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**From:** Patrick Oguma [noapaka@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** noapaka@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** In Support Of Superferry: Testimony of,

ATTENTION: Legislation Superferry Hearing Authority,

This is in regards to my absolute support for the Superferry daily operational approval on grounds of the following factual findings as listed below:

1. As a former Journeyman Shipfitter employed at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, specifically assigned to the submarine division, external superstructure repair/modification/overhaul support team, I personally witnessed performing several covert operational repairs to the front section, called the superdome of fast attack submarines traveling top speeds underwater way exceeding the maximum speeds of the Superferry as you witnessed in the Japanese training ship incident, whereas our team was directed by upper level management and high-security to expedite such repairs with precisional expertise as a result of human error/negligence involving devastating collisions with whales, reefs, turtles, debris and etc. DOES THE FEDERAL MILITARY/GOVERNMENT HAVE MERIT TO BE EXEMPTED FROM A ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY as means of protecting our Hawaiian islands, but awarded special privileges to collide with human and sea life with the highest technological navigating equipment that the taxpayer dollars provide?

2. These minority protesters against the Superferry in my opinion are supporters for the airlines, car rental, young brother's barge and adjoining cruise ship businesses that will be financially devastated by the Superferry operations. For example, Costco, Walmart, Home Depot and etc. People in Hawaii has demonstrated, they want choice and competitiveness that will eventually drive down prices.

Respectively,

Paka

P.S: Please contact me on the availability of my testimony before the legislative committee.

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**From:** Nancy Barry [nancy@hoala.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:39 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

As a resident of Oahu, I am most interested in the Superferry being allowed to conduct business and travel inter island while the decision regarding the EIS is being conducted.

I have been one of the silent majority in the past but it is now time to let our representatives know that I do welcome inter island service and I look forward to taking my first trip.

Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to travel during the meetings.

Nancy Barry

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**From:** Ray Heitzman [rayheitzman@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please let the Superferry run!!!!

I was born and raised in Hawaii and own a business here. The Superferry to the outer islands would be a great benefit for me and my business. I cannot believe this is happening and am very disappointed that we are holding this up for a few people. America was founded on Majority rules and the majority has spoken in favor of the H3.

We must vote as a representative of the wishes of the people or we are just a dictatorship.

Warm Aloha,

Ray Heitzman

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**From:** reg & kat [regandkat@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Hawaii Superferry

**To:**

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I am in support of allowing operation of the Hawaii Superferry while an environmental impact statement is being conducted as the service they provide is long overdue and any further delay could be the demise of the operator as well deprive Hawaii residents of an alternative means for inter-island travel.

I don't understand the basis for the protest from the so-called "environmentalist". After all, I thought we were one state and not a conglomerate of autonomous islands; otherwise shouldn't passports be required when island hopping? Mahalo for your time and allowing me to voice my support.

Respectfully,  
Reggie Salvador

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**From:** charles bolden [cbolden@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:40 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Please don't allow the radical zealots to deny the majority of residents who are thrilled to have this alternative travel option.

Allow the super Ferry to start operations so that we 1. have an alternative and 2. Don't stick the taxpayers with the bill if this radical fringe group should prevail because THEY don't have to go to work and can protest in visible ways that we can not. My family was excited about tatknng the Ferry.....now I'm not sure it will even happen for the big island.

Thanks

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**From:** Skycam Hawaii [skycam@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry Testimonial.

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

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To whom it may concern, Please let the Super Ferry operate, I believe it would be a great asset to Hawaii, I was looking forward to taking the family on a ferry ride to Maui or Kauai, it just makes great sense to be able to travel with your own car, we have used ferry systems in Europe and it has worked great, also being a small business owner it would be great to solicit business on the other Islands. **Please let the Superferry operate, we need it and want it.**

Thank You,  
Urban Lindhe  
(808) 391-6383

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**From:** Gypsy Raven [igypsyraven@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:13 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Save the super ferry, please!

Hawaii as a state is far too divided due to geography, the super ferry is a way to bring the people in all the islands closer together. As a state, we should be working together and share resources. Especially when one of the islands is hosting an international event like a marathon or sports event, food/water and other resources can be sent over easily and less costly with the super ferry. Or even when Maui was on fire, if the super ferry was running then Oahu could've sent over more fire fighters and fire trucks. The opposers to the superferry is definitely NOT displaying the aloha spirit by keeping their islands isolated and barring 'outsiders', especially when the so called 'outsiders' are Hawaii residents from another island who are eager to visit their family and friends in other parts of the state.

On a personal note, I'm looking forward to taking my bicycle or motorcycle to one of the other islands. It is next to impossible to do that right now. My neighbor here on Oahu have kids and grandkids living in Kauai, they had to ship a second car to kauai so they have transportation when they visit them. To me that's unnecessary and bad for the environment, when they could've just drive their car from oahu to Kauai and back with the superferry.

Please please save the Super Ferry!

Cynthia Wang  
808-728-7008

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**From:** RJones003 [rjones003@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:40 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Please support the Superferry

**TO:** Transportation Committee

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Dear Senators:

Our family has looked forward to using the Superferry so we can better enjoy more inter-island travel. It is an affordable way for us to have an SUV and surfboards with us on Kauai, Maui and (hopefully) eventually the Big Island. Without it, our ability to explore and enjoy this great state has been and will be limited.

Thank you,  
Angela Childress Jones



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**From:** Anacleto Heloca [mad8hawaiian@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:40 PM  
**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

To Whom It May Concern:

Allow the Superferry to service Hawaii while they conduct an EIS.

There are two points I would like to make concerning the way our state has treated this endeavor and those who oppose it.

The first point is 'shame on you Governor Lingle' and those who have sided with you. The Environmental Impact statement (EIS) should have been required and not swept aside for political reasons. Yes, it will bring jobs and introduce Hawaii to a system of transportation we've never had but not at the cost of protecting Hawaii and its resources. I may not agree totally with environmentalists but I disagree with you more to have allowed this to even happen. I don't blame them should they feel it necessary to sue the state because monies have been spent on good faith that obviously was not returned in kind. Not only did you open yourself to criticism but you've opened the doors to litigation in what I feel the people of Hawaii will lose and lose big.

My second point is this, all I've heard is rhetoric from those who oppose the Superferry. How does one prevent the chances of spreading invasive species? ISOLATION! Can we agree on that? This is why your precious EIS is outdated. If you feel that the Superferry requires an EIS than logic dictates every mode of transportation that travels between the islands, or for that matter, on U.S. and foreign soil, by air or water, should be required to have an EIS and should complete one every year. Does this sound plausible? Is this economic reality? Do

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we quarantine everything that comes into our ports by planes, barges, or ships? Let's be real people, we can't stop diseases spreading anymore than stopping invasive species from reaching our islands. Today's world is all about reaching out globally through different modes of transportation. The only true way to stop anything is to isolate the islands from each other and everything that can travel the world and make pit stops in Hawaii.

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**From:** Lee Collins [LeeCollins@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.com  
**Subject:** Support for Super Ferry

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

I wish to write you that both my wife and I support of the Super Ferry and that we believe they should be allowed to operate while an EA or EIS is being conducted.

Most Sincerely,  
Mr. & Mrs. Lee J. Collins Sr.  
92-7049 Elele St. #67  
Kapolei, HI 96707

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**From:** RJones003 [rjones003@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Please support the Superferry

**TO:** Judiciary Committee

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Dear Senators:

Our family has looked forward to using the Superferry so we can better enjoy more inter-island travel. It is an affordable way for us to have an SUV and surfboards with us on Kauai, Maui and (hopefully) eventually the Big Island. Without it, our ability to explore and enjoy this great state has been and will be limited.

Thank you,  
Angela Childress Jones

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**From:** Michaelle Edwards [manayoga@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:14 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** senate special session 10/24

To my Legislators, Please vote to complete an EIS before the HSF is allowed to operate. I am a 25 year resident of Kauai and I am requesting that you vote to back up the judicial decision that the superferry must complete an EIS. Had the governor and the DOT followed our laws to begin with, the EIS would have happened and the the ferry could operate legally or not at all according the results of the EIS. I am concerned about whales, traffic mitigations, invasive species, possible crime increases, and an undermining of the natural environment of Kauai. mahalo for listening and please be honest and do your jobs of representing the people and upholding our laws. mahalo, Michaelle Edwards  
[manayoga@yahoo.com](mailto:manayoga@yahoo.com)

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**From:** Mary L. Plunkett [plunkettm001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 8:40 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

As a resident of the Island of Maui, I am passionately in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. It is my belief that the Superferry will benefit every citizen of the State of Hawaii. I strongly urge all Legislators to assist the Ferry by passing legislation which will enable it to operate without further delay or restriction!

It is my belief that the people who are most strongly opposed to the Superferry are merely special interest groups who are not in accord with the best interests of the State of Hawaii and her people! The Superferry represents growth...and growth is greatly feared by special interests who cling to a "dead past" and a nonfunctional status-quo.

Please assist those of us who want to enhance and prosper Hawaii.

Thank you,  
Mary Lee Plunkett  
Pukalani, Maui

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**From:** Mel Stout [mlkstout@hawaiiantel.net]

**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:41 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Superferry testimony to Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment committees

For Wednesday, Oct. 24, 10:30 am Auditorium, State Capitol.

I am a Maui resident **in support** of the Superferry operating while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. My family would like the opportunity for our family from O'ahu to visit us here, as well as our being able to visit them via the Superferry.

Mahalo,

Melvin J. Stout  
51-E Kealaloa Ave.  
Makawao, HI 96768

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**From:** RJones003 [rjones003@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Please support the Superferry

**TO:** Labor Committee

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Dear Senators:

Our family has looked forward to using the Superferry so we can better enjoy more inter-island travel. It is an affordable way for us to have an SUV and surfboards with us on Kauai, Maui and (hopefully) eventually the Big Island. Without it, our ability to explore and enjoy this great state has been and will be limited.

Thank you,  
Angela Childress Jones



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**From:** Hawaiian8heart@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:41 PM  
**To:** testimony; Anne Atkinson; Jessica Grant; danielinouye@unitedstatescongress.org; Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye; Lynette Marushige; Rep. Barbara Marumoto; Rep. Kymberly Pine; Rep. Karl Rhoads; Joan Shinn; Rep. Gene Ward  
**Subject:** (no subject)

**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 our Senators and Representatives,

My name is Fred Bandack, Honolulu, Hawaii a resident for 9 years and love Hawaii and its people. The Superferry problem is clearly an important one and is in need of fixing now, which actually should have been fixed before bringing it to Hawaii. But as of now, we should ALLOW OPERATION OF FERRY WHILE STUDY IS ON GOING AND UNTIL STUDY IS COMPLETE AND REVIEWED and then decide what to do with making sure it follows rules and regulations of the State of Hawaii and its People.

This is an opportunity where "**WE CANNOT MISS THE BOAT**", so please allow this great island and its people to grow with time and technology, so that prosperity for man and kindness to animals can perpetuate simultaneously in harmony. We can do it, I am sure of that.

Mahalo,

Fred Bandack

Superferry and the love for Hawaii "Enthusiast"

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**From:** Higa's [ahhiga@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** support for Super Ferry

To whom it may concern –

I am in support of the Super Ferry and I hope the HI legislature will take measures to allow Super Ferry to operate while EA is in process. I truly believe that there is an overwhelming silent majority who want the Super Ferry in Hawaii. Allowing Super Ferry to operate while EA is in process will provide ultimate proof whether if there is a valid environmental concern in question.

Sincerely,

Alton Higa  
Mililani, HI

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**From:** alohafriends@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry

Dear Senate Committees:

While our family is concerned with the environment, we feel that the SuperFerry should be able to proceed with interisland ferry service. Please consider our support of the SuperFerry!

The Ward Family, Waikiki

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**From:** RJones003 [rjones003@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:42 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Please support the Superferry

**TO:** International Affairs Committee

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Dear Senators:

Our family has looked forward to using the Superferry so we can better enjoy more inter-island travel. It is an affordable way for us to have an SUV and surfboards with us on Kauai, Maui and (hopefully) eventually the Big Island. Without it, our ability to explore and enjoy this great state has been and will be limited.

Thank you,  
Angela Childress Jones

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**From:** Henry deButts [rotary@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:42 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Our Club wants to use the Superferry - Please Support

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

All of our members of the Rotary Club of Hawaii Kai are in full support of the Superferry service. Hawaii has needed this service for a long, long time.

We think it will benefit all the peoples of these islands and it can be done without destruction of our natural resources.

Henry deButts

President- Elect - Rotary Club of Hawaii Kai

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**From:** Paul Yamashita [pyamashita@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:42 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry Testimony

Below is my testimony for the Senate Committee meetings.

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

From: Paul Yamashita  
2407 Halelea Place  
Honolulu, HI 96822

Subject: Hawaii Superferry

October 22, 2007

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It is important to permit the Hawaii Superferry operate in Hawaii because of its potential positive impact for local residents of all islands. When the inter-island airline fare wars end and pricing go back to pre-Go Airlines prices, the Superferry will perform a valuable affordable service for Hawaii. When tourism slows down as it had in the 1990s, the neighbor islands suffered greatly. Local people were urged to spend their vacations on the neighbor islands. My family was one family the spent many neighbor island vacations because we felt it important to support the neighbor islands and Waikiki. The Superferry will be a tremendous value in moving people and cars at affordable rates. Of course, today, when the economy is booming and tourism is still holding well, we forget the tough times and think the Superferry is not needed. The Superferry may not be needed, but during tough economic times, having another mode of interisland transportation will be a true value for all of us.

Although I believe we need to protect our environment, I have a difficult time believing the Superferry will have a different negative impact than the other transportation modes currently running. It seems the radicals are using hyperbole to gain their ends. We do have real environmental threats like the brown tree snake and we should put our resources and energy behind true threats.

Thank you for your consideration for the people of Hawaii.

October 23, 2007

Patricia L. Dilliner  
1004 Kina Street  
Kailua, Hawai'i 96734

Senate Sergeant-at-Arms  
Fax: 586-6659

Re: Hawai'i Super Ferry  
Cc: Judiciary & Labor  
Transportation & International Affairs  
Energy & Environment

Choice. It's about choice. With the Super Ferry we have competition. Competition is good. It improves service, reduces cost and removes complacency of others who have made their fortune in a monopolistic state. It is good for the people of Hawai'i who overwhelmingly support this project. One thing is difficult to understand is why the Super Ferry is being singled out? Who is being protected? We need the Super Ferry and we don't need to drag our feet on this.

With it we can take care of 'ohana, or lay flowers at their gravesites. Most of all, it will bring jobs and allow businesses to expand. Think of it...a farmer, his truck, his produce to Maui, to the Big Island, off for the day and back again. How simple is that? We are looking at cost savings, convenience and great customer service which is lacking in today's providers.

The Super Ferry is losing business every day it sits idle. Many jobs have been lost not to mention the income to our state coffers that the Super Ferry would bring.

While the majority of our people support the Hawaii Super Ferry, you have bowed to the insane behavior of a few leftover hippies who defied the law.  
Kama'aina do not behave in this manner.

Recently, many went to testify in favor of the Super Ferry, waited for hours but never given the opportunity.

It's a sad day when the negative behavior of a few immature, disrespectful hooligans can take precedence over kama'aina who support the Super Ferry in more ways than you know.

Yours truly,

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**From:** Sharee [ShareeJ@ilc-inter.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:16 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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

I support the Hawaii Superferry because it will provide stability to our economy.

Sharee Lee

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**testimony**

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**From:** Robert Lewis Stevens [robertlstevens@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:30 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** HELP- superferry a necessity now

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

Wednesday, October 24, 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

please allow the superferry to run now. This delay is causing serious loss.

mahalo  
robert stevens

**testimony**

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**From:** Leslie Walker [mauiolderblonde@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:24 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPER FERRY

*It is time that Hawwaii came into the 21st century, and the strangle hold on travel is loosened up for all those who live here. If the infrastructure is a concern then have all of the interisland people take mass transit to the areas they want to see ??? The Whale watching boats have hurt more Whales than any cruise ship or etc.*

*Security for the Super Ferry should be as tight as if you were flying interisland. Everyone should get a list of what you can bring inter island and what you can not. Our govenor should have gone with the impact study but do the cruise ships do it? Does does anyone do it. No matter how big or small the ship/boat is all should be inspected for any impact to our islands. NO BOATS WITH PROOPS! That's a given. The SF is a JET ship/boat. During Whale season it can go a bit slower. This is not rocket science. WE WANT THE S.F. Let the people for a change vote!!!*

*Leslie Walker  
Lahaina-Maui*

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**From:** MARILEE BAUMGARTNER [mbaumga@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:16 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** Marilee Baumgartner  
**Subject:** Fw: Testimony for the Hawaii Superferry

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From: "MARILEE BAUMGARTNER" <mbaumga@hawaiiintel.net>  
To: <testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>  
Cc: "Marilee Baumgartner" <mbaumga@hawaiiintel.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:59 AM  
Subject: Testimony for the Hawaii Superferry

>I am a supporter for the Hawaii Superferry. I believe it will be good for  
> all of the Islands. 99% of the people in Hawaii  
> are good, honest and caring people and wouldn't do anything to hurt the  
> environment or steal rocks, and other  
> vices (drugs, etc.) The 1% of these type of people no matter what type  
> of  
> transportation they use could always find ways to do the wrong things and  
> cause trouble. I know the Hawaii Superferry will be good for the people  
> of  
> Hawaii.  
>  
> Thank you! Please vote in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

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                                  Transportation and International  
Affairs and Energy and Environment  
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**From:** HotRodWahine@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:30 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** The Superferry

I think the Superferry could be an excellent alternative to flying. The more choices available for Hawaii's people, more better!

Sincerely,  
Traci J.

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**From:** Sally Tam Suemoto [SSuemoto@hitechsupport.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:29 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry Testimony

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this in referenc to the State Senate Legislative Hearing regarding the Hawaii Superferry.  
**Senate Committees:** Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I personally have been on the Hawaii Superferry and other ferries worldwide. My family enjoyed being on the Superferry and hope to have the opportunity to do so again in the future. I feel that the people of Hawaii will benefit from the ferry service both in travel and commerce. I am writing this in support of the Hawaii Superferry and hope to see it stay in our islands. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
**Sally Suemoto**  
Office Manager

**Hawaii Tech Support**

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**testimony**

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**From:** Bruce Iverson [biverson@reynoldsrecycling.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:31 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Re: Support of HB HMS 2007 5029

**To:** **Senator J. Kalani English, Chair**  
**Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair**  
**Committee on Transportation and International Affairs**

**Fr:** **Bruce Iverson**

**Date:** **Wednesday, October 24, 2007**

**Re:** **Re: Support of HB HMS 2007 5029**

I would like to humbly urge the combined House and Senate to work together in support of the Super Ferry being able to work within Hawaiian water while the environmental assessments and impact statements are being made.

I think it is time that courts are restricted to ruling on criminal cases and not allowed to make law by their own rulings. The State wisely allowed the Superferry to come to Hawaii in the same manner that all other merchant ships ply the Hawaiian waters; wisely make numerous improvements on infrastructure to enable them to be of service to the people of Hawaii. It is ridiculous, and smacks of bias that the courts can make these demands, and force the Superferry to now make an environmental assessment. Since this has been decided, I believe it is imperative that the Superferry be allowed to operate while these are being done.

We strongly urge your support for HB HMS 2007 5029. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 487-2802, if you have any questions or concerns.

Bruce Iverson

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**From:** Amanda Fernnadez [islndluv2003@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Simply Stated, "I support the Hawaii Superferry."

I support it because it will allow the residents of Hawaii an alternate way to travel other than aiplane. Families will be able to load the kids in the car and go see relatives living on the orhter islands.. They will save on the cost of a rental car and time getting to the rental car agency. They will not have to check luggage in or worry about lost bags. Everything that will be needed will be right-on-hand. I think it's great for businesses for it gives them more flexibility in what and how they ship. Having a boyfriend who is a business owner, it has cost him more to ship his product via air, then it was to actually produce it. This is something he can defintiely prosper from. There has to be a way in which we can all benefit from the Superferry. The ocean is vast and we can respect its' inhabitants while being akamai with the environment. Let's malama (care) for each other, for it is all of our kuleana (responsibility).

Aloha Pumehana,  
Amanda Fernandez

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:44 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

October 24, 2007  
Wednesday, 10:30am Auditorium, State Capital

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

I definitely support the Hawaii Superferry because it is a good option for inter-island travel. I think the State is at fault for not doing an environmental impact statement and the Hawaii Superferry should not suffer because of it. I think they should do an environmental impact study however it should be done while the Hawaii Superferry operates. Also the Hawaii Superferry is suppose to paid the State 2M in taxes very shortly but this should be postponed to a later date.

Thank you for your time.

**Patrick Nektani**

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**From:** Kyle Kimura [kkimura58@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:49 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

To Whom it May Concern:

I am submitting this testimony in favor of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EIS is performed. I feel the ferry is a new and vital mode of transportation between the islands. While the steps leading us to this point are regrettable, I feel all parties have been dealing in good faith. The State of Hawaii needs this enterprise to succeed; for the sake of the 300+ citizens employed by the Superferry, the countless number of kamaaina and businesses that will use the Superferry and the reputation of our state as a place where new endeavors are welcomed.

Yes, the environmental concerns are important. But I feel the only true concern is for the whale population and I also feel that the Superferry will do everything to avoid harming this natural resource. Invasive species... the evils of city life coming from Honolulu... these are all empty arguments designed to incite people's emotions and are groundless.

Again, please vote in favor of the Superferry.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

Sincerely,

Kyle T. Kimura  
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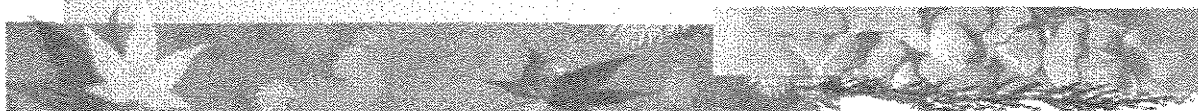
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**From:** Valerie Kono [valerie.kono@accuityllp.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:31 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** please do your utmost to get the ferry up and running.



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**From:** Peter Dilwith [pdlilwith@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:33 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Aloha Friends,

First of all I would like to introduce myself. My name is Peter Dilwith and i am a born and raised resident of Wahiawa, Hawaii. I speak for myself as well as my family when i ask that you as Legislators, favor the Hawaii Superferry in this upcoming special session. As a professional here in Hawaii, I speak with many of my colleagues and they agree that the Hawaii Superferry will not only benefit the economy, but will allow other natives of Hawaii to visit the rest of the state without the overwhelming cost of car rentals and such. I also feel that we need the Hawaii Superferry to keep the airlines in check, after all, they have been robbing us blind for years.

So if you conclude that a EIS is required, please allow the Superferry to run while it is being done. Also, it would only be fair if you were to require all other shippers (Young Brothers, Matson, etc.) to undergo an EIS of their own. That would be the fair thing to do. Once again, I would like to voice my SUPPORT for the Hawaii Superferry!

Mahalo and Aloha

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**From:** Bkauilani@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:15 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii's Super Ferry Testimony

To The Honorable Senate Committee Members;

Please permit the Super Ferry to resume its operations in Hawaii. These people who are making all the stink about it don't realize that pollution has already happened and will continue to occur, with or without the Super Ferry. What about the incidents of alien insect species that have hitched rides on lumber and building material containers that didn't get any of this scrutiny? The gull wasp that has decimated our Wili wili trees and Plumeria are evidence of this. These so called environmentalists are targeting the wrong industry. The Super Ferry had addressed the sea life issues concerning wales, honu, etc. already.

The traffic situation would be no more than if ferry riders had to go out and rent from Avis and the other agencies. The traffic problems should have been taken care of years ago on Kauai and Maui and are just the fault of the County's short sightedness. When the sugar & pine industry went down, this should have been the time to buy up land or condemn it for roadway improvement. Don't blame the Superferry for this!

As to the rabble rousers who greeted the Ferry on Kauai, My brother-in-law Wayne Medeiros, who is a retired policeman on Kauai recognised some of the protesters as drug users who he had "busted". These people would do anything for a few bucks to support their habit. Someone who doesn't want the Ferry is paying off these "locals" to make noise, create a smoke screen and discourage the Ferry users.

My father, Paul D. Lemke of Kapaa was on this list of Pro-Ferry testifiers on Kauai's last meeting, and had to sit through 2 hours of the same negative testimony. He said the hearing was biased against the Super Ferry and that all the people he has talked to (old timers of Kauai) welcome the new industry and freedom of the Super Ferry. My dad and his friends were totally disgusted as their testimony was unheard!!

I am for the Super Ferry. It is a welcomed industry and more family friendly venue of travel for the People of Hawaii.

Count the Paul D. Lemke family of Kapaa, Kauai and the Walter Y. Frieszell family of Kailua, Oahu Pro-Super Ferry! Count the family of Wayne D. Medeiros of Lihue as well.

Tiffany Batalona of Waialua is for it and so are my bosses, Peter Dawson of Haleiwa and John W. Hunt of Niu Valley.

Respectfully submitted with Aloha,  
Beatrice Kauilani Lemke-Frieszell  
in Beautiful Lanikai  
Kailua, Hawaii

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VIA EMAIL - testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Attention: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
The Honorable Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Members of the Committee on Transportation and  
International Affairs  
Attention: The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Members of the Committee on Energy and Environment  
Attention: The Honorable Ron Menor, Chair  
The Honorable Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

Dear Sirs:

Re: Hearing on Senate Bill to permit the operation of Super Ferry  
while an EIS is being conducted -  
October 24, 2007 at 10:30 a.m., State Capitol Auditorium

I am in support of the Super Ferry being in operation while the State conducts an EIS.  
The people of Hawaii should have an alternate means of transportation between the  
islands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Saromines  
1138 Hassinger Street, Apt. 401  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

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**From:** John Montemayor [montemayorjohn@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:14 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of the Hawaii Superferry

Chairman Taniguchi, Chairman English, Chairman Menor and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from the Hawaii Superferry continue working. My name is John Montemayor and I work as a Port Utility Operator at Nawiliwili, Kauai. This job means a lot to me.

This Hawaii Superferry job means a lot for my family, fellow workers, the community and myself, because of its job benefits of being an employee for the Hawaii based company that could be one of Hawaii's future alternative ways of transportation. As the company grows into the future, my fellow statewide employees will have the opportunity to advance in our working careers, allowing us to be able to seek and improve your quality of life for our family's here in Hawaii and making the possibilities to pave our financial goals in our local back yard to sustain more local business with growth here in Hawaii.

I feel good about working for the Hawaii Superferry because, it's a good local company that cares for their employees and our community. Also the Hawaii Superferry will help a lot of people and business including American Disabilities Act people, farmers and regular every day people to commute. The Hawaii Superferry is even concerned about our environment and is willing to listen to all practical environmental concerns. This is probably only a few of companies in the transportation business of people and goods that is willing to be very concerned about whales in our Hawaiian waters and invasive species reaching in our Hawaiian lands. The Hawaii Superferry is even very concerned about our Hawaii's growing drug problems.

If the Hawaii Superferry is not allowed to operate, it would be bad for Hawaii and its people, my family, co-workers and myself. I would probably would have to move to the mainland in order to seek a well paying job, or take a dead-end job in our present Hawaii job market that does not pay as well as the Hawaii Superferry. The effect of losing this type of job for me and my family would place a huge road block in our family and personal dreams in Hawaii. If this Hawaii Superferry type of business does not take place, the people of Hawaii will have no alternative ways for inter-island transportation traveling such for church groups, teams, (ADA-people), athletes, seniors, etc. would have more difficulty traveling interislands. As we all know if these small percentage of protesters are allowed to stop the Hawaii Superferry from doing business here, the future of other good large business to come and stay in Hawaii will be bad for Hawaii's State Government reputation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

John Montmayor

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**From:** patricia pacanas [patriciapacanas@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** *Let the Super Ferry roll....*

I am in support of the super ferry. I believe the message you're sending to the rest of the world, confirms, that doing business in Hawaii, is a risky thing. The process to do business here in Hawaii is beyond, baffling! Let these people do business.

Also, if an EIS is needed for the super ferry, then, I think all boats. canoes, tour boats, surfing boards, jet ski's...anything on the water should have to get an EIS also! Especially if they are doing business!

Sincerely,  
Patricia from Kauai

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**From:** Donah M. Lillich-Jones [donahjones@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:31 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** hawaii superferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

We need to be able to go between islands in a cheaper way than flying, taking the car. Why would the superferry spread pests and collide with whales , Young Brothers and Matson have boated these waters for years ?

Donah Jones, Wailuku  
We need the superferry !



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**From:** Robert Williams [robert@realestatehawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:31 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support Superferry

## Testimony Supporting the Superferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Dear Senators,

My name is Robert Williams and I am President of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce. Our organization strongly supports the Legislature authorizing a Special Session to craft legislation that would allow the Superferry to operate while the Environmental Assessment is completed providing reasonable safeguards are included to protect the environment.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Williams

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**From:** Rollo D Royle [rollodavid@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry environmental impact study

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing in support of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the environmental impact study is taking place.

Rollo Royle

45-548 Kapalai Road

Kaneohe, HI 96744

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**From:** Suzette Gavin [buckley@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:31 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for Super Ferry (corrections)

To Whom It May Concern;

I think we should have an environmental impact study (it should have been done sooner). If it does not affect the Sea Animals then I believe it is a good thing for the people of Hawaii. I also think the government should learn from this whole mess about planning. I feel for the mainland businesses that spend a lot of time and money to provide us with what they think we want only to get here and have something like this happen. This type of behavior is bad for Hawaii's reputation for business in the future.

I also do not like the name Super Ferry and think it should be something Hawaiian.

Sincerely, Suzette Gavin

Suzy Gavin, RN, MS  
Natural Health Consultant  
808-271-3770

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**From:** Rong Hua [rhua@lfphilo.com]

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**To:** testimony

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I support Superferry.  
Shan

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:03 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.com  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry Testimony

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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We are in favor of the Hawaii Superferry and request that you allow the Superferry to continue service to all islands while the EIS is being completed. There is no difference between the Superferry and any other vessel that uses our waters today!

Don't let the minority speak for the MAJORITY!  
The majority hold the VOTES to get reelected.

Mr. & Mrs. McDonald  
Kapolei, Hawaii

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**From:** Mary I. Floyd [petty@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:15 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry controversy

In my opinion it is much too late to stop the superferry service, considering the enormous investment in time and money and people's hopes and plans for jobs, for family travel, and so forth. It appears that the Superferry Company went above and beyond requirements to guard against harming whales, creating traffic problems, introducing invasive species, and the many other worries of the concerned people opposing this plan to continue to operate while the environmental assessment is being made. I say, let's try it with adequate monitoring. A concerned resident of Hawaii, Mary I. Floyd

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**From:** Susan DeSantos [susandesantos@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:48 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** SuperFerry

With all that has happened to the Hawaiian people and their country over the years, as residents, we have tried to adapt, and continuously fight to stay heard, alive and productive in this western world created by people much like the few protesters of the ferry. What exactly are they trying to do? Protect their own investments they have on Hawaiian land? Or are they just another part of the movement to keep the people of Hawai'i from trying to thrive anyway they can? They must not care that many residents of Oahu have family on the other islands and cannot afford to fly. Or that business owners take huge hits transporting to neighboring islands. You've heard that all before I'm sure. But the questions I guess I'm really asking these anti-ferry activist is... Why are you trying to put a stop to something that the people of Hawai'i want and need? And who the hell do you think you are trying to do so?

If you we're truly concerned about the pollution happening in Hawai'i, I urge you to walk the beaches after the rush of tourist who are littering the aina and watch as the residence who work here clean up after them and are forced to cater to the vacation needs of people who disrespect them and their home.

**Take Care,**

 **Susan DeSantos**

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**From:** Teri Mullenix [anahata6679@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:01 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry Testimony

Aloha All Legislators:

I personally support the Hawaii Superferry because: I believe that Hawaii's people would have more options for inter-island travel; savings of not having to rent a car; not having to ship their craft items for craft shows; sewing machines and class supplies for quilting events; and just being able to see our own state in our own car.

Many Thanks and Aloha

Teri Mullenix  
808-877-3746 M-F 9:30- 5:30



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**From:** Keawe Vredenburg [keaweehu@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:15 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

### In support of superferry

Given the inescapable fact that Hawaii is an island state, there is no viable reason for stopping the new ferry from running while an EIS is being prepared. No one has yet objected to the Young Bros. bi-weekly tug –and-barge units that service all island ports. No cruise ship has filed an EIS, despite a few dumping citations over the years. No one said a word when the last inter-island ferry provided its short-lived service. And no one on Maui, Molokai or Lana'i objects to the daily shuttle. The superferry, if anything, is less likely to be carrying evil organisms because its hull hasn't had time to pick up biological growths from the ocean.

Now if we want to get serious about environmental impacts, we have only to look at airplanes. They distribute unburned hydrocarbons from sea to shining sea. They dump fuel into the ocean on occasion. There's a subject for an EIS. Then there's the incredible noise pollution from airplanes, and the congestion caused at and by the airports. That begs the question – what about automobiles? A quick EIS will show a requirement to stop more automobiles from entering the state to avoid further environmental pollution from both operation and from dumping of used vehicles and their tires and batteries.

The point is: there are many potential polluters besides a superferry, including those ferries already in operation, as well as their seagoing partners, the fishing and sightseeing boats. If the superferry so desperately requires an EIS, then make the rule retroactive for all pre-existing polluters. But let them – and the superferry – continue operation while they all prepare EIS. It's only fair.

Above all, keep the superferry in business. The entire state benefits from it.

Keawe Vredenburg  
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**From:** Jen S [jshido@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:02 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry testimony

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. My elderly mother lives on Maui and I live and work on Oahu. She enjoys visiting Oahu on occasion but prefers living on Maui as that is where her friends are. Her friends provide her with companionship and support and they are a large part of her daily life. She is aging, however, and her health and strength is not what it used to be. Without the Superferry, we may need to force her to live on Oahu (which I don't want to do). She enjoys her independence on Maui and it is her wish that she be able to travel back and forth between Honolulu and Maui for a week or two at a time and the Superferry would provide that opportunity (which an airline could not).

My family and I support the Hawaii Superferry.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Nashiwa  
Marc Nashiwa  
Sumiko Shishido

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**From:** Elvia.Aragon@kp.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:33 AM  
**To:** testimony

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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I support the 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 disappointing and frustrating to see it go to waste especially since it is 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 environmentalists ask the people who travel by plane to vacuum the bottom of their shoes????

Regarding the invasive 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.

Elvia Aragon  
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**From:** Ralph Kalama [rkalama001@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:49 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

We need the superferry. It will help with lower price in traveling to neighbor Islands.

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TO : The Legislature of the State of Hawaii  
FROM : John K. Sang  
SUBJECT : Testimony in Favor of Superferry Operations

Legislators,

I write this letter in support of allowing the Superferry to continue its operations. At this point I believe that everyone involved in this matter failed. I understand the point of view that Department of Transportation took in interpreting the law. After all there are other shipping operations which have been allowed to sail in and around the waters of Hawaii and to enter the harbors throughout the state without the need for an Environmental Study. I firmly believe that what's good for the goose must be good for the gander. Unfortunately the judicial system saw fit to see a different point of view and that view must be respected.

I do however believe that unless a concerted effort to allow this service to continue in Hawaii would prove devastating to our economy, our lifestyle and more over our state's reputation.

With the recent admission by Hawaiian Airlines that as soon as Go Airlines leaves the state they intend to hike up air travel rates to pre Go Airlines levels the cost for families to travel within their own state will be come very prohibitive. I travel a lot, weekly between Lana'i and O'ahu, and I recall the days of \$200.00 round trips. I always thought it was expensive to pay \$200.00 for a 20 minute flight. I could go to Las Vegas for four days with hotel and food included in the price. It seems just a little "out of whack". The Superferry operations would allow a continued competition in the state for inter-island travel. Something that for many years has been missing in this state. I plan on moving to Maui next year and having the option for inter-island travel is very appealing. I believe that the inclusion of this mode of travel will provide the needed competition that companies have not had to face. I'm sure i'm not the only person who would love to be able to pack up their family to go visit family on the neighboring islands.

The recent controversies surrounding this matter have indeed divided these islands. I understand that others have their opinions regarding this issue as do I. That's something that cannot be helped. However I believe we need to put aside those emotional impediments. We need to step back and look at the forest and not the trees. What will the overall impact on the state be?

The state of Hawaii has not traditionally been known for its kindness to business. There's only so much you can do with tourism. Every community throughout the world is vying for the almighty tourist dollar. A competition, which thankfully, we have held our own in. However there are communities who have us in their sights and who are for a lack of a better term giving us a "hard rub". We must diversify our economy. We must be willing to explore and nourish other revenue producing sources. In retrospect, if this

administration had just gone ahead and asked for the EIS I think all of this hubbub would have been avoided and our reputation been less sullied.

You all have a very difficult task ahead of you. Balancing the needs of the community against the wants of the community is not a task that I envy. However it is what you all signed up for. Many of you may face political strife no matter what choice you make. I hope that you make a decision that is fair, balanced and in the best interest of the State as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

John K. Sang

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**From:** physicsphaery@gmail.com on behalf of Stefanie Smith [smithsn@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:06 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawai'i Superferry testimony

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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I think it is clear to most of us watching the protests on Maui and Kauai that the opponents of the Superferry are not concerned about any real threats to the environment. Otherwise why have they not attacked any of the shipping businesses currently operating in our waters that bring them food, among many other products and supplies necessary to their current way of life? If these vessels present a threat to marine life--which they very well may--then we have a much bigger problem on our hands. But until the assessment is done--and I hope with an eye toward similar existing businesses--we shouldn't hold the Superferry to some arbitrary and unique standard based solely on the fears of an ill informed, though highly vocal, minority.

Please allow this new business to operate while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. Thank you.

Stefanie Smith

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**From:** Nancy Kelly [knckhi@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:35 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I want my voice heard to let the Supperferry operate in Hawaiian waters.

For to many years special interests have had their way and in the process given Hawaii a bad name for business. Hawaii has embraced the Superferry and given the a go ahead only to turn around after their large investment is made only to say " to bad, so sad" and cause huge expensive delays. The special interests are aware that the delays will break the bank for the Superferry. It will also cause business to look at investment in Hawaii with the knowledge that we are incapable of keeping our word.

Hawaii's credibility is at stake. We need to honor our commitments and let the Superferry's success or failure be theirs without our intervention.

Nancy C. Kelly

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**From:** Doug Phillips [djp@kona.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:14 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Legislation regarding 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

Dear Senators,

Please do not call a special session for Hawaii Superferry. Moreover, please do not allow HSF to commence operations prior to conducting an Environmental Assessment.

And no matter what happens, please investigate under what circumstances the EA exemption was granted.

Let the Court rulings stand. NO ferry service until an EA is conducted.

Mahalo,  
Doug Phillips  
Kawaihae, Big Island

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**From:** Laurie Archipley [larchipley@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:48 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

Please, please, please...keep the SuperFerry running.  
Our small business of selling/renting WaveWalker kayaks is dependent on it. Not to mention it's nice to have an alternative to flying to the outer islands...it's good for competition!

Thank you!  
Laurie Archipley

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**From:** Jim & Sue [jsmorton@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:50 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

To Whom It May Concern,

We are life-long residents of Hawaii who were born and raised here and we are in favor of the Superferry operating while the EIS is being conducted.

James and Susan Morton

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**From:** GoSeminoles85@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:06 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I favor the Superferry legislation

Dear Sirs and Madams:

I would like to take a moment of your time to express my support for the Superferry legislation that is currently being proposed. I feel that the Superferry should be given the same opportunity to succeed or to fail on it's own accord without the outside interference that is occurring on the islands of Maui and Kauai. Every poll that I have seen shows that a vast majority of the residents of this state support the Superferry and indicate that a small, but vocal and well funded minority are against the Superferry. Please give it a fair chance to vie for our business. I am sure that if any of the doomsday predictions being made by the protesters come true, then ridership of the Superferry will wane. If none of these far-fetched claims materialize then it will have to compete for our business the same as the airlines and the shipping companies. Either way it should be given a fair chance for survival as your public support for the Superferry just a couple of years ago indicated.

Thank you for you time,  
Shari Romberger  
121 Kaliko Drive  
Wahiawa, Hi 96786

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**From:** sales@lfphilo.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:22 AM

**To:** testimony

Aloha,  
I Support Superferry.  
Shan\

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**testimony**

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**From:** Steven Lee [sleework@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:55 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support the Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry and hope it becomes a reality.

1. I feel it is good for the State especially since we are in the middle of the ocean
2. It will be good for intra State commerce as another option
3. There are other large vessels already in Hawaiian waters and to isolate this one entity is discriminatory
4. Marine life and whales have the intelligence to avoid the vessel and Humans should not show the arrogance that Man is necessary for their "salvation"

Steven Lee, President

NIVEK Capital Mortgage

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## testimony

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**From:** jamie oshiro [jamie.oshiro@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:49 PM  
**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.

jamie oshiro  
1801 b 10th ave  
Honolulu, HI 96816



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**From:** Bailey Wharton [bwharton@parkerranch.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:49 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry support

Dear State Senate:

I would like to let you know that I am a supporter of allowing the super ferry to operate during the period of EIS preparation, and I am an environmentalist. I am dismayed that once again in this state a vocal minority can run rough shod over the will of the majority.

The Ferry is needed. We are surrounded by water and transportation is critical and a ferry system is a natural. It makes complete sense.

And we want to drag it down because of fears of invasive species? How do we get invasive species from other islands?

Get real. If this were a serious threat we should ban international flights and ocean voyages, no?

We have been waiting forever for alternative transportation. (Thank God for Go (Mesa) airlines or we would still be hostage to excessive airline rates) The time has come, please do not let the ferry system leave or be pushed out by a vocal minority.

Sincerely yours,

Bailey Wharton  
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808-776-1227fx.  
808-895-4806mbl.

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**From:** Mark Garey [MarkG@SeedIP.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:49 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I live on the Big Island and am in support of the Super Ferry. I am originally from Seattle which operates the largest and the only publicly held Ferry system in the country. Ferry service runs between the mainland and all the outer islands (San Juans) all the way to Vancouver B.C. (Canada) We also have several species of whales which co-exist with the ferry's without incident. I believe that choice is better than no choice. I think that with the proper rules and guidelines, the Super Ferry could be successful in the state of Hawaii. I don't think they should be allowed to run in any fashion that they please. They need routes and speeds and procedures that will protect wildlife and the islands themselves from damage. I do not see any difference between the Super Ferry and other large vessels operating between the Hawaiian Islands currently. I hope the state can find a way to allow the ferry to be a success.

Sincerely,

Mark Garey  
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**From:** XleLevin@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:50 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for superferry

aloha

I am a long-time resident of Hawaii. I own my home here and pay my taxes. I want to go on record as being a very strong supporter of the Superferry. The arguments against allowing the superferry to operate are highly selective since the same arguments can be made relative to any cruise ship, any private vessel and almost any other form of physical communication between the islands. There are more safeguards already in place for the superferry relative to whale collisions than for any other large vessels, commercial or private and it makes *absolutely no sense at all to single out just one kind of vessel. If the opponents wish to be consistent in their views they would have to ban all cruise ships!! Absolutely insane!!!*

Eugene Levin  
Kailua-Kona

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**From:** jimlynn711 [jimlynn711@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:50 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** ferry

**The inter-island ferry system should be reinstated while the studies go in. It's been too long that the airlines owned the travel of people between islands.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James A. Blake  
ex-pats from Oahu**

**testimony**

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**From:** LYONBYTE@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:44 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**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  
Professional Geologist  
Haleiwa, Hawaii

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**From:** glenn [glenn@realtygrouphawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:15 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I am in favor of having the SUPER FERRY....I cannot believe that a few "non residents, perhaps the correct phrase are non Hawaii born" individuals are determining what is needed in this state...in a crisis the SUPER FERRY will provide transportation as well as food and supply to the other islands.....if these individuals had their way we would not have any AIRLINES, CRUISE SHIPS AND MOST OF ALL MATSON...are we being penalized and deprived of what the future will eventually be a necessity, if we are careful and institute rules and regulations to ensure that we protect each island of invasive insects and frogs, this could be a means for all the our families to enjoy other means of taking vacations and in the process keeping our economy healthy, keeping the monies in the State of Hawaii and most of all helping the economy, providing jobs on the outer islands. ENOUGH ALREADY...LET THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII VOTE ON THIS MATTER AND LET THE MAJORITY PREVAIL....the people of Hawaii will always be the silent majority who will not protest, cuss, swear and abuse, not only their neighbors but anyone else (native or not). Please consider the PEOPLE OF HAWAII and the future of the STATE OF HAWAII....

THANK YOU .....for allowing me to present and voice my opinion....  
Glenn Nishihara  
98-223 Puaalii St.  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

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**From:** Brent [bbraden@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:22 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please save Superferry for Hawaii FAMILIES!!

To whom it may concern,  
Our family has looked forward to Superferry since it's inception, and feel Hawaii would greatly benefit from the valuable service it would provide for those of us who are on tight family budgets. The ability to bring our entire family to visit outer islands is a dream come true, and would benefit the outer islands as well with kama'aina business and dollars.  
Please save the Superferry for Hawaii FAMILIES!!!

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**From:** BettyJean Anderson [ladyvalledor@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:18 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

To whom it may concern:

My husband, Loren D. Anderson, and I have long awaited a Superferry to visit the outer islands and would like to see it operate immediately. We are completely against the politics surrounding the obstruction of its operation and feel the Superferry should be allowed to run while the small minority works out its complaints and lawsuits.

Please do not allow the obstruction of the Superferry's operation. The time to have foreseen problems was before the company invested in providing this service with state guarantees to see this new business accomplished. Businesses are watching to see how future investments in Hawaii are being handled. If they are promised an enterprise, only to be legally obstructed at the end, they will in future not be willing to take the risk and will take their business and needed dollars elsewhere. Hawaii needs economic diversification.

We talk about this during election years, but when new businesses actually try and start here, the powers that be strangle them through taxes and legal harrassments.

Loren & BettyJean Anderson  
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**From:** Jesse Andrews [KYC-JrSailing@Hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:24 PM

**To:** testimony

I support the H-4!!!

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**From:** Rae [rae519@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:37 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

My family and I want to visit islands besides Oahu, but we hate to fly - especially on small aircraft. If the Superferry were allowed - we would definitely be visiting them during our month long stay on Oahu.

Thomas Reichert and family

"It's only funny if someone else laughs." KRR

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**From:** ann ellison [pukalani@webtv.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:19 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

We want it!! We need it!!

Have you ever been to Seattle? The ferry system is wonderful. Build it and they will come-it is built and it has come and so will we.  
Please consider voting FOR the SUPERFERRY

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**From:** John Dobrosky [island-bum@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:25 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

This is a no-brainer. The ferry would provide another means of transportation for visiting the islands, farmers have a more rapid means to transport their produce from one island to another, the economy on the islands would prosper!

This state does NOT need a layer of bureaucrats to conduct monthly evaluations on the running of the ferry. Do they monthly inspect Young Brothers, the ocean liners, fishing boats, etc., which operate in these waters?

*Get you head out of the sand and let the ferry operate! Hawaii should move forward and not backward!*

John Dobrosky

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**From:** Jim Fernie [ferniej001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:27 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support Hawaii Superferry

I fully support the Superferry operating during the EIS process.

James H. Fernie  
896 Wanaao Rd.  
Kailua, Hi. 96734  
262-9130

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**From:** Richard Lowe [rrlowe@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:26 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Just got back from two week trip

**In support of the SuperFerry.** With respect to those who oppose it on what they think of as substantive grounds and those who oppose it on procedural grounds (those who say that they probably are for it but want a preceding EIS anyway), *we disagree with both groups as of before and as of now.*

Sorry this is coming to you after 10:30 am today, but we just got back from two weeks on the mainland and we are sending it anyway in case it is helpful.

My academic training is in City and Regional Planning which I studied at the University of California Berkeley and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from which I received a Masters in City Planning. I say that to minimize the impact of the fact that I have also worked in real estate development, real estate lending and property management and general brokerage. My take on the SuperFerry is that it is an entrepreneurial effort of great significance for the State of Hawaii and several sectors of the communities of the Islands. When a business invests a great effort, time and money (with or without Federal and State support) it represents a positive attempt to do something of value to the communities it is attempting to serve: among the benefits are jobs, a transportation alternative, a tourism alternative and a multitude of joyful experiences for our communities. While I greatly admire the academic community and its orientation to truth-seeking and scholarship, I also greatly admire those entrepreneurial people and companies that take risks - offer at great personal risk - to do something new for the community. The most challenging thing for any person to undertake is to create a business that employs hundreds of people and, with luck and very hard work, will continue as a base for further employment and for the betterment of the community (most entrepreneurs would, of course, think positively about their proposals).

Having just returned (yesterday) I have not had time to review the specifics of what the Legislature is studying. So I am not prepared to write or talk about specifics.

Thanks for the opportunity to communicate with the Legislature.

Richard R. Lowe

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**From:** Phillip Ammon [pgammon@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I Support the SUPER FERRY!

I am writing to show my support the the Super Ferry inter-island service!

As a business owner, it is great benefit to be able to travel to Maui or Kauai with my vehicle loaded with the video production equipment I need for filming special events.

I would use this service often, since Flying involves much more effort in physically transporting several bags and cases from car to airport, from airport to car, and then back again once the job is done. Besides, air travel costs me twice as much in excess baggage fees, plus I have to rent a car or van when I get there.....

The decision is simple, THIS SERVICE WILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL, and I STRONGLY SUPPORT BEGINNING SERVICE ASAP!!!!

Furthermore, the trip itself would be a great experience by boat, enabling us travels to see the outer-islands from the Ocean View.

Please Rule IN FAVOR of the SUPER FERRY.

Mahalo.

Sincerely,

Phil Ammon  
Producer

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**From:** glenn [glenn@realtygrouphawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:26 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

LET HAVE THE SUPERFERRY....it is upsetting that a few people who was not born and raised in Hawaii are determining what we need and don't need....should a catastrophe happen this will probably be the only means of supplying food and supply to our outer islands, have they forgotten the hurricane that hit Kauai!! I think the government should take a stand for what is best for this State and allow the opponents to sit on a committee that will help create rules and regulations in the operation (environmental) of the ferry.....we are tired of hearing all the yelling and protesting from our non native neighbors....ENOUGH!!  
LET THE SUPERFERRY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMY OF OUR STATE

Gayla Sasaki  
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Mililani, HI. 96789

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**From:** mepickie@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:40 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for superferry

I  
support the  
superferry David A Walls

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

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**From:** sophieb@sonic.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:33 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** The Super Ferry

Dear Committee Members

I am not a resident of Hawaii. I spend about 4 weeks each year in the grand state of Hawaii; in 2006, one week on Hawaii, Kona coast, and 4 weeks on Kauai; in 2007, 4 weeks on Kauai (the month of October) and back for one week in December.

Ferries are in service in the San Francisco Bay area where I live. Ferries are in service in the San Juan Islands where I visit friends and relatives. And I use these ferries, the former because I live nearby and the latter because I visit there.

Ferries between Honolulu and Lihue and between Honolulu and Maui would be used both by people who live here and by people who visit here. Ferries are a useful means of transporting people or people and their cars.

Sincerely,  
Sophie Beth Pettigrew  
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
707-570-2777

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**From:** Karen Offerdahl [vikngprncss@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:27 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** superferry

let the superferry said. We are looking forward to it and PROGRESS is a good thing. I am tired of this state being the worst state to do business in and tired of the high taxes and price of everything. Let's get some new businesses in here. Hurry up!

Karen Offerdahl

1122 Elm St

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**From:** Doug Sheehan [doug105@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:30 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry Testimony

Dear Sirs,

I have lived on Maui since 1980, being born and raised on Oahu. I am also an ex-canoe paddler here—being very familiar with the Kahului waterfront, having been a previous manager of the local stevedoring company for approximately 10 years. I know the whole shipping/harbor situation on Maui very well.

I feel that the Super Ferry should be allowed to operate while an environmental impact statement is conducted. I remember riding on Seafite many times, and just how peaceful and relaxing it was to visit the other islands with very little stress and turmoil. Having a ferry operated on our unlimited waterways makes perfect sense—I've been on many of them in the Northwest, as well as one that runs between the two islands of New Zealand. Why Hawaii is so different is beyond me. We need another way of shipping freight, as well as an alternative to flying. Historically all our forefathers traveled between the islands by boat, why can't we do the same?

Give the Superferry a chance to operate and prove itself. Let an environmental study be done while it operates—no harm will be done to anyone, I'm sure.

Thank You,

Doug Sheehan

Kula, Hawaii

Ph 878-2977

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**From:** Scott & Zaida Holmes [holmesbuild22@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:23 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

The superferry would bring so much to enhance our islands. It would contribute to the success of businesses since more people would be able to afford to travel interisland.

🌺 Aloha,

~Zaida~

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**From:** Amarin, Paul (HI04) [Paul\_Amarin@Adi-dist.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony

Aloha.

I believe that with the operation of the Hawaii Superferry to Kauai and Maui will be very beneficial. For Locals and Tourist, It will add another travel option, rather than just by Air travel. Which many can't for the fear of flying. It will bridge the connection between islands that many have been longing for, families get to finally see other family members, locals can finally get to see and respect other attractions other islands offer, and with respect for the land, I believe that many locals totally understand this, we just need to educate the masses, including tourist upon arrival. We need to emphasis the importance of "togetherness" WE ALL need to make this happen TOGETHER. We do not need to build walls and create the "us against them" feeling. We need to show our children and future children that we all (Islands) can come together and make work for the better.

Mahalo for your time.

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*Thich Nhat Hanh*

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**From:** Jaydon2@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:29 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** FOR SUPRFERRY

ALOHAGOVERNOR LINGLE AND HAWAII LEGISLATURE, KUDOS TO THE WAY YOU RUN OUR BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS. YOU DESERVE APPLAUSE! WE ARE BIG ISLAND KEAHOU RESIDENTS AND HAVE NEVER HEARD ONE COMMENT AGAINST THE SUPERFERRY! WE ALL WANT IT. IT MUST BE THE RADICALS THAT ARE AGAINST EVERYTHING AND MUST PROTEST SOMETHING!!!!!! THEY SHOULD ADOPT THAT AS THEIR MOTTO! MAHALO FOR YOUR GOOD WORK JAYNE AND DON REICH P.S. LET THE SUPERFERRY ROLL!!

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**From:** glenn [glenn@realtygrouphawaii.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:30 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** in favor ...

I am in favor of having the superferry.....Tired of hearing all this commotion about what is good for us from people who has not gone through the hardships and cost of visiting the neighbor islands...lets help our neighbors on the outer island and provide a means of supplementing their economy.....

Gina Saneishi  
95-1017 Kopalani St.  
Mililani, HI. 96789

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**From:** Wesley Lum [wesleylum@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:29 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** I'm For the Superferry

I support the Superferry.

As a resident, born and raised in Hawaii, I feel the Superferry has every right to operate in the islands--just as much as all other modes of transportation are already operating in Hawaii.

They have invested millions in Hawaii, and it's just wrong to turn them away now.

Yes, there were some mistakes. We should all learn. We do need to keep the environment in mind.

Let the Superferry operate.

Wesley Lum  
wesleylum@hotmail.com

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**From:** David Lundquist [dlundquist@hardwarehawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:26 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hardware Hawaii Supports Superferry

**Testimony of David Lundquist, President and CEO of Hardware Hawaii:**

Hardware Hawaii Supports the Superferry. The Superferry has been an important part of Hardware Hawaii's business planning decisions, and the \$20 million investments Hardware Hawaii has recently made in Hawaii's economy, including a new hardware and lumber store in Koloa, Kauai. Our decisions have been jeopardized by the uncertainty regarding the Superferry, which was an important part of our business plan. Hardware Hawaii is a \$50 million locally owned company with 285 employees, including employees who live on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island. Please get the Superferry going! Hawaii's people and small businesses want it, need it, and have been planning on it.

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**From:** Mary King [Lanikaimary@msn.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:38 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** superferry

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Mahalo, Mary King 11 Aalapapa Place, Kailua, HI 96734

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## testimony

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**From:** g [g@america-3.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:57 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Fate of 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 of: George L. Berish  
88 Piikoi Street, Unit 4009  
Honolulu, HI 96814  
808 593 8977 / g@America-3.org

I am here to request that Hawaii's lawmakers honor the original approval of the super ferry.

My concerns are many but time permits addressing only these few:

First, many millions of investment capital were risked in good faith reliance on an approval that took years to acquire, so the loss of this capital as a result of the government renegeing on its approval will decrease Hawaii's access to future investments of this type.

The plight of Mexico's citizens who are such a desperately poor source of cheap US labor illustrates the risk when the government's behavior becomes unreliable. No one intelligent enough to accumulate large amounts of capital is foolish enough to risk it in Mexico where corruption makes the government's word unreliable. It's like running a poker table where the dealer does not honor "a card laid is a card played". No one whose play would be desired is foolish enough to do so. Those foolish enough to do so aren't desirable players.

It is irrelevant that Hawaii's reason for unreliability -- namely timidity that too easily bends to the squeakiest wheels -- is more benign: The result is the same. Good investment ends.

In this case the squeaky wheels seem intent on claiming exclusive enjoyment of priceless resources without paying for them. For example, it seems those whose love of recreation leaves them less encumbered by jobs, responsibilities and courtesy seem more listened to than those whose jobs deny them equal free-time and whose natural courtesy prevents them from responding in kind. The same seems true of the already rich from elsewhere who have the resources to pursue increasing their already valuable property's worth by persuading lawmakers to prevent others from developing theirs nearby.) It seems wrong that Hawaii's lawmakers would bend to those squeaky wheels on this important matter. Please don't.

Especially when the Ferry is truly the kind of technology that can inspire Hawaii's children to dream of a future in which it's their turn to be tourists on whom others must wait with eternal cheerfulness. The Ferry is not the fire sale of Hawaii's land that is so falsely mislabeled "investment". Neither is it the foolish payment of mainland firms to use Hawaii's cheap labor and free beauty as props in movies. Movies made with technology kept on the mainland. This Ferry is truly a wondrous thing we should keep for Hawaii's children to see and be inspired by.

My second argument is the ferry is not something new to be tested again, It is only an improvement over things already approved, so requiring a separate study will set a precedent where any advance in engineering will be held hostage to another study.

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For example, requiring a study for the Ferry should then require a study every time Matson modifies a barge to permit faster less expensive towing. The ferry is, after all, just an impressive advancement in barge technology.

Finally, isn't it time that adult intelligence stands up to irrational emotions? Truly, is any lawmaker willing to swear she or he believes the bottom of a Ferry which must be kept slick and clean to retain profitable speed, and that is buffeted for hours by the equivalent of a high pressure hoses, could possibly carry anything between islands that is not more comfortably transported in the wonderfully fertile ecology that flourishes beneath existing barges? There can be no rational public debate until lawmakers stand to end such knowingly false statements, by letting those who make them know they will be publicly called on such dishonesty and then will be exclude from the debate.

All people are entitled to their opinion, but no one has the right be wrong in her or his facts.

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From: Stuart Wilson [wilsons@dtsemaui.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:55 AM

To: testimony

Testimony Regarding Hawaii Superferry

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Stuart N. Wilson  
2533 Lemi Place  
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To the Hawaii State Senate,  
Its Committees of  
Judiciary and Labor,  
Transportation and International Affairs, and  
Energy and Environment

RE: Testimony regarding legislation impacting the Hawaii Superferry

Please hear my testimony in favor of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate, without restrictions that have significant adverse impact on its business model, and without avenues for continuation of the public relations and legal circus that has ensued in recent weeks.

Benefits of the Superferry are manifold. Its opponents have engaged in a campaign of distortion with the thinly disguised goal of altogether preventing the service's operation. They must not succeed.

1. The Hawaii Superferry is a great transportation resource for the state.
  - a. It will enhance intra-state commerce by giving smaller islands viable shopping access to the Oahu market.
  - b. It will reduce costs of service companies who do business state wide.
  - c. It provides a tremendous resource for disaster aid.
  - d. It brings new competition to intra-state shipping and travel.
2. Superferry service is favored by a majority of state residents.
  - a. This fact has been confirmed by numerous polls.
  - b. A minority, no matter how vocal, should not prevail over the voice of the people.
3. The supreme court's ruling concerned harbor improvements at Kahului. It is an unfortunate fact that this act has resulted in a counterfeit referendum on the service as a whole. The legislature should act with swift leadership to restore order and determinism to the state business climate.
4. Recent arguments of the SuperFerry opponents are without merit.
  - a. The so-called expert testimony in Judge Cardoza's court regarding timelines for tactical whale avoidance was laughably pessimistic.
  - b. The imu rock incident on Maui is something easily overcome by appropriate state guidelines.
  - c. Suggestions by Issac Hall that any legislative action would be unconstitutional and threats of further litigation are moot. These, along with criticisms of "over-ruling the courts" reflect a complete misunderstanding of the separation of powers. A well thought out bill would pass constitutional muster. I am sure that Mr. Hall understands this. His remarks are either little more than an attempt to cast doubt, or a chilling endorsement of judicial tyranny.
5. Longstanding arguments of the SuperFerry opponents are without merit.
  - a. The Superferry is not responsible for traffic problems. Among the tired lines of Superferry

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opponents is that the Superferry will worsen vehicle traffic congestion.

- i. Attempts to demonstrate congestion in Maui proved the opposite.
  - ii. Other venues, such as the weekly Maui swap meet, result in far worse congestion.
  - iii. If Superferry patronage grew so large as to cause congestion, there are multiple avenues for mitigation.
  - iv. Traffic congestion is due to scarce infrastructure, and is a statewide problem. Its application to the Superferry is a red herring.
- b. The Superferry is not responsible for drug problems. Drugs can be and are shipped by many means. If, as the opponents suggest, the Superferry service became a drug conduit, it would be a boon to law enforcement, capturing drug traffic in an enclosed area easily inspected with a dog.
5. Emotional appeals to whale welfare cannot be allowed govern the state.
- a. Other animals are frequently victims of vehicle collisions, yet there are no calls for banning cars.
  - b. The Superferry is not the only operation that poses a risk to whales, yet it has been treated as if it is.
  - c. Comparisons to other parts of the world by Superferry opponents are not fair. A favorite, the Canary islands, not only has a year-round whale population, but also has far more than two vessels operating high speed ferry services. Further, statistics drawn from this venue assume causality that is unproven. It is also worth noting that pictures on anti-ferry websites show animals which were clearly victims of propeller cuts.
  - d. Given the political climate, and its efforts to date, one can safely assume that Superferry will do its utmost to prevent harm to marine mammals.



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**From:** Jean Gray [konajeans@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:33 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Aloha!

Just a quick note to let you know that I feel that **we absolutely need the super ferry.** It cannot possibly do the damage that the cruise ships do and would be so beneficial for our transportation system and economy.

With warmest Big Island regards,

*jean*

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**From:** Marcus Hannah [marcus\_hannah@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:30 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I support the superferry!!

I am writing to support the superferry. I feel it would be a great service to hawaii residents. I have been looking forward to taking my family outer island on it for some time but am waiting until the problems have been worked out. I hope you can work them out soon!

Marcus Hannah  
282-5415

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**From:** Randy Rees [rrees@prem-hi.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:31 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support Superferry

Senate Committees:

Judiciary and Labor  
Transportation and International Affairs  
Energy and Environment

October 23, 2007 10:20am

I am in support of allowing the Superferry to operate starting immediately will an EIS is prepared. Please do not allow the minority of people with loud voices to block the Superferry. These people have a variety of excuses such as people from Oahu will pick all their Opihi, to invasive species, etc. They are backed by businesses such as Matson and Young Brothers, etc. who will stand to benefit from not allowing free enterprise. Matson, Young Brothers, and the Cruise Lines do not have to do an EIS. Why is the Superferry being singled out? It will not bring more people to the other islands, only an alternative way of getting there.

Thank You,

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**From:** Michael Brewton [FoToeOp@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:29 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I feel it is the duty of elected officials to reflect the will of the people, which is the job you were elected to do. It is very clear that an overwhelming majority are in favor of the Superferry, yet it is the radical few that have every ones ear. I'm not sure when this trend became the norm, but it has infected this country to its very roots, and it is time to put an end to it.

Unbeknownst to most, there was a ferry system in the islands up until WWII when those ships were put into war time service. Sadly it was never restarted after the war ended or we'd not be having this issue now. Be that as it may, the fact it was here and didn't cause the massive environmental damage these protestors are claiming show these claims to be nothing more than manufactured hysteria. I urge you to do the right thing.

Michael Brewton

Kalaheo, HI

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**From:** Coochie Cayan [ccayan@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:32 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Hawaii Superferry

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HAWAII SUPERFERRY

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

PLACE: STATE CAPITOL AUDITORIUM

ALOHA HONORABLE SENATORS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY & LABOR, TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT:

My name is Phyllis Cayan and I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry operating as an alternative transportation for the Hawaiian Islands. My grandparents and their generation travelled by canoe and boat between the islands. Their generation discussed the need for ferries between the islands. The current low air fares is a boon for many of us who must travel inter-island. We know that the air fares will go up without alternative transportation options.

There are already passenger ferries between the island of Maui to Lana'i and to Molokai. These are critical alternatives for both islands that help with the socio-economics of the residents there by making inter-island travel affordable for everyone.

Yes, there are issues with visitors who go to Lana'i and Molokai and abuse the natural resources because of their ignorance. This exists even with those who fly inter-island i.e., weekly flights with construction workers who board with workboots that probably have alien species or their bags and tools with invisible species.

In this global economy, none of our islands have a choice to 'shut the door' on visitors and visiting residents because of the traffic, housing, alien species and whale issues that exist throughout the state.

My testimony is as a private citizen today although I worked as a community consultant with the Superferry folks in 2005-2006 and know there is support for this alternative transportation. Please work out the differences!

Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

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**From:** itsburt@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:32 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Washington State Ferry System

I am from Seattle Washington and my wife from Vancouver BC  
We both have used the ferry system in our two countries with never a problem  
to fish, sea life and most of all wales.  
The ferry system that I have learned to know was user friendly and posed no problems to the enviornment.

Thank you, Burton Weitman

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**From:** glenn [glenn@realtygrouphawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:33 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Let us have the Superferry

I AM IN FAVOR...and so are the majority of the people I have talked to...but things have not changed...the locals do not speak up...it's the loud mouth, sign waiving non natives that are making the most noise and trying to influence the decision that will affect us all.....HOW STUPID CAN WE BE!!! To let this take place...

Genine Nishihara  
98-223 Puaalii St.  
Aiea, HI. 96701

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**From:** Mr Patrick Harrington [spike96714@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:30 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Please approve the Superferry! If one of the airlines goes out of business it would be a good alternative in case airfares go to \$140.00 again. I have lived on Kauai during the last two hurricanes and only wished we had it then. It would have been great to bring supplies and for the people that lost cars and trucks, they could have bought them in Oahu and ferried them back.

I think the majority of the people on Kauai are for the Superferry, they don't want to speak in public because of the unruly, illegal crowd opposing the Superferry. This opposition group typically opposes everything connected to business under different names. "Save this or save that".

Pat Harrington Hanalei



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**From:** Sue Ann [adn@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:34 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPER FERRY

I am writing in support of the super ferry for the following reasons:

One, the ferry is another option for "local" people to come home again, visit friends and family, everything that family is all about. I am part-Hawaiian. My father's family is from Maui and my mother's family is from Kaua'i. I have more ties to Maui and Kaua'i than the protesters who are not of our aina. These protesters seem to be newly planted transients who do not understand our ways. This is not their kuleana, they are guests here. The Kaua'i and Maui politicians are representing the transients and not the local people who have been on Kaua'i and Maui for generations. Instead of thinking of what is "politically correct" they should be thinking of what is best for the majority of their constituents, which is ohana.

Secondly, Kaua'i is not a sovereign island as stated by ex-mayor Joanne Yokemura. This is such an ignorant statement, but it brought up a point. Our state is made up of eight islands that are all one, Hawai'i Ne. No island is sovereign onto itself. Local families have migrated to other islands for many reasons, but their roots will be their land of birth and the sacredness of their ohana. That will never be taken away from us. Outsiders to our local customs are trying to create a rift between us. They will never succeed, but they will continue to try.

Please look at the bigger picture. Please listen to the majority of people who want the option of the super ferry to "come home again."

*Mahalo,*

Sue Ann Napoleon  
45-505 Noi'i Place  
Kane'ohe, Hawaii 96744

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**From:** Carol Lee Owens [clo@fffhawaii.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Support for the Super Ferry

I am in support of the Super Ferry for Hawaii. I believe it to be a great alternative for family reunions, cargo alternatives to promote small businesses between the islands of our locally made or grown items, a great alternative for the construction industry, and the opening of travel for a lot of disabled individuals between the islands. To see our islands from the water is just fantastic.

Carol Lee Owens  
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**From:** larryljw43@hawaii.rr.com [larry@ljwassoc.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:28 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** Lingle  
**Subject:** informational meeting on draft legislation to allow super ferry to operate

To: Senator Brian Tanaguchi / Chairman Judiciary and labor Committee:

From:  
 Lawrence W. Jackson Oahu Citizen  
 750 Kaheka Street Unit 1507  
 Honolulu, HI 96814 Phone 808-946-0996 Cel 808-226-3762

RE: Support of Super Ferry Legislation to Allow Ferry to operate prior to environmental assessment. Bill # (unknown) being held on 10-24-2007 at 10:30 AM at State Capitol, Oahu .

I am sorely disappointed that our legislators as usual do not have the vision to do what is best for the state of Hawaii as one state, even in the face of opposition from a few. The Hawaii Super Ferry at last offers an alternative for travel between the Islands that goes beyond what is available using the transportation system offered by the historical monopoly of air travel controlled by Hawaiian Airlines and Aloha Airlines . and the barge Service controlled by Young Brothers. It is also disappointing to see that the misguided protectionism of 400 people can be allowed to pretend to speak for the whole population of Kauai County. ( some of whom have signed petitions and spoken out against the ferry but are actually residents of mainland cities). Or that 300 impolite , raucous people of Maui County, who wont let the opposing side speak freely, are being listened to more seriously than the silent majority who have let their feelings be known via polls that show 90 % support letting the ferry operate now. This committee should also hark-en back to when Kauai was devastated by the Hurricane and food and water and medical supplies were delayed in reaching the Island because the airport was unusable and the Barge service which has to be towed by tugs was slow to respond. If we had had the super ferry then with its capability to transport people emergency vehicles and supplies the response from Oahu would have been within hours rather than the days that it took to get supplies needed to begin restoring electric power and water services etc. This devastation can very possibly happen again in time.

We have heard so much about invasive species being brought to the outer Islands from Oahu that it borders on the ridiculous. if in over a hundred years of unimpeded travel between the Islands by *pleasure boats, un-washed landing gear of aircraft, un-clean construction equipment transported by barge between the Islands and more simply the underside of the barges and ballast tanks of matson container ships and cruise liners, that cruise the oceans around the world IE. Singapore, China, Taiwan, Guam, San Francisco, Portland Oregon etc..* that i begin to think that the old adage "*your too close to the forest to see the trees*" begins to apply here .

The actions of (in reality) a small percentage of the Maui and Kauai population makes it appear that they would like to become independent states within a state rather than counties within a state. Furthermore the vocal messages being delivered by some of our legislators from those Islands, would seem to promulgate that idea of Independence from laws for the good of the state as a whole rather than the individual county.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony

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**From:** Lori Fitzgerald [fitz.lori@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:47 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I am writing to let you know that I am IN SUPPORT of the superferry to resume service without the study being done.

I was born & raised on Oahu and moved to Kauai in 1990. In all the years here on Kauai, we have seen much development and I do not think the superferry is going to cause anymore harm than tourism, & new residence. I am assamed at how the protesters of Kauai are behaving and find it very embarrassing to Kauai.

I have spoke to many "HAWAIIANS" born & raised here and they too look forward to the superferry as a new means for the local people to travel interisland.

Please allow the superferry to resume services. It would be a crying shame to see the superferry go away.

Mahalo for your time  
Lori Fitzgerald  
Kapaa

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**From:** Aquino, Ery [eaquino@honolulu.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:28 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** testimony

I think having a superferry is great. Thank you to all the people who have this idea. Now we have  
The opportunity to go to interisland and enjoy the beauty of every island of Hawaii.

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**From:** Joe Treggor [jtreggor@snet.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:20 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry 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

I urge you to pass the bill without ammendment. The action of the Supreme Court placed the ferry in double-jeapordy. Having done due dilgence with respect to environmental and social ramifications, the ocean was rather pulled out from under them.

I for one will not visit Hawaii until the ferry is operational. A pity.

Sincerely  
Josef Treggor

Thank you

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**From:** Jaydon2@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:46 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** (no subject)

ALOHA ,WE NEED THE SUPERFERRY PERSONALLY TO TRANSPORT MY HUSBAND BACK AND FRTH TO HIS DOCTORS DR. JOHN GRAHM AND DR. MITSANAGA WHO REPLACED HIS BACK WITH A NEW PROCEDURE PIONEERED BY DR. MITSANAGA. HE NEEDS TO HAVE OUR CAR AND RIDE IN COMFORT WITH NO HASSLE ABOARD THE SUPERFERRY WE MUST NOT LT THE GREATEST FORM OF TRANSPORTATION LEAVE OUR PARADISE.WE NEED TO MODERNIZE OUR HAWAII TO LET THE WORLD KNOW WE STAND TALL WITH THE OTHER 49 STATES! WE NEED TO LET OUR JEWEL OF THE PACIFIC SHIMMER! ALL OF US ON THE BIG ISLAND ARE IN ACCORD! MAHOLO, JAYNE FANCHER REICH

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**From:** Julia Paschoal [juliapaschoal@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:46 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Supper Ferry

I am sending this email to show my support for the Hawaii Super Ferry. I live on the Big Island, on the Hilo side. Travel by the ferry would allow us here in Hilo to travel more conveniently, especially with my large family. We are paddlers, and have a lot of family on the outer islands using the ferry would make traveling easier when your talking about shuffling small children through airport security and rental car agencies, and so on. Just being able to load our luggage in the car and drive on & off the ferry would mean a huge convenience for many Hawaii families.

Water communities around the country and the world enjoy this type of service, surely Hawaii deserves as much. Every one from farmers, vendors, handicapped, sports teams and lets not forget UH sports Fans (such as my self) can benefit from this service.

I realize the EIS is an important issue, and can not just be dismissed. However I question why no one makes an issue out of all the cruise ships that sail from island to island, with virtually no restraints or safeguards as far as our ecosystem is concerned. Cruising at high speeds and posing an equal threat to marine life. At least the Supper Ferry has tried to come up with avoidance routes, the same can not be said about the other ships. Tourists that sail on these cruise ships take tours and hikes in our forests then get back on their ships and sail to the next island, just as likely to spread invasive species as any one coming off the supper ferry. Furthermore the ferry is shuttling people who live here, though I'm sure some tourists will take advantage of the service. By the large the ferry would not be introducing new tourists as the cruise ships do.

The loud and terroristic minority, have been disrespectful towards their neighbors, slinging obscenities and threats at any one that dares to show up and oppose their opinion at public forums. This is so wrong! I cannot be there in person to voice my opinion so I am counting on you my elected officials to hear my voice, and those like me, and do what is right by the **majority** of you constituents. Every poll, survey and questionnaire in the recent weeks has pointed overwhelmingly towards support of the Supper Ferry. If this government does not do something in support of that majority, then I seriously question **your** motives.

Julia Paschoal  
Hilo HI

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**testimony**

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**From:** Rebekah Lussia'a [kahunachio@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:28 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** *Need for the Supperferry*

Aloha,

Living on the outer islands, there is not much available as far as choices for transportation. We are forced to choose the airlines which can make the prices whatever they want. We desperately need more affordable choices especially with gas prices and cost of living. I support the Supperferry and will be a frequent user of it. Mahalo for your time.

Rebekah Lussia'a

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**From:** Kylie Polzin [kyliebeth@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:46 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

Aloha Legislators

I would like to voice my strong objection to the proposed special session of the Legislature that will consider legislation to authorize the Superferry to operate without being required to observe existing environmental protection laws. The Supreme Court has required that the clear language of HRS Chapter 343 must be honored, and no single private business should be exempted from the statutory requirements for an EA or an EIS. Any public benefit to be derived from the Superferry is not of such a critical and immediate nature that State laws should be disregarded simply to allow this one business to begin operations, especially when it is clear that the Superferry and the State government erred in their interpretation of the law. A very dangerous precedent will be established by bailing out a private business under these circumstances, and the Legislature should not be favoring a single private business venture over the obvious and possibly irreparable damages that such a venture may cause.

An after-the-fact EIS, as is proposed in the Superferry legislation, will be a meaningless exercise since the decision to allow operations to begin and to exempt the Superferry from all other State and County laws related to its commencement of operations will already have been made; an after-the-fact EIS will have no impact on the decision, which defeats the very purpose of requiring an EIS in the first place.

Leaving the establishment of environmental protective operating conditions to the Governor will not provide any meaningful protection, since the Governor has already indicated her position that the Superferry should be allowed to operate regardless of any other issues or factors. We cannot rely on the Governor to impose strict or meaningful conditions, and it would be wrong for the Legislature to avoid taking responsibility for this critical issue.

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

- Hawaii's EIS law should be upheld because it provides a crucial layer of protection for Hawaii's irreplaceable natural and cultural beauty. If we don't protect our environment, tourism will suffer, which will in turn cause EVERY other industry in the islands to suffer.
- The proposed legislation to exempt the Superferry from its obligations under the law is overbroad. It exempts the Superferry from every permit requirement and public oversight requirement currently on the books. Proposed conditions on the operation of the Superferry fail to address legitimate concerns about the possible irreparable harms highlighted by the Maui Court.
- The Hawaii Constitution guarantees everyone the "right to a clean and healthful environment" (Haw. Const. Art. 11, sec. 9). The Constitution, however, does not guarantee anyone the right to a profit. If our elected officials grant an exemption to our environmental laws, then they will be placing the corporations' right to profit over the public's right to a healthy environment.
- 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 Hawaii'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 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.

Please look at the long-term implications of allowing the Superferry to operate without a completed EIS. It's not worth the risk to our environment to ensure a private company's success. We did just fine without the Superferry for all these years; we'll do fine without it for the next two years while an EIS is conducted.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please look to the future of our state and make the right decision.

Kylie Polzin  
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**From:** ronmil [ronmil@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:44 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

An island state simply needs a ferry system. Work out the details  
ASAP while the ferry is operating.

Ron Darby

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**From:** Acosta, Myra L Ms TAMC [myra.acosta@us.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:44 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support supper fury (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

Dear Sir,  
I feel that this is very important to my family and love because we could reach out to other family member that live on other Islands.  
Can't understand why people are so afraid of improvement. There are more Haloos making waves. I'm in favor of the super fury coming form Island to Island.  
Thank You and Aloha,  
Myra Acosta  
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

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**From:** Bergstrom, Rick [Rick.Bergstrom@xerox.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:34 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I believe the Super Ferry should be allowed to operate while the EIS is being conducted. I believe the exceptions made for them was based on precedence as had been applied to ALL interisland sea going commercial & military craft prior. I do not believe you can pick and choose what you want to protest and what not too.

If the Super Ferry is going to be held to a higher standard then going forward ALL new ships or barges coming into the state should be held to the same standards. No Exceptions!

I do not feel the few noisy rude protestors speak for a vast majority of the population for the State of Hawaii! These people truly need to practice what they preach!

Rick Bergstrom

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**From:** Nagashima, Nicole [Nicole.Nagashima@marriott.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:29 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for the Superferry

Aloha,

*I am writing to you in support of the Superferry. As a taxpayer of Hawaii, I would like to see my hard earned monies not go to waste. As a resident of Hawaii, I would also like to have options for myself when traveling to the outer islands. I am also in the Hospitality Industry and am ashamed to see these individuals tarnish our reputation of being the Aloha State on national television.*

I feel that this is such an unfortunate situation where a few misguided individuals would cause so much disruption to the release of the Superferry that will benefit the entire state. I am hoping that my email will help to push for the release of the Superferry in the islands and not have to be shipped to overseas.

Mahalo,  
Nicole Nagashima

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**From:** lmayg14@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:31 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I support the Super Ferry. Please pass the bill to allow it to operate in Hawaii. Lori Gunther

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**From:** Devaki [devaki@hawaiian.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:44 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** EIS First; No Exceptions

Dear Representatives and Legislatures,  
I am strongly against the SuperFerry running without an EIS. There should be NO Exceptions, no special sessions. I think it sets a very bad precedent and makes it look as if our state allows illegal actions by special groups and for special interests. It also shows a blatant disregard for the environment and the ecology of our wildlife. Hawaii is one of the most beautiful places in the country and should serve as an example of Environmentalism. Please do not allow powerful politicians and Big Business to influence your decisions.

I was not able to attend or give my testimony at the meeting held on Kauai on October 21 at 2PM.

Please submit my Testimony to:

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

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

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

Aloha,  
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**From:** Marilyn Mick [marilynmick@pobox.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:43 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.

Marilyn Mick  
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**From:** Jimsaloha@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:31 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPPER FERRY

**I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROBLEM IS!  
SUPPER FERRIES ARE NOT NEW! THE ARE BEINING USED ALL OVER THE WORLD  
WITHOUT ANY ENVIORMENTAL PROBLEMS. ONLY HAWAII HAS A PROBLEM.  
WHY? OUR STATE IS COMPOSED OF ISLANDS, YET PEOPLE OPPOSE USING THE  
OCEAN AS A MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. PLEASE LETS JOIN THE 21st  
CENTURY.  
THANK YOU,  
JIM RICHMAN**

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**From:** Valarie Nobriga [vnobriga@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:36 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry Testimony

Aloha

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry because we, the locals, need an alternative to the airlines and car rental companies! Competition is good! The Hawaii Superferry offers an economical alternative for neighbor island travel. Too long have we hidden behind the facade of saving our aina when in fact special interest groups cloud the real purpose and potential problems with over exaggerated fears of "our poor whales" or "don't hurt the turtles" when the real reason is money. Follow the money!!!

What will happen to the two major airlines if everyone started taking the superferry to the neighbor islands for weekend visits with family or a work week on a neighbor island? And what will happen to the Car Rental agencies if locals are able to take the superferry with their personal car, truck, or van loaded up with clothing, food, pets, and gifts for family visits on the neighbor islands?

I find it sad that none of these environmental concerns were addressed early in the process or if the concerns were waived because of similar entities utilizing our waters, why is everyone making such a shameful spectacle of themselves now??? What about Young Brothers, Matson, and cruise liners that use the same waters with the same animals swimming and at risk of being hit or killed but they are not being harrassed like the Hawaii Superferry! Why because they do not interfere with the business of airlines transportation and rental car revenues! Follow the money!!!

Anytime a good idea comes to Hawaii with the financial backing to put it into operation, an idea that will bring much needed revenue and customers to our small business owners, or products to our local and tourist shoppers, someone or some specialty group also comes along to put fear and guilt into our PTSD rich minds that our Aina will be destroyed or our culture overrun. I don't know about you but I would love to travel between the islands, take my family with me and pack everyone into my truck for a wonderful affordable vacation!

I ask the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environmental agencies to look beyond the hype and hysteria surrounding the Hawaii Superferry and allow Hawaii to come into the 21st century. I think the idea of the oversight taskforce with a representative aboard for all trips is good because it provides an avenue for accountability and responsibility that comes naturally when you know you are being watched!

Valarie A. L. Nobriga

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**From:** Charrese Pang [Charrese@fffhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:26 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** My Testimony is all a "GO" for the Hawaii Super Ferry

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Hawaii resident, born and raised in Honolulu. I would like to testify that the Hawaii Superferry should be up and running. For all of the residents that are against this Superferry should think that they could have started all of this before all the money was put into it. Yes it may damage the docks on certain islands but if this will all be a go then hey I am pretty sure we can look into trying to renovate those areas. I truly believe this could be a great kick off to not only "ohana" being closer together and conveniently "just a boat ride away". Everyone hears "yes I'm coming over to your house (when on a neighbor island) with my canoe" well here is that chance to make it come true. How convenient this could be if our kids could travel by the superferry to travel to neighbor islands for their educational field trips. If we were to think about the big picture, "what is the worst that could happen?"

The only way we could lose now is if we stop the Hawaii Superferry by losing all the funds that were already put into getting it started.

Aloha,

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**From:** jhtaylor98@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:42 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Hello Lawmakers,

I just wanted my voice to be heard. I am so disappointed with Superferry being shut down because of the loud few voices on Maui and Kauai. It is an excellent option for families to travel to other islands. I know because I have three small children who are still in car seats and booster seats. So having my own vehicle with their seats already in there would make a weekend trip awesome. Surely, there is a way to help the superferry start up. Please don't let the loud but few voices overtake the majority of the public.

Mahalo,

Honey Taylor  
Hawaii Kai

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**From:** Irena Taylor [netextreme@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:07 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Re: Superferry

I have been waiting for years for the Supper ferry, it is the best thing that can happen to the people of Hawaii. If this service will be stop ed, no businesses will take the chance to develop in Hawaii.

We need this service for the Hawaii economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Irena Taylor

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**From:** Linda Del Piano [ldelpiano@interorealestate.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:05 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please keep the Superferry in the Islands!

Please vote in keeping the Superferry in the Islands. We on the Big Island need the service desperately and have been eagerly and long-awaiting it's arrival. It would be a terrible shame to see the Superferry go.

Recently, I was in Kauai and the cab driver was adamantly against the Superferry. He kept saying "We don't want your homeless here!". I also heard comments that the chickens were in danger because the mongoose would make it to the island. The homeless comments I heard were unbelievable and the chicken scare was almost as bad.

Again, please vote in favor of the Superferry, everyone I know here is in favor of it!

Aloha Nui Loa,

Linda Del Piano



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**From:** Jolynn Downey [jolynn.downey@dhx.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:05 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Support

Please let this email serve as my total support for the Superferry.

Hawaii has grown and will continue to grow. The Superferry offers additional means of transportation as well as jobs for our people and a boost for our economy.

The State has invested a lot of money into this and the Kauai and Maui ports were even renovated for their accommodation and now all of a sudden, people are coming out of the woodworks to protest. Seems like those opposed to the Superferry are throwing every obstacle they can in the way of the Super ferry's progress. Someone definitely wants the Superferry out of here and I guess it's like they say, MONEY TALKS!!!

Mahalo,

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**From:** Ken Stokes [ken.stokes@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:07 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Proposed Superferry Bill: Testimony by Ken Stokes

Aloha Legislators!

As a green economist and blogger on sustainability in Hawai`i (***Sushi***), I couldn't agree more that the Superferry is a key step toward sustainable transport for Hawai`i.

IMHO, this draft Bill is correct in declaring that the Superferry delivers reduced emissions from inter-island transport, enhanced viability of diversified ag markets, and essential disaster deployment options.

I have blogged about this for over one year, starting [here](#), and continuing [here](#) and [here](#).

Still, I lament the fact that Hawai`i ***does not have*** a tailored tool for assessing the sustainability of our transport options. I have [advocated](#) that Hawai`i adopt the "Ecological Footprint" method for these purposes.

IMHO, such a 'footprint' tool, tailored to Hawaii 's situation, is essential to assist us in determining the full cost and cumulative impacts of each mode of transport.

We must not rush blindly into significant support for this-or-that sustainability strategy without full disclosure of these 'footprint' measures.

America 's headlong and [ill-advised plunge](#) into ethanol subsidies, without such 'footprint' considerations, serves as a reminder of this risk.

Further, IMHO, the "Ecological Footprint" method constitutes a [significant advance](#) on the EIS approach, in that it provides a unified measure of cumulative impacts that sums to a single "bottom line". It is, in this sense, both less equivocal and more strategic in highlighting impacts that must be mitigated.

All impacts are not created equal, and the 'footprint' methodology can help Hawai`i determine which impacts are most significant as we seek to reduce the *un-sustainability* of our current modes of transport.

IMHO, the legislature should initiate a review of all [environmental assessment](#) procedures under State law with an eye to incorporating the "Ecological Footprint" methodology wherever appropriate.

IMHO, the 'footprint' method will be especially [instructive](#) in Hawaii's assessment of its *greenhouse gas emissions* and in its search for ways to dramatically reduce these emissions. This is especially important in that we know from 'footprint' studies done elsewhere that emissions constitute only one-half of the total 'footprint'. That is, by focusing only on emissions, we will miss these other impacts.

I believe the legislature is on solid ground when it asserts that the Superferry represents relatively

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lower emissions compared with inter-island air. Still, we do not know *precisely* how much lower, nor do we know the *full* 'footprint' of related impacts...because a 'footprinting' study of Hawaii's transport options *has not been conducted*.

IMHO, we need a 'footprinting' study of our transport options, ***like now*** !

I will be delighted to assist in your further consideration of this urgent need.

Mahalo for your time,

Ken

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**From:** JanEdWink@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:10 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** for ferry

I support the ferry in the Islands.

Janice L.Winkler  
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**From:** Mike & Lani Victor [hapagranny@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:11 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I sincerely believe that the Superferry will bring many families together especially on special occasions without being too costly to the families.

Mahalo

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**testimony**

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**From:** hannah [rulit@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:11 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In favor of Hawaii Superferry

Aloha & Goodmorning,

I would like to take this time to express my SUPPORT for the Hawaii Superferry to continue providing excellent traveling services between the islands of Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the soon to be serviced Big Island.

I do not see that the Hawaii Superferry is a threat to our environment, I believe that they have taken into consideration all the possible safety aspects of their vessels operating in our Hawaiian waters. Please do consider not only the VOICES of those opposing the Hawaii Superferry, but also the VOICES of those in favor of OUR Hawaii Superferry.

I am looking forward to EXPERIENCING the Hawaii Superferry not only for myself, but also with my Ohana and friends, too!!! Thank you for doing what is RIGHT & JUST.

Sincerely,  
Hannah K. Kirn  
Captain Cook-Kona

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**From:** Ivan Ketterman [ivan.ketterman@accuityllp.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:12 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** kettermai001@hawaii.rr.com; Ivan Ketterman  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Hawaii SuperFerry

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to testify in favor of allowing the Hawaii SuperFerry to operate during the required Environmental Impact Study. My wife and I had the pleasure of riding the first SuperFerry voyage to Kauai on August 26. It was a comfortable and exhilarating experience. On that same day, we were surprised, saddened and angered by the reaction of protesters on Kauai, whom we do not believe speak for a majority of the citizens of Kauai or Hawaii in general. The majority of passengers on that maiden voyage were from Oahu, and did not appreciate the reception in Kauai.

Common sense suggests that since we are an island chain, we should have reliable water transportation available between our islands. Do I need to mention that for centuries and millenium before the advent of the airplane, water transportation was the only way to travel between islands? We are concerned that our environment and wildlife be protected. We are not convinced that all of the concerns raised by Ferry opponents are sincere, and we do not understand why the Ferry was singled out when all methods of transportation (airplanes, barges, cruise ships, merchant ships, etc.) have a definite impact on the environment. For every load of cars arriving on Kauai and Maui, there will be a load leaving as well. Let's let common sense prevail and not send the Ferry packing. Please allow the Ferry to operate during the EIS. The majority of the people of Hawaii want it! Thank you.

Ivan and Patricia Ketterman  
Palolo Valley  
Honolulu



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**From:** Sue Heinz [sue@sueheinz.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:52 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** Heinz Sue  
**Subject:** Public Testimony in support for Hawaii Superferry Bill

Public Testimony for:

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Susan Heinz, I am a resident of Kea'au on the Island of Hawaii.

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry and the Bill that will permit inter-island ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental Impact Statement is being conducted.

I understand that there are two main concerns that some community members have raised that the ferry operations may have significant impact; marine mammal collision and the spread of invasive species. I have been in the vocational field of environmental review and research for more than 20 years and admit that these two issues are significant but can be mitigated. I believe the EIS process will identify and require mitigations reasonable to the community and Hawaii Superferry.

Clearly, the process for conducting business in Hawaii broke down with this example. An exception must be made to Hawaii Superferry - the risk of this business leaving Hawaii will impact so many facets of future Hawaii business, employment, societal benefits and tourism.

The last thing I want to see or hear about is a collision between a ferry and a whale - I would like to suggest a quick process mitigation for avoiding this risk be implemented and monitored by a third party (at the cost of Hawaii Superferry) on each voyage. Endangered species monitoring, as I understand, will be monitored, but it is really the kuliana of individuals to be aware of what may be transported. There are currently many other transportation methods that could allow for species transport that do not provide the level of mitigation that Hawaii Superferry is planning. After-all, invasive species are already being identified on each island with the Superferry assistance.

The Hawaii Superferry is quite important to life in the Islands; it provides a method of transportation that does not require community to fly, provides the



ability to be on the water, allow inter-island tourism and finally provides one more resource for disaster preparedness. There must be great support for the Superferry - I cant imagine a company investing a great sum of money, gaining support from State and Federal organization, if they did not research and confirm that they would have the business to support it.

Best Regards,

Susan Heinz

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**From:** Terry & Amber Santosbras [shaka@fastnethi.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:04 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** HELP US POOR PEOPLE

I NEED THE SUPERFAREY, I GOT TO GO HONOLULU DOCTORS CAN NOT A FORD EVEN THE BUS,ALL THIS RENT A CAR COMPANYS, AIRLINE PEOPLE THERE THE ONES WORRYED, THE WHALES WILL BE FINE WE GET ALL DIFFERT BOATS COME HERE ,IF THATS THE CASE BAN ALL OTHER SHIPS FROM COMING PEOPLE NEED TO WAKE UP,ONLY SOME PEOPLE WAS CONCERNED ABOUTY THE WHALES KNOW EVERYBODY CONCERNED HELLLLLLLLLLLLLLO WE NOT GOING BRING BUGS TO ANY ISLAND WE STICK WITH CROKEY FROGS SO WHATS THERE POINT.MAHLO AMBER SANTOS

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**From:** Glenn Egdamin [g.egdamin@hppshawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:11 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPER FERRY

I'M IN SUPPORT OF HAVING THE HAWAII SUPPER FERRY OPERATING IN HAWAII FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII IF WOULD BE ANOTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE OTHER ISLANDS, I WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE MY CAR TO VISIT FAMILY AND FRIENDS, IT WOULD BE ECONOMICALLY BENEFICAL FOR BUSINESS USING THIS SERVICE, IT WOULD CREATE MORE JOBS FOR PEOPLE. GIVE HAWAII A BETTER BUSINESS CLIMATE.

I DON'T BELIEVE ANY RESTRICTIONS FOR THE SUPPER FERRY SHOULD BE PUT ON THEM UNLESS IT APPLIES TO ALL SHIPPING INCLUDING CRUISE SHIPS, TUGS BOATS, BARGES, FOREIGN VESSELS, OIL TANKERS, FISHING BOATS, OR ANY TYPE OF SURFACE CARFT.  
A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE WANT THIS SERVICE PLEASE LISTEN TO WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

GLENN EGDAMIN

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**From:** rhardlydavison@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:02 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Re: Hawaii Super Ferry

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Thursday, October 25, 2007

TIME:

9:00 a.m.

10/23/2007

PLACE:

Auditorium

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Aloha,

My name is Richard Davison, I am a Registered Voter and I support the Hawaii Super Ferry.

Richard Davison  
41-585 Poalima Street  
Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795  
808 384-8360

[Rhardlydavison@aol.com](mailto:Rhardlydavison@aol.com)

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**From:** wkemail45-dma@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:45 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Supperferry - My Opinion

I would like to register my support for the continued operation of the Supperferry. I believe that the Supperferry provides us with another sorely needed means of transportation with our State.

I do not believe that the arguments put up by the neighbor island protesters are strong enough to warrant stopping the ferry from sailing.

Please don't let the vocal minority stop you from doing what is right for the whole State.

I also want you to know that I do not have any vested interest in the Supperferry itself. I don't work for them nor do I have any friends or relatives that work for them. And they are not giving me any considerations for supporting them. I just believe that this is the right thing to do.

Thank you for your time,

Yours Truly,  
Wayne T.I. Kim  
Mililani, HI

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**From:** barbara Llacuna-Lo [bllacunalo@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I Believe that the Superferry is a plus for the islands. It is great for the economic and tourist trade. I think its one of the best things to c ome to the island . It will be convenient in many ways.

ISupport the Super Fery

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**From:** Lori Leong [lleong77@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:12 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** FW: I support the Superferry

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From: lleong77@hotmail.com  
To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov  
Subject: I support the Superferry  
Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 10:35:05 -1000

**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 submit this email testimony in support of the Superferry. I was born and raised in Honolulu. I have spoken to many many friends and family, and we all support the Superferry. We are considered the silent majority, because it is not kamaaina style to protest in the uncivilized manner that opponents have done so far.

It is shameful that they have presented themselves in this very separatist and anti-aloha way because they do not want Oahu people visiting "their" island. Since when did Maui or Kauai only belong to them? I thought we were a state? Please note that these groups do not look like they were born and raised here in Hawaii and are a minority. They are more than likely, tourist who came, saw what they liked, and now want to take it over for themselves. They are the very "invasive species" that they protest.

However, lets focus on the issue here, and move forward together. I am glad the lawmakers are at least listening and willing to address issues. Please have the special session focus on expeditiously fixing the problems with the law, expedite an EIS, make sure the land and whales are protected, and let us, the majority of the state, give the Superferry a chance in Hawaii.

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**From:** Ron Owen [ronowen@attglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:03 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry support

I support the SuperFerry 100% and I have since it first hit the news. I've followed the building of the ship, its trials and introduction into service. I have paid up tickets for a trip to Maui and back with my family. I firmly believe that the families of Hawaii should have a reasonably priced way to travel between the islands and an alternative to the rip off pricing of the barge owners & airlines for shipping goods inter-island.

I live by Honolulu Harbor and I've watched thousands of barges leave and return from Maui and Kauai. I've seen the growth in cruise liners to those islands. We sometimes have 3 & 4 huge liners in port at once and they all feature visits to the other islands. I see flight after flight after flight out of the airport taking thousands within state. This is a huge amount of traffic that the SuperFerry will add a small percentage increase.

I have seen zero evidence that this busy traffic has in anyway harmed the marine environment or been the cause of invasive species being spread. So I believe the environmental arguments by the anti-ferry folks are scare mongering rubbish. They are (perhaps unwittingly) the tools of the monopolists that don't want competition to force them to lower prices and offer Hawaiians choices.

If you insist on new SuperFerry rules and regulations while the environmental study is going on, I trust you will impose exactly the same rules on everybody else from cruise liners, to barges, to local flights.

regards, Ron Owen, Honolulu

**testimony**

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**From:** shann yamashiro [d4yamaz@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:46 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

Our Family is in full support of the super ferry. Not only is it great for Hawaii, It Will support our economy, I also have a cousin pregnant, unable to fly, Can't go home to Kona untill baby is born.

We all are Hawaii, it doesn't matter if Maui, Kauai etc....We really hope to be using the super ferry soon.

Aloha.

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**From:** Loretta O. Hussey [lohussey@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:03 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Re: Hawaii Superferry

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

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,

John Shepard  
74-800 Pa Place  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

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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**From:** Stephen R Larson [srlarson@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:13 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I am an student of Architecture at UH Manoa. My heart and my family is on Maui and the Superferry gives me a way to visit with my car and a lot of my stuff in between each semester. I am still very excited for the Superferry to be in service. I will fight to have a better life and easier way to be with my family on the outer island.

-Stephen Larson

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**From:** Maleko [maleko@malekosroom.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Fwd: 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

Maleko McDonnell  
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1 Copy for Submittal to Special Hearing on Wednesday, October 24, 10:30am regarding Superferry.

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

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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.

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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**From:** Richard Parker [Richard.Parker@Maryl.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:29 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry, and am disappointed that after just one day of service to Maui it was stopped. If an environmental assessment was required, it should have been brought up a long time ago. Now 275 people are laid off, the ferry is sitting idle while the politicians ponder what to do next. We need to let the ferry operate while the assessment is being done or we will lose the Superferry forever. They can't afford to just sit idle.

**Rich Parker**

Assistant Superintendent  
Maryl Pacific Construction  
808-870-6708

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**testimony**

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**From:** Charles Kohn [kohnair@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:28 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

I am in favor of this project isn't a shame that a few people wish to stop this.  
To stop it would send a message to the rest of the world that you can not do  
business in Hawaii. This is high technology in the making  
Last minute effort to can the project shame shame shame

Charles Kohn  
Architect

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**From:** Laura Fowler [laurafowler@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:29 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** testimony in support of the Superferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I would like to testify support for the Superferry to operate while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. The Superferry will help my photography/art business, as I will be able to transport my goods to sell on Maui. It will also help my family to travel during the upcoming holidays.

Thank you,

Laura Fowler

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**From:** Eric Tema [etema@tmghawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:12 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** Jennifer Bos  
**Subject:** superferry

Dear Distinguished Legislators—

I have lived in Hawaii my entire life, 42 years, and have traveled extensively in Tahiti, Samoa, Indonesia and other far less developed and much more pristine locales than Hawaii and all have sophisticated ferry service that is a lifeline for those residents. Clearly the environment is NOT the issue here but rather a vocal minority of neighbor island residents using it as a smokescreen to restrict progress. My guess is if we weren't on the tail end of 7 years of prosperous growth in our State we'd be much more welcoming.

I have not heard one concrete argument about invasive species that would cause concern. Thousands of vehicles are shipped back and forth between the Islands and never are they subject to inspection by environmental authorities. And regarding the whales, having gone back and forth to Molokai numerous times at Superferry speeds you're lucky if you even get close to a Humpback. They're smarter and more evasive than the folks driving the boats. I'd be much more worried about the 1000' long guillotine that Young Bros tows their barges with.

The reason the Kauai folks don't mind the cruise ships is they just stay in Lihue right around the Harbor, grease the economy and then get back on the ship. Their fear is Oahu folks coming over for the weekend, camping in their spots, surfing their breaks, taking their fish etc, etc. But, as a lifelong surfer – you just don't paddle out to any spot, especially on Kauai. Usually you're with local friends and are invited. Even if you just show up – you're not going to get any waves anyway unless you're recognized in the lineup. What about the youth sports teams, paddling crews, family reunions, neighbor island folks xmas shopping on Oahu, going to UH games not to mention small business having an option other than the interisland monopoly. What about all of them – the Silent Majority?? - I would imagine most are busy with life and don't have the time to protest about various causes. Plus who wants to put themselves up to the abuse. As we've clearly seen these are not civil demonstrations where each side can respectfully voice their opinion.

I'd say the fear is way overblown – almost like Y2K. Maybe one way to address is to limit the Kauai service to 3 times a week as a way of easing into service and minimizing the impact, whether recognized or not. With the imminent departure of GO! Airlines and return of very expensive interisland fares I would imagine a few years from now we'll all be glad we have an alternative.

Eric Tema

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## testimony

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**From:** Suzette Gavin [buckley@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:29 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for Super Ferry

To Whom It May Concern;

I think if we do should have an environmental impact study (it should have been done sooner). If it does not affect the Sea Animals then I believe it is a good thing for the people of Hawaii. I also think the government should learn from this whole mess about planning. I feel for the mainland businesses that spend a lot of time and money to provide us with what they think we want only to get here and have something like this happen. This type of behavior is bad for Hawaii's reputation for business in the future.

I also do not like the name Super Ferry and think it should be something Hawaiian.

Sincerely, Suzette Gavin

Suzy Gavin, RN, MS  
Natural Health Consultant  
808-271-3770

## **testimony**

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**From:** Amber Fitzpatrick [ambern@hiinfo.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:29 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In Support of the Superferry

Aloha,

As a resident of Kauai for the whole of my 31 years I have been eagerly awaiting the start of the Superferry. I believe this mode of transportation will offer many residents a wonderful alternative to outer island travel. The complaints regarding mongoose, drugs, etc.. are just ridiculous. The Matson barges have been operating as long as I can remember, there are now 2 cruise ships that come into Nawiliwili harbor once or twice a week.

I have been waiting to load my truck up and head over to Oahu and purchase items that I cannot find on Kauai and items that would cost me more to ship than the actual items themselves. When I want to head over to Oahu or Maui for some fun or R&R I will still fly and rent a car. The Superferry will certainly not be peoples main and only choice of transportation between islands but it goes offer us a wonderful alternative.

The people out there protesting the Superferry DO NOT SPEAK for all Kauaians. There are many of us waiting patiently for all of this to settle down so we can begin to move with the changing times.

Mahalo Amber Naea  
808-652-7665

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**From:** MANCINIC001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:17 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

My Name is Maria Mancini and I am a supporter of the superferry. I believe the people of Hawaii deserve the right to have the superferry as one more transportation option between the outer Islands. That you choose to hear the voices of just a handful of people who do not even represent the Islands is unbelievable. But then again when was the last time the legislators listened to the people of Hawaii. We the people of Hawaii have the right to vote on this issue. Maria Mancini Ph. 668-7537

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**From:** Nancy Overton [NancyO@leisinc.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:59 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for the Hawaii Super Ferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Aloha, I am in support of the super ferry. I am a firm believer in letting the ferry stand on it's own merits. I urge you to let this private enterprise make it or break it on their own. Not allowing them to operate because of a minority of protesters is in violation of the rights of the vast majority and private business. As our chosen leaders in a democratic society where the majority rules, how can you allow this to happen?

If you listen to the underlying tone of the protests, they have nothing to do with the environment. The biggest objection in their voices is having more access to "their" island. Who made it "their" island. Are we not a "state"? Giving these people the power to control who visits "their" island is an awfully dangerous precedence to set. It also opens up the door to discrimination litigation against the state.

I believe the ferry offers options to the local people and local businesses never available to them before. Just imagine how it will open up more trade opportunities between the islands and the income that will over follow into the communities.

On a side note: Who will pay for the harbor improvements that have been made? I certainly do not want to absorb these costs, do you?

Please listen to the majority.

Mahalo,

Nancy Leis Overton

Resident of the State of Hawaii

## testimony

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**From:** Priscilla Robins [robinsp004@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:29 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent: Your Testimony Needed

Priscilla Robins has forwarded you this email with the following message:

I support the Superferry because we have freedom of choice with traveling to and from the Hawaiian Islands

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## State Senate Legislative Hearing

Aloha Friends,

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

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

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

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

Please email or fax testimony in support of the bill that will permit



interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

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

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

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

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

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[testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

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

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

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**From:** Howard Bennett [howarddavidbennett@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:36 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** For the Superferry

Please don't let yet another opportunity for Hawaii's future slip through our fingers!

People who oppose the ferry say they want Hawaii to stay the same. And it will stay the same if we lose the ferry. We'll still have an economy where local people are forced to move to the mainland to make a decent living. We'll still have monopolistic or duopolistic control over interisland shipping and transportation rates, and, above all, we'll still have the worldwide reputation for being a toxic environment for business. In other words -- we'll continue our slow decline into one big resort and retirement community for rich mainlanders.

The Superferry can't change all this singlehandedly and overnight of course, but at least it will provide an important step toward a more dynamic economy -- one that isn't dependent on a junk food diet of real estate speculation, tourism and military spending like our current economy is.

Thank you,

Howard Bennett  
Waipunalei, Laupahoehoe, Big Island  
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**From:** modernlaurahi@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:17 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support of the Superferry

Dear Legislators, Please save our Superferry. Both my mother(Dolores Mollring) and myself(Laura Sturges) are in favor of having the Superferry run while the impact study is being done. We have land on the Big Island and have wanted to take our car over there. When we heard the superferry would be going there in 2009 we were so happy. Also we were among the first people to go to kauai and then turned away from the harbour by protesters for several hours. How can a minority dictated to the majority? Why was there not enough coast guard or police protection? Please save our Superferry.

Thank you

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**From:** Nae Lee [naelee71@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:01 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii needs the Super Ferry NOW, Please Read

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Dear Legislators of the State of Hawaii,

We the MAJORITY (all polls that have been done whether in print or on TV attest to this fact, that the majority of Hawaii's citizens SUPPORT the Superferry) of the populace of the State of Hawaii need you to pass legislation NOW that will ensure that the Super Ferry can start operations immediately without any outrages operational restrictions that will hinder it from being a successful business venture that will serve the majority of the people in the State of Hawaii.

You cannot let a minority group of mainland new comers to the islands hijack via the media the will of the majority of people who have lived here for generations and need the services that the Super Ferry will offer them. Act NOW and pass the legislation necessary to get the job done!

Another thing that cannot be ignored is the screaming black-eye this whole debacle is putting on Hawaii as a bad place to do business.

Aloha, Renee Imes

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**From:** S. Saffery [skks714@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:10 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

The State of Hawaii needs the Superferry back in operation. Think about all the employees Superferry has hired and laid off, these are people who need an income to service the people of Hawaii.

Please let the Superferry operate in Hawaii!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**From:** W.Mark Weber [wmweber@aloha.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:29 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry is needed!  
**Importance:** High

Dear Sirs;

My wife and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry and believe that it should be allowed to operate now. The opponents to the Superferry offer emotion but no real facts – just fears! The fears are offered by the environmental group and the end-of-the-roaders that have arrived in Hawaii and don't want any changes, now that they are here.

Please be aware that, after the State EIS is prepared and factually demonstrates the foreseeable effects and the mitigation measures taken to minimize or eliminate those effects, the same groups will launch litigation.

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**From:** Craig Maeshiro [fisherprinting@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:29 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Let The Super Ferry Sevice our Islands

Aloha Gentlemen,

Please make a quick decision and do the right thing. If you follow your heart, there is no need to look back on making a good decision, let The Hawaii Super Ferry sail. I have been following this chain of events involving the Super Ferry and feel embarrassed on how Hawaii has set Specific "Roadblocks" to just one ocean vessel - The Hawaii Super Ferry.

Hawaii desperately needs more options for residents to travel Interstate. I, along with many family and friends have not seen any reasonable arguments that would justify alienating this ship over all the other ships (and other forms of transportation) that travel to-and-from the neighbor Islands. If you have any sincerity in the issues that prevent the Hawaii Super Ferry to Sail, then all ships should be halted immediately until they can be scrutinized in the same manner. Stop one, then stop them all.

Thanks and Aloha,

~Craig Maeshiro (808) 699-5299

Life is never really what it seems, it is always more!

**testimony**

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**From:** John Garland [jay701@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:28 AM

**To:** testimony

I THINK THE SUPERFERRY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO US BECAUSE FOR ONE WITHOUT THE IT RUNNING IT IS COSTING THE STATE LOTS OF MONEY. AND SECONDLY, IT IS ANOTHER WAY OF TRAVEL TO THE OUTER ISLANDS AND BRINGING OUR VEHICLE INSTEAD OF RENTING ONE.

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**From:** Liz Gleason [liz@KathyClarkeHawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry is a must!



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Aloha,

My name is Elizabeth Gleason. I have been in the Corporate Incentive travel business in Hawaii for 12 years. My family is very involved in Equine Sports such as High School Rodeo. American Quarter Horse Association, Hawaii Island Cutting Horse Assoc. amongst other local Equine clubs and organizations. We would love to compete statewide to support and compete to be eligible for National competitions and scholarships. The Super Ferry will allow families such as mine to do so.

Also, As a family, we are not able to take vacations to outer-islands because of the costs. The Super Ferry will enable us to support our outer-island commerce as well. Some may lose a little, but there is gain elsewhere...some agencies will have to amend policies such as Rental Car companies...This would enable them to be as they are on the mainland. We have the choice to pay a drop off fee and return fee. Businesses need to find a way to be creative to make it work for them...we can!!

Please vote in support of the Super Ferry!!

Many Thanks,  
Elizabeth Gleason & Family

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**From:** jebragdon [hilamb@jebragdon.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:02 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** Mary Begier  
**Subject:** Support for the Superferry

PLEASE do what you need to do to get the Superferry operating.

If an environmental Impact study could possibly reveal anything that is not already known to mankind it would not be relevant anyway. We have had thousands of ships floating in these waters for hundreds of years.

Do something to get us out of the list of worst business climates in the USA.

Jerry E. Bragdon

**testimony**

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**From:** fishing808@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:30 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I support the Hawaii Superferry,

We just need the Superferry no if or but. Would add more jobs to Hawaii, like for the Superferry company and the State DNLR on Maui And Kauai to inforce the fishing laws and land laws. The Hawaii Superferry can not inforce that law of over fishing but the DNLR can.

Thank you

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**From:** Ernie Kenny [ernie61@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:29 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support the Superferry

Another issue I came up with is the fact that the superferry allows relatives to visit other relatives on other islands on a spur of the moment.

Example: I have an elderly sister on the big Island and sometimes I get the desire to just hop over and visit with her and check on her. The superferry would allow me to take my car and go visit her and then return home. I believe that would be a worthwhile trip for me and my family.

Thank You!  
Ernie

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**From:** Trish LaRoche [trish@kwxx.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:16 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

To whom it may concern,

As a citizen of the state of Hawaii, I would like to see the Superferry become an alternative mode of inter island transportation. Much larger boats like cruise ships, barges, etc., come in and out of our ports on a regular basis. I really don't think adding the Superferry into the mix is going to cause mass environmental destruction. Give it a chance.

Sincerely,  
Trisha M. LaRoche

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**From:** Jim Reinertson [reinos@wbhsi.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:19 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In support of the interisland ferry

As annual visitors to the islands, we would love the opportunity to use the ferry at times in lieu of the usual air shuttles. This presents a wonderful opportunity to actually enjoy the trip, and a leisurely and relaxing scenic view of the major islands.

We support allowing the ferry to operate while environmental studies continue.

James and Velda Reinertson

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**From:** Roland Yee [Roland.Yee@tig.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** FW: superferry

TO:

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing in support of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the environmental impact study is taking place.

NAME AND ADDRESS GOES HERE



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**From:** Floresmckb@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:46 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry

To Whom It May Concern:

Please make sure this testimony makes it to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor meeting at Kealakehe High School Cafeteria this afternoon at 3pm. I would like six copies to be made to distribute to the six state senators present for the meeting.

I am casting my vote in favor of keeping the Super Ferry. I believe an alternate source of transportation besides the airlines is healthy for our economy. I also believe a healthy economy encourages business growth such as the Hawaii Super Ferry. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Kincaid  
P.O. Box 1017  
Kurtistown, HI 96760

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**From:** gus ballest [gus\_ballest@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:39 PM

**To:** testimony

MAKE ME HAPPY AND LET THE SUPPER FERRY SAIL AGAIN AND I WON'T FORGET

ALL OF YOU COME NOVEMBER, THE NEXT ELECTION.

DON'T LET THOSE ENVIORMENTALISTS CONTROL OUR STATE.

ALOHA AND THANK YOU.

GUS BALLESTEROS

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**From:** Rala5@cs.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:36 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry

I am totally in favor of the Super Ferry. You will deny the people of Hawaii the opportunity they are entitled to. If ferries, and there are many, can ply the waters of western Canada where whales frolic,;the State of Alaska, from whence our "Hawaii" whales begin their journey; and the waters of western Washington state, where you will find orcas and ferries in abundance.....why can't we have this one ferry?? It just isn't fair to take away something we really want.

*Laurie Anderson*

**testimony**

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**From:** Michael Lescak [lescakm001@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:46 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Super Ferry

I feel that the Super Ferry should be able to operate while the environmental impact study is completed. The fact that the environmental impact study was initially waived should not be held against this company. I would doubt that the Super Ferry will have much greater environmental impact than Matson, Young Brothers and the interisland cruise ships that currently operate today. The greatest benefit will be for the local people and this service will provide us with an alternative mode of travel for business and pleasure within our islands. While I'm sure that other companies, including the airlines, would like this alternative to not exist, it is to the benefit of our island economy.

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**From:** anne buquing [annebuquing@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:40 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** in favor of super ferry to outer islands

**I am in Support of the Super Ferry having access to inter islands**

**Anne Fritz, 91-1141 Kuhina Street, Ewa Beach, HI 96706**

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**From:** Brett Norton [bnorton@smpent.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:48 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Aloha,

I've been following the progress of the politics associated with this from the beginning. I need to impress how important the Superferry is not only for ease of transportation, but for the overall business outlook on our state.

While there are environmental issues to consider we also need to look at places like Tahiti and many other 'lesser' developed regions that have found countless benefits from vessels of this kind. I myself have been on the one in Tahiti and can say that even the smaller islands (with only one road) appreciated the benefits.

It's no secret that the loss of the Superferry will cause long term damage on our overall business image. It's already widespread knowledge throughout the globe that it's very difficult to do business in Hawaii - aside from tourism. If we're to grow economically and bridge the gap that keeps us islanders apart, the Superferry is very necessary. If we push it away, we will only keep going backwards. Change is inevitable and some change - like this, is good.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON THE JUDICIARY AND LABOR,  
TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT

Aloha Chairman Taniguchi, Chairman English, Chairman Menor and members of the committees.

Thank you for this opportunity today to testify on this important bill and thank you very much for holding this special session of the legislature to help all the employees of Hawaii Superferry get back to work to serve the people of the State of Hawaii.

My name is Duane Kim and I am the Maui Manager for Hawaii Superferry at our Kahului Ferry Terminal at Kahului Harbor. It is with great appreciation that I am here today to express my support for Hawaii Superferry and for what I feel it means to my fellow Hawaii Superferry employees, the community of Maui and the great State of Hawaii.

*I have been involved in the maritime industry in Hawaii for over 30 years and working these last 2 years for the Hawaii Superferry has been the most meaningful and the most rewarding experience I've ever had in my professional career thus far.*

My job also means a great deal to me as well as to my family. I was born and raised in Hawaii and have resided on Maui for the past thirteen years. We have live in a home we purchased 13 years ago in Central Maui. My wife is the Director of Veterinary Medicine at the Maui Humane Society and my 3 children are currently enrolled in the Hawaii Public School System – with the oldest in his 4<sup>th</sup> year at the University of Hawaii, the second in his senior year at Baldwin High School, and my youngest at Iao Intermediate School. Education is our top priority at home and my continued employment at Hawaii Superferry will allow our children to further their education and hopefully have the comfort and the confidence to return home to a State which continues to listen to and believe in the majority of its people.

I am very, very proud of being part of Hawaii Superferry and I really feel good about working for this outstanding company. As one of the original launch team members of Hawaii Superferry hired in January of 2006, I have always been and continue to be a firm believer in this company being a very unique and long-awaited transportation alternative between our beautiful islands within our great State of Hawaii. I was personally involved with and continue to be involved in all the hard work and efforts with numerous entities within the government, private, environmental, and public sectors to ensure that whatever we did and whatever we continue to do is, first and foremost, always in the best interest of the great people of our great State of Hawaii.

As Maui Manager for Hawaii Superferry, I have 35 committed and supportive employees who have still chosen to remain a part of our unique Hawaii Superferry ohana. Along with my Kahului Port Manager, Jan Paney, we have worked even harder choosing and hiring employees who would be willing and able to go above and beyond normal expectations and to carry out 110% of their duties and responsibilities to ensure the Hawaii Superferry remains a part of our Maui community and the natural resources of our State of Hawaii are protected. Our current 35 Maui employees have been working and training at the Kahului Ferry Terminal.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON THE JUDICIARY AND LABOR,  
TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT

If Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be difficult for a few employees and very devastating for the rest of us, including myself.

- Together, we have over 150 immediate family members all residing on Maui. Without the Hawaii Superferry, every single employee and our families would be affected and our lives would change again.
- Together, we have hundreds of neighbors gathering around us on Maui, providing friendship and personal support.
- Together, we have thousands of families and friends residing on the Islands of Oahu, Kauai, and Hawaii. Without the Hawaii Superferry, we will not be able to freely visit our families and friends who live on our neighboring islands and more so, our families and friends would not be able to freely visit us on this great alternative mode of transportation.
- Together, we have trained countless number of hours in all aspects of our business to ensure we serve the people of Hawaii with Aloha and care for our environment.
- Together, we have shared the ups and downs, the trials and tribulations, and the positives and the negatives of being part of Hawaii Superferry.
- But above all else, together, we have remained committed to share our gift of Aloha to everyone who has come in contact with Hawaii Superferry, including those supporting us and those protesting against us.

At the start of our hiring process, every single Maui resident applying for a job at the Kahului Ferry Terminal, including all 35 currently furloughed Maui employees, were asked the question, "Why do you want to work for Hawaii Superferry?" Almost all responded it was because they wanted to work for a company which was going to offer an alternative means of inter-island transportation, but more importantly all of them said that they wanted to share their Aloha and be a part of company who will make a tremendous difference in the improvement of the quality of life in our great State of Hawaii.

Again, I strongly support Hawaii Superferry and I strongly support this special session of the legislature to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate during the course of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement and allow us the opportunity to get back to work to serve the people of Hawaii.

Thank you very much for your time and for listening to my testimony.

Aloha,

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**From:** Sylvia Dawson [dawsons006@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:16 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

To All Involved,

Hawaii is long over due for alternative methods of traveling between the Islands.  
Stop the stagnation we are in a let this project prove itself

S. Dawson



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**From:** Fatima Yoshida [FYoshida@stanfordhotels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:30 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for The Super Ferry

**Aloha,**

Would like to submit my support for the Super Ferry! I've waited since 2004 for this Ferry when it was first announced and feel this service is much needed for the entire state in so many ways. I'm not clear why all the necessary arrangements were not done in advance by BOTH parties but I'm still much support of the service.

Understanding that we do need to consider the environment but with all due respect - there are already other ships welcomed into these islands, so is it because of the speed? If this is the case, I'm sure some kind of compromise can be reached.

Anyhow - I support the Super Ferry and wishing it the best of luck!

Fatima Yoshida (808) 739-0023

3827 Kaimuki Avenue

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**From:** Vanessa Roberg - Kohanaiki [mfkkcc@aloha.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry - 2nd request

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I am FOR CONTINUING operation of the Ferry while the environmental impact statement is prepared. It is too late to do it properly. The money is spent, lets move forward and not make this dumb mistake again in the future.

Vanessa Roberg  
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Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

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**From:** Umpire [umpire@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:21 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

How is it that Matson and all the other inter island carriers are exempt form this environmental stuff but the super ferry is not. If the super ferry is banned so should all the other inter island carriers. I say vote for the super ferry.

Don Greman  
Mililani, Hi

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**From:** DAVID.ROBINS [DAVID.ROBINS@pruhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:20 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Aloha,

Most everyone I know, educated professional people, are in support of the Super Ferry. While we are not of the nature to stand around and protest for the Super Ferry, (we're busy people) the silent majority of the population supports saving the Super Ferry and are closely watching our elected officials and trusting that they act swiftly in representing the major (voting) population here in Hawaii. How can it be that a small group of people (some even off-island folks) have stopped this vital and necessary inter-island service? Let the Super Ferry operate while the EIS is done. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE THE SUPER FERRY! This has become ridiculous and an embarrassment on a national level. Most folks I know on the mainland (again, educated professionals) are asking, "What's wrong with your elected officials who are allowing this to happen"? Good question. Stand up and do the right thing. The people protesting the Super Ferry probably don't even vote. They just resist change, regardless if it is positive change or not. Don't let a few groups hold back progress in Hawaii. Get the EIS done. Allow the Super Ferry to operate.

Now do the right thing. Remember that the bulk of the population supports the Super Ferry. Represent us accordingly. End this debate now and let's get on with it. Enough is enough. If the Super Ferry leaves, it will be a HUGE loss for Hawaii and a setback with huge repercussions. No doubt, political careers will be lost. We are the voting majority....and we are watching this very very closely. I speak for many many people I have talked to and hundreds of emails flying around between Realtors. (thousands of Realtors on Oahu alone).

WE WANT THE SUPER FERRY!

Mahalo,

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**From:** Guy Suyama [gsuyama@castleresorts.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:20 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support For The Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

I am sending in my testimony for the support of the Hawaii Superferry. Being born and raised on Oahu and having family on Kauai, having the Super ferry would only makes it easier for my whole family to travel back and forth to visit. The Superferry would give the people of Hawaii an option on how to travel.

Mahalo,

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**From:** Greg Ruhland [greg@hiipm.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:36 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry

Aloha from Hilo,

I have lived in Hilo since 1985 and feel strongly that the Superferry should be allowed to operate while the EIS is done. I do not feel it is acceptable for business to be conducted as it has been done regarding the Superferry and feel that if this continues there will be further damage to our state's reputation. This will result in a deterioration of our state's financial situation and will hurt all tax paying citizens.

Please support the special session and laws to allow the Superferry to run now.

Greg Ruhland MD  
Hilo, Hawaii

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**From:** tsmith1276@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:21 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I would like to offer my voice of support for the Hawaii Super Ferry. As a reservation sales agent in Salt Lake City, I hear the voices of the people who have made reservations with the Super Ferry and have had to cancel. The majority of the people I talk to have been very supportive and most of them are locals. Again and again, I hear them say that most of the locals do want this alternative form of transportation. I hope the majority will be listened to.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Naughton

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**From:** Mark Hubbard [markhubbard@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:20 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry testimony

October 23, 2007

RE: Hawai'i Superferry Hearing

Attention:

Committee on Judiciary & Labor, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Committee on Transportation & International Affairs, Senator Kalani English, Chair  
Committee on Energy & Environment, Senator Ron Menor, Chair

I am in favor of allowing the superferry to operate while an EIS is being done. While I continue to be in awe of the rhetoric and emotion that the superferry evokes, I find no scientific evidence that indicates that the superferry will increase the likelihood of environmental harm to the islands, particularly with the mitigation measures that the superferry already has in place such as whale lookouts, route adjustments, ag inspections, insisting on clean vehicles, etc.

It does seem logical that the speed of the ferry could increase the likelihood of whale strikes. Yet, with mitigating measures, whether this possible increase in likelihood is significant or not does not seem to be known at this time. While unscientific, I might ask how many of the hundreds of pleasure or fishing craft in the water every day have ever struck a whale. If there have been boat strikes (and I have heard of a few), what % of boating hours is this? Was speed involved in any of these strikes? Would the number of strikes increase with speed? I have been a fisherman and boater for over twenty years on Maui and Kaua'i, and in that time have never struck a whale. I did travel at 20+ knot speeds for considerable time in areas frequented by whales. The one time I did come close to a whale, the boat was not moving and the whale came close to the boat on its own accord.

Good Luck in your deliberations. Thank you.

Aloha,

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**From:** J M MITCHELL [jackieinhi@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:21 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Keep the Superferry plying our waters

To Whom it May Concern,

It seems that a small amount of people are causing all this commotion over the Superferry.

Why have all the armed forces not been required to do an EIS?.....all the ships and submarines.....Also Young Brothers, all the tourist boats on all islands, all the major cruise ships that ply our waters, all the Matson and other ships that use our harbors etc. etc.....

As to invasive species, all the above can bring them to our shores so why single out the Superferry. All the new cars that come from the mainland could carry unwanted species as well as all the airlines that fly here and the luggage of tourists etc., etc.....It is soooooo ridiculous to single out the Superferry when so many other vehicles of transportation that come here could cause problems for unwanted species as well as harm to whales.....

We need a ferry, just as much if not more than Alaska, Maine, and other states that use ferrys.

The Superferry would be a great thing for our farmers on all islands to transport their produce via refrigerated trucks in a timely manner. Also great for our local families to be able to visit the outer islands.

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**From:** Patti Schiavon [schiavon@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:20 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** FW: super ferry

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**From:** Patti Schiavon [mailto:schiavon@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:19 AM  
**To:** 'testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov'  
**Subject:** super ferry

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This is a source of transportation in many areas around the **world** and has not done any  
Damage to the sea or land environment. This **IS the 21<sup>st</sup> century!** Bring us  
Forward into it.

Patti Schiavon – Hawaii Island voter!!  
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**From:** Kho, Ferdinand T SKC HQ Logistics, N4 [ferdinand.kho@navy.mil]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:20 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** HAWAII SUPERFERRY MUST GO ON TO SUPPORT INTER-ISLAND LIFE AND BUSINESS!!

Sirs/Madam:

I had lived in Pearl Harbor and seen much of the islands by plane. The Hawaii SuperFerry system will dramatically unite the islands and will, in the foreseeable future, energize tourism and business. I believe that, with controlled supervision of the routes, ecological sustainability will survive.

Very Respectfully

*SKC Ferdinand T. Kho*

N4 Logistics Directorate - Facilities Support

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**From:** Bruce Bonbright [bonbrightbd@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:13 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for the Superferry

I am a resident of Makaha, Oahu. I urge the legislature to support the Superferry. We live in an island state which makes it difficult to enjoy the other islands. The Superferry brings us all closer together and allows us to visit our family and friends on the other islands in a way that is much more convenient than the airlines alone. In times of disaster or emergency, the Superferry offers a way of moving large amounts of supplies and rescue equipment quickly to the island that needs it. I am looking forward to using the Superferry and so are all of my friends here on the leeward coast. Please support this important form of transportation for our island state.

Mahalo, Bruce Bonbright, Makaha, Oahu, HI

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**From:** Patti Schiavon [schiavon@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:19 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

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**From:** Ron Nading [rjcjs2@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:18 AM  
**To:** testimony; Dave Carruthers; Jess's Cell  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Hello,

My name is Ron Nading, I am currently on duty in the US Navy and have lived here in Hawaii for the past 2 years. I believe that the Super Ferry is a good thing for Hawaii. Its good for business in all the Islands it exposes more people to the rich culture and diversity that the Islands offer. I know my family of 6 ito travel to the islands is expensive to fly then rent a vehicle and it has limited us to seeing the other Islands. Please reconsider and don't let the unlawful action of a few stop the economic growth that could make the island even better for everyone to enjoy. People do not like change, an example every time Walmart sets up a new store nobody wants it but guess what after about a year or less more business spring up, property value increases and nobody really cares anymore. People need to get beyond their closed minded thinking. It either is going to start now or it will happen in the future. You can't stop progress. Thank you for your time.. Sincerely Ron Nading

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**From:** Victor Ching [victor@remoteeye.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:50 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** It's a boat

The Superferry is not some high tech scary spaceship. It is a boat and we live in a chain of islands. People who live on islands use boats. Please vote to let this boat operate.

Victor Ching

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**From:** Karen Bird [renster1965@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:53 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Save the Hawaii Superferry!!!!

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

My name is Karen Bird and I live in Honolulu, Hawaii and I support the Superferry! This will give the residents of this Island the opportunity to visit other islands, which should be our right, since this is our State. The people in Maui and Kauai that are trying to keep residents out is totally ridiculous and I think the Superferry has been needed for a long time. Let's don't pass up this once in a lifetime opportunity. It gives families like us with children the opportunity to take our vehicle with us to save on rental car fees, and hassels of trying to get on a plane with car seats, etc. Please let the Superferry stay in Hawaii!!!!

Karen Bird

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**From:** roxstar [roxstarz1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:19 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In support of the Hawaii Superferry...

I, Roxann Inouye, support the Hawaii Superferry. I support the Hawaii Superferry in several ways as listed below.

1. Allows both Tourist and Local Residents alike the ability to travel to the different islands without having to rent cars on each island. In effect, this will promote more tourism on islands served by the Hawaii Superferry.
2. Allows our Hawaii Harbors to be improved upon from the commitment given by the Hawaii Superferry.
3. Gives both Tourist and Local Residents the opportunity for more options in travel arrangements. We would no longer be at the mercy of the airline industry.

After living in Washington State for 7 years 1999-2006, I have never heard of such protest with a ferry service. Washington State Ferries have several fleets serving multiple islands in Puget Sound. There are many Orca Whales traveling and passing through Puget Sound without a problem. I would highly recommend contacting Washington State Ferries for their opinions and ideas about solving this Hawaii Superferry stalemate <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/>

I am a true believer in not reinventing the wheel but rather getting viable solutions from qualified organizations and people "who have been there done that". This is my reasoning for suggesting to contact Washington State Ferries who have been in operation for 50+ years.

Sincerely,

Roxann Inouye

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**From:** C J Kaneshiro [darbieshaw@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:19 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for the Superferry

I would like you to help get the law amended to may it so the superferry can operate at the same time as the environmental study is going on.

I feel that singling out the superferry, and not other vessels, to have to go through this study is very political. Please don't play their game.

We needed more competition in the market for consumer goods and services (like Kmart, Walmart and others) I also feel that the superferry has made the boat a very safe and enviermentally frendly vessel.

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**From:** Lori Carino [lori@darceybuilders.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:19 AM

**To:** testimony

Why is everyone making such a big fuss about the Super Ferry? Nobody seems to be grumbling about the barges that come to deliver supplies to our islands. I feel that the Super Ferry will be a plus to our islands. Sure there may be some issues that need to be worked out, but let the Super Ferry run and then we can work on issues that need to be corrected. There are boats coming in and out of our islands, especially the cruise ships so what's the big deal? We need to do a test run and see what happens. The Super Ferry has already been built, it gave a lot of people jobs, and the price is better than air fare and car rental for an entire family.

Lori C.

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**From:** Brad [kolohe77@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:18 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Aloha,

Please do not let a vocal minority limit the ways that I can family and friends on the outer islands.

I am totally in support of Super Ferry.

Mahalo,  
Brad DeMello

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**From:** Robin Nelson [nelsonr025@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:18 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please keep the Superferry! Robin Nelson

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Aloha!

Even though the proper steps were not taken in order to properly initiate the Superferry from the start, the consequences of shutting down this fabulous travel option would be downright stupid and shortsighted by the state. Whose actions are more reprehensible, I do not know...the government or the protesters?

A majority of people, including myself, think it is a wonderful alternative to air travel to and from the outer islands. We can rectify the situation with a concurrent EIA while starting service. I am certain that in a short time the people of this state will fall in love with the Superferry, and the worries and concerns of the environment can and will be addressed. We all love these islands and the Superferry is not out to destroy it. They just want to run a business which will provide jobs for our people, expand service for existing businesses, and offer an alternate travel choice for everybody.

I remember when H-3 was being built and the objections of the few that caused ill feelings. Now it is one of the best ways for people to travel to and from the windward side to town and further. It is a real blessing, not to mention a gorgeous drive. I doubt those naysayers avoid use of

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the freeway.

We are one state, not separate states, and after watching the shameful behavior of the protesters in Maui on TV, I was embarrassed to think that the world would see how childish our people can be. I know I would think twice if I were to consider opening a business here. The red tape is daunting to say the least. Do we really want to be seen as a bad place to do business?

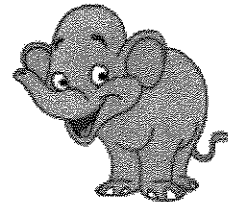
Please override the few, and keep the Superferry in Hawaii, while making sure, via an EIA, that it will be safe for our environment.

Forever a Superferry supporter,  
Robin Nelson  
Oahu resident, prior Maui resident.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:18 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I am sending an emphatic YES to the Superferry operating in Hawaiian waters. It is a blessing for the people and the economy of Hawaii Nei, as well as the visitors we so welcome to our lovely state.

Aloha,  
Kuulei Heyer

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**From:** Bryn Berg [bryn\_berg@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:51 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Save the Superferry!

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Thank you,  
Bryn and Danny Berg  
Keaau, Hawaii

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**From:** Wojtala, Theresa [TheresaW@kapiolani.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:48 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

October 23, 2007 6:30 a.m.

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

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Lynn Wojtala  
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**From:** Dolores Tomas [tomasohana@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:51 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

We are in support of the Superferry:

1. Not a hinderance to the public;
2. Enjoy the outdoor panoramic coastal views;
3. Inter-island mode of transportation;
4. Luxury of travelling inter-island with privately-owned vehicles; and
5. Improving the economy for tourism and our state

Sincerely,  
Charles & Dolores Tomas

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**From:** Curtis Uemura [cuemura@cpimech.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:17 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

It's just a few people who oppose the super ferry. I'm in favor of it because it can only help. In case of another hurricane and people need supplies, they can get it within hours. Also for the construction aspect of it. We can get material, transportation, and the working men to do the jobs faster and be more efficient, which saves everybody money.

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**From:** Ray Lyman [rlyman@catalinaexpress.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:15 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Raymond Lyman, I work for Catalina Express out of Los Angeles/Long Beach in Southern California. My position with the company is Vice President of Vessel Operations in charge of 11 vessels and a boat crew of 180 members. We run high speed passenger vessels across the San Pedro Channel to Catalina Island. I wish to comment on the extraordinary efforts the Hawaii Superferry has undertaken to operate safely in the environmentally sensitive waters of your beautiful Islands. I have read the operations scenarios developed by the Superferry company regarding Whale seasons routes and added crew observations and electronic detection. I have 25 years experience running vessels within the migratory route of the California Gray whales and have found that a trained eye can spot the air/mist blow of the whales miles away. Avoiding whales is much easier for the smaller high speed vessels than it is for the large container and deep draft ships transiting your island waters. I realize there are many objections to the Superferry operation, however, I feel it is of huge benefit to the majority of the Island residents and visitors to have such a service. Products grown or raised on one Island can be shipped fresh and at low cost compared to current available transport. Precautionary procedures can be followed to address non-indigenous species transport from one Island to another. And the fuel burn of the Superferry compared to the fuel burn of the small commuter jets per passenger has to be significantly less.

In closing, I wish to comment on the Court activity as I see it. The same Court that gave early approval for the Superferry to proceed (with hundreds of millions of dollars being invested) is now allowing a vocal minority to bully it into closing down the operations. If businesses can't rely on the courts of our country to hold to their decisions regarding operations like Superferry, then who in their right mind would move forward with any particular service that could improve the lives and economic viability of the people served by the operation. If the Superferry is forced to shut down I believe it will not have the resources to come back into service and that will be a real shame. A shame on the court system and a signal to all businesses that investments are not safe when trying to provide new ideas and services.

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**From:** Wojtala, Theresa [TheresaW@kapiolani.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:47 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

October 23, 2007 6:30 a.m.

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**From:** Jeffranch2@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:17 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** (no subject)

We all need an alternative way to travel, and I feel strongly **in favor for the "Hawaii Superferry."** We should let the superferry operate as an EA or an EIS is done to see the impact on our environment. It is very unfair for the superferry to be singled out when many other users of the ocean conduct business without any EA or EIS. I am all for protecting our environment, but we should weigh all the pros and cons and I am sure the majority of the people will see that the superferry will not damage our precious environment. Please let the ferry sail and don't let a good opportunity get away!

Thank you,  
Jeffrey Richardson  
Pearl City, Oahu

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**From:** Raymondcatania@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:16 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** no superferry without EIS first!

Aloha Senators,

Mahalo Senators Taniguchi, Hooser, Menor, Gabbard etc. who took the time to come and listen to us Kauai folks. Please no superferry until an independent EIS is done first.

Mahalo,  
Raymond Catania

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**From:** souzam020@hawaii.rr.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:16 AM

**To:** testimony

October 23, 2007

7:07 A.M.

Attention: Senate Committee

It is a known fact that the Government is run by the people, for the people...It is an extreme benefit for all the local people who would be able to visit relatives and visit with friends on the outer islands more frequently. Finally, something good has been offered for us... Please don't let big business block the dreams of thousands of local families who need the services of the superferry. It is your duty, as our government representatives to fight for a good cause that will benefit the local families here in Hawaii. Godspeed!

Respectfully,

Marie M. Souza

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**From:** Marilyn Chinen [marchin@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:16 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Testimony for Public Hearing  
Wednesday, October 24, 2007  
10:30 a.m.  
Capitol Auditorium

Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
and Committee on Energy and Environment

Honorable Chairs and Members:

*We would like to add our testimony in support of the Hawaii Superferry. We seem to be part of the silent majority on this issue and its no wonder why. The few people who have come out in public to support the Superferry have been booed and harassed. We firmly believe that all precautions are being taken to protect our environment and there is no reason to prevent the ferry from operating. Mahalo for allowing us this opportunity to express our views.*

Ronald and Marilyn Chinen  
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Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

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**From:** Syleste Williams [sylestewill@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please save the Superferry

Aloha

We need other forms of transportation. You need to stand behind the taxpayers and support the millions and millions of dollars spent in Harbor upgrades and bonds and the debt incurred for us all.

Please don't throw a right jab to business in Hawaii by shutting down or restricting the Superferry to the point they can't afford to operate. They need two runs a day.

The loud voices of the activists are probably not the ones who vote for you, perhaps not pay their fair share taxes. I pay, I vote and I support business in the State of Hawaii.

Don't make our government look foolish and kill the hope of a future for good strong business and jobs for my grandchildren.

Mahalo  
Syleste Williams

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Director of Marketing  
Prudential Orchid Isle Properties  
Hilo, Hawaii  
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Winner "Best Marketing Idea" and "Best Use of Marketing Dollars" - PREA AdFocus 1997  
Realtor-Associate of the Year 1995 - Hawaii Island Board of Realtors  
Winner National Exchange Clubs Project of the Year 1989 - Keeping it Cool/ Prevention of Child Abuse

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:45 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

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**From:** Sherron Skeele [sskeele@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:16 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Legislators,

I believe that the Superferry should be allowed to conduct business in the State of Hawaii. The development of the Superferry has been in the works for 5 years and millions of dollars have been pumped into the project. If the State had any reservations and wanted an EIS, it should have issued that requirement at the outset. This is plain bad business and a mark against the State of Hawaii.

Sherron Skeele

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**From:** Kaikla Kaopua [just1breath@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

My name is Kaikala Kaopua. I believe that the superferry is a great thing and an opportunity for us to see our ohana on the outer islands by boat rather than flying. I hope that soon the ferry would be able to start up again and let these people get back to work. My vote and opinion is for the vessel to once again start work.

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**From:** Steven Mickle [smickle1@san.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:33 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

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

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

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

These include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

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**From:** WILLIAM DIXON [billfrida@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:15 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I want the Superferry!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The arguments do not make an sense! You have cruise ships and barges going inter island day in and day out! The whales, what can I say, I feel they are in no danger! The state has allowed all this money to be spent and then at the last minute all of the craziness happens. It is my thought that if this does not go through all of you should be replaced !

William K Dixon  
Wailea, Hawaii

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**From:** Charlene/David Longnecker [csidel@hotmail.com]

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

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Support for the Hawaii Superferry

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

We wish to provide our enthusiastic support for legislation that will allow the Hawaii Superferry to resume service among the islands. This will add great convenience to permanent residents and greatly enhance the attractiveness of the islands for visitors, who support a considerable portion of the local economy. Everyone, both locals and tourists, will benefit and many jobs will be added or preserved. Finally, the ecological arguments seem unfounded - the carbon footprint of the ferry is only a small fraction of that from interisland aircraft, for example. Thank you for considering our views, Charlene and David Longnecker.

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**From:** Patricia R [rptricia2000@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:48 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Superferry

I was in Maui when the Superferry made it's initial sailings, I was disappointed at halt of it's service.

I think it is a great addition to the islands, especially since air travel between them has been made drastically more difficult since the changes in security due to 9/11.

I fully support the ferry, and wished it would have continued operations when I was in Maui. I think it is of great service to the people of Hawaii. I also don't see the negative impact that detractors are portraying. If anything, Hawaiians should be concerned about the Cruise ships more then the Super Ferry. I have seen them dump garbage into the sea, not what we want for the environment. I stay in a hotel, on the island and pay room taxes. However, our beach and the stores are overwhelmed on a regular occasion by the massive influx of 2000 people from the NCL ships. Stores have changed hours in Lahaina so that they are open in conjunction with the cruise ship passengers, not people actually physically being or staying on the island. The superferry will not have such a massive influx. I think if anything should be considered a detriment to Hawaii, it's culture, it economy, and it's environment, then it is the NCL cruise ships, Not the Superferry.

One person we knew in Maui was very excited because it was going to be the first time his brother and all his kids could come over from the other island and visit him because his family is so large, they needed to bring their mini-van to accomodate all of them. The SuperFerry is the only way for them to do it. Know because of a powerful lobbying group of outsiders are stopping what is good for Hawaii and Hawaiians.

I wish I could attach the sea turtle videos I took during my trip to maui this year. The footage was amazing, these were free and wild sea turtles. It is simply breath taking, My mother thought when I put the video on DVD and was playing it on the TV that I was watching the Nature channel or Animal Planet. The SuperFerry is no threat, especially if the NCL Cruise ships are not considered a threat.

Patricia Rubacky  
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**From:** Wayne Medeiros [wdmduke@pyramidins.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:13 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** Manu Medeiros; Wayne Medeiros  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I am one of the silent majority on Kauai who support the Hawaii Superferry operating while an EIS is done. I am silent because every time I've tried to speak up at public meetings in support of the Superferry I've been shouted down by the minority who think they have the right to speak for everyone without listening to everyone.

The Superferry will benefit all Hawaii if allowed to go forward as planned. It will make interisland travel easier and more affordable for families. It will give us an option when visiting the other islands, and provide another means of transporting our local produce economically.

In the event of a natural disaster the Superferry could respond with logistical support quicker than the military.

Safe guards can be put in place to minimize the spread of invasive species. But, note that some of these invasive species are already here thanks to Young Brothers, Matson and the cruise lines. To try to stop the Superferry with fears of spreading invasive species, without curtailing the other carriers would be like trying to bail out a *flooding boat with a spoon*.

As far as our over crowded roads, we can thank our local politicians and planners for that and no one else. Over development without upgrading our infrastructure is problem that continues to plague our island.

To restrict travel between the islands, by putting ridiculous restrictions would be turning Hawaii into a communist state. Last time I checked we were part of the United States of America. Freedom, especially freedom of travel, is a guaranteed right. We have our armed forces fighting and dying in Afghanistan and Iraq right now to provide these same freedoms that you are contemplating trampling to placate a few loud mouth radicals and irresponsible politicians.

I hope and pray that you will allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate as planned with a minimum of restrictions.

Thank you.

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**From:** heirloomrosaries@gmail.com on behalf of Pam Aqui [pamaqui@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:15 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry YES!

Hello,

I feel strongly that Hawaii needs the ferry to facilitate movement between the Islands. Europe, where applicable, has ferry service that is used by thousands of people. Please don't let people who just don't like change stop this service to all of Hawaii's people.

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Pam Aqui

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**From:** NANILEI808@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:14 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Aloha for the Superferry

Dear Legislature,

I am a local Hawaiian in favor of having the Superferry conduct its business here in Hawai'i.

The excitement that it brought us over a year ago when we heard that it was coming is still here. We are waiting for our turn to enjoy the sight of our islands from another side, a **choice** to travel by other means. I feel that this could've been dealt with better. There are so many issues other than this vessel did not have an environmental impact statement and that the speed might endanger the whales. **We are all in favor of protecting our oceans but this has gone too far.**

Everyone has listened to the protestors, protected them, feared them and it has opened up a can of worms. **First** of all, the protestors have tried to sabotage a business that was already granted a license. (If the State approved it, they should fix it). **Secondly**, the protestors were allowed to enter the waters while the ferry tried to enter the harbor and then allowed to attack peoples cars when they tried to embark and then **Last but not Least**, they have managed to divide our islands in such a way that it is just appalling.

They have talked about such ridiculous things such as the drug problem coming to **their islands, people from O'ahu bringing in bugs and diseases on board their cars, stealing their precious rocks, etc, etc, etc.**

**They** are trying to sabotage our feelings for a better HAWAII and we cannot let this happen. **They** are polluting HAWAII.

If the main issue is the environmental impact statement then do it but let this business continue and **let us all make the choice** whether it continues or not through good business, advertising, promotions, etc like other businesses that have been allowed to do here in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

A local Hawaiian

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**From:** Art Kalahiki [artkala@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:29 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Senate Committee,

I would like to put my name as a supporter for the Hawaii Superferry. This is a tremendous opportunity to be able to have additional transportation for locals and visitors that would be affordable and educational. Please do not let this most important opportunity die and fade away because of a few misguided individuals.

Sincerely,

**Art Kalahiki**





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**From:** Brendan Freitas [al\_oha\_@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:07 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** hawaii superferry

It is simply not fair and not good business to have stopped the superferry just before they were to go on line because of the lack of an EIS. It isn't their fault as they were allowed to go ahead without it, and as a result, spent millions of dollars and now have no way to recoup these losses, not to mention the millions spent by the state on harbor improvements. No wonder Hawaii is known as the worst place to open a business. If it indeed was the state's fault, the mistake should be owned up to, and the Superferry allowed to operate, because, after all, they were given the go ahead.

I think if the EIS is required, other firms who use the island waterways should be inspected for any environmental concerns, I do believe that some freight companies are feeling the competition and are using the EIS as their weapon to stop the superferry, while paying no attention to their own environmental responsibility. I have seen firsthand the lack of care exercised by some companies in protecting the island waters, and feel that if the superferry is held to a high standard, so should everyone else. Big business here has a history of snuffing out any threat by entangling new entities in lawsuits and other issues until they decide not to come in or eventually go out of business. It is this stranglehold that a few large businesses have on the Islands that results in poor service, high prices, and a general lackadaisical attitude toward its customers.

The superferry brings unwanted competition, which is what the big guys don't want. Competition is what consumers need.

Free enterprise favors the best run, most efficient companies who service their customers better than the competition at a fair price. It is what existing competitors fear. Government should NOT be in the business of restraining trade. Millions have already been spent, and hundreds of jobs lost, because of an after-the-fact issue.

Let them run...it's good for the islands...to the competition, improve your service, cut your costs, and quit whining.

Brendan L. Freitas  
Hawaii Island

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**From:** Fogg SFO [foggso2@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:14 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** HAWAII SUPERFERRY

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

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

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

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

The Date Is...October 23, 2007 at 10:10 AM PDT

Regards, Ron Todd

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**From:** Marilyn Lane [mmlane@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:58 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

My husband and I consider ourselves part-time members of the Hawaii community, as we spend a great part of our winters with our daughter and her family who are permanent residents of Maui. We are concerned with the future of the Superferry. Transportation between islands is limited to airline travel at this point. That precludes the use of autos and bicycles at your destination. We are outdoor enthusiasts who would take part in more activities on islands other than Maui if we had the means of transportation. At this time, we are relegated to rentals of modes of transportation once we land on the islands. Please consider those who wish to visit other islands and tour with our bikes or autos and not be restricted by the whims of the airlines and rental agencies. Access to other islands would be so much more practical and affordable for families to enjoy the islands without those restrictions. Coming from a state that relies on the use of a ferry system for access to many parts of the state, I feel we are qualified to testify to the value of a ferry system.

Thank you,  
Adrian and Marilyn Lane  
Wasilla, Alaska  
(Kula, Maui)

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**From:** Raymondcatania@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:14 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** no sail if no EIS first!

Aloha from Puhi, Kauai,

Please, the superferry should not sail until an independent EIS is done,  
Mahalo,  
Raymond Catania

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**From:** Taylor, Matthew C CTR SOCPAC SOJ33 [matthew.c.taylor.ctr@pacom.mil]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:13 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I Support the Super Ferry

I Support the Super Ferry, because it will support greater mobility and commerce among the islands. Special interest companies (airlines, rental cars) want to maintain a monopoly instead of compete with lower priced competitors. Some brothers on the other islands want to restrict the visitors to only those with money. Neither of these practices are fair and demonstrate limited aloha.

The Super Ferry is no more a threat to sea life than Matson or the US Navy, but the islands depend on those ventures for physical and economic survival. The environmental impact argument should be seen for what it is - a desperate canard argued by lawyers to support an environmental falsehood to support the interests of economic bigots.

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**From:** TBVABCH@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:13 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I support the Hawaii Superferry. After living in Hawaii for 3 years, I always wondered why there was no way to go between the islands other than by air. The Hawaii Superferry will be a super asset to the state.

Tommy Baldwin  
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**From:** Ronald Montague [ronald\_montague@hawaiianisles.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:16 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Quit lollygagging and just get it done.

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**From:** Kamala Kramer [kakramer@ksbe.edu]

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

**To:** testimony

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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I feel the Superferry would be valuable to the islands. Not only would it give the people another option of travel but it is also generating much needed job opportunities.



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**From:** Jennifer Vinson [jenvinnik@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:10 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I see no valid reason why the super ferry should not be allowed to operate. I am in favor of allowing the super ferry to operate. Lets not let Big Business here in Hawaii monopolize all forms of transportations, limiting the public.

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**From:** Scott Ushijima [scott@landscapehi.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:13 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Good morning All,

We are in need of an alternative mode of interisland transportation to help keep other industries competitive. I believe the Superferry does exactly that. Up to know we hear the small minority of opposition with a louder voice. However, I believe that the majority with a more futuristic and practical vision are in favor of this mode of transportation.

Mahalo,  
Scott Ushijima

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**From:** REMITCHELL@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:13 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for the Hawaii Superferry

This is a note in support of the Superferry. We as residents of Hawaii have been waiting for something like this for years and a few residents of another island have seemed to put a end to everything just as it has started to become a reality. There are hundreds of ships sailing between the islands everyday why is the Superferry being singled out. Why can't the ferry follow the same rules as everyone else. Is it right that groups who cause trouble and mayhem be given the satisfaction of getting their way? When a child throws a fit do we as parents give in to their cries by giving them what they want. This is what these people are doing. We have a history as local people of being humble and not wanting to make "huhu". But these new residents seem to think that in order to get their way they should cause some sort of disturbance. The support for the ferry is overwhelming but locals don't want to fight and yell at other people so to get what is right. For once please listen to the locals who have lived and have been raised here rather than the loud, rude, people who have somehow arrived here and now seem to think that they know what is best for everyone involved.

Thank You and Mahalo for your time,

Rudolph Mitchell III  
Waimanalo, Hawaii

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**From:** AValdez5@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:12 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry Support

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Super ferry. I was just there in DEC 2006 and July 2007. I wanted to book an intrerisland trip with the super ferry but found out it was not going to be open on time. I had a family of six with me and wanted them to experience the beauty Hawaii has to offer from eye level. I would love to go back again in DEC 2007 or FEB 2008 and enjoy the spectacular views of Hawaii from this amazing boat.

Thanks,

Adrian Valdez

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**From:** Discount Hawaii Condos [hawaiicondos@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:02 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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I support the superferry. It allows more business and personal opportunities for the people of this great state.

Please do not let this opportunity pass us by.

Mahalo,  
Kathy Ochsenbein  
Makaha

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**From:** Dave Henry [henry4459@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:11 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry

To: Energy and Environment Senate Committee

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I am writing in complete support of the Super Ferry. We need this service as it will provide a very convenient link between us here on the Big Island and to the rest of the state. As an Environmental Impact Statement is going to be prepared I don't understand why we are in jeopardy of losing the Super Ferry. Please don't let a few activists dictate the future for the majority of the population, as has happened so many times here on the big island.

Mahalo

Dave Henry  
Pahoa, Hawaii

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**From:** John M. Champagne [makolea@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:05 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Legislature's Public Access Room / Hawaii Superferry

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

I sincerely request that the Hawaii Superferry be granted necessary permits to operate in Hawaiian waters ASAP. I believe this would benefit Hawaii, not to mention the businesses in our state. I truly feel that the HSF has been not treated fairly and hoping that you our legislature will correct this and allow our HSF to operate and urge that these EIS be done in a fair and swift manner. Thank you for your time and fairness.

Mahalo, John M. Champagne  
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

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**From:** Marykris35@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:11 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Ferry Bill

Hon. Committee of Judiciary and Labor Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

I would like to give my voice towards the hearing on Wed. Oct.24th at 10:30 am at the Auditorium, State Capitol.

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

Besides the fact that this will unite the different counties of the state and allow the youth of the schools etc to gather more frequently. Besides the fact that the elderly and those who can not ride comfortably on airplanes could see friends and ohana again.

I have a personal reason of my friend who has heavy wheel chair and equipment with a van set up for his needs. His family was so looking forward to actually doing a family trip together from O'ahu to the other islands. To be able to drive the handicapped van on board the ferry would make this trip possible. You shouldn't shut this down without the research done first.

We all love Ke Akua's aina. We want to be good to the land and waters of Hawaii. I'm sure after proper research and cooperation; the Super Ferry can succeed to make any adjustments necessary if any are needed to not just support the environment but the people that live within it. Often activists don't do their research and want to do something extreme. Like when they wanted to breach the dams in eastern Washington to save a certain species of fish. Never mind they would destroy farms and communities. They never even visited the areas they were proposing to destroy, after all it wasn't their home. Then it dawned on them; "oh if we destroy the dams, we won't have their hydroelectric power that supplies Seattle" which would have given them plenty of brown outs etc. That's when they let the issue go.

Lets not jump on the activists band wagon until we have done our research. The only effective way to do this research is to allow the Ferry to function, so tests etc can be made. Then let those who live in the areas, not just some outsider activists, give their voice to the studies as well. Let the whole ohana at large of the islands give their voice.

O'wau no,  
Mary Krismunando

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**From:** ALOHATHYME@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:11 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I find the majority of the reasons given to prevent the Superferry from sailing to the neighbor islands invalid. The thought that it would increase traffic by increasing the number of cars on the road is ludicrous. All that will be happening is that peoples personal cars will be replacing rental cars on the road. Same number of vehicles. All of the other issues such as an increase in organized crime, invasion of foreign species, etc. already have means through cruise ships, airliners, Matson and Young Brothers.

I am totally in support of the Superferry as an alternate means of neighbor island transportation. These bored souls on the neighbor island should put their energy into more worthwhile causes than driving a wedge between their brothers and sisters on Oahu.

Phil Birn

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**From:** Blen J Hinton [blenhinton@trebmaui.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:34 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

To all concerned

This will be the Biggest black eye the State of Hawaii will every have to over come if the Superferry does not sail. *The world's businesses will not come here to help make a future for our children. All we will become is dried up sugar cane and pineapple fields, and run down buildings with potholed roads between them.* The superferry offers a leg up for the State to get into the 21st century. The threat to the environment is a ruse to cover-up the practical and logical fact that it will promote more economic growth for all businesses. Please get a bill passed to promote the Superferry

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**From:** Dave Henry [henry4459@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:10 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry

To: Transportation and International Affairs Senate Committee

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Mahalo

Dave Henry  
Pahoa, Hawaii

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**From:** Lynn Vasquez [lynn.vasquez@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:10 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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Aloha! I support The Superferry! I'll keep my Testimony simple. Let it run!! It would give us another source to travel.

Mahalo

Alyn Vasquez

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Alyn L.A. Vasquez  
Administrator  
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**From:** Teri K. Savaiinaea [alasavaiinaea@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** alasavaiinaea@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Superferry

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

Date: October 23, 2007 7:00am

My husband and I support the Superferry because of the competitive pricing to the outer islands instead of only having to choose the other company that has dominated Hawaii for a long time (YB). Not saying we would like them to go out of business but we now have choices. These are economical hard times right now and we need better pricing with out compromising our EcoSystem. Also we will have the oportunity to enjoy our beautiful islands up close and not thru an aircraft window high above. One thing with most people they don't like changes and are afraid to take the challenge. Life is full of challenges but you have to take a chance or you will never know what tomorrow brings. Go Superferry!!!

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Teri & Michael

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**From:** Frank Maier [monfranz@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Aloha Gentlemen,

It would be a great mistake to work against this project, future generations would not forgive you. All of the islands will benefit with this extra choice of inter-island travel. Rejecting this project will place a cloud on all those who voted against it. People will say that the votes were bought by special interest groups, who wish to be without competition.

May you all use your brains for the good of the islands.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Frank J. Maier  
Kapaau, HI

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**From:** KimVotroubek@aol.com  
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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** (no subject)

WHAT AWONDERFUL WAY TO SEE THE ISLANDS WITHOUT HAVING TO FLY. IM VERY VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THE FERRY THANK YOU KIM VOTROUBEK

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**From:** Riki Newkold [rikinewkold@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:10 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

To the Hawaii State Senate,

My wife and I are residents of the Big Island and we are very PRO-SUPERFERRY. The Neighbor Islands need it badly. Think of the positive effects on local farmers and business entrepreneurs who would finally be able to ship their products inter-island at short notice and reasonable cost. Personally, my wife and I will benefit by the ability to make major shopping trips to Oahu, hauling large ticket items home in our minivan. Items that are simply not available on most Neighbor Islands.

Those are our personal reasons. As President Elect of the Rotary Club of Hilo, I also fear for the state of Hawaii's reputation, should we fail to launch the Superferry. What company in its right mind would risk the hundreds of millions of dollars that Superferry has, if we let it collapse due to the loud screaming of a few opponents? This, despite the fact that the majority of Hawaiians want the Superferry. I urge all Hawaiian legislators to stand up for us, the silent majority.

If you like, I'd be more than happy to pay my way to testify in person.

Mahalo,

Richard & Ulrike Newkold  
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**From:** A Mina [andy.pearl@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Interim Superferry Operations

Deliver to Senate Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment committees for hearings scheduled Wednesday, 24 October 2007 at 10:30 am.

My testimony:

As a military member transferred in 2005 who has decided to retire in Hawaii, I have a vested interest in the State's future, even though I do not have native Hawaiian blood and my family has not lived here for generations.

In my opinion, the Legislature must expedite every action required to put the Superferry back into operation. Further, the Judiciary should be required to take appropriate legal action against those citizens who are determined to block the Superferry through threats, intimidation, and direct actions contrary to the public safety.

My disappointment at not being able to move my family easily between the islands is not important. The fact that a few vocal residents of Maui and Kauai don't want the Superferry is not important. What is important, is that by it's current course of action, the State of Hawaii is encouraging law-breakers, denying opportunity to the less vocal/militant majority, and is revealing to the rest of the country and the world that "aloha" is more analagous to "dysfunctional" than it is to any of the more positive aspects of Hawaiian culture that we claim to embrace.

I am an engineer by trade and am very familiar with both transportation and environmental issues by training and experience. I am strongly in favor of appropriate environmental safeguards and protection. But given the totality of intra-island transportation that already exists, I can find no good reason why the Superferry should not resume it's planned operations while appropriate environmental studies (equivalent to those required of other operations with potentially the same impact) are completed.

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**From:** Harri B [Winks-Mom@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I Support the Superferry

Aloha,

My name is Harrilyn Belluche. I reside on Oahu in Kaneohe. I am in support of the Superferry. I would like to see another mode of transportation for these islands, other than air. I just find air travel to be so tedious to travel and so unforgiving when you have to cancel and rebook. I also support the Superferry because I think it could be of great use in the event of a major catastrophe to shuttle equipment or help to the neighbor islands. I believe it would be a great asset to our local civil defense. Air travel seems so tedious, when you must drive to the airport, pay to park, check in, wait, fly, and then reverse the process when ready to return home. So humbug sometimes!

Thank you,  
H. Belluche

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**From:** Ray Paler [ray.paler@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for the Superferry

Please see to it that the Superferry gets fair treatment in being heard. The vocal minority who oppose it does not speak for the silent majority who are for it.

Sincerely,

Ray Paler

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**From:** Carolyn Wadley [Carolyn.Wadley@maryl.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Let Super Ferry continue

Please keep the Super Ferry running until the kinks are worked out. The cruise ships and Young Brothers, Matson can continue, why now the super Ferry. We need the service.



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**From:** Linda Cox [coxg001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 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,

I believe that the superferry should be allowed to begin service now. I think that it is discrimanatory to keep the super ferry from operating because no other inter island water service is required to meet the extra requirements that are being put upon the superferry.

*I do not believe that the superferry will cause any more harm to our environment or to sea life than any of the other inter island water service providers.*

I find that the hysterical rhetoric, that I have witnessed via the media, exhibits ignorance, selfishness, and clearly, a lack of aloha. They have jumped to a conclusion, with little or no real knowledge.

Please let the superferry run their business.

Mahalo, Linda Cox 638-7490

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**From:** Kevin Myers [KevinInCA@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:02 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I support the Superferry and believe the sooner service is started, the better it will be for the people of the State of Hawai'i. Delaying its start will hurt the public financially and should not be allowed.

The ferry will be good for commerce, commerce benefits the economy, a better economy benefits everyone.

The ferry will be good for agriculture, agriculture benefits the health and wellbeing of us all.

The ferry will provide a practical and cost-effective method of transport during a major emergency.

I will personally use the ferry for interisland commerce as it will allow me to easily move large items, such as furniture, between O'ahu and Maui where I live and do business. The current system of barges is awkward, slow and inconvenient, effectively limiting my choices and opportunities as a consumer.

Kevin Myers  
Maui

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**From:** a me [edmund1025@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Ferry

To whom it may concern,

Please strongly consider the Hawaii Ferry. The Ferry between Molokai and Maui has been a blessing for the locals. I believe the Ferry service among the Islands of Hawaii would deeply benefit everyone. The impact on the environment is not less or more than the impact of airlines between the islands. I believe this is just politics as usual and the people of Hawaii will not enjoy a great benefit if you do not allow the Ferry to operate. Many places around the world use ferries. I remember the hover craft that use to go between Honolulu and Maui. What a treat and very convenient. Please do the right thing by allowing the Ferry to operate in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Ann Edmunds

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**From:** Kenny Ray [KennyRay@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

To whom it may concern,

I am totally for the SuperFerry to come to Kauai. Hope you people listen to our side for once. The Superferry will be good for Hawaii. Is all the other carriers good or bad for hawaii? Come on politicians, THINK !!!

Kenneth Rapozo  
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**From:** Keahi Pelayo [keahi@lava.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** 'Lynda Pelayo'; 'Susie Morgan'; 'Madison Pelayo'; cpelayo16@punahou.edu  
**Subject:** Support for the Super Ferry

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate,

My name is Keahi Pelayo and I am a registered voter. I grew up on Maui and now live on Oahu. I support the Super Ferry for many, many, reasons, however, given my roots in Lahaina, the Super Ferry will make it much easier for me to visit my family. This ease of getting to Maui will allow us to go more often, strengthening my immediate family's ties to those of my extended Ohana. Thank you for supporting this important and useful service.

Mahalo,  
Keahi Pelayo

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**From:** PacSalCo@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

My family and I fully support the Hawaiian Super Ferry. The only people with a legitimate reason for opposing the Ferry, and for very obvious reasons, are Young Bros. and the inter-island airlines. The Ferry should be allowed to operate while the politics are played out.

Robert Conser  
Laupahoehoe  
Big Island

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**From:** DERKINE@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Aloha to all,

We just want to add our wish that you will permit the ferry to continue service to our outer Islands. We feel that the majority of folks against the ferry are primarily misinformed. The whale issue could be resolved if these folks would just understand the lengths at which the ship operators take to prevent hitting whales. The high tech electronics along with spotters on each side of the ship's bridge and the maneuverability of the ship would make the chances of hitting a whale almost nil. Pollution from the Alakai is zero -- compare that with other ships that sail in and out of our ports. The Alakai puts nothing in the water and her smoke stacks are clear and clean. Not so the the cruise ships, tug and barge companies and the container ships. Please let let the ferry run.

Mahalo,

Roy and Sandy Ryan  
Honolulu, Hi

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**From:** Michael J. Bowles [mikeb@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry testimony

I am a tug boat Captain, and have lived on Kauai and Oahu since 1987. I have read and heard a lot the anti ferry comments siting all the environmental and social concerns.

Here is the testimony I wish to submit.

I have first hand knowledge about how the maritime industry in Hawaii operates, there is no thought about invasive species when barges are loaded, perhaps there should be, but there are no laws directing any maritime operator to wash undercarriages or scrub boots of crewmen. To single out one operator to perform these things is ridiculous and would probably be open all kinds of litigation.

I have towed barges filled with 6000 tons of sand and gravel directly from Maui to Kauai and Oahu and sometimes the reverse. No invasive species checks conducted. The sand and gravel come directly from the quarry to the barge, then off loaded and sent by road to the final destination.

Both Matson and Young brothers have ro-ro barges, both ro-ro barges have 3 or more upper decks, which are usually loaded with cars.

Larger trucks and equipment stay on the first deck. The car carrying capacity of the Matson barge is in excess of 400 cars the Young brothers barge is even larger, there is no undercarriage wash system for those cars, livestock also makes the trip between islands, Animals frequently carry seeds within their intestines yet there are no decontamination procedures conducted.

These ro-ro barges are extremely fast to load and off load, the entire port stay is often less than 4 hours for both the off load and back load.

There is lots of talk about forcing the ferry to slow to 13 knots in shallow waters or where whales are present, The State only has jurisdiction to dictate vessel speed 3 miles from land and within harbors. The only speed limit on federal waters is the captain's best judgement, and that is the way it should be. Attempts by some to slow the ferry between the islands are futile and outside the state jurisdiction.

I concede the point that the ferry will eventually strike a whale, how many wales have been hit by ships already transiting in Hawaii waters I don't know. I do know that occasionally a dead whale is spotted around the islands, without the ferry operating, and no one claims responsibility. I'm sure the ferry will have to shoulder the blame any time a whale, dolphin, turtle or monk seal is found dead.

The legislature should not forget that it is the state of Hawaii that has the responsibility to conduct an environmental assessment for the harbor improvements in Kahului NOT the superferry.

The legislature should also be careful to draft a bill that does not impose unintended restrictions on other interisland carriers.

Thank you for your time

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**From:** Joyce Almeida [joycealmeida@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry

For once let the majority rule and not the fanatic few. Let the ferry operate.

Joyce K. Almeida  
Waimanalo

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**From:** dcnsnow@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In favor of Hawaii Superferry

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

**FROM:** Clarence DeCaires, Jr. of 1131 Kupau St. Kailua, Hawaii 96734

**DATE:** October 23, 2007, Tuesday at 0700 hours

**SUBJECT:** In favor of the Hawaii Superferry

To all the Senate Committee Members I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. I start with the word Hawaii and as a lover of the island and it's people this would be a wonderful way for the us to enjoy the beauty of the islands from a different perspective and very affordable. Speaking of being affordable it will assist those on the islands of Hawaii, Maui and even Kauai to reach medical care facilities such as Queens, Kaiser, St. Francis and Straub Hospitals who specialize in certain areas without the use of Air Ambulance, Handivans, or Taxi being that the families could use their own vehicles for transportation to these facilities.

My last comment is a selfish one, but as a motorcycle enthusiast the Hawaii Superferry will enable me and my wife to take advantage of our motorcycle which uses less fuel and get from island to island without the cost of high car rental fees, insurance and creating another car on the road.

Your consideration would be appreciated.

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**From:** Bkunio@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:07 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I want the Superferry!

I am in full support of the Superferry because it offers another way of traveling to the other islands for our family and especially to take our van so we don't have to rent or bother family members. We also can bring our scout troop over to the other major islands with our camping equipment. I see this as a great thing. I personally will make sure that everything that we bring over is as clean as possible of invasive species.

Thanks,

Bruce Meyers  
Hilo Resident

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**From:** Ellen Wilson [elleniverson@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:13 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

**State Senate Legislative Hearing**

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

**Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24**

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

**I am very much in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. It will provide a low-cost and convenient way for residents and visitors alike to visit neighboring islands; local farmers will be able to expand their *commerce to other islands*; *jobs will be created and provided due to the Superferry*; and Hawaii may start to become known as a state where new business is desired and appreciated.**

**Ellen Wilson  
Kailua-Kona, HI**



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**From:** robert zimmer [robertzimmer@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:07 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

There is no reason to keep the Superferry from operating while an EIS is going on. If something is found during the operation of the Superferry that is environmentally unsound, then action could be taken to correct it. I would hate to lose this boat as in the time of emergencies, I think we will have a strong appreciation for her. Please approve whatever legislation that is needed to get her to sail.

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**From:** Kalani [kalani@martinandmacarthur.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:44 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Super ferry

Let it run, a vocal few isolationist who want to remain in the stone age are ruining a good thing.  
John Stasack

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**From:** Mouse Builders, Inc. [mbi@lava.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:59 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am writing to urge you to do what you can to save the Hawaii Superferry. There are endless reasons why this service could benefit our state, and so few why it may not. Although I do not know all the details that got us to this point, I believe that the Superferry deserves a chance, and this last-minute effort to stop it is extremely detrimental to the image of our state in the eyes of other potential business ventures. If we want to diversify our economy, we must make ourselves business-friendly.

Thank you for your time,  
Elise Cramer  
Born and raised in Kaneohe, Hawaii

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**From:** cwvannatta@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawii Superferry SUPPORT

I have been a resident of the Big Island for over 15 years. The Hawaii Superferry should start running immediately while the EIS is conducted. The Hawaii Superferry is a great addition to Hawaii and a much needed boost to our tourist based economy. To treat them differently than the military, shipping companies, cruise lines and pleasure cruises that operate in Hawaiian waters is a gross injustice.

Our children need to be given an opportunity for a strong financial future in the islands and to continually treat new business this poorly guarantees more Hawaiians/local people will be moving to the mainland for career opportunities.

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**From:** Salisbury, Leslie A [leslie.a.salisbury@smithbarney.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I am in favor of the Super Ferry

Do not let unstable people determine the progress of this great State-Build the highways and install the Super Ferry.

## **Les Salisbury**

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**From:** Michael J. Kitchens [michaeljkitchens@users.easynews.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:00 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I support the Super Ferry!

Honorable Senators & Representatives,

I strongly disagree with the Maui Judge's decision to halt the Super Ferry's operations while an Environmental Assessment is completed. This is a huge, backwards step for progress in Hawaii, and is a slap in the face for a business that has been very supportive in investing their monies in our local economy. What will other business take from this lesson? The protesters had YEARS to put their say in, and to come forward with their complaints. Only now, after the greenlight did they come in and stop a business that has invested millions of dollars, as well as State taxpayers that will have to foot the bill if the Super Ferry decides to leave. This will most likely end up as a very negative mark on our state governments track record, and will be an example of how maligned our legal system is.

It seems extremely strange to me that an EIS is suddenly needed for something that has been in the works for many, many years. I've even seen a documentary on the Discovery channel about it! How ridiculous is this situation? And how will the rest of the U.S., and the world view our state now? I'm a strong advocate of getting a track built here, but until it can be done, the cheapest way for us to race, on the outer islands, is the Super Ferry. Now, that isn't possible...and a temp solution for our racing woes is out the window.

This entire incident will set an example for the world about how Hawaii treats it's businesses. What type of example do we want to set?

I firmly support the Super Ferry, and I ask that you allow it to continue to operate!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Kitchens  
Resident,  
Kalihi, Oahu, Hawaii

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**From:** Grammasaviary1@aol.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** I urge the state of Hawaii to vote to continue the Super Ferry

Just look what Washington State is all about, FERRIES, that is there way of getting around. The orca's are up there and also the humpback whales. Now they are not fighting, like we are here. There has got to be a better way around this, it looks horrible to our tourist, many that are from Canada, I stayed in Maui in Feb, and asked all the tourist what they thought of the ferry, most said it was a good thing, and most of them were from Canada. If they can do the ferry system why can't we.

Sincerely,  
Eleanor George

**If God leads you to it, then God will lead you through it. f God  
'Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you  
meet Is Fighting some kind of battle.'** leads you to it, Then God will lead you through it.

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**From:** Jay Paulson [Jay@hoaka.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:52 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In favor of Superferry

Legislators,

I've lived on the Big Island since 1975. Hawaii is a GREAT state and the Superferry would allow many of its inhabitants the ability to travel to ALL of the islands more freely. Yes, conduct a EIS, yes be as proactive as you can to ensure invasive species aren't transferred from one island to the next, but please encourage those that you can to let us move to the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

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**From:** Randall, Tracy A. [TRACY.A.RANDALL@saic.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:19 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In Favor of the Super Ferry  
**Importance:** High

I am in favor of the super ferry because I believe that with the additional options to travel to another island are needed. With the raising prices of airfare, hotel and car rentals, this may be the only way that families can travel together.

Tracy Randall  
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Administrator  
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**From:** PATTI.ARAKAKI [PATTI.ARAKAKI@pruhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:52 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In favor of the Superferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I support the Superferry because it brings the Hawaii people other means to visit family, and spreads the economy leaving it in Hawaii.

Thank you for your time.

Patti Arakaki

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**From:** Kelalakimo@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:52 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In Support of The Superferry

***To Whom it May Concern:***

***After waiting many years for this wonderful service to be provided for the residents of our Islands I feel it would be a personal loss not having the ability to utilize such a transport.***

***I have traveled both by plane and boat inter Island and to be able to have my own car with us would be the best means that this ferry could provide for my family since I am now in a \*wheelchair.***

***\*\*In traveling to the outer Islands in the past I realized there was no Hand-van or public transportation as we have here on Oahu. This limited me to the Hotel area on the Big Island on one occasion and on the "Cruise ship" on the other.***

***I also feel that, as the tourist add to the economy of the outer Islands, so too can we Local people add to our own economy by this new venture with the Hawaii Superferry.***

***Hopefully, all things considered, the benefits will outweigh any questionable doubts. Mahalo.***

***Sincerely,  
Geraldine Edmondson  
James Ziccardi, jr.***

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**From:** Sykes, Joshua x [Joshua\_Sykes@apl.com]

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

**To:** testimony

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

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

I am writing this letter in SUPPORT of the Hawaii Super Ferry. I urge your committees to allow the Super Ferry to operate while the Environmental Impact Statement is being conducted.

I am a voter. And your actions will way on me during the next election session.

Thank you.

Joshua Sykes  
91-725 Kilaha Street  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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**From:** Renee M. Rivera [rmr@m4law.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:51 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Legislature's Public Access Room - Hawaii Superferry

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry being allowed to operate in Hawaii. I feel it will bring a much needed service to our islands. It is a sad day when a handful of loud small thinking people are allowed to cause such a problem that affects the larger common sense thinking majority! Hawaii should be embarrassed at how it has treated a new business venture. No one will want to bring new business here. As a result we will lose more of our local children to the mainland. It's called cause and effect.

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**From:** Janine Tannehill [Kindintentions@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:50 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Listen to the Majority.....

Dear Sirs,  
please allow the Ferry to run while an environmental study is done.....from what I understand the larger passenger luxury ships that can do so much more damage to sea life are allowed to dock on any of the outer islands....why then is their such a big concern about the Ferry? I say give the people of Hawaii what the majority has asked for....let the Super Ferry run...could it be that the airlines and car rental businesses are dead set on not letting the Super Ferry compete w/their services....healthy competition is always good for the consumer.... please for once consider what the majority wants rather than what big business desires....  
thanks for your consideration,  
Janine Tannehill  
Social Worker for Community Care Services.

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**From:** Ed Tsang [et0205762vm@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:33 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Make Superferry work!

Dear Hawaii Legislature,

Please advance the Superferry to keep it running. Keep it in Hawaii. As a resident and taxpayer, I want a interisland mode of transportation in addition to aircraft. A ferry would work just fine. Other countries have it. We are so backward because we can agree to make it work.

The failure of the getting the Environmental Impact Study is a colossal misstep since stakeholders were ignored. Do the EIS in parallel with the Superferry in operation.

Make it work.

Thank you,

Ed Tsang

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**From:** I Steinwinder [alohareenie@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:49 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Pass The Superferry

Please pass the Superferry. It will allow our state to flourish and grow.

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**From:** Ted and Rhonda Peterson [trpetersons@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:50 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please keep the ferry service for inter island travel for the Hawaiian Islands

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

I would like to take a moment to voice my request to help keep the ferry available to use in between the Hawaiian Islands.

We have vacationed in Hawaii before. And to stay a few days on each island is ideal....but with trying to pack back up, check out of a hotel, turn in a rental car, deal with security at the airport, along with long wait times....then arrive at the next island, get our baggage, rent a car, drive to the hotel, check in, unpack.....we loose an entire day every time we change islands.

With the ferry.....we can rent someplace by the week on an island, and just jump on a ferry with our car, and an overnight bag and head for a different one. Eliminating all the extra steps. Catching a hotel room for a night, after we get there, but still having all our stuff safe and sound on the other island. No packing up everything....checking it all in at an airport.....waiting for baggage... turning in or renting a rental car again.....just carefree and able to enjoy all aspects of our vacation, with minimal cares.

Sounds nice ah! Like an excursion for a day, on a cruise ship.

I am sure there are many other people like us....that do not get an opportunity to take a nice leisure trip, on a ship, to different tropical islands. We have to fly to reach an ocean. This is a service that we would definately use, the next time we are in Hawaii. Which we have plans to do in 2008. We hope that this service will be available then, while were there.

We also understand your concerns with the environmental impact this ship may have. We are not understanding how they would have a different impact then the ships that cruise companies use to take passengers around the islands or the freighters use to deliver shipped items to the islands.

Vacations are usually only a week or two long, when a family gets to travel to an exotic destination. We like to make the most of our time while we are there. We don't want to choose between not getting to see some of the islands or losing days each time we change to a differnt island. This ferry would offer an alternative.

Sincerely,

Ted and Rhonda Peterson

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**From:** Jim Russi [jim@photorussi.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:30 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please support the Super Ferry

Please help the families of Hawaii with this valuable alternative in transportation to connect with our friends and family on the outer islands.

your Kokua would be greatly appreciated in this urgent matter.

Mahalos,

Jim Russi and family (30 year resident and business operator on northshore)

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**From:** Ernest Morimoto [Ernest\_Morimoto@hmsa.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:49 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please Support the Super Ferry!!

**Please support the use of the Super Ferry!! If impose "conditions" on the Super Ferry, I ask you "ARE YOU ALSO IMPOSING THE SAME CONDITIONS on the other Inter-Island transportation modes?????? LETS TRY TO BE FAIR & RESONABLE! THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS ISSUE.**

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*Mahalo, Ernie Morimoto*

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**From:** noreenpiccinino@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Hawaii Superferry

Good Morning,

Why is there so much controversy on allowing the Superferry to operate? NCL, Matson, Young Brothers, Horizon Lines, fishing vessels are allowed to use the ocean waters without any concerns. If the issue is environmental, then why do we have alot of cars driven and don't allow boats to ship goods to the neighbor islands. State of hawaii, especially the outer islands are still living in the dark ages. They don't seem to want the economy to grow benefitting us, the People of Hawaii.

Please vote "YES" to have the Hawaii Superferry to operate in the State of Hawaii giving all Hawaii citizens the opportunity a choice of transportation.

Thank you.

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**From:** Hernando Conceicao [gpi91@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:40 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Re: Superferry

Our unique state consists of several islands, the citizens should be given the right to travel to all the islands with their vehicles freely, and Superferry is providing the means of doing so, inexpensively. The people in the mainland have the privilege of travelling to all the states without hinderance, why not us, aren't we part of U.S.A.? Free access to our state and country is our constitutional right, and we should not tolerate any restrictions.

Hernando Conceicao.

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**From:** Duncan [duncanr001@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM

**To:** testimony

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

I am for granting the Superferry to operate while the assessments of impact are being accomplished. I am for the assessments of impact to be accomplished and any negative results be acted on while the Superferry continues to operate. Portland and Bar Harbor Maine have had similar vessels in operation for years. Please include my email for the review of:

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Thank you very much.

Robert W. Duncan

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**From:** Dennis & Judy Lind [lindd001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:48 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Hearing Oct. 23, 2007  
**Attachments:** Superferry Testimony.doc

Submitting Testimony.  
Thank you.

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To: The Senate Committee for Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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We urge your support and passage of the bill to permit the Superferry to operate while an environmental impact statement is prepared.

We believe this is fair to all concerned and that the Superferry should not be singled out for special (negative) treatment or held to higher standards than other ocean going vessels.

Further, as an island state, everyone would benefit from having another transportation alternative.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Judy and Dennis Lind



Michael A. Barrow  
P. O. Box 1194  
Volcano, Hawaii 96785

October 23, 2007

Hawaii State Senate Committees  
Judiciary and Labor  
Transportation and International Affairs,  
Energy and Environment

Re; Superferry Hearing, Wednesday @ 10:30 a.m. October 24, 2007, State  
Capital Auditorium

Senators of the above committees,

I am very concerned for the future of Hawaii. It seems that when we take a step into the future, we seem to take two back. In my 53 years, I realize that the clock can not be turned back, as I sometime would like that it could. For 5 years the state has been working with the Superferry to provide a much needed alternative to inter island transportation. Now that that vision is in our mist, few people of Hawaii are objecting, along with some well paid attorneys. If the environmental impact statement is the only agenda that this group has as to the possible damage to the environment, what about the cruise lines that go into every island, and they have a deeper draft (which could damage the reefs), along with very damaging propellers, what I feel could cause more damage to the islands. I would like to know who the main people are behind the objections to the Superferry? I can not help but think that some are fueled by the airlines, hotels and car rental companies. I support the Superferry for several reasons. One, it gives the outer islanders an alterative to travel. Two, money would be spread from island to island, benefiting all. Three, it would save money for some to be able to shop in Oahu. I could go on. I know there is a large hurdle that you have to go over to help this much needed facility. Please make it happen.

Mahalo,

Michael A. Barrow

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**From:** Concept Construction (Suzy) [suzy@conceptconstructionhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:39 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I and my family strongly support the super ferry. We need this method of transportation for our islands and I am appalled that such a few number of people have managed to bring things to a stop.

Mahalo,  
Suzy Lauer - Office Manager  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:28 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

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Dear Sirs:

I am a new resident to Hawaii and was disturbed that a minority of people were dictating how Hawaii should move forward on there modes of transportation by blocking the Super Ferry in the courts. I spent 20 years in Washington State which has the Ferry system as part of the highway sytem. They also have an abundant marine and whale population. Most people used the Ferry System to the surrounding islands in Washington State and Canada. Not once in the 20 years in Washington did I hear negative comments about Ferries, but only positive comments of how you could enjoy the Ferry System for transportation for work and play. There were both slow and fast Ferries both public and private.

The Super Ferry will enhance life in Hawaii. Its each individual's choice wether to use this form of transportation. Please let the Super Ferry stay in Hawaii.

Thank you,

Dale Sebring

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**From:** George Arthur Talbot [gwapogearge@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:27 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Dear Senate Sergeant-At-Arms

I support the Super Ferry. This resource is a valuable asset to Kauai.

Kind Regards,

George Talbot  
Kauai Hawaii

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**From:** Marilyn\_Crane/FERN/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:53 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I am writing in strong support of the Super Ferry for Hawaii. I have used the ferry in Seattle, Vancouver, and Venice where they made my travel very easy and enjoyable. In each area, locals and tourists alike availed themselves of the service. It was truly a way of life. Please do not allow Hawaii to look like a state without vision. Our actions to date make me feel we are at odds for the wrong reasons and not pursuing a viable travel opportunity for the right reasons. Thank you for your attention.

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**From:** Joyce Paoa [jpaoa@pacificguardian.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:51 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I am for the Super Ferry. I personal feel that it will be good for the people of Hawaii to have other means of transportation to commute between islands. I don't understand why people object to it when we have the large cruise ships coming into the islands.

The ferries have been operating in Seattle, WA forever and they don't have a problem with it.

Joyce Paoa

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**From:** mark king [kingm002@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:49 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

aloha

please give the super ferry a chance to go hawaii and maui needs a new way to go inter island.

capt. mark king

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**From:** John Betz [BetzWestern3@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super ferry

*I support the super ferry operating during the time of the environmental impact is being conducted. I believe the ferry will be a huge success to Hawaii if allowed to operate as planned. John Betz*

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**From:** PIIMAHOE@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:48 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

I ,am in total support of the super ferry operating in hawaii while we try to figure out the EIS.  
Mahalo John Mahoe

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**From:** Jerold Baltrus [wailearealestate@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:59 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry

Aloha, Legislature

Think about the message you are sending to the entire world. THUGS are running the hawaii government! Instead of following proper procedure to voice your opinion regarding government decisions, people are illegally hampering transportation systems and damaging property and backing down the government. The THUGS win, stopping the ferry in its tracks! If you think it stops here, think again! What do you think will happen next time their is a disagreement with a decision by government? And our police and coast guard were a laughing stock. Do you think the THUGS would have gotten away with hampering the dept. of transportation on the mainland? They were armed with surf boards and could not be stopped, what kind of HOME LAND SECURITY is that! YOU NEED TO SET AN EXAMPLE NOW OR WE ARE IN TROUBLE.

Thanks for listing to my view.  
Jerry

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**From:** galenis@hawaiiantel.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:58 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

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

**Re: Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24  
**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State

Regarding Superferry, I beg, beg, beg----please consult your hearts and consciences--for the whales, for the oceans, for all of us. Fellow Citizen Representatives, please do E.I.S. first, -- no special session to change law. Counting on you to do the right thing.

Respectfully,  
Galen Kelly, Big Island

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**From:** Neva Rego [nevarego@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:56 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Dear Sirs,

I am 100% in favor of the Superferry and it will be such a benefit for our islands, business adventures, tourism, in the event of a disaster, wonderful alternative for travel for our local people... the reasons being innumerable. Please please vote for the super ferry.

Neva Rego

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**From:** Norma Gunther [ngunther@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY - YES!!

Aloha to our Legislators,

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

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

Thank you,  
N. Gunther

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**From:** Chrystal Hogue [hoguefam@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:59 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

I am for the super Ferry we have a home in Hilo and live on Oahu, it would be great to take our car over on the ferry and be able to work in the yard and haul stuff away in our truck, also I think the super ferry will help keep the Inter Island fares down so we can continue to travel, it's a shame such a small percentage of people showing up to protest can keep the super ferry out of our Islands.

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**From:** Andrew Balogh [andrewbalogh@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:55 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry Testimony

I am writing in support of the Super Ferry. While the over stepping of the Environmental Impact statement was a blunder. I'm sure that Sea Flight the hydrofoil had no problem getting the green light when they began service. I'm sure Young Brothers also had no problems getting their EIS either. The problem here has nothing to do with the EIS but with jobs. It has to do with the outer islands losing thousands of dollars from car rentals. The excuses of increased criminals going from Oahu to Maui or Kauai has got to be the stupidest excuse ever created. Criminals us Aloha, Hawaiian and Go to get to the outer islands. The rock incident that happend on Maui was staged. Whats happening to those men now? Nothing. Its going to vanish. The requirement to have drug sniffing dogs check every vehicle is an excellent idea and needs to be passed down to Hawaiian, ALoha and Go and specially to Young Brothers. I think we all know that the aerial fireworks that get here in such large numbers has to be coming thru Young Brothers. Let get the EIS going. Lets let the Super Ferry operate. And most of all let the people have a choice. No one is putting a gun to another persons head forcing them to use the Ferry. They will sink or swim depending on ALL the people nothe the minority agian.

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**From:** Deborah Pasoquen [dlpasoquen@pioneerhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:47 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

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

I believe that the Super Ferry will be a great way for the people of Hawaii to travel interisland and see the rest of their state. I believe there should be restrictions, but that this so called environmental issue is being blown way out of proportion. I think the most important thing right now is to NOT let this handful of people, who are against the ferry, rule our state by winning this battle. They don't even seem to be local people, but rather people from the mainland. I hope they are stopped very soon so we can have what is fair for the people who have lived here all their lives.

***Debbie Pasoquen***  
**Pioneer Contracting Co., Ltd.**



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**From:** John Fairbank [jcfairwinds@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:47 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Gentlemen & Ladies of our Governing Body,

Despite the loud cries of the protestors, most people on Maui want the Superferry service.

I personally would not go to the hearing at Baldwin HS because I did not want to be abused by the protestors.

I still grieve because of the loss of opportunity to have a second hospital here on Maui, courtesy of the State lawmakers.

Don't let us down again.

Sincere aloha,  
John Fairbank  
Kihei, Maui

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**From:** Inge Davis & Hal Krause [hkphoto@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:59 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I am a resident of Honolulu and handicapped. I was looking so forward to take my wheelchair/scooter to Maui and enjoy it all. Please do not stop this option, especially handicapped persons who cannot fly between island anymore will be very dissapointed.Harlan S. Krause

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**From:** Loke M. [lokem@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:41 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wed. Oct. 24

Time and Location" 10:30 am auditorium, State Capitol

I would like the super ferry to continue and run. I feel it would be good to try something like this. For the elderly too, they could get on there with their wheelchairs and it would be good for them. On a airplane, the wheelchairs cannot just be brought on. They have to get off and be put onto a chair. I would like to also see more jobs given with this. There are people who have applied and have gotten a job with this. The cost of living is so high at least give the people something to enjoy while they can. Our unemployment rate is so high. Some, it's because they are just plain lazy but a lot it's because they can't find the right job. The super ferry also provides medical benefits etc. This is good for families. Even if people would come to Kauai on a airplane, they would have to go rent a car. Still it wouldn't make much more difference to bring their own cars over instead spending more money on a rental. The tourist can afford to spend but not other people. This is who buys our land to build for them, and the locals end up having to move to the Mainland etc. The local people could enjoy this too. The school kids with excursions etc. I don't think it's something that will last forever but it doesn't hurt to try. All those people making such a big issue about the ferry not coming over has made it seem like ALL of Kauai people are bad. What about the local people? How about them how they feel. These people who are protesting, they haven't all lived here on Kauai all their lives. Shame on them for making all of us look so bad. I support the super ferry and would like to try it myself. I feel it's good to have. I hope this helps and sorry for the messy message. I'm on my way to work.

thank you

brenda

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**From:** Anthony Obloy [afo6626@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:58 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Dear Legislator,

I am writing this to tell you there are really people here on Kaua'i the DO support the Superferry!

We did not attend the meeting on Monday because of the intimidation by the protestors. We are senior citizens and I do not want to put us in harm's way by publicly showing our support. I have heard of Superferry supporters being harrassed by the protestors.

This is so unfair! Instead of a public meeting where the protestors can hassle us, why don't you put the whole issue to a vote, Statewide? Then the fear of retribution by the lawless citizens of this island would disappear.

Please, *please* vote to give us another way to travel from island to island.

With Aloha,

Kay and Tony Obloy  
Wailua Homesteads, Kaua'i

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**From:** William/Lovey De Rego [widerego@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:58 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Aloha, I am an employee of a local major air carrier an I would like to see the superferry start service. I don't think it will impact the airline industry. There are functions that I attend on the island of Maui that the superferry would be beneficial. We once used Young Brothers and that service was terrible. The last two years we put our model airplanes in a Cessna 206 to get them to Maui for the R/C air show there. It wold be great if we could just drive our own vehicle and trailer onto the ferry and then drive to the model air field for the function. We had started to make plans to do a trip in November for such an event. Your support of the Supperferry would be greatly appreciated.

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**From:** VAUGHN PLEMER [pplemer@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY

Aloha,

I totally support the Superferry as it provides yet another alternative transportation to the other islands. It would provide fresher local grown produce and provide jobs for our local community.

Mahalo.

Vaughn P. Plemer

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**From:** Richard Filanc [Richard.Filanc@hawaiiantel.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:55 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Hearing Wednesday October 24th

*Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International affairs, and Energy and Environment,*

*I support a bill to permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact study is conducted.*

*Please Save the Superferry!*

*The State of Hawaii residents need an alternative mode of transportation between islands (counties). In fact, the Superferry will have much less environmental impact than cargo ships and cruise lines that are international and mainland, not just inter-island or interstate.*

*The Superferry will also help stimulate the states economy, enhance inter-island commerce, and offer travel options to the tourism industry.*

*Thank you for your efforts to save the Superferry!*

*Richard Filanc III  
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ESG Project Manager  
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**From:** Sullivan, Marilyn M Ms TAMC [marilyn.sullivan@us.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:50 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry, Let it sail now!! (UNCLASSIFIED)

**Importance:** High

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Caveats: NONE

The Superferry should be allowed to sail during the environmental assessment!!  
I have lived on Oahu since 1966 and have always wished we had an alternative way to get to the outer islands!! The numbers of voting residents for the operation of the superferry during the planned environmental study far exceed the few that oppose it, stand by the majority!!  
Stand by the people you represent! Vote to allow the Superferry to sail during the environmental study!!!

v/r  
Marilyn M. Sullivan  
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Aiea, HI 96701

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE



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**From:** Diana Schommer [dschommer@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:59 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Support

To Whom it May Concern:

I am very much in favor of the Superferry and very upset that about 10% of Hawaii's population who are against everything seem to rule the entire state. I always thought that in a democracy the majority is supposed to rule. This is the only place I know of where that it NOT the case.

The Superferry gives the island a much needed alternate choice for travel. It is a splendid idea on which a TON of money has already been spent and it needs to receive the go ahead. The anti people should have spoken up long before now. I say it is too late for them to stop the ferry and the ferry should be given the green light.

Sincerely,  
Diana Schommer  
HC 2 Box 9557  
Keaau, HI 96749

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**From:** ken sato [kensato60@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:41 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry suppott

I support the special session to grant the superferrry, the necessary operational permits to continue it service to the people of Hawaii.

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**From:** LUchida@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:56 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

As a born and raised islander, I have a tremendous appreciation for all that our unique islands have to offer. I have a love of our environment and the plants and animals that inhabit it. I am also fully in favor of the Hawaii Superferry operation and agree with the State's original assessment that the vessel and its operation is not significantly different from existing transportation operations that currently serve between the islands every day. To subject the Superferry to standards which other operations do not need to abide by seems obviously unfair. I support the bill that would allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being performed. I also recommend that any recommendations that are found during the EIS be considered for application, not only by the Superferry, but to any other modes transportation that it where it may be applicable (barge service, cruise ships, container ships, passenger and military aircraft, tanker ships, military ships, personal watercraft).

Sincerely,

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**From:** HAWAIIANFAN@cs.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:45 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony

**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 Senate Committees:

I respectfully submit my humble testimony concerning the controversial Superferry.

I have great difficulty finding any other Island Archipelago, World Wide, where regardless of population size that DOES NOT HAVE a Ferry Service between their Islands. Be they Government or Private Sector run.

Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji and many other Archipelagos, their environment is no more or less fragile than that of Hawaii, yet they have successfully introduced, harbored and come to rely on their Inter Island Ferry Services.

I personally see the Superferry service as one that will ultimately and in time be recognized as a necessity.

We will in my opinion reflect as I predict: "What took us so Long" and "Why did anyone even consider placing hurdles in front of this Service"

It is Tragic when a relative small Minority believe they speak for the Majority in what would be good for we The People Of Hawaii.

I point to these other global small and equally fragile Island chains and submit respectfully -- the ultimate gains they reflect is how their people are dependent and accepting of their Ferry Services as I trust we will one day.

I believe the Super Ferry has demonstrated beyond anyone's doubt, their commitment to serve the People of Hawaii Responsibly and have already shown more consideration for our environment than any of the other existing and operating maritime services.

It is not a question of Giving Supper Ferry a Chance. I believe we need to give - We The people of Hawaii a Chance.

Mankind is ever evolving, as will our transportation services and needs.

I believe we need this service and it is needed now. Not when we are in a Crisis, its too late then.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Roodt

***Alan Roodt***

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**From:** Aiwinkona@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony  
**Attachments:** Superferry testimony.doc

Aloha,

Please find my testimony for the Superferry attached.

Fear is not in the presence of danger, but in the absence of Jesus.

Anne Irene Wilcox  
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October 23, 2007

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

Please permit the interisland ferry service to run in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

I am part Hawaiian and I feel that this would be of great service to the people of Hawai'i although I do feel that certain criteria need to be met and certain studies need to be done, i.e.: traffic impact on the different islands and the speed of the craft during whale season.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion.

Aloha,

Anne Irene Wilcox Young  
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**From:** Doug Arnott [ARNOTTD001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:48 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** AAA APENNE TANABE; AAA ANETOFF  
**Subject:** Superferry.....Testimony.

Dear Sirs.

I would like to testify FOR the Superferry as a Hilo Hotel Owner and employer.

Somehow a small loud group of "against everything" protestors has been allowed to hijack a needed alternate transport form.

Operation of similar vessels in many nations around the world proceed on a daily basis without damage to whales or the environment.

Australia, a very green aware country operates many of these vessels in the area from Melbourne to Tasmania, an area richer in whales that here.....at night.....without lookouts or restrictions.

Outer Island farmers will palletize goods and revolutionize their ability to sell on Oahu....they will not send valuable trucks !!

I had urged our lawmakers and business leaders to visit Tahiti where a scale version of what we are getting has been in operation for years, as the impact it will have is sociological, of that there is no doubt.....

But the will of the people and the embarrassment of the people of Hawaii at being made to look like fools in the international press is going to impact the next election heavily. Those lawmakers who have pandered to the lunatic fringe are going to be looking for work !!

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

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**From:** Joyce Paoa [jpaoa@pacificguardian.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:59 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

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

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*I am definitely for the Superferry. I personal feel that it will be good for the people of Hawaii to have other means of transportation to commute between islands. I think that in the event of a devastating natural disaster in the islands this would be another means of transportation to carry relief supplies over. I would be enjoyable for a scenic ride to be able to relax and kick back. I don't understand why people object to it when we have the large cruise ships coming into the islands.*

The ferries have been operating in Seattle, WA forever and they don't have a problem with it.

Joyce



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**From:** Conrad Deparini [conrad@bellapietra.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Super Ferry

Aloha!

My name is Conrad Deparini and I am an adamant supporter of Hawaii's Super Ferry. My father recently passed away on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, and I had to travel to the Big Island. I am a Hawaiian Air Club Member and one time Aloha Airlines Club member. I did not make an E Ticket booking and went to the Airport to make a booking @ 0500AM Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. I was told that a single, one-way ticket from HNL to ITO would cost me \$75.00 and just double that cost for a round trip! I asked what happened to the \$39.00 fare? The counter agent stated "we don't have those program anymore". I retorted, "was that when you all had a 140 million judgment in your favor against GO Airlines? She gave me the "stink eye" look while I said "I better go over to GO to help them defray their cost. On the way I stopped at Aloha Airlines and ask the counter person what was the fare from HNL/ITO round trip? She said \$88.00. I said can you imagine Hawaiian was going to charge me \$75 one way!!! The counter person "oh the \$44 one way fare was not available and the next fare available was for \$54.00 O/W". I asked what happened to the \$44.00 fare she quoted me earlier? She replied saying "we are sold out for those fares" I told her, that's okay because I'm going to buy a GO Ticket. She then said "wait a minute as she could now secure a \$44.00 fare! Since all my running around, I thought saving a few dollars was not going to change the time of my being in Hilo any earlier. The point is, when I boarded the Flight to Hilo, there were hardly anyone on the flight, I believe 30 or so. I am positive that if GO Airlines wasn't in the mix, the Airlines would be back charging identical fares and denying us the opportunity to travel for whatever reasons, at a reasonable COST! At the least, I could drive my own vehicle and not pay a necessary rental fee when I get there. That is, if the Super Ferry is allowed to operate. With Young Bros granted a rate increase, HEI raising it's rate, I wonder if American Savings Bank is going to charge their clients a little extra here and there. The bottom line is this, we can blame the State for being "GREEDY" for having a piece of the \$\$\$ funded by the FEDS, blame whoever lacked the impetus and foresight, of not conducting an EIS in 2004(it would have been pau already), consider *IF* the Super Ferry does not happen. When a disaster strike the Islands, Heaven help Maui and Kauai because I sure as heck won't and I hope there is a lot of people like me won't simply forget about what they did to the majority of persons on Oahu. **"BEWARE OF WHAT YOU SOW, SO SHALL YOU REAP!!!"**

Mahalo nui loa and Aloha kakou,

Conrad Deparini  
Manager  
Bella Pietra

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**From:** W. Babbitt, DDS, MS [wbabbitt.dhcc@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:54 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Superferry

Don't allow a vocal minority rule our State. The Superferry is about jobs, alternate choices and economic freedom. If we continue to saddle business with unrealistic regulations then Hawaii will remain stagnant and our young people will migrate to seek better opportunities elsewhere.

Wm. Babbitt  
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Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

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**From:** Mike Fisher [cel-pe@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:56 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Superferry

Aloha,

My name is Mike Fisher, and I am a geotechnical engineer with Construction Engineering Labs, Inc. in Pearl City. Allowing the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted would be greatly beneficial to our company. We have a portable drill rig that we use to perform soil test borings and soil sampling for soils investigations. This equipment is stored in a small Wells Cargo trailer that is towed behind one of our company vehicles.

As the Superferry was slated to initially start its interisland service, we had scheduled a job on Maui. We intended on using the Superferry to transport our drilling equipment and the trailer, along with my company vehicle. The cost for the interisland shipping, etc. was included in our lump sum bid for the project. Between the time we were awarded our contract and the start of our soils investigation, the Superferry service was halted. As such, we had to ship our equipment on Young Bros. and rent a vehicle for me to tow the trailer while on Maui. After we were done with the job, we had to ship the trailer back to Honolulu on Young Bros. again. Since this contract was a lump sum amount, we lost \$920 as we incurred extra expenses that would have not existed had the Superferry been operating as they had planned.

Here is a breakdown of the extra costs we incurred because of the shutdown of the Superferry:

Cost to ship trailer, truck, and myself on Superferry from Oahu to Maui=\$290  
Cost to ship trailer, truck, and myself on Superferry from Maui to Oahu=\$290  
\*Total cost for interisland Superferry round trip for trailer, truck, and myself=\$580

\*Cost to ship trailer on Young Bros. from Oahu to Maui=\$490  
Airfare for me from HNL to OGG=\$40  
Cost of rental truck on Maui for 4 days=\$400  
Cost to ship trailer on Young Bros. from Maui to Oahu=\$490  
Airfare for me from OGG to HNL=\$40  
Parking at HNL=\$40  
\*Total cost for having to ship this way=\$1,500

\*As you can see, being forced to go with YB, etc. directly cost us almost \$1,000. We are a small business, and every penny counts, so when we have to take a \$1,000 hit that we can't bill the client, that really hurts. In addition to the increased cash costs, we had indirect costs such as having to deliver and pick up the trailer at YB on both islands, along with delays and having to reschedule several jobs because the Superferry would have provided same-day service, but with YB, we had 3 down days each way, which pushed several jobs on Oahu back and could have cost us those jobs.

Mahalo Nui,  
Mike

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**From:** thom randle [thomrandle44@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:36 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT FOR THE SUPER FERRY

My wife and I both want the super ferry to be allowed to initiate service WHILE the EIS is being conducted. We believe the SF will be a good and positive transportation system for the state of Hawaii AND can serve as a valuable service in event of natural disasters. Technology and proper planning and controls can allow the SF to operate safely and with no more, and perhaps less, environmental impact than current water transportation systems.

Why could "high speed corridors" somewhat like express lanes on a freeway, not be set up with sensors to alert SF to whales. etc.

Please do not let shortsightedness or politics control the destiny of the SF. Mahalo. Respectfully, Thomas C. and Linda M. Randle, Hilo, HI. (808) 217-9396

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**From:** Fuchigami, Marc [MFuchigami@alohagas.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:52 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT Hawaii Superferry

I hereby SUPPORT Hawaii Superferry.

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**From:** kwakyu@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:00 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** support of superferry

It seems absurd that we live on islands so close to one another but the only transportation that is available to the general public is by air. The residents and tourist need at least one other decent option for transporting themselves and their vehicles comfortably and conveniently between the major islands. I have not one friend or family member that is against the operation of the ferry, but yet the more vocal, radical, minority always seem to be on the front page creating a rukus. Give us an option - allow the operation of the superferry. Maholo/ Kathy Kurata

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**From:** Fran Calvert [fcalvert@hawaiiantel.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:52 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** To: Legislature's Public Access Room -- Support for the Superferry service

My wife and I reside in Keaau. We support Hawaii Superferry because it will enhance the quality of life for Hawaii residents. Seagoing travel between the islands will benefit our local communities, allowing schools, sports teams, and local residents to freely visit a neighboring island to attend community activities, visit family and buy and sell goods. Its affordable, convenient and gives local businesses and farmers a choice. We need the choices Hawaii Superferry gives us.

We are experienced ferry travelers. We lived for 33 years in British Columbia where ferries are considered a part of the Highway system. We took two ferries to reach our home. Hawaii is a state made up of islands. Our highway between islands should be by ferry. This is an essential service. The need for this service is too numerous to even mention. We need prompt action taken by our legislature to allow the Superferries to begin service to all the proposed islands. Yes, we should complete the environmental studies and yes we expect some negative impacts, but the positive contribution to the future of this state far outweighs any negatives which may be found.

Do not let a small minority of nay sayers dictate over the majority support across the state in favor of this essential service.

Glen and Fran Calvert  
15-1681 14th Street  
Keaau, Hawaii 96749

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**From:** maryjo frey [maryjofrey@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:27 AM

**To:** testimony

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To whom it may concern,(the citizens of Hawaii)

We desperately need a transportation service that allows us to take our cars to neighbor islands.

My husband is a quadriplegic uses a wheelchair and finds it impossible to travel with all his equipment on the airlines. The ferry would allow him Independence by allowing him to visit friends and family on neighbor islands.

Mary Jo Frey

In awareness find peace

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**From:** Thelma Silva [thelma.silva@hawaiiantel.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:52 AM

**To:** testimony

Sir/Madam

Why now ? The island cruise ship have been going from island to island for over 15 years  
What makes their ship any safer for environment then the super ferry ?  
I feel we need different choices of transportation to visit the island.

***Thelma K. Silva***

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**From:** Bruce Umeda [bumeda@pacificguardian.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:50 AM

**To:** testimony

I am in support of the SuperFerry. Let it run while the environmental assessment is done, but with restrictions.

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**From:** ElizabethBayard@NaHoku.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM

**To:** testimony

I am in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted because I want my family and me to be able to use it.

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**From:** mark scott [waterfantasydiving@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 AM  
**To:** testimony

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I am in support of the Hawaii supper ferry as an alternate means of public transportation to travel between the islands..

Mark Scott..

<DIV><FONT color=#6633ff><STRONG><A href="http://www.waterfantasydiving.com">Mark </A>808-926-3483 Oahu and Maui .Hawaii</STRONG></FONT></DIV></html>

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**From:** kris bakshi [kbakshi1933@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:51 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

Attn: State Congressmen/Assembly/Senator:

Superferry is vital part of Economy of Hawaii people. If Superferry cannot  
action should be taken to stop cruises of the islands.

thanks for your consideration.

krishna G. Bakshi

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**From:** Catherine Przybylski [parrot48111@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Please favor the Superferry, for it is an excellent addition to "public" transportation. It will bring more commerce between the islands, and improve job prospects for the masses. There are of course many other reasons to keep the Superferry running. Just think of the restrictions that are not put on the cargo ships! Treat the Superferry equally or better!

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**From:** Randy Mau [speccentral@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:53 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry Testimony

Senate-Sergeant -at Arms,

This letter is to voice my support to have the SuperFerry allowed to operate throughout the neighbor island. I am in favor of this because it truly connects all the islands in a way tht is not currently offered which provides for another option of many of us to visit the islands in a more cost-effective manner. this can also provide visitors from the mainland another venue to see the islands and not through an airplane window.

All in all it makes sense to operate this mode of transportation as it is good for the state and good for the people of Hawaii and abroad.

Some people also have another option to travel who are deathly afard of flying and are OK with boating.

I'm sure we can all come to an agreement on this issue. Having the Superferry really does put Hawaii on the map as being business friendly and moving forward with the economy.

Randy Mau

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**From:** Robin Hosmer [sealioness@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:15 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

This form of transportation will be vital to the Islands adding a competitive and save way to travel interisland. This will allow flexibility to transport your vehicle, your animals. Thus improving business and closeness of family.

Robin Hosmer Erenberg  
75-682 Nani Ohai Place  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740



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**From:** ccars@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:17 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I am totally in support of the superferry! It is an indication of how business unfriendly an atmosphere we can convey to the rest of the WORLD, by the actions of a few radicals. This ferry will support agriculture, tourism, independent businesses which currently are at the mercy of Young Bros for inter-island shipping and the travelling population in it's entirety. Please do not force the superferry to leave our great State. Another is not likely to come along. Stephen H. Frank, Hilo, HI

**testimony**

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**From:** Nino Toscano [nino369@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:16 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** The Super Ferry

Dear Sir,

This is in regard of the Superferry Disaster.

I do have only one question that I would like to ask to the Power People and the good intended people rallying against the Ferry service.

Why we need an Environmental Impact Study for the ferry when we have hundreds of flights landing on our islands every day, barges (Matson, Young) coming to our ports with unchecked goods few times a week, and cruise ships with thousands of visitors and crew members crisscrossing the state. And they do not need a Environmental Impact Study?

Maybe it's because we, the Little people, use the Superferry. The BIG corporations don't need to be bothered by the scrutiny of any EI Study.

I hope that this matter will be resolved soon and in a fair way.

Aloha,

Nino Toscano

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**From:** Noelie Rodriguez [noelie@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:04 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry EIS

Please respect the EIS process and suspend the special session. This is government gone wrong.  
We are outraged!  
Sincerely, Noelie Rodriguez

**testimony**

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**From:** GREGORY HARBOTTLE [ghthkh@msn.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:12 PM

**To:** testimony

PLEASE LET MY SUPER FERRY GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
HOW CAN SOME PEOPLE BE SOOO NARROW MINDED. SOME OF THE TESTIFIERS AGAINST THE  
SUPER FERRY LOOK VERY QUESTIONABLE AT BEST.  
LET MY FERRY GO.

## testimony

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**From:** phil barnes [greenhi@interpac.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:06 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry Bailout Bill

Dear Legislators:

The superferry bailout bill is in no way acceptable to me. In Section 4 on Page 12 the bill gives the governor the power to set the environmental constraint that the ferry must meet in order to be able to sail. This is the same governor who has been bending over backwards to do everything humanly possible to save the ferry including ignoring Hawaiian state statutes in regards to environmental protections.

Putting her in charge of the regulations is totally sending the fox to guard the henhouse. On Page 14 (c) the legislature is given the power to override the governors recommendations, but how many legislators have the time or the will to carry through with this most important section of the bill? If you are concerned about the future of our aina please vote against this bill. NO ONE should be allowed to ignore state statutes to increase their bottom line.

Sincerely,

Dr. Phil Barnes  
Kehena Beach, HI

**testimony**

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**From:** dianne cabral [dianne.cabral@lycos.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:42 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry - YES

**Senate Committees:** Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment  
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I am in support of the Super Ferry. The Super Ferry will increase the economic well being of many businesses (especially the smaller ones.) and should be able to run while an Environmental Impact Statment is being conducted.

The opposition is only a handful of people from Maui and Kauai, however, the majority of the State of Hawaii population see the benefits of the Super Ferry.

Please vote YES.

Dianne Cabral

**testimony**

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**From:** paulette [paulette@tilecoinc.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:15 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY

I BELIEVE THAT THE SUPERFERRY WILL HELP EVERYONE ON EVERY ISLAND. ESPECIALLY THE ONES THAT HAS MEDICAL PROBLEMS OR EVEN CHILDRENS THAT PARENTS NEED TO BE WITH THEM. YOU NEED A CAR, HOTEL AND EVEN THE AIR FARE CAN BE VERY COSTLY TO EVERY ONE. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT HAWAII WILL NEVER HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS SUPERFERRY. SO, PLEASE CONSIDER TO HAVE THIS SUPERFERRY ON OUR ISLANDS. DON'T WAIT UNTIL THIS FERRY WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM US ALL AND THE AIR FARES GOES UP, RENTAL CARS PRICES WILL BE HIGH. SO, THINK TWICE BEFORE TURNING AWAY THIS GREAT AND GIFTED OPPORTUNITY.

THANK YOU,

PAULETTE NAKATA

10/23/2007

## testimony

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**From:** Javed [jjaved@poipubeach.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:10 PM  
**To:** testimony

Aloha, please don't let super ferry come to Kauai with out EIS. Javed Maksood

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**From:** Grogan Family [leeinspect@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support Superferry

I have found that competition is a positive factor to Hawaii's consumers.  
Please help break the monopoly on inter-island shipping.  
Thank you,  
Steve Grogan  
Maui, HI

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**From:** Javed [javed@poipubeach.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:09 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii super ferry

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**From:** Peggy Williams [pewillia@ksbe.edu]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:08 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Super Ferry

I am whole heartedly for the inter-island service of the Hawaii Super Ferry. I work on Maui but live in Honolulu. The Ferry would offer alternatives that are desperately needed in a state that is dependent on air travel and shipping costs. I have lived and worked on the neighbor islands for over 17 years and see the benefit of different transports. It amazes me that those who lived through Hurricane Iniki (I lived on Kauai at the time) could not imagine what the Super Ferry would have done for us when we were stranded in the days and weeks following that storm! Hopefully this service will be provided for the people of Hawaii and not banished because of a few aggressive, vocal self serving groups. Please listen to the those of us that are proponents of the Ferry!  
Much Aloha,  
Peg Williams

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**From:** joe cox [sir\_cox@att.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:07 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Ferry

The people of the islands need it.

**The Cock!!!!**

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**From:** Susan Kawata [kawatas001@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:05 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** In Support of the Supperferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

*My name is Susan Y. Kawata and I am in support of the Supperferry. I believe we the people have the right to have the option to choose. And the more options the people have is a better thing.*

We all know that the airlines will raise the airfare rates again.

Susan Y. Kawata

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**From:** vicki mccarty [vmcarty@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:03 PM  
**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:** dmenning@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:51 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** hawaii superferry@hawaii superferry.com  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Dear Hawaii Officials and Residents,

This letter is in support of continued operation of the Hawaii Superferry and development of better ports and access points at ports of call. In a sense, the Superferry is an extension of the State of Hawaii highway system...linking the islands together in a beneficial way. Traffic impact verses the amount of rental vehicles traveling the same roads is not an effective argument for imagined negative impact. The benefit to families with travel options outweighs the downside of this a resource development. The Superferry opposition would by proxy have opposed railroads in the continental United States built in the late 1800's. Look at cities including San Francisco and Seattle that have public ferry systems for water transportation, which improve and assist transportation in those areas. Again the actual amount of traffic coming off this transport system will always be a limited amount of cars and trucks, and will always be a secondary, if not a backup transportation system. Who is against public safety? Many Island states and nations have similar transportation systems and it is time for Hawaii to add to what choices we have for transportation, for the good of the many.

D, Menning Kona Hawaii



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**From:** Leslie von Brimer [lvbkauai@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:59 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Aloha from Kauai-

**I am writing today to say that I support the super ferry.**

I have relatives on Oahu and would be able to see them and bring my car and my dog. To be able to travel to the other islands with my car would be great! I went to the super ferry VIP day and I thought the ferry was fantastic! I have been on ferries all over the world and this was by far the cleanest, nicest and safest I have ever seen.

Why do the protesters not care about the *much larger* cruise ships that come in with *thousands* of passengers? The *thousands* of Na Pali cruises every year that take place *right where the whales migrate?* I don't get it. The unrelenting construction on the south shore of Kauai is a far bigger problem in my opinion.

Even though I wasn't there, I would like to apologize to Governor Lingle for the way she was treated when she came to Kauai to try to resolve this issue.

I am sorry a few misinformed, rude and law breaking dissenters are making so much trouble for the super ferry that we so desperately need.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Warm regards,  
Leslie von Brimer  
Lawai, Kauai

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Climb to the top of the charts! Play Star Shuffle: the word scramble challenge with star power. [Play Now!](#)

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**From:** Eveni Talalemotu [talalemoe001@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:58 PM

**To:** testimony

please let the supperferry come to hawaii island we need it here for the local people

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**From:** Paul Harthcock [plunkettm001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:59 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry testimony

I am strongly in favor of the Hawaii Super Ferry. For the last 10 yrs. my wife & I traveled at least once a year to Vancouver Island, British Columbia. All of the islands in this area are serviced by a large system of ferries & this is the main way people & goods travel between these islands. As a result, I became very familiar with this type of travel & service. All of the issues concerning the Hawaii Super Ferry are similar to the problems operating the ferries in Washington & British Columbia. In fact, that system is also balancing issues between the governments of two countries. The system there is not perfect but it works!

My wife & I are strong environmentalists. Protecting the environment is a very essential aspect of our lives. We live, work & travel in some of the most environmentally sensitive & beautiful places on the planet. We feel we are caretakers & take our role seriously. We lived in Sedona, AZ, before moving to Maui. This is another community seriously affected by the people who live & visit there. WE would NEVER knowingly participate or contribute in any way to a system harmful to the sea and its' inhabitants. Mahalo for considering this testimony.

Paul R. Harthcock, Maui

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**From:** Mark Caliri [markc@mckennahawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:58 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24 to be held at 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

In regards to allowing the Hawaii Super Ferry to operate while the Environmental Impact Statement. I am **strongly for allowing the ferry to run** during this time. It would seem to be the most fair decision since it had been decided previously that the Super Ferry did not need the EIS. They go and build the ship, bring it over ready to do business then it's "oops, we need a EIS". Just sit idle for months while we do that.

What an embarrassing way to do business.

**LET THE FERRY RUN!**

Mark Caliri

President

Windward Ford

Kailua, Hawaii

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**From:** Rona Adams [ronaadams@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:55 PM

**To:** testimony

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To whom it May Concern:

I feel that the Super Ferry can only be of benefit to the islands. Not only for the tourists but for those of us that live in the islands. Many of us travel among the islands for either business, family matters or pleasure. We may need our cars or some more items than we can take on a plane. The super ferry would be ideal. Financially, it would be a benefit and you already know that. It would also be a blessing in the advent of a natural disaster....You already know that also.

There are only a small majority of the population, the "activists" that are protesting. Many of them are totally unrealistic and object to change, any kind of change. They would like to see Hawaii return to the "kings" day when they could plant their taro and surf. However, I don't think they would really like to live like that without the modern conveniences that change has brought about.

This super ferry is a good thing, it doesn't need to endanger the whales or the turtles or the seals..... Please do your most to support it.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak out.

Rona Adams  
Kailua, HI 96734  
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Brian Hyatt

In behalf of my family, husband Lawrence Sousa and sister Mae Takamoto, and myself, I would like to express our overwhelming support for the Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry offers another mode of transportation with the added convenience of transporting our vehicles, etc., at a "reasonable" cost. We do not have the luxury of driving cross-country like those on the mainland.

Besides addressing our personal needs, businesses such as farmers, etc., will be able to ship their fragile produce or products in a timely manner. Businesses, too, will reap the benefits offered by the Hawaii Superferry.

During emergencies where the airports are shutdown, the Hawaii Superferry will be utilized as stated by CEO Rex Matsuno of Suisan (Hilo) in the Hawaii Tribune Herald's recent article. Should a disaster arise where the residents need to vacate the Big Island, we could rely on the Hawaii Superferry.

**The protestors represent only a small percentage of the entire populations** for the islands of Kauai, Oahu, Maui and the Big Island. Their voices do not represent the majority of the residents, most of whom are anxiously waiting for the Hawaii Superferry services.

The State of Hawaii is already known as the "anti-business" state. If we deny the Hawaii Superferry to operate during the Environmental Assessment process, the Hawaii Superferry will leave the state causing an even more negative impact for Hawaii. Sadly, our children must relocate to the mainland to obtain desirable jobs, because the state of Hawaii lacks businesses that could provide job opportunities for our youth. Do we want to continue with a bleak future caused by our "anti-business" atmosphere?

*In conclusion, the vast majority of residents statewide support the Hawaii Superferry. Please do not allow these protestors who represent only a small percentage of the population to speak in behalf of the majority of the residents. Hawaii Superferry will be a great asset for the State of Hawaii and its residents.*

This testimony is for:

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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Monday, October 22, 2007

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Contact: Emma Sousa (Mrs.)  
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## testimony

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**From:** Robin Reith [hulafeet@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:53 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Environmental impact study

To whom it may concern:

Thanks to the Senators for coming over and holding a hearing on Maui.

Unintended consequences. Familiar words these days as projects are rushed through. Good thoughtful laws have been enacted to protect the land. Uphold those laws. Environmental impacts such as the brown tree snake, the coqui frogs and fire ants, happened with the state's best efforts. Imagine if hundreds of cars a day, or a hundred thousand cars a year, were allowed to pass with no inspections? Fragile and environment are important words to consider. How does the state intend to pay for inspections? How will the public perceive the long lines necessary to accomplish the inspections? Will they be taking off their shoes to avoid spreading of seeds? How will trunks and truck beds be inspected for both theft and species transportation? Will their bags be opened to stem any insects from traveling from island to island? Will the cars be gassed to avoid transporting foreign species? Fragile and high speed do not fit in the same category.

How do you study the impact on whales and birth rates?  
How will fertility be measured?

An analogy: I need to go to the hospital in order to give birth, but I need to go through a bad neighborhood in order to get there. While I'm at the hospital it is noisy and filled with obstacles, but I don't want to give birth out in the street (open sea). Now this experience of obstacle laden birth lowers my fertility, perhaps even my desire to repeat the process. Not being a whale, I do not understand the migratory process, and seemingly they have little choice. For the whales, these island channels are the dedicated hospital and nursery, for which God told us to be conservators.

What animals will be included in the study?

Are schools of fish and their migrations known?  
Will they be included in the impact study?

Are humans to be included in this study? Impact has many ramifications. What will the impacts be? Will crime rates be studied? There is a wonderful feeling knowing that we are an island. We know each other. We will not feel the same safety when our borders will be so porous. Will we be as productive if we are worrying?

We know that the koa trees on the Big Island are different from the koa trees on Maui. Why aren't we respecting their differences? Islands are meant to be separate. They are not suburbs.

There is only one Hawaii. Please help to keep it a special place where people can come for generations to come. Our reefs are already feeling the impact of so many travelers. Try to keep an eye to the future while preserving the present.

Sincerely,

Robin Reith  
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Lahaina, HI 96761

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DATE: Monday, October 22, 2007

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**From:** MCRRAD@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:54 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I bought a PT Cruiser convertible when I heard the SuperFerry was coming to Hawaii. I cannot believe that now the ability to go from island to island and drive my own car is maybe not going to happen.

PLEASE support efforts to keep the ferry here and making the daily trip from island to island. We need the Superferry.

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