hawaii is business friendly and environmentally friendly.

Mahalo
John Mullin

access2

From: jon andersen [riggersha001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:19 AM

To: testimony

10/23/07 10:00AM

I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE SUPERFERRY TO RESUME OPERATION WHILE THE EIS IS BEING CONDUCTED. THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII DESERVE AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF TRANSPORTATION.

SINCERELY,

JON ANDERSEN

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Hartbarger, Michelle [mhartbarger@atlantisadventures.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:15 AM

To: testimony

I believe that we should allow the Super Ferry to operate. We have allowed them to come this far and to turn them away, would be ashamed for Hawaii. It would make investors think twice or even three times in wanting to invest in the state of Hawaii. We don't want that. I really think that we the people of Hawaii should think about the future, there is always going to be changes and change is good. We don't want to live in the stone ages.

Thank you,

Michelle

Michelle A. Hartbarger

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testimony

From: Jeremy Hunter [JeremyH@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

What a mess,

That's the bottom line with the superferry. While I understand all the environmental concerns, they should have been raised long ago. Was the exemption from the EIS the right thing to do? Probably not, but it was given and the company moved forward with it's plans over the past couple of years, investing millions of dollars into the project. Once the ferry was here, then all the protests started. People who wanted to fight the superferry's EIS exemption should have done so back when it was given. They are only jumping up and down about it now because it's the only leg they have to stand on. If the EIS is done, they will find something else. This minority just doesn't want the ferry, period!! Why the government is so concerned with people that stoop to the level of dereliction to be pounding on cars, flattening tires, threatening people coming onto "their island" and splashing water at coast guard and law enforcement is beyond me in the first place.

But here we are. We all know the superferry will leave the state if it can't operate during the EA or EIS. A great service for island residents, that the vast majority of residents support will be gone. The company will be out millions, and will likely sue the state. Add whatever settlement that ends up being to the harbor improvements already done, which I believe is in the \$50million range.....what a waste of taxpayers money. Our money is being wasted even more now with all this energy being spent on this issue.

Then the business side of things. People say this is giving Hawaii a "black eye" as a bad place to do business. Forget that, we have always had a black eye. This is a knock out if you ask me. Much of the damage has been done already, but if the business fails completely, I hate to think how long it will be before any venture capital comes back to Hawaii for ANY big business projects.

This however is exactly what most opponents seem to want, no more growth. Keep things "old Hawaii". No matter where you go in the world people talk about the good old days and the way things used to be, but not reality. It seems local people sometimes like to think it is a Hawaii only issue, but it isn't. People have kids, their kids have kids, the population grows, you need more housing, jobs, and infrastructure to support those people, and on and on. Preservation and managed growth is important, but people who think they are going to stop growth and development need to wake up.

Even with an EIS, there is no way the true environmental impact will be known until the ferry actually operates. It will all be theoretical. I could go on forever about this, but wont.

So the bottom line is we shouldn't be where we are, but it is where we are. So let's deal with the current situation, and forget the mistakes that got us here, just learn from them for future reference. The ship is here, the harbor improvements are made, another ship is on the way next year. **LET THEM OPPERATE!** Provide necessary security for the ships and it's passengers at the ports. If people want to protest, do it peacefully or be arrested.

Ships are between the channels every day and have been for years. Matson's ships do up to 22knots, not 10 as I have heard in some news reports. Cars are shipped inter island every day by Young Brothers. People on planes, cruise ships, private vessels, and on and on. The Superferry is just one more vehicle between the islands, what justification is there for thinking is the one that is going to ruin everything? The cars on the ferry will be offset by the reduced rental cars. If 200 people on a given day take their car to Kauai on the superferry, that is 200 people that would have taken a flight and rented a car. It's a wash!!!!!! As far as invasive species, what is the difference between this ship and any other? No new product, plant, animal, or anything else is being introduced between the islands, just another boat! Again, why the difference?

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testimony

From: Rong Hua [rhua@lfphilo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:10 AM
To: testimony

Aloha,
I support Superferry.
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From: Don Cline [donaldr@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:12 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 Capitol

This is to express my support of the Hawaii Superferry. In my opinion it will serve a very important part in the lives of the people of Hawaii, it will enable local residents to travel freely between the neighboring islands and will be beneficial to the economies of all of the islands.

The "environmental impact" will be no different than the barges of Matson and Young Brothers or the cruise ships.

It is time to look out for the majority of the residents of these islands rather than a few that want to prevent any and all progress and growth to the detriment of the majority of the residents of these islands.

Respectfully,

Donald R. Cline
Kailua Kona

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From: chad cave [cavemanchad1963@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:59 AM

To: testimony

Subject: KEEP THE SUPERFERRY ALIVE!

To whom it may concern,

This e-mail is my way of asking you, our legislators, to PLEASE let the HAWAII SUPERFERRY have a chance to serve our islands. We should be able to have a choice and the islands can use the good jobs the Superferry is bringing.

I know that there must be a way, if everyone will work together, that we can make a go of it. We are too smart and strong to let it NOT happen!

Mahalo from Maui,

Chad Cave

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testimony

From: Cindy LANCE [cindyl-hularecords@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

Aloha Legislators

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

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

- Hawai'i's EIS law should be upheld because it provides a crucial layer of protection for Hawai'i's irreplaceable natural and cultural beauty. **THAT'S WHY IT WAS PUT IN PLACE TO BEGIN WITH AND THE NEED FOR PRESERVATION HAS NOT DEMINISHED!**
- The proposed legislation to exempt the Superferry from its obligations under the law is overbroad. It exempts the Superferry from every permit requirement and public oversight requirement currently on the books. Proposed conditions on the operation of the Superferry fail to address to legitimate concerns about the possible irreparable harms highlighted by the Maui Court. **PEOPLE ON THE STREET ARE SAYINF "IF WE BROKE THE LAW, WE'D BE PROSECUTED AND PUT BEHIND BARS, WHY ARE THEY (YOU) LETTING THESE GUYS SLIDE?"**
- The Hawaii Constitution guarantees everyone the "right to a clean and healthful environment" (Haw. Const. Art. 11, sec. 9). The Constitution, however, does not guarantee anyone the right to a profit. If our elected officials grant an exemption to our environmental laws, then they will be placing the corporations' right to profit over the public's right to a healthy environment. **SAY IT AGAIN!! ONE GROUP OR DOESN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO IMPINGE ON ANOTHER GROUP'S RIGHTS. IT'S A 2-WAY STREET! WHO IS LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE OF KAUA?I? YOU ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST REPRESENT THEM TOO.**
- Public participation is essential to a well-functioning democracy! Hawai'i's EIS law provides a rare opportunity for public hearings. This fundamental public right should not be side-stepped to serve special interests!
- A legislative decision of this magnitude cannot be made properly in the 7 days allotted for a special session called by the Governor. It does not provide a sufficient opportunity for lawmakers to hear from the communities most affected by this decision. If the process of decisionmaking lacks integrity, then so will the outcome. **STOP THE RAILROAD! IF THE SUPPERFERRY IS SUCH A SWELL IDEA, WHY THE SUBTERFUGE ABOUT IT'S MULTI USES? WHY THE MEDIA BLITZ? WHY THE EFFORT TO DROWN THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE MOST AFFECTED? WHY NOT FOLLOW THE LAW AND TAKE THE TIME TO ARRIVE AT A CORRECT DECISION THAT UPHOLDS THE INTENT OF THE LAW.**
- Special treatment for special interests creates a precedent of uncertainty about when and if Hawai'i's laws will be applied and upheld, and for whom. Good business and economic development

requires wise governance and certainty about the rules by which all businesses must play. The rule of law must be respected by all levels of government to ensure our system functions properly.

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

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

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testimony

From: Nancy Kitchen [nancy-kitchen@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:06 AM

To: testimony

Subject: We need the Supperferry now!

Please pass the bill to let the Supperferry run while the enviomental check is being run. We need it to help maintain our supply of goods and especially in case of an emergency or disaster.

Mahalo,
Mrs. Kitchen
Big Island

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Int'l Investors Realty, LLC [iir@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I support the bill that will permit the super ferry to operate during the enviromental study.

We need an interisland ferry service. We all supported it in the beginning and the majority of the people still do. The ferry should not be treated any different than Young Brothers or the cruise ships.

Thank you,

Honey Jean Katsarsky

access1

From: Peter Andrew Selvig [paselvig@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:57 AM
To: testimony; Lynn Osugi
Subject: RE: My Utmost Support for the Hawaii Superferry

Aloha!

As a concerned tax-paying Hawaii citizen living on Oahu, I feel it to be of the utmost importance that I share my personal opinion for the State of Hawaii Legislature to hear and voice.

The Hawaii Superferry is an economic opportunity that comes but once in a lifetime. For the opportunity to freely travel to the outer islands of Maui and Kauai without the constant reliance upon air travel (which sometimes is not always a pleasant experience), I feel it to be of the most importance issue that our fine state faces.

The free-flowing of commerce between the islands also will greatly affect the economy. For Oahu residents, the chance to drive your own vehicle on the outer islands is like a dream come true. The hotels will prosper, the golf courses will prosper, the restaurants will prosper, the shopping malls and grocery stores will prosper, the tourism industry as a whole will all PROSPER...people will have jobs, this opportunity will create more jobs, people will money in their pockets to support their families, and most of all, people will live happy. WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU NOT WANT THAT???

I ABSOLUTELY DO NOT WANT TO KEEP FUNDING DEADBEATS THAT ARE LAZY AND DON'T WANT OR HAVE ANY AMBITION IN LIFE TO BETTER THEMSELVES...THE CHANCE OF THE SUPERFERRY LEAVING GROWS WITH EACH PASSING DAY!

I bet other cities on the West Coast are chomping at the bit....waiting for the Superferry to leave....a city like Seattle, Washington for instance, would WELCOME THEM WITH OPEN ARMS AND HEARTS...and they would say, "WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG TO COME". The Superferry people would say, "Well, the people of Hawaii didn't want us...told us to leave". ARE YOU THAT STUPID AND BLIND! WAKE UP AND SMELL THE ROSES!

There is so much more at stake that meets the eye...the \$40 million the state spent to retro-fit the drive on landings, the other remodeling and construction that was done on the outer islands....jesus...I'm gonna lose my mind - I could go on all day!

I PLEAD OF YOU TO PASS THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO PEOPLE CAN GET BACK TO WORK!
Furthermore, why don't you try doing something like this with Matson, or Young Brothers, or NCL? The people who don't support this are crazy? Don't they see the economic opportunity? Don't they want to better their lives? Don't they want their children to live a better life also? I cannot for the likes of me, truly understand this...That's all I'm going to say - so get your act together and move on the NOW!!!

Sincerely & Respectfully,

Peter Andrew Selvig
Honolulu, Hawaii

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From: honehonepuliki@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry Yeah!

To all State Officials,

I am for the Superferry. It will be a great way for our children to experience the adventures of the ocean and ocean life as well as connect us with the other Islands and their special features that make each island uniquely beautiful and famous. The stories our kupuna shares with us of the past could be carried on and be visualized by na keiki. He Hawai'i au! And I am proud of my heritage and cultural and would like to share it with na keiki but sometimes we cannot afford to take a plane and visit these islands. I do agree that there should be rules, regulations and restrictions to protect our ocean species as well as our environment especially protecting the aina and our people from harmful drugs, etc. Like our airports and harbors that bring in the tourist, the Superferry should also have the same restrictions and screening. If this was done, then I agree that the Superferry should be able to operate while doing the environmental study. It will create more jobs for our people, it will be more affordable for more of our families to enjoy all the islands-I was 20 years old before I could afford to go to the Big Island-it would even help in the case of an emergency to transport equipment as well as personnel should the airports be inoperative. If we did not accept changes in our islands, we would not have most of the things our islands now enjoy. Let us do something positive for the kama'aina (locals) instead of always the tourist or should I say transplants. Yes, we will all benefit by its existence. I say, Let the Superferry BE!

Twinkle Barquis
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From: ROBERT HOCKWALD [sfaloha@webtv.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:01 AM

To: testimony

Subject: TO ALL LEGISLATORS

To All Legislators:

PLEASE GIVE EARLY APPROVAL TO THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY

Robert Hockwald MD

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Dan Scheper [reman@maui411.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

Dear Sirs/Ladies,

I am not able to attend the hearing, please accept my below testimony.

The super ferry is a much needed alternate means of transportation between the islands which should have never been subject to an environmental impact study in the first place. None of the other boats and ships that visit our port had to go through such a study, it's being misused to kill the super ferry by a very few, but vocal group and their attorney friend, who has signal handily done more harm to the people of Maui than any other person!

All of the potential impacts are already known and have been dealt with by the super ferry operators. They are inspecting the vehicles, they have re-striped the road for better ingress and egress, they have equipment and extra crew to watch for whales.

The speed is not an issue for a vessel that can stop and turn as well as the super ferry can, it's only going to be traveling slightly faster than most ships and slower than some. Modern container ships travel at up to 26 knots, navy ships travel at up to and in some cases exceeding 40 knots and the Pacific Whale foundations own high speed catamarans can travel at up to 47 knots, and they actually chase after the whales, the super ferry will be avoiding areas that whales are know to frequent!

The traffic is not going to be an issue either, about the same number of vehicles will be leaving maui as will be arriving and the major (for maui) roads in the area can easily handle the exiting vehicles.

Please do what you can to get this valuable service up and running ASAP.

Dan Scheper
Kihei - Maui

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testimony

From: Gabriele M. Barthlen M.D. [barthlen@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:13 AM

To: testimony

Subject: superferry, please let her run!!!

As a physician, I really support the superferry, making it better for patients to be transported. Also, Superferry may be needed in case of a catasrtophy (evacuation).

Please, let the Superferry RUN!!!!!!!

yours sincerely,

Gabriele M. Barthlen M.D.

testimony

From: NOUMARU, Junichi [noumaru@subaru.naoj.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Testimony for Hawaii Superferry

To whom it may concern,

I support interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. There are more frequent cruise ship services in Hawaii islands without major environmental impact. Each cruise ship carry up to 2000 passengers and many of them land at each port and there is no environmental problem.

I think protests again ferry service are overreaction. Any human activity and logistics cause some amount of environment impact. Ferry consumes less fuel than airplanes, are less noisy and do not require large airports.

Neibor island residents such as me are now suffered from limitation of baggage by airlines company. We must pay extra shipping cost to have large items delivered to the island. With a ferry, we will be able to carry more items with us. This economic value is tremendous.

Sincerely,

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From: Denise Davis [qhtrailride@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Denise Davis
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Kailua Kona Hawaii 96745

I would like to see the ferry go to the islands. I go to dog show and it is very expensive and extremely hard on the dogs to fly. I would like to see the Farmer's be able (with an inspection) be able to bring Hawaiian grown fruits and vegetables. There is plenty of meat on the big island which is not utilized to its potential. We should be a self sufficient state. We could learn a lot from New Zealand.

Aloha,
Denise Davis

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testimony

From: Ott [patriciaott@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO SUPERFERRY SETTING SAIL. My name is Donald Ott and I live in Honolulu. I support having a Superferry for the Islands. However, I do not support the special treatment this organization has been given by our political leaders. Our leaders should be ASHAMED for how they are handling this.

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Stephanie N. Iona [Stephanie.Iona@resortquesthawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support of the SuperFerry

I would like to add my name as a Kauai resident and Native Hawaiian...that I am in support of the SuperFerry and what this service will do to enhance the lifestyle of Hawaii in providing another means of transportation between the islands.

Stephanie N. Iona
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**From:** Charles Harris [uluhao@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:00 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I wholeheartedly support the Super Ferry project.

I believe it has come too far to be held up by the courts and opponents of its operation due to not having an EIS when one was never needed.

Allow the Super Ferry to sail while the EIS is being conducted.

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Charles D. Harris  
Kailua, HI

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**testimony**

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**From:** Jan Nilsson [jnilsson@flex.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:15 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** To Judiciary, Labor, Transportation, International Affairs and Energy& Environment

We support the bill that will allow interisland ferry service during impact study. I think it should be permitted as it already has been in service and should continue. Many people want the option. Every country with islands has a ferry service. We should too.

Mahalo.

Tom and Jan Nilsson  
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Honolulu, HI 96815  
Voters and Taxpayers.



**access1**

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**From:** BBAKono@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:01 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Please add my name to the SUPPORTERS of the Super Ferry. We need an alternate method of transportation between the islands. The voices of the vocal minority are just that the minority! Super Ferry will be a godsend!

Barbara Kono  
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**From:** Douglas Kulicke [douglas\_kulicke@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:34 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please help the Superferry

Please help the Superferry. I live on Maui and I can't wait to use the ferry. I also know friends who have small businesses here and they are very excited about being able to use it for business. I am a paddler. I do a lot on Maui, but have been unable to participate in any races or paddles on other islands because of the cost and hassle of shipping. But with the ferry I can take my van on the ferry with my boat and go to other islands to race. The Superferry will really mean a lot to our sport.

Please let the Superferry come to Maui as the study is being done.

Mahalo

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**testimony**

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**From:** josebffb1369@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Interisland Ferry Bill

I am sending this e-mail in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I personally would very much appreciate the service of the interisland ferry so bikers like me would take our bikes with us to runs on the other islands instead of sending them on barges.

Sincerely,

Jose R. Nater

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**testimony**

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**From:** Welsh, Robert [RobertWelsh@clearchannel.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:41 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry- Committees: Judiciary and Labor; Transportation; Internal Affairs; Energy and Environment

**To Senate Committees:**

Judiciary and Labor  
Transportation  
Internal Affairs  
Energy and Environment

**Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24**

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

Aloha,

I, like the overwhelming majority of people in Hawaii, am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. Please don't let a few loud, special interest funded, activists, give our state a black-eye in terms of being a place where companies might like to do business. The Hawaii Superferry will be very beneficial to our islands as a viable interisland transportation alternative. It makes no sense to place restrictions on the Superferry's operations that are not applied equally to all modes of interisland travel. The rest of the U.S. is watching... please make us proud by making the right decisions regarding the Hawaii Superferry.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Rob Welsh  
Honolulu

**testimony**

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**From:** JFGerell@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:41 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please, please, for the greater good and benefit of the majority of residents of the State of Hawaii, allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. The numbers of those in opposition do not represent the greater majority of those who embrace this added benefit.

Thank you..

Jolene Gerell

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**From:** Jenifer Bradley [jeniferb@colliershawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:39 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please Allow the Superferry to Operate

This is a very important alternative means of inter-island transportation for residents and tourists alike. Options and choices are a good thing; they breed competition, which in turn breeds excellence. Change is good, as well, and is inevitable. The residents of Hawaii won't thrive if our feet remain firmly rooted in the past.

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**From:** JFGerell@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:41 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please, please, for the greater good and benefit of the majority of residents of the State of Hawaii, allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. The numbers of those in opposition do not represent the greater majority of those who embrace this added benefit.

Thank you..

Jolene Gerell

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**From:** k.mburns@hawaiiantel.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:41 AM  
**To:** testimony

The Superferry should be given a chance to make a difference in the lives of the people of Hawaii. Many people from the mainland have quoted to me that they had figured this had been in existence for many of years already. Are we that behind schedule? Give it to the people to vote before you shelve it.

The Burns Ohana



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**From:** paul Koko [paul\_koko@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:38 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I am in support of letting the superferry operate while a EA or EIS is being completed.  
The draft legislation I have reviewed, I believe, addresses impacts, if any, to the environment.  
The benefits far outweigh the impacts, if any.

Thank you,

Paul Koko

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**testimony**

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**From:** Ralon Gella [rgella@newcitynissan.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:14 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** SUPERFERRY

MY FEELING ON THIS MATTER IS AS STATED.

I TRAVEL TO THE BIG ISLAND & MAUI ALLOT FOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS WITH MY TEAM. THIS WOULD BE ANOTHER SOURCE FOR US TO SAVE MONEY ON RENTAL CARS AND STORING OUR EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS TRANSPORTATION

AROUND THE ISLAND. AS WELL A VISITING FAMILY ON THE OUTER ISLANDS. THE SUPERFERRY WILL BRING IN MORE INCOME TO

THE OUTER ISLANDS AS WELL AS OAHU. THIS IS A PLUS PLUS FOR THE STATE. SO I HOPE THAT THIS ISSUE WITH BE RESOLVE SOON.

I CANT WAIT TO RIDE IT MYSELF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

ALOHA RALON K. GELLA

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**From:** Smlmoney@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY

I URGE YOU TO PERMIT THE SUPPER FERRY TO OPERATE WHILE AN EIS IS CONDUCTED. THIS IS A VITAL ALTERNATIVE TO AIR TRAVEL FOR THE ISLANDS. GET SERIOUS, CAR WASHING IS NOT THE JOB OF THE FERRY SERVICE NOR WILL IT PREVENT TRANSPORTATION OF INVASIVE SPECIES! THE FERRY WILL NOT BE THE CAUSE OF NEIGHBOR ISLAND GROWTH, MORE SHORT SIGHTED LEGISLATION WILL DO THAT. THE ENTIRE NATION IS WATCHING OUR STATE DRIVE ANOTHER BUSIINESS AWAY WITH RIDICULOUS RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY SHORT SIGHTED LEGISLATION. RESIDENTS HAVE EVERYTHING TO GAIN FROM THE SUPER FERRY SERVICE AND I BEG YOU TO FIND A WAY FOR IT TO SERVE OUR STATE.  
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**From:** Megan Anderson [megan.anderson@bishopmuseum.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:40 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Aloha Legislators -

I am writing in support of the Superferry. I believe it is now up to each of you to insure that this business, which the state so widely supported in the early stages, is allowed to operate. As a taxpayer and active member of the community, I do not want to see our economy and business development suffer as a result of this situation.

I urge you to take action and allow the Superferry to serve our islands, individuals and businesses alike.

Mahalo for your service to our community. We trust you will make the right decision.

Best Regards -  
Megan Anderson

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**From:** Jann Lau [jann@bnlh.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:54 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** HAWAII SUPERFERRY SUPPORT  
**Importance:** High

PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF "OUR" HAWAII SUPERFERRY TO OPERATE !

IT IS APPARENT THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING IN OUR STATE THAT DO NOT KNOW WE HAVE ENTERED THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY. TRANSPORTATION LIKE INFORMATION MUST BE ALLOWED TO MOVE FREELY IN OUR SOCIETY TO THE BETTERMENT OF US ALL.

OUR PLANETS ENVIROMENT IS IMPORTANT, BUT CLOSING DOWN A NEW BUSINESS IN A STATE WHERE JOBS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED IS A SHORT SIGHTED MOVE BASED ON THE IGNORANT CRIES OF A POORLY INFORMED MINORITY.

SO PLEASE VOTE WITH THE THOUGHT THAT WE NEED TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD AND NOT CLINGGING ON TO THE PAST, A CONDITION WHICH CAN NOT BE CHANGED.

**Jann Lau**

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**From:** Indra Vithanage [hawaiianindra@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:53 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support the Ferry

Dear Sir,  
Sep-23-2007  
Time-10.51

As a Hawaii Resident I am very much support the Supper Ferry. I think it is a fun family and friends get away trip which we can afford. I think we really need the Ferry service.  
Indra Vithanage.

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**From:** mary shumack [myluck@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:39 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Attn: Senate Committies: Judiciary and Labor; Transportation and Internationak Affairs;  
Energy and Environment

Please support the Super Ferry. It's time that the vocal minority was silenced in lieu of the quiet hard-working majority who support the Super Ferry.

We already have ships coming to the islands and intra-island water traffic on a daily basis: Young Brothers, large cruise ships, fishing boats, cargo ships from worldwide ports, local tourist attractions (fishing, diving), etc.....certainly, the Super Ferry would pose no more danger to the ecology than these other vessels.

Thank you,  
Mary Shumack  
98-707 Iho Place, #703  
Aiea, HI 96701

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**From:** Cynthia Lahilahi Verschuur [lahilahi@kalapanaseaviewhawaii.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:45 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** Sen. Sam Slom; Sen. Russell Kokubun; Sen. Brian Taniguchi; governor.lingle@hawaii.gov; Sen. Colleen Hanabusa; Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye; Sen. J. Kalani English; Sen. Ron Menor  
**Subject:** RE: The proposal to ignore Hawaii Revised Statutes...  
**Attachments:** testimony.txt

Dear Public Access Room,

Are you a person, place, or thing? Please answer as I have day-mares that 1984 is coming true. If you reply to this question, I'd like to find out your name, how many copies of my testimony you're making, and where you are delivering it. Just to ease my virtual state of mind. My testimony follows and is also attached as a text file. Please submit it for the O`ahu hearing at the Capitol tomorrow at 10:30, though it was intended for the Kona briefing today at 3 (can you still submit it for that meeting as well?)

Aloha,  
 Cynthia Lahilahi Verschuur  
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## Testimony regarding the The Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act (Haw. Revised Statute Chapter 343):

**I disapprove of** people who are **whining** and crying "but the Environment!"....

**AFTER** the fact. I disapproved of the boondoggle in the first place but was just told by my Libertarian friend that the govt. didn't subsidize the ferries themselves, only loaned some of the money to build. Is that a fact? I still disapprove of anything that won't pay for itself in the long run. How about charging tolls, like some of the expressways on the mainland?

Anyway, **my QUESTION** to the lawmakers in the JUDICIARY, LABOR, TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT committees, ESPECIALLY my state senator Kokobun, AS WELL AS ANYONE READING OR LISTENING TO THIS BEING READ **FOR THE INFORMATIONAL**

**BRIEFING** (Since I don't have the time or the wherewithal to drive to Kona to be there in person and Taniguchi's committee clerk (Susan?) denied my request for video-conferencing from Hilo even though we do have the technology and even though I am mentally challenged and have special needs, i.e. bipolar).

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## WHY WASN'T AN **EIS** DONE IN THE **FIRST** PLACE?

I can understand that an EIS might not have been originally needed for the Superferry any more than it might have been needed for Matson, Young Brothers, Aloha Airlines, or the whale watching boat tour companies. Will those companies have to do an EIS after-the-fact, too? **Is there a grandfather clause in Chapter 343 of the Revised Statutes? If yes, than I see no reason why the Superferry shouldn't get an exemption while the EIS is being drawn up.**

And **WE DO NOT need an oversight task force.** Why duplicate efforts and spend more money on something that is already being watched like a hawk by the media and the public?

Sincerely me ke aloha,  
Cynthia Ann Lahilahi Verschuur

Signed at 10:30 a.m. 10/23/07

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From the current Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 343:

§343-1 Findings and purpose. The legislature finds that the quality of humanity's environment is critical to humanity's well being, that humanity's activities have broad and profound effects upon the interrelations of all components of the environment, and that an environmental review process will integrate the review of environmental concerns with existing planning processes of the State and counties and alert decision makers to significant environmental effects which may result from the implementation of certain actions. The legislature further finds that the process of reviewing environmental effects is desirable because environmental consciousness is enhanced, cooperation and coordination are encouraged, and public participation during the review process benefits all parties involved and society as a whole.

It is the purpose of this chapter to establish a system of environmental review which will ensure that environmental concerns are given appropriate consideration in decision making along with economic and technical considerations. [L 1979]

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**From:** Nancy Hanks [nhanks@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:00 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Dear Legislators:

I strongly support the Super Ferry. As a resident who was born and raised in Hawaii and who has family on the neighbor islands, I feel it is a most welcome way to visit ohana along with our pets. It makes everything seem more connected.

I have used ferries in Italy and between the north and south islands of New Zealand where it is an accepted mode of travel in a water-based community. It's flawless and provides connectedness. Isn't that what we are; one state?

Thank you for supporting the Super Ferry and making this work. Hawai'i needs this option of transportation.

Sincerely,  
Nancy A. Hanks  
Kaneohe, Hawaii

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**From:** Bob Sumpf [BSumpf@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:16 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

To all Hawaii Legislators:

Please do whatever it takes to get the Superferry up and running on a regular schedule between Honolulu and Maui/Kauai. I realize how complex this issue is and how many mistakes were made by all parties concerned. Now is the time to remedy those errors with legislation which will allow the Superferry to commence operations. The vast, overwhelming majority of Hawaii's citizens support the Superferry and the immediate start of operations. Hawaii Superferry should not be singled out and forced to modify their operation due to environmental concerns, unless those concerns are truly stated and significant. If the concerns are legitimate, every vessel using island waters should comply. Are we to assume that the invasive species issue does not apply to Young Brothers barges or Matson container cargo? Does a small group of canoe paddlers really have the right to stifle the will of the people? Do obscure non-profits funded by money from who knows where really have the power to bring this state to it's knees?

I have come to believe that Hawaii is governed by a very small vocal minority rallying behind the issue of the day. Remember Kakaako waterfront and Kewalo Basin? Well thought out plans for re-development shouted down by 100 angry people. The current group of noisy, anti-Superferry bullies are hiding behind the environmental laws. While I am sure there are legitimate environmental concerns, these people simply do not want the Superferry at all. Are you going to allow this small noisy group to control the outcome of this issue, once again turning over control to a very negative special interest. Please take action for all the people of Hawaii and pass fair legislation which allows the Hawaii Superferry to sail.

Aloha,  
Bob Sumpf

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**From:** Rick Smoot [ricksmoot2000@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:10 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Superferry Hearing

**To the Senate Committees:** Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment  
**RE: Superferry Hearing on Wednesday, October 24 at 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol**

Dear Sirs,

Ferry services have operated throughout the world for decades and have provided unparalleled support in the movement of personnel and goods when air transportation has been either unable or unwilling to do so. Past ferry operations in Hawaii served a very meaningful purpose to a population otherwise dependent solely on airline schedules and restrictions. Businesses, in particular, demand that alternatives be made available to us given the unique geographic makeup of our island state.

So far, the Superferry has not proven itself a hazard anywhere other than in the minds of those who oppose change. Hawaii should pride itself on its progressive attitudes as much as its heritage, and take the steps necessary to embrace changes that will bring healthy economic growth to our shores. We do not want to be counted as a population unwilling to explore options that benefit our own community.

I therefore urge our lawmakers to look upon the Superferry as an opportunity rather than a liability. Please explore all the opportunity it affords the people and businesses of Hawaii.

Aloha,  
Rick Smoot  
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**From:** james kagawa [saj\_96819@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:32 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

i'm in favor of letting the super ferry continue their operations while the environmental assessment is taking place. i'm sure it's been brought up numerous times of how the other ocean freight carriers are no different but this too is my point.

regards \

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**From:** Cory (Martha) Harden [mh@interpac.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:49 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** OCT 24 10:30 AM superferry senate judiciary,labor, transp, int'l, energy, env

**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

### COMMENTS ON SPECIAL SUPERFERRY LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Cory Harden, PO Box 10265, Hilo, Hawai'i 96721 [mh@interpac.net](mailto:mh@interpac.net) 808-968-8965

#### IMPEACHMENT & INVESTIGATION

We should not be talking about singling out Superferry for a special law.

We should be talking about impeachment of Governor Lingle, and investigation of government officials at all levels for--

having the Coast Guard and police to back up Superferry when it sailed into Kaua'i just after the court decision that it needed an EA, which is required before a project starts

spending years preparing a Superferry launch with no EA, despite citizen opposition and pending court cases

allowing the "Mahalo" cruises to launch, again with no EA

#### SUPPORT?

How much real support is there for Superferry with no EA?

Do supporters feel strongly enough to face Coast Guard weapons from a surfboard in Nawiliwili Harbor? To risk being maced and hauled off to prison? To sit for hours in hearings?

Or just strongly enough to answer the phone if a poll-taker happens to call? And copy and send an e-mail?

#### Star-Bulletin/ SMS survey

Supposedly showed support for Superferry with no EA

But it had a large margin of error-- 8 percentage points for island-by-

island numbers.

Kaua'i and Maui, where Superferry plans to come first, seem the most concerned.

O'ahu, which stands to gain most and lose least, seems least concerned.

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64% of people statewide said Superferry should run while the EA is done. But close to half the people on Maui and Kaua'i said no. About one-third said no on Hawai'i Island; about one-fifth on O'ahu.

Running into whales was considered a big or small problem by more than half of Kaua'i and Maui people. It was about half statewide, and on O'ahu and Hawai'i island.

Transport of non-native species was considered a big or small problem by about three-quarters of the people on Kaua'i and about 7 out of 10 on Maui. It was about half statewide, on Hawai'i island, and on O'ahu.

Traffic was considered a big or small problem by three-quarters of people on Maui, more than half on Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island, and less than half on O'ahu.

**EIS FIRST-- NO SPECIAL SUPERFERRY LAW**



**testimony**

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**From:** SMachado21@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:17 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In favor of the Superferry

I am in favor of the Superferry, I welcome additional transportation to other islands in this state.

Mahalo

**Sheila Machado, Broker In Charge**  
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**From:** Gilia Rethman [grethman@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:03 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Super Ferry

To Whom It May Concern:

This email is in support of the Hawaii Super Ferry and its ability to run while an environmental assessment is conducted. When weighing the pros and cons on either side of this issue, it is apparent that the Super Ferry offers the citizens of Hawaii a much needed option in transportation. In addition, the other uses of the Super Ferry that are not readily apparent (for small businesses to transport goods between the islands, use for evacuation and transportation in case of emergencies, and more) make it a good thing for our state. It is especially disconcerting to me to see the scrutiny the Super Ferry has undergone when compared with other modes of operation in Hawaii....the Super Ferry has been singled out to jump through numerous hoops that other companies have not needed to do. Let's stop the nonsense now and and move Hawaii forward!

Respectfully,

Jill Rethman, RDH, BA  
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**From:** Peter Stoddard [pstoddard@smpent.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:14 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

To whom it may concern,

I want to show my strong support for the Super Ferry. As an owner of an Oahu distribution company for the last twenty five years I have seen costs continually go up for shipping products and people between the islands.

A few years ago when there were only two inter island airlines we saw the cost of a one way ticket raise to over \$100.00 and inter island travel and business suffered. When Go came in ticket prices dropped dramatically and people traveled more frequently.

Young Brothers is now the only inter island service to ship products between the islands. They just raised their prices fifteen percent effective October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We need to give Young Bros. some competition and we need to give the Hawaii people and businesses all the shipping and travel options possible.

I also think this whole process makes Hawaii look poorly in the world business market. Why did it take the Supreme Court a year and a half to make their decision? Why did their decision come down two days before the service was to start? Aren't there other ferry systems in the world that are working within fragile environments, like Seattle?

Our legislators need to be our leaders and allow the start up of the Super Ferry. This is both for the good of all the Hawaii people and for the good of Hawaii business image.

Please do not let down the clear majority of the people of Hawaii who want this.

Peter M. Stoddard

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**From:** Mahealani Diego [tmphawaii@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:11 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** tom m  
**Subject:** ALOHA FROM TOM MOFFATT

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I therefore urge our lawmakers to look upon the Superferry as an opportunity rather than a liability. Please explore all the opportunity it affords the people and businesses of Hawaii.

Aloha,  
Tom Moffatt  
(808) 593-8333

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**From:** Tom Galarneau [tgalarneau@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:01 AM  
**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

I would like to state my support of starting the Super Ferry service during the EIS time period.

We need alternative transportation and competition. My family would love to visit the other islands and enjoy the sea voyage.

It is also to protect Hawaii's business image. You can't in all fairness have people invest money in good faith and then leave them with large losses. Having a background in shipping company management, I know the losses the company is facing and their need to redeploy the vessels if forced to delay. They will not be able to afford to wait.

Thomas Galarneau  
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**From:** Tony Pasco [pascoa001@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:17 AM

**To:** testimony

Let it sail we do need other type of transpirations to and from other island

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**From:** Ted Pierce [tedpierce@kona.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:18 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Save the Superferry

Please do whatever is necessary to allow the Superferry to begin full operations immediately.

Otherwise, please pass a law requiring the Superferry protesters/opposition to pay the full cost of the hundreds of millions of dollars the State guaranteed for the Superferry.

Ted M. Pierce  
74-5602 Alapa #768  
Kailua-Kona HI 96730

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**From:** iokepa meno [kepameno@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:57 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry Testimony

Aloha my name is ?Iokepa Meno.

I would like to say that I am in definate favor of the Hawaii Superferry. As a Hawaiian Immersion Teacher on Oahu I feel that my students will greatly appretiate having such as service to unite all of our islands.

having been a former employee of both NCL on the Prides of Aloha and America I have seen how NCL treats the local people. It it the money these tourist bring or not that make it into our pockets. I have worked on Maui with the Pacific Whale Foundation under Greg Kauffman and been a Naturalist while our own boats hit whales. I have paid too much money to the airline industry because we have had no other alternative.

Our kupuna around the state will finally have another option to being alone when we as a community face hard economic times. Throughout all the issues we need to remeber our local people who have no voice. Please LET IT THE ALAKAI SAIL!

Mahalo Nui Loa!

Kumu ?Iokepa Meno  
Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii

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**From:** dawn takatsuki [dawntakat@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:52 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I believe the Superferry will help small business owners like us to do jobs on the neighbor islands by sending our vehicles and small materials on the ferry it will make it more cost efficient for the businesses here and consumers on the neighbor islands. Also in case of emergency like when the hurricane hit Kauai we could use the ferry to send over generators and other needed goods. Please consider letting the ferry continue to run!

Dawn Takatsuki  
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**From:** Bob Warren [bigislandbob@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:18 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for the Superferry

To: The Honorable Chairmen and Senators of the Judiciary and Labor, the Transportation and International Affairs and the Energy and Environment Committees

From: Robert W. Warren  
66-1517 W. Ko Uka Pl.  
Kamuela, Hawaii, 96743 (808) 885-0912

A year ago when the superferry was going through the hearing process I attended two public hearings, both of which were filled overwhelmingly by SUPPORTERS. Now a year later the "activists" are again trying to preclude another legitimate business from creating jobs, generating new revenues to the counties and state, providing alternatives to airline travel, and saving us money when we want to travel with a vehicle or goods to another island.

I was born and reared on Oahu, have lived for 17 years on the Big Island and lived for a couple years on Kauai forty years ago.

While the people of Hawaii have distinguished themselves over the years as being a very giving and compassionate populace; unfortunately there also exists a contingency of persons who, either because they have no interest in a project or can't afford it for themselves, they rally to keep others from benefitting from it. This was recently witnessed on the Big Island with the Hokulia Project, which while finally approved cost the developer many millions of dollars more than it should have because of a small very vocal group of "activists".

Our beautiful Islands now have the unfortunate distinction of being the worst state in the 50 to do business. If we continue to allow a "vocal minority" to yell and scream and block legitimate endeavors our state will find itself in an even worse financial condition than it is now.

The Superferry will benefit farmers and construction companies in moving goods in refrigerated or flatbed trucks. It will benefit retailers on all islands by encouraging more locals to go to other islands. Now that sugar and pineapple are all but a memory, the State of Hawaii needs to nurture new businesses which will provide hundreds of jobs for our children, not to mention providing much needed new revenues for our state.

With Ferries such as this operating all over the world, I have never heard of a whale being hit. No one cares about Hawaii's environment more than I do, but some of the arguments being suggested by so-called environmentalists and ridiculous attempts to shut the ferry down.

If you feel as I do that the superferry should not be shut down by a vocal minority, please use your powers as elected representatives of the MAJORITY of the people to allow this service to proceed.

Mahalo

Bob

**testimony**

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**From:** Kathy Dubord [dubord@interohi.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:48 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

It is imperative we get the use of the Superferry for inter islands travel. This added avenue of travel will enable so many of us for not only pleasure but for the businesses of Hawaii. Not only will it help us locally but tourists will also benefit. More tourists more revenue for Hawaii! One more setback for progress only discourages future business coming to Hawaii that we so badly need.

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**From:** Jane Stevenson [fjane22@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

This Testimony is to the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Committees of the Hawaii State Senate for a Hearing scheduled for October 24 at 10:30 a.m. at the State Capitol Auditorium. I will not be attending as I live in Hilo.

My name is F. Jane Stevenson, I have been a Hawaii resident for 49 1/2 years. I am strongly in favor of the Super Ferry.

It will ease transportation between Islands. Although I consider myself an environmentalist and animal lover, I do not see a difference between the Cruise ships and even The Ferry and other motor craft that navigate our waters and the Super Ferry. There is technology available to see whales in the water ahead, this equipment should be required. The military tests with sonar are far more detrimental to the ocean wildlife in my opinion. As far as traffic problems on Maui and Kauai and an excess of vehicles on small islands, the Super Ferry would provide an inexpensive means of transportation of vehicles from those islands to Honolulu where it is far easier to sell a used vehicle.

PLEASE CONSIDER MY TESTIMONY WHICH IS STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING THE SUPER FERRY TO OPERATE IN HAWAIIAN WATERS WITH THE PROVISION THAT THE PROPER EQUIPMENT FOR SIGHTING AND AVOIDING WHALES IN SEASON WOULD BE USED. Thank you. If you would like to contact me my telephone number is (808)935-7920.

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**From:** ED MUEGGE [edward.muegge@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:20 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** judiciary and labor, transportation and International Affairs, Energy and Environment

This is Testimony in Support of The Superferry being able to operate while the required EIS is being conducted.

**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

Ed Muegge 1993 South Kihei Rd #600 Kihei. HI 96753 808-879-3544

There are a number of reasons why the Superferry should be able to operate while the EIS is being conducted.

There are too many reasons to list in support of this action to list here, but here are a few.

1. The ferry should not be punished because the State made a mistake!
2. This is the only inter-island transportation that is disabled friendly to traveling with personal TRANSPORTATION that is not on most islands to rent or is too expensive.
3. This is **not** the only OCEAN transport that is carrying cars, trucks, etc inter-island, and the others have not been required to meet these standards.
4. Other inter-island transports carry a much larger risk of environmental contamination because of different requirements than the SF has had to under go.
  - a. How many barges carry sonar?
  - b. How many barges can turn on a dime?

Failure to allow the SF to operate will cause the taxpayers to pay a huge bill, and possibly be liable for substantial law suites from the SF investors-owners.

Never in my lifetime will I ever see another company try to introduce this disabled friendly type of transportation again in the state of Hawaii.

This will also send a message to outside investors that Hawaii is a huge risk even when you have all the required agreements to go ahead with your project.

I have been dreaming of this service since I first hear of it three years ago. As a disabled Veteran that uses an electric scooter and converted van for mobility, I was looking forward to being able to travel the state of Hawaii like I use to in CA. and other states that I did my ADA access work in.

Please allow the SF to remain viable here in Hawaii, at least until the EIR is completed. Without the support of our representatives the law will dictate that the SF will leave the state of HI for good. I don't see how good consciousness can allow this with out an EIS that supports discontinuing the service.

Loss of the SF would be a huge loss to the disabled community. One, which I feel the community should respond too.

Mahalo; for your time, consideration, and support in this matter.

Sincerely;

Ed Muegge 808-879-3544

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**From:** Chun-Esaki, Caren Jean S CIV NAVFAC PAC [carenjean.chunesaki@navy.mil]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:20 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY FOR THE SUPERFERRY

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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There is a great need to have the Superferry operate during the development of the EIS. My elderly relatives can travel much easier by car than by plane. Walking all the way from the airport curb, through security to the terminal and departure gate is cumbersome. Their legs cramp up in small airplane seats. Ferry service to Maui or Kauai will allow these types of people to travel in a much more comfortable setting. The ferry will also help the small business owners transport their goods FRESH between islands! If you truly represent the people, know that the MAJORITY of the people WANT the Superferry in operation! This is not about your own personal preference. Vote on behalf of your constituents!

Sincerely,  
Caren Jean Chun-Esaki

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**From:** Gretchen I. Watson-Kabei [gretle@aloha.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry - YES  
**Importance:** High

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

Aloha,

We are submitting this email as residents and business owners on the Island of Hawaii. We support the operation of the Superferry during the period of time that an Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared. We stand by the State of Hawaii's initial decision to allow the building and subsequent operation of the Superferry in the State of Hawaii.

We ask/implore you to stand by the decision made and represent the MAJORITY of the people, many of whom do not have the 'luxury' to travel to Oahu to voice our support, and/or to take time off from work to attend the public meetings that have been set on the various islands.

The Superferry brings alternative travel options to the outer islands – including opportunities to travel with our families and extended ohana together – with savings! Our four-legged family members can travel with us (without having to be sedated or traumatized via air travel). The introduction of the Superferry into our State will open any number of benefits for interisland travel. We would no longer have to leave the 'kitchen sink' at home. We can take our worldly possessions with us when the time comes to move to another island; we can take our camping gear with us to camp on other islands; we can load our produce into our trucks; etc. etc.

Please do what is right for Hawaii and allow the Superferry to continue to operate during the EIS assessment.

Thank you.

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**From:** Joel Fischer [jfischer@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:21 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Special session; Hse trans and finance; 10/25/07; 9AM; Aud, State Capitol

**Importance:** High

Superferry Special Session  
HouseTransportation, Chair, Rep Joe Souki Finance, Chair, Rep Marcus Oshiro

**PLEASE VOTE AGAINST SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LAW FOR THIS BUSINESS**

I am very much looking forward to riding the Superferry someday.

NEVERTHELESS, I respectfully urge you to VOTE AGAINST SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LAW FOR THIS OR ANY OTHER BUSINESS. There are far too many reasons to detail them all here. The most important one, though, is the deceit and duplicity of the Superferry and the Lingle administration acting in concert to undermine our most important environmental laws. Why in the world should the Legislature act to bail them out now?

In compromise after compromise offered, the Superferry and Lingle refused to cooperate, using the very same arguments three years ago as they are using today: An environmental assessment will mean the Superferry will lose too much money to stay in Hawai'i.

The Superferry and Lingle administration must not be absolved by the Legislature for the sneaky way they tried to do business in Hawai'i. It is THEY who are destroying the business climate here, not our environmental laws.

Thank you for showing that, while big-money special interests are given special favors by Lingle, the Legislature has too much integrity to get sucked in to that trap!

Aloha, joel

Dr. Joel Fischer, ACSW  
President, 19-3, Democratic Party

Professor  
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"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because one's conscience tells one that it is right."  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Never, never, never quit."  
Winston Churchill





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**From:** Stephanie Stucky [scsmaui@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:09 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Superferry

I support the superferry because it would provide another form of interisland service other than flying.

Stephanie Stucky

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**From:** dotted creations [dottedcreations@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:54 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SupperFerry

To whom it may concern

I am in favor of the Super Ferry. I believe it would help the community regardless of where we live in Hawaii. Tourist is our biggest resource, and the Ferry will help the economy as well as create more jobs. I am concerned about protecting our environment but, we are intelligent human beings and I am sure we can find a way to work this out. They once said the H3 would not benefit the state which I was in favor of.

Mahalo

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**From:** Karen forsythe [faleilei@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:54 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** What do you call a super hero from Oahu? A Super Ferry LOL Testimony

Aloha,

This is my testimony as to the usefulness of the **Super Ferry**.

Kauai and Maui allow millions of visitors on their islands each year.

Who rent cars that add to the traffic flow.

They are not protesting the airports, they accept them with open arms. The cash is good, it flows their economy.

Why then are they protesting a few hundred people each day who would take their cars for business or to see family. They realize, there are no major travel dollars included to add to their state, just average middle class Joe's doing there thing.

This isn't about the environment .

This about Kauai and Maui deciding who can come and who should stay away.

Do you think everyone on Oahu doesn't remember the days when things were less crowded here. Surely we do, but as the population grows, so must our own transportation needs.

We deserve to have a say in our state on this issue and we say yes to the Super Ferry.

If they want to protest something let them protest for us here on Oahu.

Protest for the homeless issues or the rights of the disabled or books for schools.

They are looking out for themselves not the community as a whole.

We are one State under one government.

We have spoken ,we the people want the **Super Ferry**.

Karen Forsythe

Waianae

Governor do not let a few determine the rights of many.

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**From:** Denee.Simic@kp.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:37 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Please forward to the following committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment  
For the hearing scheduled for Wednesday October 24 at 10:30 am in the Auditorium at the State Capitol.

I am in support of the Superferry being allowed to operate while the environmental studies are being done. The Superferry offers a much needed service for the islands. With a child going to college on the Big Island it allows her to transport her car and personal belongings to her new home as well as allowing her to bring her car home with her when she comes to visit. I think the Superferry is greatly needed for the local people (as most tourists will prefer the faster method of air travel), giving an affordable alternative form of interisland travel.

Thank You

Denee Simic  
Oahu

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**From:** Joan Hayden [HAYDENJ003@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:36 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, Energy and Environment Committees,  
Re: Hearing : Wed Oct 24, 2007, 10:30AM, Auditorium, State Capitol

Gentlemen and Ladies:

As a resident of Maui, I have been looking forward to utilizing the Superferry, transporting my car to Oahu, while playing with the Honolulu Symphony, which is my job. I have been limited to the airlines, with their incumbent high fares, security issues, and delays, and renting a car. The ferry seems to me an excellent alternative.

I support it for all of its other uses, as well: alternative transportation for emergency transportation of people and vehicles, in case of fire, or other catastrophic occurrence.

Our infrastructure needs this upgrade. It is a no-brainer.

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## testimony

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**From:** Doug Brocker [dlbrocker@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:56 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** 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

Honorable Committee Members;

The Hawaii super ferry would be a great addition to our Hawaii transportation system. I would appreciate an alternative to air travel between islands. It would help our economy, and improve our environment.

Please join me in supporting the Hawaii Super Ferry.

Thank you,

Douglas Brocker  
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**From:** cguard@hawaiiantel.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:29 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

I am a long-term resident of Maui--born and raised on Oahu. I am **in favor** of a bill to allow the Ferry to operate in Hawaiian waters while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Thank you,

Charles Guard  
Kula, Hawaii

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**From:** John R. Bates [jrbatesusmc@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:23 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPER FERRY

It is in the best interest of the vast majority of Hawai'ians to allow the SuperFerry to service all islands. Please know that it has my full support.

Semper Fidelis, John

Colonel John R. Bates USMC (ret)  
Executive Director

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**From:** Cindy Lance [cindyl-hularecords@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:06 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

Aloha Legislators

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

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

- Hawai'i's EIS law should be upheld because it provides a crucial layer of protection for Hawai'i's irreplaceable natural and cultural beauty. **THAT'S WHY IT WAS PUT IN PLACE TO BEGIN WITH AND THE NEED FOR PRESERVATION HAS NOT DEMINISHED!**
- The proposed legislation to exempt the Superferry from its obligations under the law is overbroad. It exempts the Superferry from every permit requirement and public oversight requirement currently on the books. Proposed conditions on the operation of the Superferry fail to address to legitimate concerns about the possible irreparable harms highlighted by the Maui Court. **PEOPLE ON THE STREET ARE SAYINF "IF WE BROKE THE LAW, WE'D BE PROSECUTED AND PUT BEHIND BARS, WHY ARE THEY (YOU) LETTING THESE GUYS SLIDE?"**
- The Hawaii Constitution guarantees everyone the "right to a clean and healthful environment" (Haw. Const. Art. 11, sec. 9). The Constitution, however, does not guarantee anyone the right to a profit. If our elected officials grant an exemption to our environmental laws, then they will be placing the corporations' right to profit over the public's right to a healthy environment. **SAY IT AGAIN!! ONE GROUP OR DOESN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO IMPINGE ON ANOTHER GROUP'S RIGHTS. IT'S A 2-WAY STREET! WHO IS LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE OF KAUA?!? YOU ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST REPRESENT THEM TOO.**
- Public participation is essential to a well-functioning democracy! Hawai'i's EIS law provides a rare opportunity for public hearings. This fundamental public right should not be side-stepped to serve special interests!
- A legislative decision of this magnitude cannot be made properly in the 7 days allotted for a special session called by the Governor. It does not provide a sufficient opportunity for lawmakers to hear from the communities most affected by this decision. If the process of decisionmaking lacks integrity, then so will the outcome. **STOP THE RAILROAD! IF THE SUPPERFERRY IS SUCH A SWELL IDEA, WHY THE SUBTERFUGE ABOUT IT'S MULTI USES? WHY THE MEDIA BLITZ? WHY THE EFFORT TO DROWN THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE MOST AFFECTED? WHY NOT FOLLOW THE LAW AND TAKE THE TIME TO ARRIVE AT A CORRECT DECISION THAT UPHOLDS THE INTENT OF THE LAW.**
- Special treatment for special interests creates a precedent of uncertainty about when and if Hawai'i's laws will be applied and upheld, and for whom. Good business and economic development

requires wise governance and certainty about the rules by which all businesses must play. The rule of law must be respected by all levels of government to ensure our system functions properly.

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

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

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**From:** Antoinette [islandantoinette@comcast.net]  
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**Subject:** Legislature's Public Access Room testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov Hawaii Superferry

**Senate Committees:**

Judiciary and Labor

Transportation and International Affairs

Energy and Environment

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Legislature's Public Access Room [testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

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

Aloha:

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

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

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

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

Please keep it going for ALL to enjoy!

10/23/2007

Mahalo,

Antoinette Tanenbaum-Gordon

Randale K. Jackson

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Pahoa, Hawai'i 96778

**testimony**

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**From:** Peter Hwu@Convergence [phwu@convergencect.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:25 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I support SuperFerry

It is in the interest of the people of the State of Hawaii and its economy to have a viable transportation option other than air. Being an isolated state thousands of miles away from the mainland, it is to our interest and survival to build a closer link among our island communities to foster a stronger economic, cultural and social bond and larger economic base among us. Our islands lack an alternative way of transportation. Super Ferry provides this alternative as well as an artery to link our island economies together. The present and future of our islands, our families, our economies, our opportunities as an island state depend on the success of this most viable ocean highway. Our present and future economy as an island state cannot be solely dependent on air but rather by land and by sea. We are about the only island metropolis in the world without an interisland ferry service. We cannot afford to make another mistake. This is our future and the future of our children.

Why Interisland ferry service is needed and we cannot wait

1. Hawaii is an island metropolis surround from all sides by water. Ferry is the most logical transportation to get people, goods and services around. Not air or car can substitute.
2. Ferry service will jump start our stagnant tourist industry. It will provide a vital and attractive option to tourists with the least environmental impact on land
3. We needed interisland ferry service 50 years ago. It is overdue to the islands and our economy
4. Inter-island ferry service provides an alternate evacuation route in event of a major disaster
5. Our economy as an island metropolis depends on water to link our economies together, not air
6. Super tankers, cargo containers, aircraft carriers, nuclear submarines frequent our harbors and surrounding waters for centuries without complaints from environmental groups and without incident. Their complaints are without ground.
7. Ferry service provides jobs and opportunities to our economy as a state isolated by water
8. We are about the last island metropolis in the world without an interisland ferry service
9. Let's not make another mistake. Let's make a wise decision that will benefit our present and future generations.

**Peter S. Hwu**

**testimony**

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**From:** MARY DRAYER [mdrayerhome@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:24 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** lindsey drayer  
**Subject:** superferry: ea/law

aloha from maui,

why not advise the Superferry to appeal the rulings of the Supreme & Circuit courts just as the Maui Tomorrow etc did when they were unhappy with Judge Cardoza's ruling in 2005?

it should NOT matter that they have lots of money at stake, they were well aware of challenges to their exemption long before they hired employees etc.

i have never before contacted any politician for any reason...i am one of many who have always trusted the people in office to make the best decisions for us..

i was present at Baldwin auditorium here on Maui yesterday..

the pro-ferry speakers spoke of drag racing, visiting family etc...all worthy views...however they were really just personal concerns....as to the jobs lost - did anyone appeal to the legislature earlier this year to save the jobs of the employees of Maui Pineapple company? ..many of whom had worked there for 20+ years...what about all the sugar plantation workers that have lost their jobs in recent years? i do not think it is your job to ensure employment in the private sector by passing legislation to save a specific company..

on the other hand the pro-ea/eis speakers addressed much bigger issues...even the farmers (who were purportedly big supporters for the ferry) were requesting you to follow the law...it really is that simple..'we have a law'

my mother taught me: 'two wrongs don't make a right'...

mahalo for your time - many on Maui were pleasantly surprised that you came to visit us and listen..

aloha,  
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**From:** grinch@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:29 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry NOW

How in God's green earth can you consider any other decision than to accomodate the Superferry to the maximum. This is what 99% of the people of Hawaii want to have for ourselves as well as our visitors. As a miminum, you should only ask the Superferry management to do the same as our state requires of other sea going vessels. If Matson and a variety of U.S. and foreign flagships come into our ports load and unload under certian requiremants , the Superferry should at least be treated in a similarf manner. We cannot control the direction and speed of Superferry in any way differently. Finally, your failure to heed the wishes of the communities and the loss of Superferry will not only be a blight on our state but will surely cost every citizen a large amount of money you will pay for your breach of contract.

Siancerly

Jack & Marsha Stern  
Honolulu, Hawaii

10/23/2007



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Send one to your home Representative and Senator, especially those of you on O'ahu as many of those reps and sens don't seem to understand the birds and the bees of this important issue (actually the birds ground nesting DIE on Kaua'i if one preggy O'ahau mongoose hitches a ride to Kaua'i, and the Bees, well they DIE TOO with the O'ahu inhabited Verona Bee Mite if it goes to Maui, Kaua'i or Big Island (google it if you want)--DEAD birds and DEAD bees--NOT GOOD.....dead baby whales too but that's another story.

Send one to Senator Fred Hemmings, room 221, read the papers on this one...he should get a Magnum, and NOT because of what's in his shorts.

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Hear the many not the few

WE want the Super Ferry !

Giles Forsythe

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My Family and I support the Superferry and believe it should be allowed to resume operations. It is hard for us to believe that the State of Hawaii being made up of island counties does not yet have a reliable ferry system. We have been looking forward to using the Superferry as an alternate to flying to other islands. We would use the ferry for both personal and business use. It would give us an opportunity to visit other islands with our own transportation and it would allow us to procure specialty materials for our business on Oahu and return with them to the Big Island with them. We believe the environment should be protected and that this should be done with an even hand overseeing existing barge services, military and cruise ships. We resent that a very small vocal portion of the population has deprived us of a valuable service. We will be watching how legislators vote on this issue.  
Douglas Schilling and Family  
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**From:** Tom Hawkins [kulacon@spamarrest.com]  
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I want to go on record in support of allowing the Superferry to operate while generating the EIS. It will directly affect my ability to do business on Maui and Kauai.  
Thank You,

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**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry

My name is Melanie Kaleipuakelaokalani Saizon Afualo. I wrtie in behalf of myself, my husband Danny Afualo and our 3 young children; Mason, Maya and Sarah Koa. We are in support of the SuperFerry and hope that it will be able to continue to sail. It will be a benefit to small families like ours that would like to be able to visit our ohana on the neighboring islands, but due to the rising cost of air travel, car rental and hotel stays, it is virtually impossible. The SuperFerry gives us, the Hawaiian people, another option, another way to stay connected with loved ones. Please, I urge you to consider our wishes. Help the younger generation by allowing the SuperFerry to continue.

Mahalo nui,

*Melanie Kaleipuakelaokalani Saizon Afualo* 

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### IN STRONG OPPOSITION

Aloha Members of the Hawaii State Senate Committees on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this legislation.

I am in opposition to this bill for the following reasons:

- 1) It sets a dangerous constitutional precedent for the executive and legislative branches to sidestep settled law.
- 2) It represents a corporate handout, in the form of an extralegal exemption made to a single corporate beneficiary.
- 3) If passed, it would call into question the ability for state legislators to adequately represent the public's concerns.
- 4) It is distressingly similar in function and scope to the federal exemptions created to allow the H3 freeway to ignore US environmental laws.
- 5) The public, particularly neighbor island rural communities, are in strong opposition.

I will provide further testimony in verbal remarks at the hearing on Wednesday, October 24. Passage of this bill will necessitate civil disobedience.

Sincerely

Ikaika Hussey  
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The majority of the residents of Hawaii - not just Oahu - are truly for the Superferry with only the vocal few being opposed. Ships have been in Hawaii waters for hundreds of years, bringing people, food and supplies to all islands. This opposition is just a hoax that people as smart and well-informed as our representatives should be able to address and move past to a positive conclusion for the majority.

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Hearing Date: October 24, 2007,  
Wednesday, 10:30 am

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,

Elizabeth Ferguson  
5025 Likini Street  
Honolulu, HI 96818

**testimony**

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**From:** j.cas@hawaiiantel.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:35 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY should be ALLOWED to OPERATE

All Concerned,

The SUPERFERRY should be allowed to operated while the Environmental Impact Study is being done.

Reasons :

- a) We will be able to obtain "actual" data if allowed to operate,
- b) Generated income from the daily operations could be used to address problems and make immediate improvements.

I would like to to the State of Hawaii's tourism industry prosper, and I strongly believe the the SUPERFERRY is the vehicle that will tremendously help by creating the excitement that will be needed to market tourism.

James Castillo  
221-7552

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**From:** Cheryl Goodman [cherylgoodman72@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:58 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Please allow the Superferry a chance to serve the islands of Hawaii!

The Superferry would be a great asset to us all. One advantage is that the ferry would encourage visitors to the neighbor islands - and visitors (even if we are locals from Oahu) equal revenue for those islands! Another advantage would be that the ferry could carry equipment and supplies to the neighbor islands in the wake of a disaster (such as Hurricane Iniki).

Thank you,

Cheryl L. Collins-Goodman

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**From:** Epenesa, Viefu Mr CIV USA USARPAC [viefu.epenesa@us.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:33 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Why the Superferry should Sail among the Hawaiian Islands (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

This testimony is based on the high ideals of the "Spirit of Aloha"...which is well known throughout the Pacific Islands and all over the world. It's truly the motivation factor that contributes to the Aloha State's increased in tourism, which translates into visitors and monies. That is why the Superferry should be allowed to sail the beautiful islands of Hawaii. By passing this law to authorize the sailing of the Superferry, it will demonstrate to the entire world, that the Sate of Hawaii still and will continue to Support and Witness the true meaning of "SPIRIT OF ALOHA". About our ancestors, it's an event of the past, which we should not forget, in a way that will not interfere with the benefits that will be earned by the people of Hawaii and will continue to increase the number of visitors and employments to our people.

Very respectfully,

//Original Signed//  
VIEFU EPENESA  
Pearl City, Hawaii  
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**From:** edavisyoung@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:10 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony Hawaii Super Ferry

As much as I would like to say go ahead and allow the super ferry to operate - I would be going against all of my works and training. I am a retired park ranger from the national park service, so you know what I am about to say. First of all the super ferry should've never gotten started without the EIS. Hawaii is a very fragile environment, and we the people of Hawaii all know this. To be brief and simply said, you cannot allow the super ferry to operate without the EIS. This company had to know they needed this statement - it all boils down to money. We should learn from our mistakes in the past. One example occurred a long time ago when somebody allowed the mongoose to come into Hawaii. It's obvious they didn't do any research on this animal; if so they would know that rats are nocturnal, and the mongoose are out in the daylight hours. This simple mistake almost wiped out the bird population. We have to take into consideration the humpback whale, and what this could possibly do to harm their migration. I'm not against the super ferry, and I know Hawaii need to move forward because of the increasing population in this State, but the super ferry will just have to wait a little longer until this process is over. Once the EIS is approved then they can move forward. All of this should've been discussed beforehand, it's their mistake and we should not let companies that's not sensitive to Hawaii's unique ecosystem to just come in and do what they like - we the people of Hawaii are the ones to suffer.

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**From:** cliff boteilho [haikuram@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:27 AM

**To:** testimony

We need the Super Ferry to operate. They will give us options by which to travel, shop, trade, etc. We have been ripped off enough by only having one interisland shipper, or a couple of airlines. Most of the people who dont want the ferry were not born here so they dont know how we lived and traveled all these years. They came from away, drove up house and property values, and now when its to late to stop what they started, they start to complain. Stop burning cane, stop this, stop that. This is the way we grew up and lived. Give us the chance to have the ferry operate, we want it. The ferry did not hit a whale yet. but pacific whale foundation did. Its all about the money.

Cliff Boteilho

Haiku Maui, Hi

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**From:** Travis [ty1hawaii@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:32 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

To all those that are concerned,

There has been much debate of the Superferry and I agree that there are Pros as well as Cons for having it here in our state. But, what is good for one should be good for all. If the law requires one party to go through the EIS process then all (Aloha, Hawaiian, Young Bro., Cruise liners, Matson, etc.) that transport "Invasive Species", vehicle traffic, drug traffic or cause any type of Environmental Impact should have to go through the same type of EIS. The Law is set up to protect not only the Environment but "ALL" groups that live in it.

Aloha, Travis Yamashita  
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Honolulu, Hawaii (6816

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**From:** edward coppola [slosmoke@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:27 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry!

Dear Sirs,

I would like to state my approval of a bill to allow to the Super Ferry to proceed with service between the Hawaiian Islands. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Edward J. Coppola, Kailua-Kona, Hi.

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**From:** Karecomp4@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:34 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** 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 FULLY SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY!**

I think good quality, high-tech vessels such as the Superferry will set a presedence to "clean up" and replace those high-polluting, rusted vessels currently in our Hawaiian waters.

– Karen Nicholson  
Independent Travel Agent

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**From:** Damon Hylton [damonhylton@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for Hawaii Superferry hearings

ATTN: 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 Senators,

Hawaii Superferry has complied with all that has been asked of it by the government of Hawaii; going above and beyond all requirements and beyond what all other transportation companies in Hawaii are doing. It is clear that the people of Hawaii overwhelmingly support allowing Hawaii Superferry to operate while the government complies with any requirement of it to conduct an environmental review. It is time for the legislature to step up and fulfill their roles as public leaders and pass legislation allowing Hawaii Superferry to operate while the environmental reviews are conducted. My job and the jobs of my co-workers who want nothing more than to provide a new transportation alternative to the State hang in the balance. Do the right thing, allow Hawaii Superferry to sail.

Much mahalo,  
Damon Hylton  
1177 Queen Street #2604  
Honolulu, HI 96814

**testimony**

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**From:** Ernie Carlbom [erniec@lava.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:34 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii super Ferry

Please accept my testimony and support for the Hawaii Super Ferry.

The Super Ferry will offer all the people of Hawaii the following important benefits:

- a. Become more united, by the making it possible for lower income families to visit their relatives and friends on all the other island.
- b. Become better served by small business for all services needed.
- c. Allow small farmers, growers the opportunity to transport their products directly to the different markets and help support Hawaii's goal for diversified agriculture.
- d. Offer added high speed, convenient transportation options for emergency services, medical emergency help or our military in time of natural disasters, unexpected emergencies, or attacks of any kind.
  - i.e. Hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes or attacks by terrorists.

In addition it will provide good jobs, careers for people from all the islands served.

These are just a few of the benefits our state will receive from the operation of the Super Ferry.

Do not let the "terrene" of a small minority rob the people of Hawaii of this valuable service.

Your support is vital for this important serve for all the people of Hawaii

Ernest Carlbom  
Farmer  
41-865 Mahailua St.  
Waimanalo, Hi.

## testimony

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**From:** Christina Belnap [cbelnap@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** HAWAII SUPERFERRY

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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I fully support the legislation to allow the Superferry to do business while an environmental impact study is being completed. I think the Superferry will be a good thing for Hawaii residents and visitors. Please support the Superferry!!

Christina Belnap  
Kailua

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**From:** mercedes flores [FLORESM017@Hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Superferry

My name is Mercedes Flores. I believe that we should allow the Superferry to run while the EIS is being done. The Superferry would be a great asset to the State.

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**testimony**

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**From:** kulamanu medeiros [kulamanu1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:10 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry Support

I am a supporter of the SuperFerry. The company deserves to have the opportunity to operate just like any other business who has met the state's rules governing new businesses.

Those who are against the SuperFerry are being funded by the other transportation systems (the airlines, cruise ships, or, more likely, Matson or Young Brothers who have the most to lose). The protestors are noticeably quiet when it comes to voicing their opinion about the harm that **these** businesses do to the environment. I also notice that the so-called environmentalists don't have a problem with driving vehicles which pollute the air that we all breathe.

The restrictions the "environmentalists" want to place on the SuperFerry as conditions for allowing it to operate sound very close to communism. We are a democracy. If you restrict one business, you better be prepared to restrict them all. If you restrict them all, it will mean the downfall of Hawaii's economy.

Ultimately, the decision needs to be based on precedent--what has been done before. The Legislature needs to listen and observe intently and decide impartially, logically, and above all, fairly. And please let the Lingle administration off the hook. They were only following what has been done in the past. This has been the most honest administration, at least during my lifetime.

Manu Lemke Medeiros  
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Kapaa, HI 96746

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**From:** kevin bootes [kevinbootes@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:03 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

Greetings -

I received an email concering public comment on the superferry:

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I support superferry operation during environmental impact assessment. My children currently live on Oahu, and ferry service would immediately allow me to visit more frequently. I live in Kona and could much more easily afford ferry transportation of my vehicle rather than airfare and rental car to visit Honolulu.

Thank you,  
Kevin Bootes  
990 2631

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**From:** Linda Cunningham [hickenkeala@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:39 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I have lived here for more than twenty years so I feel like I have a right to an opinion about this matter. I think that it would be very beneficial to the entire state for this service to be offered to the residents of Hawaii and the tourist that visit our state.

I would regularly use this service for business and pleasure and think it would be very useful to many groups that also plan to use this service.

Sincerely,  
Linda Hays Cunningham



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**From:** Lorraine Sylva [lrrl10@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:31 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Really need the Superferry to get to the other Islands

I have been long awaited for the Superferry to come to Hawaii...the Hawaiian Islands.

It is can be very difficult to go from one Island to another via airlines when it shouldn't be. With the Superferry, just one call to book passage, drive in and relax. Spend a day with friends and relatives or go shopping and back home. Easy.

For people who just don't like to get into an airplane, this is a perfect way to get to another Island. For people with a large family, this is their answer for an affordable vacation. For people who just want to go shopping for the day, this is perfect because you don't have to worry about how to get "all the stuff" on the plane. For people who needs to attend some kind of event or function for a day, this is perfect especially since you don't need to rent a car...do your thing and go home.

Superferry is a long awaited dream to connect with my sister in Hilo. I can go visit her for the day (take her shopping) and come back home at night to be with my family. I can go anyday of the week and not have to wait for a special holiday or wait for the airline prices go down, or look for package deals for air/car. I can bring her heavy items like sheets and blankets, food items like canned goods, rice, etc. My sister don't have much income nor does she have a car to go around. I can finally help her more if Superferry is up and running for the people of Hawaii.

Please don't kill my dream to help my sister.

Thank You very much.  
Lorraine J. Sylva

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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

Aloha Committee Members:

The Governors Administration is ignoring the Hawaii Supreme Court decision that the SuperFerry must adhere to an 'Environmental Assessment Statement.' The Linda Lingle Administration with Mark Bennett at the wheel continues to espouse that we must be held accountable for our sins. Mr. Mark Bennett was at the forefront in the establishment of the 3 Strikes Law, therefore the administration must be held accountable to the citizens of Hawaii if indeed the administration has broken the law.

The department of Transportation has again over stepped its boundaries and responsibly to the citizens of Hawaii. This is not the first time the Department of Transportation is neglecting the wishes of thousands of citizens of Hawaii.

Therefore, a moratorium on all efforts by the Linda Lingle administration to circumvent the Supreme Court Law should be put in place and a special prosecutor will be nominated by the legislature to fulfill a complete and impartial investigation of the Administrations covert as well overt activities by the Administration. Mr. Mark Bennett as the Attorney General advocated and implemented the 3 strikes law. He is a profound activist on his rule of law.

The special prosecutor will conduct the investigation allowing no one immunity. All those that have violated the Supreme Court Law as well those in the cover-up of any associated laws will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The prosecutor will adhere to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines as well a State Sentencing Guidelines for all those involve in violating the U.S. Constitution and the laws of the state of Hawaii.

The special prosecutor will implement within due process and hold all those accountable in the administration, that has deliberately broken the trust of the citizens of the State of Hawaii.

The committee members have in their possession testimony and legal documents on the concerns of the citizens of Hawaii about the over load of people to the outer islands with their weapons of mass destruction, the American automobile and invasive species.

The Whales are a major issue, with no viable concern from the Linda Lingle administration. It is sad we can not ask the Baby Whales for their vote on the SuperFerry.

My major concern is with this administrations pro-war mentality by association with John Lehman the Chair of the Board of the Superferry. The [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org) gives a clear understanding of John Lehman's background which is pro-military involvement. He is also connected with the 'Project for the New American Century' clean break. This organization is known as extreme radical right wing activists. Documentation from the PNAC used in the run up to the invasion of Iraq and leaving thousands of our military dead and their families without fathers, mothers, sisters or brothers that will not be coming home. On the Iraqi side, it is over a million that have been killed with over 2 million refuges and the most precious, the children, over 500 thousand.

Mr. John Lehman with his connections with the extreme right wing brings nothing but evil to the Hawaiian Islands. You must stop this invasion by foreign business enemies that want nothing more than to continue the rape of the Hawaiian Islands and its people.

Mahalo

Jesse Ponce de Leon  
1545 Kalakaua Ave. #811  
Honolulu, HI 96826



## testimony

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**From:** Kathy Macdonald [kjmacedonald@sprintmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:34 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry--we need it

Dear legislators, Supporting the Superferry will help unite Hawaii--and not just geographically. It will also help show that Hawaii is a safe, responsible state in which to do business. If the Superferry "goes down" after having done everything it was asked to & relying on two earlier court decisions plus the legislature's own encouragement, the state of Hawaii may well go down with it! Save Hawaii--and the unity of the islands--by saving Superferry.

**testimony**

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**From:** Stephen W Saunders [SWSaunders@drhorton.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:38 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super ferry

My name is Stephen Saunders resident of Lahaina Maui., born and raised in Hawaii.

I'm in full support of the Super ferry operating now.

The the Super Ferry has far less impact on the whales then, Expeditions 4 round trips to lanai daily. Dive boats charging every where every day, cruse liners taking our water and dumping sewage into our channels, Young Brothers, Matson.

The super ferry would open up travel options for me to visit family on Oahu and the big island.

Most working people could not attend your 3:00pm early meeting. We where all working.

Your audience was tree huggers out of work supported by Young Brothers.

I strongly request you let the Super Ferry operate while an envirmemt impact review can happen.

Mahalo Stephen Saunders

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**From:** Aloha Container [Gayla-AlohaContainer@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:39 AM  
**To:** testimony; Governor.Linda.Lingle'@smtp02-cell05.bwc.na.blackberry.net  
**Subject:** Legislature Public Access Room

To: Judiciary & Labor  
Transportation & Internal Affairs  
Energy & Environment  
Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, 10:30 am, State Capitol Auditorium

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Come on now FAIR is FAIR for ALL harbor transportation. It's time to redo the error and fix it like the Governor has suggested. If you stop the Super Ferry till after the EA or new wording for the law now then all vessels should be stopped. Matson comes from accross the ocean as do the Cruize Ships. New people arrive everyday because they like it here, build their big, huge homes, raise our land tax then complain about the Super Ferry. They ARE the invasive species! Stop making this a political arena with your political games and let Governor Lingle be Governor! Frankly, she's the Best leader that Hawai'i has had since (well let's not go into that).  
Let's move forward and work for the people and not go backwards by making this a personal feeling or opinion game.  
I wrote down all the names of the Representatives and Senators who felt that my email to them was not important to read and thanked all of those who answered me.

Mahalo for letting my voice be heard!

Respectfully,

Miss Gayla Mowat  
Me ka mana'o nui,  
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**From:** AAVasco@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:40 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Why not? ? ? ? ? Beyond me!!!!

They were given the green light to go ahead, now if denied, I bet we face a law suit, and we, tax payers, will be paying for that, too. Super Ferry is great for our economy, why can't they see that.

I bet the very ones against this system, will be seen riding the Super Ferry, given the right to sail here, in Hawaii. GIVE THEM THE RIGHT TO OPERATE!

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**From:** Larry Tucker [laht@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry yes!!!

I would like to respond in favor of the Super-ferry being allowed to operate in Hawaii while the EIS is being completed. I have lived in Hawaii, this time, for the past ten years. I believe the Super-ferry operating now will be beneficial for a variety of good reasons, ease of transporting fresh produce, alternate ways of travel between islands, and civil-defense, just to name a few. The negative impact most people complain about can be minimized with careful planning. I remember when I lived here many years ago there was a proposal to start an inter-island ferry system but it never went anywhere, at the time, I thought it was a good idea. Now I still think a inter-island ferry's good benefits far outweigh the possible problems, problems that can be solved anyway. The only aspect of this whole EIS issue that I am uncomfortable with is that it should have resolved when the Super-ferry idea was first proposed in Hawaii. Thank you. and again I support the Super-ferry being allowed to operate as soon as it is able.

Sincerely, Lawrence Tucker, North Kohala, Big Island

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**From:** orton1066@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:59 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry bill

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October 23, 2007

Via email: [testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
Hawaii State Senate  
Committee On Judiciary and Labor  
Attn: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair  
Legislative Public Access Room

Re: Testimony of Gary Orton  
Superferry Bill  
Island of Hawai'i (10/23/07)

Honorable Senators:

My name is Gary Orton. I have been a resident of the Island of Hawai'i for seven years, and am a part of the canoe paddling community, which makes extensive use of the Kawaehai harbor area. I practiced law in California for 30 years, was involved in state-wide transportation planning as a local elected official, and am familiar with environmental litigation.

First, I oppose this bill because the backward process of approving ferry service before preparing an EIS makes the EIS process a farce. To put it another way, the bill correctly states that the purpose of an EIS is to enlighten the decision-makers. (HB No. \_\_\_\_, sect. 8, subdiv. (b), [p. 20].) After the governor approves the ferry service, no more decisions will be needed; thus, no need for an EIS.

Secondly, I oppose this bill because it violates the doctrine of separation of powers. The bill purports to reserve to the legislature "the sole right" to review the adequacy of any conditions imposed by the governor in approving ferry service and to impose its own conditions. (HB No. \_\_\_\_, sect. 4, subdiv. (c), [pg. 14].) A legislative veto of an administrative action is not permitted in our form of government. (*Immigration and Naturalization Service v. Chadha*, 462 U.S. 919 (1983).) Also, by giving itself "the sole right" of review, the legislature attempts to strip the judicial branch of its traditional oversight role. All of this is on top of the specter that this bill casts in its attempt to overrule a final judgment of the supreme court. (See *Plaut v. Spendthrift Farm, Inc.*, 514 U.S. 211 (1995).)

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Such concentration of legislative, executive, and judicial powers into the legislative branch is something Thomas Jefferson called "elective despotism." He called for novel approach: divide and balance government powers among several bodies, so that no one body could transcend its legal limits without being checked and restrained by the others.[1] Our state constitution is based on these precepts. Please honor them by not adopting this bill and respecting the Hawai'i Supreme Court's decision and its role of reviewing and correcting any further abuses of discretion in the other branches.

Sincerely,

Gary Orton

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[1] Jefferson, Thomas, "Notes on the State of Virginia," quoted by James Madison in Federalist Paper No. 48.

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**From:** Aloha Container [Gayla-AlohaContainer@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:36 AM  
**To:** testimony; Governor Linda Lingle  
**Subject:** Legislature Public Access Room

To: Judiciary & Labor  
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Mahalo for letting my voice be heard!

Respectfully,

Miss Gayla Mowat  
Me ka mana'o nui,  
~gayla~  
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**From:** Craig Stahl [craig@northeastmortgage.biz]  
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**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** 'Hawaii Superferry'; governor.lingle@hawaii.gov  
**Subject:** Please support Hawaii Superferry & Don't forget the Tourists!!!

Dear Legislator:

My wife and I support a special session of the Hawaii State Legislature to identify a solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

We are 10+ time visitors to Hawaii (all islands at least once), Maui Timeshare owners (4 weeks) and significant property tax payers, We know that tourists as well as the people of Hawaii want inter-island transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by residents, businesses and visitors, it will bring many benefits to Hawaii. We look forward to using the Superferry on our next visit to the islands when we plan to visit both Maui & Kauai.

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

Mahalo,

Craig & Elizabeth Stahl

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**From:** Bonnie Taomae [Bonnie.Taomae@territorialsavings.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:01 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry Support

I am a resident of Honolulu and strongly in favor of the Super Ferry. I feel we need an additional means of transportation between islands that is energy efficient and affordable.

Bonnie Taomae  
277-0796

## testimony

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**From:** Aloha Container [Gayla-AlohaContainer@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:40 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Legislature Public Access Room

To: Judiciary & Labor  
Transportation & Internal Affairs  
Energy & Environment  
Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, 10:30 am, State Capitol Auditorium

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Come on now FAIR is FAIR for ALL harbor transportation. It's time to redo the error and fix it like the Governor has suggested. If you stop the Super Ferry till after the EA or new wording for the law now then all vessels should be stopped. Matson comes from accross the ocean as do the Cruize Ships. New people arrive everyday because they like it here, build their big, huge homes, raise our land tax then complain about the Super Ferry. They ARE the invasive species! Stop making this a political arena with your political games and let Governor Lingle be Governor! Frankly, she's the Best leader that Hawai'i has had since (well let's not go into that).

Let's move forward and work for the people and not go backwards by making this a personal feeling or opinion game.

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**From:** Steven Lum [slum@hpu.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:59 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Support

**Regarding:**

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I strongly support allowing the Superferry to operate with as few restrictions as possible while the environmental assessment is completed. I believe this alternate form of transportation will benefit our state's economy.

Sincerely,

Steven W. Lum

Taxpayer

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**From:** tcckendra2@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:42 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Aloha Senators,

I just wanted you to hear another voice of a household that strongly feels like the people of Hawaii are being "wronged" by letting a small select group influence the decision to keep the Super Ferry. My friends and neighbors feel the same way. Please think of us folks who see the positive side of keeping this new avenue for transportation. It would be a shame to see it go away. Thank you!!

Kendra Bruno  
Kailua

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**From:** Donica Stephenson [donicahawaii@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:16 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Superferry

Aloha,

I would like to voice my support for the Superferry. I believe they should be able to operate while the assessment is being done. I am appalled that we are now talking about this after they have spent so much money and time on the ferry. The State should have known there would be opposition and should have been prepared and followed all of the appropriate steps. I look forward to an alternative to flying inter-island.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

**Donica Stephenson,** 

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**From:** Trav [traveler@hialoha.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:36 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony

I support the superferry. What I don't support is how the current administration is dealing with their mistake.

I'm sure most of our states population would love to have an alternate means of travel throughout the islands. But not if it means by breaking our laws.

The current law that requires an EIA "should not" be quickly changed by a special session without a vote from the people.....not a "poll". There was a reason why the state of Hawaii put this law on the books in the first place. If the state can just go change any law they want, whenever they want without input from the people of the state, then democracy in Hawaii is dead!

I say let them do the assessment which may only take a few months instead of calling everyone back for a special session (which will cost the state alot of money in its own right). There may be no need to have a full lenght impact statement.

If the superferry really wants to operate in hawaii, they will wait. If not, then the state and the taxpayers will bite the bullet. Maybe we will pay closer attention to who we vote for governor next time.

David Hill

Pahoa Hawaii

966-4504

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**From:** Amanda.Stone@ey.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:30 AM  
**To:** testimony

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I support the Hawaii SuperFerry as I beleive it will be a wonderful way to enable people to experience the beauty of the Pacific Ocean and the Hawaiian Islands.

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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY: Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Aloha!

I am in favor of the Superferry as it will provide a wonderful, enjoyable way to visit my friends and my God-child on Maui. It will also provide a great "mini vacation" for us who work so hard to make ends meet in Hawaii! I am also a cyclist, and this will create a GREAT way to enjoy cycling trips on the neighbor islands! I feel that the Superferry will bring a great sense of "oneness" and accessibility to our entire State!

Thank you for your consideration!

Naina Tejwaney

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**testimony**

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**From:** Denise Nakanishi, Realtor [majormom@ilhawaii.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:42 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Testimony In support of the Superferry

While I would love to be able to testify in support of the Superferry, the hearing on the Big Island is not close enough to make that possible. It has been my experience that those who attend the hearings can be very vocal and intimidating. I routinely attend zoning meetings; it is normally the same vocal minority with the same distracting testimony.

While none of us wishes to harm the environment, the time has passed to focus so completely on the environmental issues that no other issues matter. It's impossible to ignore the economic impact on the state and businesses who based their business plans on this important mode of transportation. The Superferry complied with all permitting and requirements that the state imposed. While I am happy for the double-checks created (albeit at the last minute) by those concerned with the environmental impact, it just at some point, protests have to sunset else we'd have protests over, for example, the use of combustion engines starting now. The Ferry relied on a promises and commitments made by our State government. For goodness sakes, the State should honor those commitments.

Because we have so many modes of interisland travel, including routine transportation of vehicles, it seems silly to think that the Ferry could worsen impact related to vehicle transportation and invasive species. Invasive species travel in luggage, purses, in containers and the like. Hence, the only additional impact seems to be related to speed. The Superferry should not be subjected to stricter controls than other forms of sea-bound transportation. Limiting their ability to run completely does exactly that. Because mitigation of the speed issue seems to be the only differentiating factor, the focus should be on allowing the ferry to operate and determining at what speeds they can safely operate in the presence of whales, which at best is a seasonal consideration.

Vessels from ports all over the world use our harbors. It seems blatantly unfair that the Superferry be singled out at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Surveys indicate that 80% of Hawaii residents want the ferry.

Denise S. Nakanishi, R, CRS, GRI, ABR

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**From:** Sherri Carden [Sherric@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:03 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry testimony

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry.

I believe they should be given a chance to operate in Hawaii. We deserve an alternate form of transportation, and I believe they have provided a much needed service, as well as stepped up to the plate with numerous accommodations for being able to conduct business here.

I hope they will begin service to Hilo soon!

Rocklyn Spencer  
Puna Resident  
965-1760



**testimony**

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**From:** wesley.fong [wesley.fong@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:44 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In support of Super Ferry

Gentlemen:

I am in support of the Superferry. It is a mode of transportation that is an alternative to the dependency of the airlines, especially if "Go" or other discount airlines leaves the competitive market against Aloha and Hawaiian Airlines.

It is unfortunate that the State allowed the bypass of the EIS, but the State Legislature can correct the State's faux pas, which may result in a future law suit against the State.

With the safeguards for enviroment, the Superferry can be and should be saved.

Wesley Fong

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**From:** Gilbert Santos [gmsantos@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Committees

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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Hello,

My name is Gilbert Santos and i am 100% of the Superferry. i ask you to please allow the Superferry be given a chance to at least work out. I've been down this road already with the last legislature session dealing with Hawaii Raceway Park. Being a Student as well, i feel that the protestors actions should be taken seriously as well, they to need to obey the laws that governer all of us. With that being said i ask you as to please support the Superferry and make Hawaii's slogan mean something, Lucky You Live Hawaii, and not make it into Unlucky you ive hawaii.

thank you  
Gilbert Santos

**testimony**

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**From:** Skalani67@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:44 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony For Keeping Super Ferry Running=skalani67@aol.com

**Aloha,**

**My name is Sandra K.Wagner Kupahu.I am emailing this to anyone that will listen to us small people concerning the Super Ferry..I was born & raised in Hawaii.....never been outside of Hawaii.I left Maui in 1960--when I graduated from Hi-School.**

**I am a Senior Citizen(age 66 yrs.) ..between 1960 & 1999..I haven't been back to my birthland of Maui .**

**My Dad passed on (1999).I would like to travel more and to see my step-mom again before she passes on.She is in her late 80's...but the plane fare's don't permit me to travel back/forth when ever I please.**

**My point is this.....We need the Super Ferry because of the raising plane and Barge fare's.For a single person traveling inter-island..it's o.k.....BUT then what happens when a family of 5 wishes to visit family member's off on another island.....plane fare's are quite expensive.When Ohana's plan on having a Family Reunions.....it isn't the same anymore...many of our Ohana cannot make it...that's sad.**

**These islands of Hawaii are linked together by our Ohana's,our FAMILIES.People that have been born and raised here in Hawaii, know the importance of being connected and staying together.**

**The OUTSIDER'S don't have that connection,don't know of our feelings,don't know our families,don't know our Hawaiian Ohana's.**

**To any Hawaiian,our life styles are unique & special.All the outsider's are looking for is something NOT like thier Mainland or from where ever they come from,BUT.. they are looking for thier Paradise.They may think they can become LOCAL just because they live among us,inter-married with our people,gone to our schools,eat our food, learned our History..no,no,no way can they be one of us.**

**Our lands were taken by these "Outsider's"...now they come to take our travel privelleges away by stopping the Super Ferry.**

**Where are the true Hawaiian's,those with Kau Inoa's,the Hawaiian Homelander's,even OHA..where are they?What the "Outsider's "are claimng.....will happen not only thru the Super Ferry...but by the Barge,,,,the Airlines.....and even the Cruise Ships.**

**Being a KUPUNA...I would like to see my Ohana have this right to travel inter-island when ever they can or want too.**

**The Super Ferry has been thru so much..all because of some "outsider"claiming this or that..What about every other ship that had docked on our shores of Hawaii...**

**1)Have they been also told to get thier so called Enviromental Impack Studies done...**

**2)Have they done any of these things that the Super Ferry has to go thru.....  
**PROVE IT TO ALL OF HAWAII BY HAVING THEM SHOW US THIER RESULTS ON WHAT THEY****

**HAVE DONE TO KEEP THIER SHIPS SAILING INTO ANY HAWAIIAN PORT.**

**Please let Super Ferry sail into our Hawaiian ports again.....the sooner,the better.**  
**Thank-You Kindly,**  
**Sandra Kupahu [skalani@aol.com](mailto:skalani@aol.com)**

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**From:** Greg [gcenterprises@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry testimony

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My wife and I have been looking forward to the SuperFerry service for a long time. We love to travel between the islands and to take our children to the special places that each island offers – the canyons on Kauai, the volcano on the Big Island and to the Grand Wailea on Maui, the kids love their pool. It would be very convenient to travel with our own vehicle on some of our future ventures. We also see that people who relocate from one island to another could move their households with much greater ease with ferry service. We would love to have more locally grown produce available to residents of different islands. Tourists who come to Hawaii would have another alternative for island-hopping and ferry service would be especially nice for people, like my sister, who are afraid to fly on planes.

As a business person, I am concerned about the SuperFerry being blocked from starting service after being assured by the state that all was in order as the company progressed toward the start of their service. I am concerned about how this was handled, in general, but at this point we need to execute damage control by allowing the ferry to begin service while the environmental assessment is being done. You cannot give a business the green light and after they invest tons of money into the project, then turn around and tell them to hold off for months and months because at the ninth hour some entity intervened and asked for an environmental review.

We are where we are, let's make the best of this situation and get the ferry up and running as quickly as possible.

Greg & Cindy Siok  
Kailua, HI

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**From:** Angela Smerz [rasmerz@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:44 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony

Please go forward with allowing it to have interisland ferry service.

My husband and I have lived in Hawaii for almost eight years and we agree that there should have been more attention paid to the environment prior to giving approval to the service, however, we need the superferry. It is important that we have alternatives to transportation in the islands as well as competition for those businesses which have had a monopoly for many years moving goods (and cars) back and forth between Oahu and the outer islands.

I find it very surprising that there is no commotion or outcry from the protesters against the Young Brothers barges or the many other vessels which accommodate people, food, or any number of items every day on the open ocean. The ridiculous concerns which people are having about transferring bugs, plants, rocks, etc, via the superferry should also be their concern regarding these other ships/boats. Why are they only concerned about the superferry? What about air travel? Where is the concern for having planes going to and from Oahu?

**The only way to settle this matter is to have a vote.** This is a democracy and a small number of protesters should not delegate what the majority of us want.

Have some kind of environmental impact while the ferry proceeds, and also have an environmental impact for Young Brothers, Matson, etc!!!!

Sincerely and Mahalo,  
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Smerz

**testimony**

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**From:** Bob Hampton [bob@waikikibeachactivities.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:24 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Hearing Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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

If Superferry shareholders are to see the return of their investment, pay operational overhead, and maybe make a profit, the Superferry will have to do so according to its own business plan. Any more obstacles put in its way by the legislature will only increase the damages that may have to be paid by the state of Hawaii (taxpayers) if there is a law suit or a settlement.

Why would the Superferry folks even bother trying to make it work if they have to submit to unreasonable demands. It appears to many that Superferry already has a slam dunk case against the state of Hawaii for <sup>3</sup>detrimental reliance.<sup>2</sup>

If the Superferry sees to many obstructions created by Hawaii's government then it can move its \$300 Million asset to another state where the ferry is wanted and needed. After that move, the Superferry will probably seek repayment of its losses (damages) from Hawaii's taxpayers. Past experience proves that this form of law suit will most likely succeed or lead to a hefty settlement.

To prevent this catastrophe from getting worse, the legislature should immediately back the governor's efforts to make Superferry whole by getting them into business now, unfettered by business killing obstacles and let Superferry prove themselves as environmentally sound.

The legislators should work together for a soft landing for Superferry and cut out the rhetoric. If that task is impossible and it appears to be, then it may be time to consider a financial settlement with the Superferry before their losses are even greater. It is time to think of the taxpayers and the potential damage to us.

Aloha,

Bob Hampton

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**From:** Ted Agullana [tagullana@catholiccharitieshawaii.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:07 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Hopefully, After all issues are resolved especially the safety aspect of the environment I feel that the superferry will be a positive addition to not only Hawaii's economy but a way to enjoy another means of transportation to the outer islands. As for the security and marine life issues, that should remain as it is with other marine/air vessels like cruise liners, planes, etc. I am for the Superferry.

Ted Agullana

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**From:** Tammy C. Yamauchi [yamauchitc@hamiliakina.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:35 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** Rep. Glenn Wakai  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry  
**Importance:** High

I support the Hawaii Superferry!

As an employee of a small disadvantaged business in Hawaii, it is our biggest challenge to for us to provide competitive costs to our outer-island clients. With the current resources available, we unfortunately have additional down-time for our technicians when our vehicles and employees mobilize to the outer-islands. If there were any way for us to cut that time down, the Hawaii Superferry would be an outstanding resource for our Company.

As a resident of the State of Hawaii, I support the Hawaii Superferry, due to the fact that efforts had been made in the past for a ferry system to be a mode of transportation but have not been accomplished to this day.

In my opinion, if the Hawaii Superferry has to undertake an environmental impact statement, why do the other methods of transportation not have the same requirements? How is the Hawaii Superferry so different from any other method of transportation?

With respect to the environment, all modes of transportation have impacts on our air quality, water quality and waste quality, etc...What makes Hawaii Superferry so different?

**Tammy C. Yamauchi**  
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**From:** WFARRIS@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

We fully support the Hawaii Superferry and request that you give full consideration to the positive impact that it will have on the State of Hawaii. It will allow small businesses and farmers to transport their products to Oahu to sell in a much larger market. It will allow residents to travel with their own vehicles to the outer islands. The Superferry has already addressed most of the concerns of those opposed and have implemented standards far exceeding the State requirements.

We believe it would be an atrocious mistake to cause the Superferry to have to leave our state. It is time you folks listened to the majority of the population instead of to the highly vocal tiny minority.

Thank you

William R. Farris  
Avis K. Farris  
Mililani, Hawaii

**testimony**

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**From:** Jan Leu [res0supn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:19 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** support superferry

Dear senate committees,

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

Jan Leu

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**From:** Wendy Wasano [wwasano@thebus.org]  
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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Hawaii Superferry

I am writing in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii. Specifically, this relates to the special session noted below:

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The people of Hawaii can greatly benefit by traveling with the Hawaii Superferry. Personally, traveling with a family of six always requires taking the "house and lot", and we would love to be able to load up our van to visit family and friends on the neighbor islands. We also wouldn't have to worry about renting a van and booster seats for the young ones. Hawaii Superferry has complied with every necessary requirement to run a safe business and the majority of the people of Hawaii want the Superferry to operate. The very small minority of paranoid opponents should not be permitted to dictate to the majority of the people of Hawaii. Please support the Superferry and allow the people of Hawaii to have an interisland ferry service.

Thank you,

Wendy Wasano

**testimony**

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**From:** Larry L. Anderson [landerson@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:45 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry Senate hearing testimony

Aloha,

I am a business counselor with over fifty business clients that I am involved with doing business counseling regarding their tax and operational functions. As I have been talking to them, they often mention how having the ferry would allow them to expand their business presence around the state. For example they could easily move service trucks around in a very timely fashion to position resources at a very economical cost. Even, the repair of an outer island positioned truck could now be moved back to the home base to be serviced, repaired, etc.

The point is that we really can not foretell the very positive business impact this will have.

No one I talked to believes the Ferry will be irresponsible with the Whales safety.

I also believe if the Ferry is subject to unreasonable environment constraints, these same constraints will have to *apply to all forms of inter island transportation.*

I can not appear at the hearing.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Anderson

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**From:** Kelley Patterson [kelleyjelley@msn.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:45 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** In response to Super Ferry Hearing

In response to The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Second Special Session of 2007:

The issue of whether or not the Hawaii Super Ferry will be permitted to run while the environmental impact statement is being conducted brings up many different controversial issues amongst the public. If the Super Ferry is permitted to run while the environmental impact statement is being conducted, certain criteria must be met. There need to be improvements in the infrastructure. Being a resident of Kauai, it is amazing to think that the harbors throughout the islands got \$40 million dollars and yet there are no public restrooms at Nawiliwili Harbor on Kauai. With no public restrooms available a sanitation issue arises. With all the cars the Super Ferry is expecting to board the ship, the security must be able to flow smooth or else it will take hours to board the ship. My parents went on the Super Ferry for a trial run that went out to Port Allen then turned around and went back to the harbor. It took over two hours before the Ferry left the dock, due to boarding and security issues. The journey is long as it is and if it takes two hours to board is a waste of time. The Ferry should also not be able to travel at the speed of 40 knots in case it poses a threat to the environment.

With all the debate that has occurred in the news, my opinion about the Super Ferry has changed. Since the airline prices are low, doesn't mean it will last forever. With the issue of GO Airlines possibly leaving, Aloha and Hawaiian will have a monopoly on transportation. If the Super Ferry does run, it will influence the airline prices and keep the airline prices in check. I will prefer to fly, however the idea of another form of transportation will enable more to travel.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion about a controversial issue that effects the future of the islands.

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**From:** ilka perreira [retromama36@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:20 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** pro superferry

I feel the superferry would be a great benefit for the state. Many other states offer this valuable transportation option and dont seem to have such problems with it. I understand the topic of environmental safety but I feel it is being blown out of proportion considering all of the vessels that travel our waters on a daily basis.

Thank you

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**From:** Michael C. Ako [generalmanager@outriggercanoecub.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:59 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Super Ferry

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

I support the Super Ferry operating between Oahu and Maui/Kauai while an assessment study is being conducted. It will benefit the people of Hawaii to have an alternative to only air travel between our islands. There will also have to be rules and regulations established and monitored for travelers transporting goods between islands that may be breaking the law.

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*"Let this be a place where man may commune with sun and sand and sea, where good fellowship and aloha prevail, and where the sports of old Hawai'i shall always have a home."*



**testimony**

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**From:** Dolly Langen [dlangen@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:46 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** I'm for the Superferry

Dear Legislators,

I am all for the superferry. I'm for business being able to function in Hawaii. I'm all for the State being able to hold true on its commitment to the Superferry.

We told them they could proceed without an environmental impact statement. Let's make good on that promise. Do whatever you must do to let a good business thrive.

A loud and vocal minority of hicks from the outer island want to prevent the state from flourishing. Let's not let the few destroy the opportunities of the many.

Aloha,  
Dave Langen

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**From:** Patrick Rorie [prorie@atmail.k12.hi.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:42 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** testimony in support of Superferry bill

**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 State Senate,

I support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. My friends and I (local residents) enjoy camping and kayaking, especially on the neighbor islands. This service will allow us to do these activities more often and at a lower cost.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

Patrick Rorie

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**From:** Lynn Ortiz [lortiz@crowrelo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:33 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY support

Dear Ladies & Gentleman,

I have heard the media go on and on about the negativities in regards to the super ferry & I am reluctant in calling myself Hawaiian. I am a native born & raised Hawaii and have seen changes that one could only envision. It is poignant to know that we the natives of Hawaii, recognized as the "ALOHA" state has let things get so out of control in regards to the super ferry. Is it not the truth that we have invited them to the islands to aid with Hawaii's emergent strain. "WE" have invited them here and have yet publicized the appropriate "ALOHA" that we show all of Hawaii's guests. If we are looking to situate such boundaries on the super ferry is it not right to place those restrictions on all vessels that cross the threshold of our harbors: barges, cruise ships, yachts, etc. Then why just the super ferry? The majority that support the super ferry out way the few that appose their presence. Hawaii is a persistently rising & evolving state why not allow the "Super ferry" to proceed as proposed and see what they can offer our state. The worse that can happen is that Hawaii could be a more unified state not only restricting our means of transport via the barge or airlines "whom I see are the only entities that would benefit from the dismissal of the super ferry". However, if the super ferry fails at lease they can say that Hawaii stands by their word and permitted us to not succeed on our own. So, I ask as a productive citizen of the state Hawaii. Please allow the super ferry to proceed on its course in the state of Hawaii.

Concerned Citizen

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**From:** Spencer Lau [slau0073@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:00 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Superferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I support the Superferry because there has been too much money invested by the state and it provides another mode of transportation for everyone. Why should we pay more money for something that may not exist? There's only a small percentage of people that are against the Superferry and the majority is for the Superferry. Why should we the majority get penalized?

## **I am for the Superferry!**

Thanks,

Spencer Lau

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**From:** macadamij001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** Hawaii Superferry  
**Subject:** RE: Superferry

Dear Legislatures:

I believe in having the Superferry in our State to help in alternative travel, and helps to promote other businesses to thrive. To stop the Superferry from operation will stop other businesses from deciding to do business in Hawaii.

Johnny Macadamia

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**From:** jkc [jkcmac@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:31 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY IS SUPER ILLEGAL

**THIS MESSAGE IS FROM A CONCERNED KAUAI RESIDENT WHO COULD NOT MAKE THE MEETING SUNDAY IN LIHUE, HI.**

**YOU SHOULD NOT CHANGE THE HI STATE LAW DUE TO INFLUENCE FROM A GOVERNOR WHO MISTAKENLY TOOK ON THIS SUPERFERRY ISSUE. SUPERFERRY CEO GERIBALDI HAS NO RIGHT TO SPEND MONEY TO FORCE THIS ISSUE ON THE RESIDENTS OF KAUAI. THE KAUAI PEOPLE HAVE NEVER BEEN ASKED IF WE WANT THE SUPERFERRY, AND IT WILL DO NOTHING POSITIVE TO BENEFIT OUR ISLAND.**

**I HAVE LIVED ON KAUAI ALMOST TWENTY (20) YEARS AND I HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS TO CREATE SUCH DISRESPECT AND LACK OF ALOHA FOR THE KAUAI PEOPLE.**

**THE STATE LAW SAYS "THE SUPERFERRY MUST COMPLETE AN E.I.S. BEFORE LEGAL OPERATION". IT IS VERY SAD TO SEE, IN THE STATE OF ALOHA, MONEY AND POLITICS OVERRIDING THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, ESPECIALLY THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN ISLAND OF KAUAI.**

**PLEASE STAY WITHIN THE LEGAL GUIDELINES WITHOUT AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT STATE LAW.**

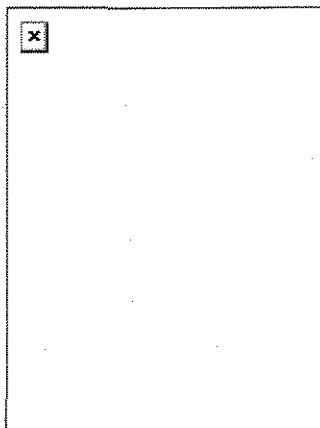
**THE SPIRIT OF THE HAWAIIAN CULTURE AND THE SPIRIT OF ALOHA DEMAND IT!**

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**From:** Stewart Wade [stewartw@cbpacific.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:48 AM  
**To:** testimony

We both WANT the Superferry. Please don't stop the service. Aloha, Stewart Wade and Cecilia M. Wade



**Stewart Wade, Realtor®, Vice President, CRB, CRS, GRI**

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**From:** Lisa Doherty [lisa\_b1955@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:37 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Superferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

The committee should consider the real reasons behind the protest of the superferry and then consider the truth. The people with the money are not always right and at some point in time the government needs to consider the advantages to the ecology, the islands and the people instead of big business. I realize the advantages of the ferry and I'm very disappointed that there has been any delay in it's opening and running. Please don't delay it any longer, stand up for what's right not what's profitable to big business.

LADY 

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**From:** steve55 [steve55@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:48 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Your Support of Hawaii's SuperFerry is urgently needed - Please Kokua

Permanently Disabled and Terminally ill, I do not know how many more times I will be personally able to benefit from the precious travel alternative which the Ferry provides to those of us who are physically disabled and forced to travel with medical devices and equipment which is just not possible to be accommodated by conventional air travel between islands of my home state and sea travel by other carriers is too infrequent and expensive to be of much use either.

Please allow me and many others similarly situated or worse off than I to have a fair chance to have options from being home bound, island bound and to visit our families and property on the other islands.

The monopolies don't want it but the people need and deserve it. Please don't let this great opportunity for so many become another black mark on Hawaii's record of crushing progressive small businesses offering great benefit and opportunity to Hawaii's residents (who have shown their discontent with traditional democrat rule by electing a Republican Governor - I know I will be thinking of how the Dems handle the vote on this when I next make my election day choices and am tempted to switch by the great actions in this matter by candidates like Hemmings and Lingle.

**Steve**

democrat (still, but for how long?)

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**To the following Senate committees** (Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment) -

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe it is very useful for travel within the Hawaiian Islands. It would be beneficial to have another form of travel to the outer islands, other than just by air.

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Thank you,  
Jocelyn Ayson

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**From:** Vanessa West [vwdds@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:52 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support of the Superferry

Hello,

We are writing in support of the superferry. It would make our frequent travel to Oahu with kids so much easier. We need to make frequent trips to see family and attend dental continuing ed. This would greatly help us, the state, and many of our patients here in Kona.

Sincerely,  
Roger and Vanessa West DDS

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**From:** Ronald Chock [ron96816@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:48 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In Favor of the Superferry.

I am in favor of the Superferry as an alternate means of transportation to the neighbor islands. The following are some of my reasons.

My nephew is a quadriplegic and lives on Maui. He is a teacher at Kamehameha school. His specially equipped truck is his only means of transportation. The wheelchair lift is not working correctly. Twice he has had to have a two man mechanical crew come over to Maui to fix his truck. Both times they were unsuccessful and informed him that it is necessary to bring his truck over to Honolulu because the repair requires specialized equipment. Their minimum charge is \$600 per trip, everything else is extra, ie parts, hotel if necessary. With the Superferry, he would be able to bring his truck over by himself.

I was a State of Hawaii, Agricultural inspector for ten years and Supervisory USDA inspector for twenty-seven years. I feel that threat of transporting invasive species is not any greater than what we already have with interisland flights, private yachts, or Young Brothers. Granted the Superferry presents a new avenue of entry but the same rules should apply to all carriers.

Sincerely,  
Ronald Chock

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## testimony

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**From:** chale sumera [dirtydawug@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:48 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** support Hawaii Superferry

I'm in support of Hawaii Superferry to unite the islands in all aspects of cultural becoming. This is the way people traveled before planes, it's also much more convient for big familys, wheelchair bound and people who just feel uncomfortable in airplane seats. I'm also concerned about the invasive species, whales and environment, but give this company a chance to prove their worthy running this business in the Islands before you condem it.

Mahalo  
Hawaii Superferry Supporter

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**From:** erick ramirez [hikotikoti@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:42 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** support

I support the efforts of the superferry, let them operate and see if they can succeed. I do think the price is too high...but give them a chance...

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**From:** Dr. Arthur Kamisugi [surfahart@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:49 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** support for Superferry

I support the Superferry as an alternative transportation means. I do not believe that there will be a negative enviromental impact to its operation.

Arthur Kamisugi

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**From:** jbleech@joanblackshear.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support Super Ferry

We are in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. The reason being that we feel Hawaii cannot risk losing the ferry...it will be a tremendous asset to help the people and businesses of Hawaii.

Thank you,

Joan Blackshear-Leech  
James B. Leech  
P.O.box 2705  
Kailua-Kona,HI. 96745

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**From:** Lorna Betts [bettsl001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:01 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support the Superferry

I believe there are more people for the Superferry than those against. I support the Superferry and hope that it can be in service while awaiting the environmental study.

Mahalo for your time,

Lorna Betts  
PO Box 2742  
Wailuku HI 96793  
808-244-4099

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**From:** ML Leslie [csml99@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:42 AM  
**To:** testimony

PLEASE vote for keeping the superferry running while the environmental study is in progress.

My family has been looking forward to this ferry service with great anticipation.

I can't believe that a small minority group can forstall a service that will make a lot of people happy.

Mary Lou Leslie

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Aloha

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Melissa Cook O'Leary  
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Honolulu, HI 96822

October 23, 2007

**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES OF THE JUDICIARY AND LABOR,  
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,  
AND ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

Re: Second Special Session for the Proposed Superferry Bill

My name is Melissa O'Leary. I am writing in support of the Superferry speaking out as a private citizen and a healthcare professional.

I am employed as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. Over the past 2 decades, I have worked for a variety of organizations both locally and nationally (e.g. Rehab Hospital of the Pacific, HCIL, Independent Living Waipahu, Inc., Aloha Nursing & Rehab Centre, Brain Injury & Spinal Cord Injury Association, Challenge Alaska, Easter Seals, etc.) to enhance and improve the quality of lives for people with disabilities. One of the many challenges a person with a disability faces throughout their life, and is often overlooked, deals with accessible transportation.

In 2003, I facilitated the largest stroke support group in Hawaii, sponsored thru the American Heart Association. One of our most well-received in-services was addressing accessible travel. Many folks with acquired disabilities generally fear traveling as they are unsure about what obstacles and barriers they may encounter in route. As a result, many folks choose not to travel since they don't know how and/or what questions to ask. They fear being stranded, immobile, injured and embarrassed.

After the in-service, approximately a dozen of these stroke survivors and I decided to plan a trip to Maui to address this very issue TOGETHER! This would be the first time each one of these survivors had traveled since their stroke. To summarize our 3-day weekend to Ka'anapali, our trip was...eventful. Fortunately, our hotel was very accessible and accommodating to our special needs, however air and ground transportation was not only an inconvenience it was quite discouraging to the survivors. Some of our obstacles for travel included:

- Broken airline wheelchairs & airport staff pushing these wheelchairs without understanding the safety precautions for wheelchair management.
- Uncomfortable and unsteady airplane wheelchairs to travel up and down the narrow aisles of the plane. This "wheelchair" is a high back rigid stainless-steel cold frame. A disabled traveler is strapped down to this chair along their chest, hips and legs while an airline staff member tilts them backwards pulling them down the aisle to their seat.
- Select armrests that lift. If you weren't assigned to a seat with an adjustable armrest, you were forced to transfer over top of the armrest – an unsafe transfer for someone dependent on a wheelchair.
- Inability to use the bathroom while on the plane – too small for disabled individual and attendant, stranded in seat since their personal wheelchair needed to be checked in at the gate, etc.
- Prolonged wait times while airline attendants retrieved wheelchairs that had to be checked in at the gate.
- Upon receiving 3 of our checked in wheelchairs, the staff reported they lost one of the footrests.
- Untrained staff in regards to sensitivity training for the needs of individuals with physical disabilities.

- The stroke survivors who had active Hawaii state driver's license were unable to rent and drive a car in Maui because the rental vehicles did not offer hand controls to attach to the vehicles to address accessibility.

You can imagine this scenario playing out for folks with varying disabilities. If you don't have a disability or don't work in this field, these every day challenges may be overlooked, however they often deter the disabled from participating in...LIFE. A life that the rest of us take for granted.

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry as the most accessible transport for individuals with or without disabilities. This service will offer increased choice for alternative transportation to the citizens of Hawaii. It will also address the need for accessible travel for the disabled while hopefully encouraging local airlines to train staff on sensitivity and special needs accommodations required to serve this population. I appreciate being allowed to voice my opinion and pray that this issue is taken into account when deciding on the outcome of the Superferry staying in Hawaii.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Cook O'Leary

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**From:** elizabeth yoshida [ecyoshida@yahoo.com]

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

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Support Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry!

We need alternate island transportation between the Hawaiian Islands.

It works in Canada and Alaska.

On our recent trip, we saw many commuter ferries filled with people. They might not have been as big as the Super Ferry, but there were fleets of them traveling in the same type ocean as we have....with whales, dolphins, and other sea life.

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**From:** Julee Robinson [markandjulee@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:05 AM

**To:** testimony

We need this,I think everyone knows all the reasons why.  
Let the superferry prove it's self one way or the other .

Mark  
Thompson  
The Big Island

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**From:** Gary Kahn [Gary.Kahn@territorialsavings.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:03 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Loss

I and my mainland friends and family have been looking forward to the Superferry. When it was approved for voyage, we all made reservations and were planning on a reunion in Maui and Kauai. Now we have had to cancel those plans. The Ferry will allow us to grow and provides a great alternative to fly/drive. Please approve and let's start enjoying ALOHA again.

Gary Kahn, CISSP, CISM  
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**From:** Carol Porter [cporter@design-matters.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:45 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please allow the Superferry to operate!

The Superferry is needed and desired by everyone, of all political persuasions, that I speak to on the Big Island.

Please allow it to operate. The State of Hawaii has guaranteed its loans, and now needs to stand behind the original decision to allow the Superferry to operate. Nobody wants to endanger whales, other marine life, or the ocean itself in any way. Ensure that the Superferry is operated in a responsible way -- using other marine vessels that operate regularly in our waters as a comparison.

Please help to prevent another Hawaiian folly, and allow the Superferry to operate, at least between Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii Island.

Mahalo nui,  
Carol Porter  
Kohala Coast, Big Island of Hawaii



**testimony**

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**From:** Freida Nahoopii [freida.nahoopii@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:00 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Mrs. Freida Nahoopii, and I lived here on Oahu for many years, but my husband Mr. Gordon Piliialoha Nahoopii was born and raised here local boy from Hauula, Hawaii and attending Kamehameha School...I feel that we all do need this service here in Hawaii not for the local people but for the tourist themselves....the economy is so bad, that most residence of Hawaii do need JOBS, means JOBS...that way it controll the drugs atmosphere and solve alot of crimes....thats my belief...to me the people in MAUI/KAUAI are not concerning about this...this has nothing to do with the environment...the environment was screw-up long ago...we must have the SUPER FERRY TO RUN HERE IN HAWAII....

THANKS

Freida Nahoopii

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**From:** Nick Sonoda [nicksonoda@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:00 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please Support the 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 Capital

I, Nick Sonoda, would like to state my support for the Hawaii Super Ferry and that I would like the ferry to be able to operate while an environmental impact survey is being conducted. I, along with many of my family and friends were looking forward to using the service this holiday season. Please support the Hawaii Super Ferry and allow all of us who have waited patiently for the ferry's arrival to enjoy the services it was made to provide. Aloha and mahalo for your consideration.

Nick Sonoda

1470 Akialoa Pl.

Kailua, Hi, 96734

## testimony

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**From:** Karen Levitt [karenl@kualoa.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:07 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** HAWAII SUPERFERRY

I have lived and worked in Hawaii for 20 years. I have never been as compelled to write to the legislature as I am regarding this Superferry debacle.

Who are the people opposed to it - rental car company workers, airline workers? It seems that a loud MINORITY voice has overruled a silent MAJORITY voice.

How is ONE Superferry boat going to ruin the environment, kill whales and dolphins and bring invasive species to Maui and Kauai? There are whale watching boats, fishing boats, dinner cruise boats, snorkeling boats, etc. that are out in our waters each and every day. Are they all out there killing off our ocean inhabitants?

Let the Superferry operate while conducting this unnecessary study. It is a great benefit to many, many people who don't or can't fly and also to those who cannot rent a car for one reason or another. Taking the Superferry to other islands is not only a smart way to travel, but it is enjoyable to those passengers taking the leisurely trip on a boat, some of whom have never even seen the islands from any other vantage point other than in the air.

Please let the Superferry run so we don't lose it forever. It provides jobs, transportation and has many more benefits to Hawaii's citizens and businesses than anyone can imagine. Please listen to the MAJORITY and not the MINORITY.

Thank you.

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**From:** Yellow sponge@aol.com  
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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Let me say that I have a belief that most of the time government gets involve in project like the Superferry, things get screwed up! There is never an accountability in government. I will pay through the nose somehow!

I believe the superferry should be able to operate and see if any environmental concerns are pertinent.

Change is the hardest thing for local people to accept. Government did not do their homework!!!

Leon Wolske  
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**From:** jamie oshiro [jamie.oshiro@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

Aloha Legislators

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

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

- Hawai'i's EIS law should be upheld because it provides a crucial layer of protection for Hawai'i's irreplaceable natural and cultural beauty.
- The proposed legislation to exempt the Superferry from its obligations under the law is overbroad. It exempts the Superferry from every permit requirement and public oversight requirement currently on the books. Proposed conditions on the operation of the Superferry fail to address to legitimate concerns about the possible irreparable harms highlighted by the Maui Court.
- The Hawaii Constitution guarantees everyone the "right to a clean and healthful environment" (Haw. Const. Art. 11, sec. 9). The Constitution, however, does not guarantee anyone the right to a profit. If our elected officials grant an exemption to our environmental laws, then they will be placing the corporations' right to profit over the public's right to a healthy environment.
- Public participation is essential to a well-functioning democracy! Hawai'i's EIS law provides a rare opportunity for public hearings. This fundamental public right should not be side-stepped to serve special interests!
- A legislative decision of this magnitude cannot be made properly in the 7 days allotted for a special session called by the Governor. It does not provide a sufficient opportunity for lawmakers to hear from the communities most affected by this decision. If the process of decisionmaking lacks integrity, then so will the outcome.
- Special treatment for special interests creates a precedent of uncertainty about when and if Hawai'i's laws will be applied and upheld, and for whom. Good business and economic development requires wise governance and certainty about the rules by which all businesses must play. The rule of law must be respected by all levels of government to ensure our system functions properly.
- Strong protection of public trust natural and cultural resources depend on upholding the law. Laws that are not upheld or enforced are shibai and useless!
- The Maui Court decision found, after 22 days of expert testimony, that there will likely be irreparable harm from Superferry operations. Following the law as written and conducting a complete environmental review will help us to develop thoughtful, meaningful mitigations to these harms before they happen. Allowing this exemption now will not.

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**From:** George Krischke [GeorgeK@cbpacific.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:58 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Pro Superferry

The Superferry is the cleanest, most economical and environmentally friendly way of interisland transportation. It is welcome by the vast majority of Hawaii residents and will improve the quality of life as well as the way business is done throughout the island State. Don't allow a small minority of territorial scarecrows to keep the State of Hawaii hostage to anti progress.

Thank you & Aloha

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**From:** Shimabuku, Kimberly [Kimberly.Shimabuku@ggp.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Support


I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I feel that its existence and operation is critical to furthering commerce within the state of Hawaii and beyond. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Shimabuku

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**From:** Miller, Deena [Deena.Miller@fnf.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:22 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

To whom it may Concern,

I am a lifetime Hawaii resident and live on Oahu's North Shore. My family and I were very excited at the thought of being able to travel to the outer islands via the Super Ferry.

I cannot believe that the minority of people who are opposed to the Super Ferry would have such an impact on the state and drown out the voices of us who support it.

The opponents act as if they don't want us visiting their islands at all. What if the people of Oahu decided we didn't want the residents of Kauai and Maui coming to Oahu.

I believe that the airline industry and the car rental business may be behind the opposition and if this is the case, the people of Hawaii will suffer their monopoly.

If it is in fact the people of Kauai and Maui that just don't want people from Oahu coming to their islands then SHAME on them!! They do not own the rights to the state!! We are residents of the entire state and should have the right to visit other islands with the advantage of not having to fly or rent a car.

I am embarrassed by the people of our state. I am discouraged for us having an anti-business reputation.

The Super Ferry would provide jobs to our residents and opportunity that we have never had in the past.

AUWE to the ridiculous arguments from the people of Kauai and Maui

AUWE!! A majority of them look to be rich haoles who think they have the right to privatize our islands. We cannot allow them to do this to the local people of Hawaii.

I plead the case of the majority and ask that you allow the Super Ferry to do business in our state and allow the residents the benefit of alternative modes of transportation.

Thank you,

**Deena Miller**

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**From:** tom macdonald [tjmacdonald@earthlink.net]  
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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

This testimony is submitted for the hearing at 10:30 am Wednesday, October 24, 2007 by the Senate Judiciary and Labor, Transportation, International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Committees:

\*IF THE LEGISLATURE/ADMINISTRATION IMPOSE ONEROUS CONDITIONS ON SUPERFERRY OPERATION, THE SUPERFERRY WILL LEAVE HAWAII AND HUGE LAWSUITS WILL FOLLOW.  
HAWAII TAXPAYERS WILL LIKELY BE HIT WITH DAMAGES OVER \$150 MILLION.

\*THE LEGISLATIVE DEMANDS FOR SUPERFERRY TO WAIVE ALL LITIGATION, PAST PRESENT OR FUTURE, ARE ABSURD. NO SANE BUSINESSPERSON WOULD AGREE TO SUCH CONDITIONS

\*THE LIST OF 29 "CONDITIONS" DEMANDED BY ENVIRONMENTALISTS FOR SUPERFERRY OPERATION ARE TANTAMOUNT TO A DENIAL OF PERMISSION TO OPERATE. THE CONDITIONS WOULD MAKE OPERATION FINANCIALLY IMPOSSIBLE.

\*THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF HAWAII CITIZENS WANT THE SUPERFERRY TO OPERATE WHILE THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IS PERFORMED

\*THE SUPERFERRY OPERATORS IN GOOD FAITH RELIED ON EARLY DECISIONS BY BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS--INDEED IT WAS JUDGE CARDOZA HIMSELF WHO ISSUED THE EARLY STATE DECISION. IT WAS THE HAWAII SUPREME COURT THAT UNCONSCIONABLY DELAYED A DECISION FOR NEARLY 2 YEARS

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**From:** richtor [richtor@aloha.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry  
**Attachments:** Reynolds, Richtor.vcf

Aloha Gentlement

we are not going back to any "good old days" when things were like they were  
it is about the civilization changing and going forward  
too often the small voice of dissention is heard over the needs of the masses

for the mass of society, the super-ferry is agood thing

i support the super-ferry

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**From:** Larson, Cindee [Cindee.Larson@avisbudget.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:06 AM

**To:** testimony

Please accept my opinions regarding the Hawaii Superferry at the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment hearing on Wednesday October 24 at 10:30 a.m. at the Auditorium, State Capitol.

We are so excited to get something like this to the Islands. What a treat to be able to travel to the neighbor Islands from the ocean instead of by air. This will bring us so many opportunities for our schools, farmers, businesses and just to be able to visit our friends and families.

Please support the bill that will permit the interisland ferry service to continue while an environmental impact study is being conducted.

Mahalo,

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**From:** snapchat [snapchat@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 27, 2007 8:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY OPERATING !!!  
**Attachments:** email.(c)2007.Molokai\_9660.jpg; ATT22641457.txt; ATT22641458.txt

We are ONE state. The Hawaii Superferry can connect us in special, important and meaningful ways!

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY OPERATING IN HAWAII. -  
 October 23, 2007

1. Aloha and Regards! My name is Susan Janow and I am a photographic artist and resident of Hawaii. I speak as an individual representing my own perspectives and point of view.

In the way of introduction, I am a respected photographer with an eye and love for nature's pristine environs as well as the island's rich cultural content. I am known for my beautiful Hawaiian photographs that capture and share the amazing naturescapes, vibrant culture, and abundant splendor of Hawaii – from exquisite beach sunrises to koa canoe races. My body of work helps document and preserve Hawaii's brilliant aesthetics in both nature and culture. People love my art photographs. They are used in very many venues that include art objects, books and much more.

I have a growing art business that can be greatly enhanced by using the HSF to be able to go to the other Hawaiian islands to take photographs that capture the unique magnificence of each island in addition to expanding my business opportunities once there.

2. To: All Chairs of Committees participating in or overseeing hearings AND a Special Session on the Hawaii Superferry resuming inter-island service in Hawaii. (Hearings/Sessions are pending and in process of being scheduled – some as early as October 24, 2007.

3. Regarding: IN SUPPORT of the Hawaii Superferry operating in our island state.

**PLEASE HELP THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY PROVIDE THEIR MUCH-NEEDED SERVICE IN HAWAII!**

1. As I understand it, in good faith, the HSF very conscientiously complied with all legal and ethical requirements asked of them. In fact they exceeded them in some instances.

2. Further, they provide a well-researched, environmentally sensitive MUCH-NEEDED ALTERNATIVE to other modes of inter-island transportation. (\*As a footnote, the carbon footprint per passenger transported between islands is smaller than other methods available at this time.)

3. They deserve the opportunity to provide service that can be in the best interests of ALL the peoples of Hawaii.

4. I can't fly and have waited excitedly, counting the days, for 4 years for the HSF service to begin. I can't get to the other islands without the HSF.

5. I love Hawaii and love photographing its transcendent beauty. By being effectively stopped from having access to the other islands using the HSF, a hardship is created upon me that blocks the fullest realization of my business dreams and greatly limits my creative vision for my artistic development and evolution of my life's work.

6. Further, I need to be able to get to the other islands with my car that can safely carry my camera equipment.

Having my car allows me:

A. To make deliveries of art images/products.

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**From:** Chuck Corbe [corbe@remaxkona.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:31 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Support the Ferry

Aloha,

It is a sad state of affairs when so much human and capital expenditures are at jeopardy by a small fraction of the community. This ferry is another alternative for the Hawaiian public to enjoy the other islands. It will help in travel, local tourism and will be a catalyst for major capital improvement for the local population.

Mahalo,

Chuck Corbe Jr.

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- B. To get around once there doing photography at different sights of the unique and brilliant splendor of each island's natural environs and culture.
- C. To go to meetings, trade shows, art events, educate, etc.
- D. To maintain accounts as well as create new venues to sell my art photography.
- E. To connect with new market opportunities.
- F. To drive safely and conveniently in the car I am used to - with my own insurance.
- F. To .... Etc., Etc. Etc. (All positives!)

I cannot get to other islands with my car without the service of the HSF.

I wholeheartedly encourage you to PLEASE HELP restore the Hawaii Superferry to service as it offers a wonderful and invaluable alternative for inter-island travel! I urge you to pass legislation or other appropriate and legal means that would allow this to happen.

I was on its first voyage and I look forward to riding the Hawaii Superferry again very soon! Below is a photograph I took from the Inaugural voyage of the HSF of the rarely scene majestic north side of Molokai.

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**From:** Tasaka,Denise-FICOH [denise.tasaka@fichoh.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Dear Senate Committee Members,

I urge you all to consider the "big picture" with regards to the benefits the Superferry has to offer each and everyone of us here in Hawaii. It is not just another transportation option between our Hawaiian Islands, it also provides another means of being able to provide disaster aid should we have another Iniki situation. We all knew that the Superferry was coming so why wait until it arrived in Hawaii to start making a big fuss?

Allowing the Superferry service to continue to do business while an environmental impact statement is being conducted will show that we are flexible and willing to work with new ventures that want to establish business here in Hawaii. Everyone realizes the cost of doing business in Hawaii is very expensive and being able to come to a middle ground does show our willingness to find solutions that work for everyone involved.

I do realize the importance of an impact statement but honestly there are times that some of this red tape is just another way to slows down the entire process. I honestly don't remember if we required that same type of impact statement when all the cruise ships decided to set up a route in the Hawaiian Islands. There seems to be a lot more important things out there that various environmental groups should be focusing on like illegal long line fishing, over fishing in the Hawaiian islands and probably many more that already are affecting our environment.

Loosing the Superferry will be a great loss to the State of Hawaii and it will also potentially hurt us in the future.

Thank you.

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