

testimony

From: Brooks Wakefield [bwake@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: No Superferry please

October 23, 2007

Dear Senate Sergeant at Arms,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Helen B. Wakefield

and William Wakefield

testimony

From: Eliot Merk [eliot@jemerck.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for SuperFerry

Regarding the following hearing:

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I, Eliot Merk support the SuperFerry. I think that it will benefit Hawaii. Please allow them to continue operations.

Eliot Merk

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From: sshar05@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:53 AM

To: testimony

I have health issues as far as walking. I depend on my personal vehicle to take me wherever I need to go. My daughters have been driving me around to get me where I need to go due to their vehicles are either too small or high for me to get in.

The Hawaii Superferry will help me travel to Oahu to see my sister who also has a health problem and my aunt whom my handicap cousin lives with. I support and looked forward for the Hawaii Superferry to come to Kauai to take me to Oahu to see my family. The cost is affordable which I can afford to ship my vehicle.

Senate of the Legislator, please help me and my relatives make this dream come true and the rest of the people of Hawaii that has health issues like me. So we can vist and spend some time with our relatives on the other islands.

The protestors are only thinking of themselves and following those that are troublesome. They are not thinking of the unhealthy ones that are the innocent victims. If I had a chance to speak at those awful & rude meetings, I would speak out and say "shame on all of you" what happened to the respect of "aloha & ohana".... We all live in Hawaii & have no respect for our Governor, Senators, Mayors and the ohana of Hawaii also to the Hawaii Superferry Employees who has lost their jobs to support their ohana.... Is Hawaii really "Hawaii Pono E'?????"

My aloha to the Hawaii Government, Governor Lingle and all those politicians that are taking the rap for something that they should'nt be blamed for.

Aloha Me Pumehana Ka Kou,
Aunty Shar from Kauai

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From: Diana Marshman [dianamarshman@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

My name: Diana Marshman
Address: 6890 Kawaihau Road
Kapaa, HI 96746

Testimony:

I support the Superferry because it provides an alternative mode of transportation for residents. I hope you will permit interisland ferry service while an EIS is being conducted.

Sincerely,
Diana Marshman

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From: Hal Levy [hlevy@hardwarehawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony

Testimony for bill regarding the Superferry

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

Meeting date: Oct 24, 2007

Place: Auditorium
State Capitol.

My name is Harold S. Levy, Jr., a private citizen, am submitting this testimony in support of the bill to permit the Superferry to operate in the entire State of Hawaii during the environmental assessment and/or the environmental impact study.

This is not a time for blame seeking nor finger pointing and we look to the Legislative and the Executive branches for real leadership in correcting this unique and complicated situation. We as a State, must recognize the vital importance the employment of these Superferry vessels will offer in the development of commerce and opportunities for employment, recreation, relocation, and freight transportation.

The protection of environment is a primary concern to be sure, and no one is deliberately going to harm the whales in this endeavor. The selfishness of a minority of individuals in the name of protecting their island(s) from the rest of us denies our use of infrastructure we others in this State pay for in State taxes.

I urge you to pas this bill without delay!

Harold S. Levy, Jr.
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testimony

From: Irwin [nakirnahon@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: give them a chance

give the super ferry a chance. give us a choice. give us the opportunity to enjoy the voyage the way people did long ago.

Irwin Nakasone

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From: Oasay, Sue [SOasay@alohagas.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

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and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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It is time for Hawaii to have an alternate mode of travel. I support the Super Ferry and will definitely use it for vacation and business purposes. This would keep my hard earned money in Hawaii. Let's permit the ferry to operate will the EIS is being conducted.

Thank you,
Sue Oasay

testimony

From: Rene Morgan [morgansinhawaii@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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

Dear Senators,

Please allow the Superferry to to run ferry service while the environmental impact study is being done.

I write on behalf of my father, William Hepfer, and all others who has a physical disabilities that do not allow them to be able to use standard rental cars or safely travel by plane inter-island.

Because my father is confined to a motorized scooter he must have a customized van with a lift. Being able to transport his van on the ferry will, for the first time in years allow him to visit other islands! PLEASE consider those disabled persons when you vote on this issue.

Most people would never even be aware of the UNIQUE opportunities that the ferry service will make available to those who are handicapped.

Thank you for your consideration of those with physical challenges in this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: harry aggers [dadsdad@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

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

I am sending this E-mail in support of the Superferry. I have used the Superferry to travel to Kauai, we didn't land due to the activities of a small minority in the water.

The Superferry will be a real asset to the Islands for many reasons, Youth Sports Teams could travel interisland much more easily, Family Reunions would be easier, Small Commercial Enterprises would be facilitated and many more activities would be facilitated.

Please listen to the QUIET MAJORITY and support the startup of the SUPERFERRY service immediatly.

Mahalo,
Harry Aggers

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

Special Hearing on the Hawaii Superferry on October 24, 2007

Dear Honorable Members of the Senate:

While I can understand the concerns expressed by our neighbor island citizens with regard to the safety of our marine life, I question why they never protested when Young Brothers, Matson, and other boats or cruise ships visited their islands? My testimony is in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. It not only brings employment and income to those islands, but it allows those who cannot travel by air to come by ferry. There are many people who cannot sit for long periods of time, or they are confined to a wheelchair, or may even be bedridden that need medical treatment on Oahu, either to see a physician or go to a hospital. This would allow these people to travel without having the cost of special arrangements. It would also be less costly for those who are too obese to sit on the interisland carriers unless they pay for two or more seats.

Please weigh the benefits the Superferry will have for many. Wasn't it only a few years ago that there was an outcry about the construction of H-3? This is the best thing that could've been done. It takes people from the Windward side about 15 minutes to get to the airport, and people visit the Windward side from the Leeward side more often due to the H-3. It is difficult for those who do not want to see progress and to keep the country, country. I believe the Superferry should not alter their lifestyles.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Aloha,

Pamela Tsuru
Kailua-Oahu Resident

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From: D'Arcy [darcy@homesbythesea.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

I am 100% for the Superferry to start and continue service in the Hawaiian Islands. Calling for an EIS at this point in the game smacks of poor sportsmanship by a small minority. The time for the EIS was in 2004 when the resolution was signed. The environmental impact of the ferry is far less than the growing number of cruise ships circling the islands.

We have spent 40 million in harbor improvements to accommodate the ferry system, let's move on with the operation to enhance business in our islands.
Please get the Superferry sailing in our islands

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From: baytoria5@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ferry Service

Please keep the ferry service. Really a fine opportunity for people who do not fly to visit the various islands.

Thank you

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From: Grant Enos [enosgrant@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

My is Grant Enos. I'm 60 yr. young. I was born and rise in Maui. I live in Oahu now. I believe the Superferry will be great for the local people and their family, being able to take their cars on the ferry and see their families without paying for a Rent A car, because I have seen , how the airlines and the Rent A Car businesses have taken advantage of the locals here with their high prices, even Young Brothers too. All those aganisted the Superferry are not locals they are TRANSPLANTS who are tring to dictate how the locals should live. If the Super ferry is turn down. All thoses who were aganist it better not protest in the future about the high cost for plane tickets, Rent A Cars, and shipping their cars . Please we the real people of these island leave it in your hands

ALOHA Grant Enos

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From: Diane O'Toole [dbotoole@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of the SuperFerry

I am sending this email in support of the SuperFerry becoming operational while an EIS is performed.

I understand the concerns of many of the residents. However, there are processes that can be implemented that can address many of the concerns.

Many residents have fears that people from other islands will come to the Big Island via the Ferry and "steal" valuable resources (marine life, wild boars, etc.). If any citizen wants to visit the neighbor island they have the ability to "hunt" regardless of how they get here (does that mean these residents do not ever fly to the Big Island). If the concern is ability to bring weapons, etc. and hunt here and then load what they catch on the ferry and return to their island, put the following process in place.

Airlines do not permit passengers to "carry" firearms, spear guns, etc. Then require the SuperFerry to check all passengers and vehicles and prohibit many of the same items the airlines restrict. This "search" would also address the invasive species issue (although it amazes me that people feel the Ferry will bring invasive species but not Matson, Young Bros, Cruise Ships, etc.) by checking every vehicle and person that boards the Ferry.

As for the whales, here is an idea, during Whale Season which is traditionally from Mid-December until Mid-April, have the Ferry change its route and cut its speed. Of course this will not address the countless whales that die from being caught in fish nets, consuming all the trash in the ocean, etc.

As for the issues with Kawaihae and the traffic/parking, there are steps that can be put in place to address those concerns while a long term solution is planned and executed.

The Ferry will make ONE stop daily on the Big Island and at the same time. It is proposed to be around 12:30 which is not a high traffic time. We have Hele-On buses that leave Hilo and other points on the island in the early hours, drop off passengers at the Resort and in Kona and then the buses and drivers SIT all day at A-Bay or some other location along the West Side until it is time to head back. Well here is an idea, instead of those buses remaining idle all day long use them to shuttle passengers to and from the Ferry. That means establishing pick up and drop off locations which can easily be set up. And here is an idea, charge for it, something like \$10.00 round trip (since the County is picking up the cost of the passengers using Hele-On and do not make any money and in fact all tax payers are supporting Hele-On maybe this would allow Hele-On to break even at some point). This would allow for passengers to be screened before they get to the gates at the Harbor and the buses could drive in and drop off passengers. Then the bus could pick up passengers from Ferry that arrived from Oahu and take them to destinations. This would eliminate countless vehicles on the road, ensure quick boarding, and allow the Big Island to come up with a long term road (which needs to be addressed at that area today regardless of the Ferry and parking solution (which would include charging for parking like the Airport and would contribute towards the cost of a lot) but until that time would not stop the Ferry from operating.

And finally, the Ferry is needed because many people from all the islands do not like to fly. This would give the LOCALS the opportunity to visit their neighbor islands.

We are the only water-surrounded civilized area in the world without a Ferry. And those other places too have whales and marine life.

And to be fair, if an EIS is required of the Ferry, then it should be for any ocean vessel, be that the cruise ships, cargo ships/barges, and leisure craft. And while you are at it, let's require an EIS for the Airlines, as I believe there are some environmental issues with them, too. If you are not going to treat every mode of transportation equally, then democracy has failed.

For a State and People that say their way of life is ALOHA, we certainly do not live it! As for businesses, we all

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see why no business wants to come to Hawaii and the children will continue to leave the island to seek more fulfilling opportunities other than working for the county, state, retail, or hospitality industries.

Sincerely,

Diane O'Toole

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From: Mark Peysha [markpeysha@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: no superferry until the eis is successfully performed!

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From: Warrack James TSgt 154 ACS/LGKR [james.warrack@hick.af.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In favor of Superferry hearing

Senators English, Taniguchi & Menor;

I strongly support and encourage a special legislative session to allow the Superferry to operate. At the recent "informational" meetings, you heard a lot of rhetoric about "respecting the rule of law". Since that rhetoric came from people who illegally damaged cars, blocked Nawiliwili Harbor, and physically threatened and intimidated law-abiding Superferry customers, that should tell you how seriously to take them.

It's true that the legislature cannot, and should not, overturn a court's ruling. I believe that Judge Cardoza is an honest judge who adjudicated the only way he could in accordance with the existing law. But if a law is unfair and unjust, it is the legislature's responsibility to amend or repeal it. This is not the same thing as "overturning" a judge's decision. Laws, and the governments that enact them, have only one purpose: the protection of rights and freedoms. From this it becomes obvious that any law which violates, instead of protects, rights is an unjust and illegitimate law which should be amended or repealed altogether. Ask yourself: by sailing between the islands, whose rights is the Superferry violating?

If you recognize that the Superferry violates no one's rights, they must be free to operate. Any law that infringes on that freedom is manifestly unjust. Would you support a law which *forced* people to ride the Superferry? If not, then you cannot support a law which forces people not to.

Please take a stand for freedom and allow the Superferry to operate.

Mahalo,
James Warrack
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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator J. Kalani English
Chair, Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Senator Ron Menor
Chair, Committee on Energy and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Second Special Session of 2007 Senate Bill permitting the operation of an interisland ferry service in the State of Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted

Dear Chairs Taniguchi, English and Menor and Members of the Committees on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs and Energy and Environment:

Hawaii Superferry, Inc. appreciates the extraordinary efforts of the State of Hawaii legislature to address the unique situation that we face today.

Over the past three years, the vision of a passenger and vehicle ferry service has garnered the strong support of state and federal officials, the investment community and most importantly the vast majority of people of this state. Alakai's arrival in Honolulu harbor on June 30, 2007 made the Hawaii Superferry vision a reality and signaled the beginning of a new era in interisland transportation for our state.

The finding by the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii on August 23, 2007 overturned an earlier decision by Maui Circuit Judge Cardoza which upheld the Department of Transportation's determination that an exemption from the need to do an EA was proper. These decisions were relied upon by Hawaii Superferry, its investors and state and federal officials in proceeding with this project. Hawaii Superferry has consistently complied with all requirements.

Hawaii Superferry accepts the decision of the Supreme Court. However, we cannot live with the uncertainties or the time-delay that it presents without

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the relief that is before you today for your consideration. Given the extensive process involved in doing an environmental impact statement, which is set out in detail in the bill, it is likely to take a year or more to complete the process. Hawaii Superferry has demonstrated a strong commitment to Hawaii, but no business can stop operations for such a long time and survive.

As we have shown since the early days of the interisland ferry concept, Hawaii Superferry is committed to planning, implementing and executing operations that will address environment and community concerns such as whale avoidance, invasive species and traffic, among others. Our efforts were recognized by Judge Cardoza during the recent 22 day hearing as a "tremendous amount of work that has been done in this area." Although other carriers are having these impacts, no one else is doing now what we are prepared and committed to do.

We believe that the bill before you is a reasonable and balanced solution that will give Hawaii Superferry and its 308 employees an opportunity to demonstrate the benefits we and many others believe it can provide. We are prepared to resume operations within 7 to 10 days following the passage of this bill, creating an opportunity for the people of Hawaii to enjoy and benefit from a proven transportation alternative. Hawaii Superferry urges the committees to pass this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,



John L. Garibaldi
President and Chief Executive Officer

testimony

From: Rebecca Pelissero [beccap@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:52 AM

To: testimony

Subject: DO NOT CHANGE THE LAW!

Please, no Superferry without an EIS! Rebecca & Godwin Pelissero Kula, Maui

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From: Bill Nations [bill06@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:00 AM
To: testimony
Cc: bill06@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: I Support the Hawaii Superferry

I support the Hawaii Superferry!

We've waited for decades (since the unsuccessful Boeing ferry effort in the '70s) for someone with enough smarts and enough dollars to provide roll-on/roll-off ferry service between the Counties in our State. Being the only State without surface inter-county lines-of-communication has hampered our quality of life measurably. We need to be able to visit ohana off-island, to take the family car along, to support organizations' efforts to learn about our neighbors (church groups, school classes, civic groups, et al).

I've listened to the naysayers. They have every right to their opinion. They're in a distinct, vocal minority. They'll still be here, and vocal, for the next improvement effort Hawaii might venture into. I question their sincerity and their basis—some of what they espouse is just flat ridiculous. Their agenda seems to be 'Status Quo Forever'—but I reckon they drive their internal-combustion-engine vehicles, use electricity, and watch their plasma-screen TVs. Selective 'Status Quo Forever'.

Please count me as a supporter, and a future user, of the Hawaii Superferry.

bill06@hawaii.rr.com (Bill Nations, HD-46)

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From: Nami-Ann Corpuz [mahiisbig@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPERFERRY

To Whom It Concerns:

This is a note to inform you that me and my family are in support of the Superferry. We understand there are alot of issues surrounding the superferry. We hope the superferry will be allowed to continue to run while an assessment is done since there are alot of other businesses that run through our waters, hopefully we have one that will be able to directly help the residents of Hawaii. Our families have been here for many years and this would be a very affordable way for our families and loved ones to unite....

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mahi Corpuz

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From: Emily Eissner [emily@jemerk.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Emily Eissner Testimony support for SuperFerry

Regarding the following hearing:

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I, Emily Eissner support the SuperFerry and believe that they should be allowed to continue with operations as soon as possible. This is a needed service in our Islands and will help support many local businesses, along with the tourism industry. It's a great alternative to flying and I believe that after letting them get this far, and then taking it away is horrible. At least give them a chance!

Emily Eissner
Hilo, HI

testimony

From: Tom Lodge [thlinc1@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

To our esteemed legislators,

Please Allow the Super Ferry to provide trade between the islands. Locals benefit and some tourists will benefit, and more importantly TRADE WILL BENEFIT!

Much Aloha,

Thomas H. Lodge
Keaau, Hawaii 96749
808 966-7313

testimony

From: Lisa Judge [ljudge@maluaka.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Superferry

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

Dear Legislators,

I support finding a way to allow the Super Ferry to provide inter-island service while the EIS is being prepared.

There is tremendous value to the citizens of Hawaii in having another choice for inter-island travel and shipping.

I am confident that the legislature can find an equitable compromise allowing environmental protection and economic enterprise to co-exist.

Aloha,

Lisa Judge

Kula , Maui

Cell: 808.283.9280

testimony

From: Lyuba Puzakova [mauiluba@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry as it will provide me and my family the ease of visiting the neighbor islands while taking our car with us. Though some think that it will encourage more traffic for the neighbor islands, I don't see the difference between bringing your own car along or renting a car on the other island. In addition, who are we to restrict or discourage visitors to our islands as it only benefits us on so many levels?

Tourism aside, traveling to and from islands fosters our image as a unified Hawaiian Islands. Furthermore, many of us have relatives and/or friends on the neighbor islands so I feel confident that the Hawaii Superferry will benefit many to stay in touch through another transportation method. Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to stay, to help bring our islands together and offer another means of travel between our neighbors.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,
Lyuba Puzakova

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From: Grace Tanouye [Grace.Tanouye@DTAG.Com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM

To: testimony

Subject: SUPERFERRY

I have a child and to know that I would be able to use this superferry to cross over to the neighbor islands with my vehicle would reassure my visits and make the trip smoother..

sincerely

Grace Tanouye

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access4

From: Michael Wong [wongm047@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:27 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Support for the Super Ferry

I am in support of the Super Ferry. I believe that the super ferry will be able to bring families together and sports teams will enjoy the benefit of playing against their neighbor island opponents on a more frequent basis. California has the super highways which does the same thing. The super ferry will make inter island travel more affordable.

Mahalo,
Michael Wong

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From: Archie Blanco [blanco_archie@yahoo.com]

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

To: testimony

I think that those apposed in Kauai and Maui are people who don't like the city slickers of Oahu encroaching on their cushy, clean, and serene way of life. They are acting like confederate rebels. It's not all about the environment. We need to have the Kamehameha mentality that must once again unit the islands.

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From: Ed Valko [emlvalko@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: No

No need dakine round da aina's!

Approved for all the hidden agenda reason's!

Do you really know why it exists in the first place?

It's not to haul locals or tourists between the islands.

I say NO to the Superferry!

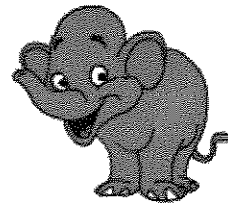
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From: Miles Fry [milesfry@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I would like to voice my opinion regarding the Superferry situation. I think it is outrageous that a handful of protestors can stop the Superferry and potentially put it out of business. I feel it would be a great asset to Hawaii, and pose no threat to the environment or the whale population. What is so different about the Superferry vs. Cruise ships ?
Miles Fry

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From: Ho, Mae K. [mae.ho@doh.hawaii.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am in support of the Superferry.

The Superferry benefits the outer islands by bringing jobs and income. The Superferry cost is not as inexpensive as first thought (I did not know about that additional cost); therefore it is just like taking the airlines. Being in Hawaii, we need more diversified types of transportation businesses. It is almost like we have a monopoly of having on having only three major airlines going to the outer islands to service the State of Hawaii. Local businesses will prosper and do well.

The environmental issues being focused on are in a simple word is "dumb" (to put it mildly). No environmental impact study needs to be made, because we already have boats, cruise ships, barges, etc. going through the same waters as the Superferry will be and a monthly and/or annual assessment by the government should already be in place. Therefore, the spread of invasive species and the like should already be annually reported on to the public. Technology today is so amazing and "yes" there are actual equipment that detect whales, other watercrafts to avoid collisions. The ferry works very well in other whale sanctuaries (such as Washington, Canada, & Alaska). To say that such technology does not exist, demeans and disrespects the whole scientific world who work so diligently to make the world easier to live in. It is like telling them "Your x-rays and sonars to look for terrorists/criminals are useless and we need to do an environmental impact study everywhere we use those devices."

Okay, so I only hear rumors on the demographics on the Superferry protestors - however a closer look may reveal that the majority is transplants from the mainland (who just so happens to have a lot of money). So maybe the "invasive species" they are worried about are themselves?!?

So much more to say, but I will stop here. Thank you for your time.

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From: Bruce Schaefer [bsch4@ccmaui.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:24 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Re: Superferry

Does the definition of "Large Ferry" as stated in the draft legislation exempt from the requirements for operation of the Hawaiian Superferry those vessels that carry many more motor vehicles and do not carry passengers (the Young Brother's "Jean Ann"), and if so why?

The Superferry should be allowed to operate while an environmental study is underway and should not be subjected to any more onerous requirements than any other large vessel operating in Hawaiian waters.

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

hearing date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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

I support the Hawaii Superferry.

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

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

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From: Antone & Jan Poche [pochea001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM

To: *testimony*

Subject: re: Superferry

I am in total support for the Superferry. I would love to take my kids to explore the other islands in the comfort of my own car.

Thank you,
Antone Poche

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From: Shellie Amano [shellie.amano@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I support the Hawaii Superferry because it will stimulate and advance our Hawaii community on a stronger, more integrated level.

Businesses will have additional travel opportunity to facilitate outer island growth.

Residents & tourists would have alternate means of transportation that would reduce air and auto traffic congestion, while enhancing appreciation for our beautiful state.

Thank you.

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From: Nancy Merrill [merrilln001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry must have an EIS

This testimony is for the following hearing:

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
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Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Sunday, October 21, 2007

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE:

King Kaumualii Elementary School Cafeteria
4381 Hanamaulu Road
Lihue, HI

I want to add my number to the many on Kauai who object to the way the Superferry has been forced upon us without due process. I have copied a quote from the newspaper here that states my opinion exactly,

"...the law should not be bent or changed just to suit the current whims or sentiment of some people, even if they are the majority of people.

The law is intended to apply to all people, the minority as well as the majority. The ranks of the majority and minority constantly shift with each new issue. If each time the majority feels justified to change the law to suit its purposes and wishes, we are reduced to a nation of men, not of law. The law then ceases to protect the minority.

On one issue or another and at one time or another, we will all find ourselves in the minority. It will be a terrible blow to our confidence in our system of government if, as a minority, we felt that the law will not protect our interests because the majority could whimsically change it to suit itself at any time."

The anger we feel is generated by several issues:

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1. The special consideration offered the Superferry by the Governor. Even a bike path on Kauai involves an environmental assessment. This apparent preference for the benefit to business interests at the expense of due process involving the people it impacts is very troubling.
2. The focus on the potential benefit to residents of Oahu. Yes, they want to come to Kauai because it is still very different from Oahu. What a great vacation! But they forget that by coming here and bringing their cars, surfboards, hiking boots with Oahu weed seeds embedded in the soles, gear for camping on our beaches, and plants grown and products made in Oahu they are impacting our environment and gradually changing it to be more like Oahu. We want Kaua'i to stay Kaua'i for as long as possible.
3. The apparent view of our lawmakers that they are above the law. It should not be possible for our elected officials to change a law just because it is not convenient. What if we all decided that the speed limits or tax rates were inconvenient? Laws are passed to create order and establish priorities. We change these at our own peril.
4. The possible unintentional (or even intentional) introduction of invasive species during the time the environmental assessment is being done. The one that concerns me the most is the mongoose. I can see someone thinking this would be a great prank to play on Kaua'i and bring a pair over in their car. They could easily be brought in a small container, even a picnic basket, that might be missed during a routine car inspection. We have many more native birds here because of the absence of the mongoose. I enjoy the sound of nene flying over my house in Princeville on a regular basis. Once the introduction is made, it cannot be undone. This possibility needs to be addressed in an environmental assessment BEFORE the SuperFerry sails to Kaua'i again.
5. The media features the owners and the employees of the Superferry and the hardships created by any delay in beginning service. I do feel sorry for the employees, but the owners had to be aware that doing an environmental assessment was the usual precursor to doing business in Hawaii. They had plenty of time to do it while the Superferry was being designed and built. This lack of foresight isn't something we should reward. We should discourage this behavior from ever occurring again by taking action and establishing for once and for all that an EIS MUST come first!

Every day we learn more about how our activities impact the environment. When will we learn that the time to act is NOW? Overturning a law intended to protect our environment is taking many steps backward just at the time we should finally be putting the environment first before all other considerations.

Respectfully submitted by,

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From: TDowl5757@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Allow The Superferry To Operate

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

Thirty years ago we shipped our car to Maui to camp and explore the island, since then thousands of jets have landed there, fleets of rental vehicles sit waiting and barges and cruise ships dock. I believe the Superferry is being unfairly targeted and should be allowed to operate.

Not only will the Superferry provide income to locals, assist local vendors move goods, but will allow both locals and visitors to enjoy visiting the neighbor islands.

I urge the Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment to support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Thank you.

Tom Dowling

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From: Dick Spooner [dickspooner@spoonerfinancial.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Let the Ferry Run!

I am asking that my opinion be counted - let the Superferry run during the environmental study.

It is time for the silent majority to be represented by the officials we elect. Hawaii's standing in the national business community is disgraceful. To allow millions of dollars to be spent for a project that once again had approval from the beginning only to be shut down by an overactive and poorly informed judiciary (remember Hokuia . . . ?) is past ridiculous - it is hurting Hawaii's image and does not represent anything close to the 'aloha spirit' the state continues to promote. For those of us that have chosen to make Hawaii our home, we need representation that reflects the views of the majority.

Thank-you.



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From: Isabelle Graves [isygraves2k2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To whom it may concern:

Living on the Big Island and traveling to Oahu to go to work every week like so many other people it would be to the advantage of everyone concerned to allow the Superferry to operate. Not only would it help in the event of an emergency on Kauai and Maui it would also help with their employment. The Superferry is not going to be any more of a safety issue than the shipping companies and airlines. The shipping companies bring vehicles and goods to those islands are they without any invasive species? People come and people go. There are bad and there are good people it does not matter if they come by boat or plane. Please everyone just respect the Aina, and appreciate what we have in this Island called Paradise.

Can't everyone just get along we are one Island just not connected and one big Ohana.

Let there be a solution for everyone so that this bickering can stop and we can all live Aloha.

Isabelle Graves

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From: Guzman, Francine K. [fguzman@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In support of the Super Ferry

I am forwarding my email in support of the Super Ferry. I am a firm believer in progress. I do believe that this will be an awesome opportunity for Hawaii's economy to grow and attract tourist to our islands. It will also be an improvement for the islanders to take advantage of this adventure and to bring our children up with this new way of traveling throughout the islands. I do hope that we succeed in bringing this here.

Aloha,
Francine "Kalei" Guzman

Testimony of Bonnie Bedoya
Hawaii Resident
752 Aipo Street
Honolulu, HI 96825

October 23, 2007

RE: Hawaii Superferry

Good Morning Chairs Hee, English, & Menor and members of the committees on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs and Energy and Environment. My name is Bonnie Bedoya, I was born and raised on Kauai and now reside on Oahu.

I am writing to you in SUPPORT of the Hawaii Superferry operating while an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is done. The Superferry is "new technology" in these Hawaiian waters according to a Maui Judge. It is so new that I think it's unfair to compare it to any vessel currently sailing in Hawaii or to assume that it will cause permanent damage to the environment. This is why I feel that an EIS be done while it operates so we have an idea on what it can and can't do or should and shouldn't do.

Having lived on Kauai, Big Island of Hawaii, and now Oahu, I feel that another transportation option for Hawaii residents is a good thing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: John Henry [jhphoto@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: IN Favor of Super Ferry

Aloha from Maui,

I am in favor of the Super Ferry.

1. competition for transportation
2. competition for shipping
3. supporting the military when we may need their help
4. supporting small and large business
5. jobs for the local folks
6. amazing views
7. they support the environment and will do more than the cruise ships, Matson, or Young Brothers.

Thanks,
John Henry

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From: Leiko Bedoya [lbedoya@hawaiihotels.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony on Hawaii Superferry hearing October 24
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Attached is my testimony regarding Senate Hearing on October 24, 2007 by committees on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium, State Capitol.

I respectfully asked that my testimony to submitted to the above committees for tomorrow's hearing.

Aloha,
Bonnie Bedoya

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From: Unca Bee [uncabee@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Superferry

I live on Oahu, and I am "FOR" the Superferry. If I lived on Maui or Kauai, I could acknowledge some reservations about the access it affords to everyone. Yes, it "MAY" make it more convenient for those who disrespect our resources and environment. It also gives better access to families to get together, small businesses who would benefit from more locals traveling inter-island, and farmers who would like to participate in events off their own island. This controversy is NOT about the environment. If that were true, you should do an EIS on Young Bros. and the Inter-island Airlines. They do way more transporting of people and cars, than one or two Superferries! I don't see any demands for those. Whales? The ferry has no propellers, will have lookouts, and is more maneuverable than most boats. I don't believe there is more risk, just different risk. If the risk is unacceptable, then you should also ban other water transportation or activities that venture into whale zones. I know the squeaky wheel gets the most grease. However, to give more credence to the disrespectful bullies who try to drown out all supporters of the ferry would be a mistake. I was disgusted by what I saw on TV of supporters being booed and shouted down by opponents. Allowing that behavior makes the event a rally for the opponents and not a hearing for the public to testify. The loud minority should not overrule the silent majority who disdains confrontation.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:54 AM
To: testimony
Cc: lornefleming@aol.com
Subject: Fw: YB Rate Increase 10.19.07

Young Bros. Price increase is a direct result of the Super Ferry being denied service to the outer Islands. Matson is next!

I Hope the people, which fail to remember that competition keeps prices down, enjoy paying higher prices for all their consumer items.

I really don't think these people that are opposing the super Ferry see the whole picture.

In a State of Emergency, who can get bulk supplies such as Military Equipment, Law enforcement and Emergency response equipment to the outer islands in a matter of hours?

Airlines? Not if the airports are closed.

These people are complaining about the little Ferry Boat and welcome in the large cruise liners as many as 4-5 times a week. These cruise ships have more impact on the environment then this small ferry.

There is more hazard with the fishing boats which are in abundance then there is with this well maintained Super Ferry.

Are these same people inspecting the fishing boats for oil & fuel leaking nto our oceans?

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From: Hannigan, Carol [carol.hannigan@heco.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: FW: Support of the Superferry

To whom it may concern:

This is a short email to show my support of the superferry. The superferry is being singled out while numerous other sea vessels are free to sail.

I personally rode a ferry that transported vehicles in Canada about 20 years ago and it was a very memorable experience. I've always wanted someone to look into a ferry system to transport people with their vehicles in Hawaii. Now 20 plus years later since my last ride on a ferry, we're so close to having our very own Superferry in Hawaii. All of my family and friends were so excited about this opportunity. Although I now live on Oahu, I was born and raised on Maui and many of my family and friends there do support the Superferry. This would be a huge benefit for the people in the State of Hawaii. Please don't let the few opponents against the Superferry guide your decision. Majority of us in Hawaii do support the Superferry and hope you will allow it to sail while the environmental study is done. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Carol Hannigan

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From: Walter Cheshire [cheshirew@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:20 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

I strongly support the Superferry's operation while the ongoing Environmental Impact Study is being conducted. Hawai'i needs to get out of the dark ages. The ferry is long overdue. It is also critical from a civil defense perspective to have regular, fast-moving sealift between islands. A united Hawai'i will only make our state stronger. The Superferry is one way to forge that strength. Please enable the Superferry to operate!

Mahalo nui loa,

Walt Cheshire
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From: Cherona Lewis [clewis@hetinc.biz]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPERFERRY TESTIMONY

I BELIEVE THAT THE SUPERFERRY IS A GREAT IDEA FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE. ESPECIALLY FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE AFRAID OF FLYING OR CAN'T AFFORD TO FLY. AND IT'S VERY CONVENIENT FOR MOST PEOPLE. IT MAY BRING CHANGES TO A LOT OF LIVES, BUT IT COULD BE A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER FOR THE LIVES THAT HAVE TROUBLE GETTING AROUND BY PLANE. AND I WAS DISCUSSED AT THE REACTION OF THE PEOPLE THAT WERE AGAINST THE SUPPERFERRY, HOW THEY TOOK TO VIOLENCE AND ACTED VERY CHILDISH OVER IT. TO ME THE PROPER WAY OF GOING ABOUT IT IS TO TAKE A PETITION AND DEAL WITH THE COURTS IF YOU ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING AROUND YOU. PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND TO TAKE **LEGAL** ACTION UPON ANY SITUATION. BUT, KNOW THAT THEY DON'T OWN THE ISLAND JUST LIVE THERE. AND THAT WE ARE CIVILIZED PEOPLE, NOT ANIMALS. AND IF YOU WANT TO ACT LIKE ANIMALS THEN MOVE TO THE JUNGLE. I HOPE THAT THIS TESTIMONY HELPS TO GET A WIN FOR THE PEOPLE AND I WISH YOU LUCK.

Sincerely,
 Cheronda Lewis

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From: earl phillips [evphillips@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hwaiaii Superferry

I want to voice my support as a third generation resident of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaii Superferry. I believe that the Superferry has been unfairly singled out by a minority of special interests who know how to manipulate the system to benefit their ends. Travel between the islands by ship is by no means a new technology - the native Hawaiians were doing it for centuries before Western contact. It is clear that the Superferry would bring great benefit to the people of Hawaii.

Thank-you
Earl V. Phillips Jr.
A registered voter

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From: lyn howe [lynhowe1946@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Opposition to ferry service operation without EIS

We are both very opposed to allowing the superferry to operate without an environmental impact statement.

There are so many potential problems that must be adressed before allowing the superferry to operate. One very important and potentially runious problem is the movement and spread of the Little Fire Ant to other Islands. This ant is tiny and very hard to detect and can live anywhere and is very very prevelant on the East side of Hawaii island and most probably is on the west side also although this has not been documented to date.

thank you

Lyn Howe & Geoff Rauch

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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From: Mihoko N. Gandy [MGandy@hgvc.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM

To: testimony

Subject: super ferry

I am e-mail to support for super ferry.
This is good for alternate option for both tourists and local residents.
I hope we will continue to have super ferry available.

Mihoko Gandy

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From: Tamon Ikeda [tikeda@gmr-hawaii.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:16 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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

Dear Sirs,

I am in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. *Superferry will provide us with positive impact for many ways. More economy, more fun.*

Tamon Ikeda

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From: Liz Scott [LScott@CoscoSupply.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: WE SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY

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From: cgreenwell [cgreenwell@ccim.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: My support of the Superferry

I would like to finally voice my strong support of the Superferry. Too many of us are silent on big issues, believing that logic will prevail. When it doesn't we shake our heads in disgust. This time I want to speak up.

I have lived on Maui for 12 years but have been visiting here for 25 years. I remember when there was no Walmart, no Costco and no 4 lane highways. People were complaining loudly about the mom and pop places gouging them with their high prices. When Costco came along, the place was immediately packed and has been ever since. Contrary to those who spoke up against it, the mom and pop places did not go out of business, they became competitive with their goods and prices. Giving the public a choice of where to shop, what airlines to fly and what other transportation to take, forces everyone to "be at their best" and give the best value.

I believe the Superferry will add another choice for both shipping and transportation and will be a perfect way for families, school groups, small farmers, etc to economically travel between the islands. If it turns out to be too expensive, they will not use it. The market will dictate if the Superferry survives. But, it needs to be given the chance. The "fear mongers" who try to spread panic about invasive species, over run campgrounds, endangering whales, etc. – give me a break! The Lanai ferry, Young Brothers, Matson, Pasha and the cruise ships already carry cars, goods, and people among the islands. Up until this point, not one of these Maui Tomorrow guys has raised a stink. If they were really concerned about these issues, we would have had the discussion years ago. It is a smoke screen used by our small vocal "anti-everything" group.

Please allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being prepared. I am sure with all the publicity, they will be on their best behavior.

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From: Christie Wagner [christiewagner@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Fwd: TESTIMONY ON HAWAIIAN SUPER FERRY

**TO THE HONORABLE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE
COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY & LABOR, TRANSPORTATION AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT.**

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From: Christie Wagner <christiewagner@gmail.com>
Date: Oct 23, 2007 9:10 AM
Subject: TESTIMONY ON HAWAIIAN SUPER FERRY
To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Legislature:

Definitely ban the Super Ferry IF you also ban the following, and ban them permanently:

- (1) ALL COMMERCIAL CRUISE LINES because their fuel pollutes the ocean;
- (2) ALL COMMERCIAL AIRLINE FLIGHTS, because, among other things, they sometimes need to dump fuel into the ocean to decrease their weight before landing; Also their "con trails"-- i.e., condensation vapors--liquefy and dump Skydrol jet fuel into the ocean. Furthermore they drop their toilet facility deposits into the air.
- (3) ALL MILITARY FLIGHTS--for the same reason all commercial airline flights should be banned forever--and that includes the Navy's Blue Angels and the Air Force's Thunderbirds.
- (4) ALL PLEASURE BOATS because they leak fuel and oil into the ocean plus they empty their toilet facilities into the ocean.
- (5) SWIMMERS AND DIVERS, BOTH RECREATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL. Especially ban all of the 7 million annual visitors to Oahu from swimming in our oceans because they will tinkle into the ocean and deposit, among other noxious chemicals, ammonia into our waters.
Seriously, full speed ahead and godspeed to the Hawaii Super Ferry.

With aloha:

CHRISTIE WAGNER

"There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you...And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

---NELSON MANDELA

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From: Elton Masaki [masaki@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support

Dear Legislators,

I firmly believe that the superferry should be allowed to run its services in the Hawaiian Islands. They should be a boon to our economy and it is something the islands needs badly. I have taken ferry boats in Seattle, Canada, and Japan, and I do not see what the big deal is. The islands will benefit from this! Please consider taking any steps required to make this happen. If this doesn't happen, I will be sure to see who voted which way and make my displeasure known during the next election. Thank you for your time.

-Elton Masaki

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From: Ma Je [mauijesse@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:01 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Our island needs Hawaii Superferry.

To anyone whom concern

Maui needs surely Hawaii Superferry.

Because we can not depend on airlines financially.

And Superferry is much safer than the airplanes.

There are so many reasons we have to have Hawaii superferry.

Yoshiyuki Maejima from Wailuku, Maui

Aloha from Maui. Jesse

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From: GenieW@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:01 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

I am **in favor** of the Hawaiian Super Ferry.

Because we need alternative means of transportation within the islands.

Because medical needs can only be completed by having access to Oahu.

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From: Roland Marcello [kirrasapo@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:02 PM

To: testimony

Subject: SuperFerry

WE are in total support for the Super Ferry. It will link the Islands together and make the state strong. It will also provide economic growth and bring marketplace options to other islands that were once controlled by the big monopolies, Young Brothers and Matson.

It is time for a change and the time is now.

I thank the environmentalists for their awareness, but isn't it the accuser whom has to provide the burden of proof? So far no proof but allegations supported by the suppression of logic and reasoning.

Mahalo,

Roland and Julie Marcello

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From: Robert Bankston [keonibankston@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

I, along with the majority of people of the state of Hawaii, humbly ask for all our senators and representatives to come together in a special session. It is imperative that legislation be passed to allow the Superferry to operate while an environmental assessment and or impact statement is conducted. We have needed this alternative form of transportation for over thirty years. I feel there that the opposition to the Superferry from these so called environmental groups was so conveniently brought to the table at the last minute for other reasons than what they would like us to believe. They have had over 2 ½ years in which to have had the EA or EIS mandated. I pray that we never have to have said after a catastrophic act of mother nature or terrorist act that we really could have used the Superferry, or that it could have got emergency goods to people in time to save there lives.

Mahalo, Robert K. Bnakston

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From: Colette [laderam001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

Aloha,

It saddens me deeply that the Superferry has been put on hold, I have been anxiously anticipating it's service for the past few years. I just got home from work, and was watching on Akaku 54, some of the testimonials that were given. I guess the people who really want the superferry were all hard at work like me and unable to attend the hearing. I find it unbelievable, that all those people can speak so harshly about our Governor and legislatures, more the Governor. I personally don't feel that the Governor is the sole person to blame, it took all of the politicians to authorize monies going out in advance. Yes, an EIS should have been done, and maybe that should have been done while the ferry's were still being built. However, the case on hand is that we have a potential alternative mode of transportation to the neighbor islands, I'm all for it!!!. The opponents of the superferry kept bringing up the invasive species, we have them now without the superferry, end of story already, move on and get a real job. Why don't they call for an EIS on the airlines, and the barges that come and go from island to island or the cruise ships for that matter. They talk about the whales, from what I understand the ferry's route does not infringe on any of the sanctuaries, yes maybe they can slow down the speed during he whale season. It should be give and take, not one sided, right now it appears the side that screams the loudest wins, I hope that is not the case with this situation.

What it all boils down to is how we care and manage our ever growing islands, and that is NOT handled in our court systems, save the court some time and let them handle the real problems, crime & drugs. In the Hawaii that I grew up in, we helped each other out, sueing was not an option. You don't take away business, money or their future to better your own. I see the superferry as a means of helping everyone, families, small business owners and the like. Maui needs competition to help the people of Maui get better prices than what we have now.

Mahalo a nui loa,
Colette Ladera

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From: Lindsay Kamm [lindsay_kamm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:36 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Dear Senators:

As a lifelong resident of Hawaii and a resident of Kauai for over 30 years, I have been looking forward to *interisland* travel via the Superferry. I am a public school teacher with no ties to anyone employed (or formerly employed) by the Superferry. I have followed the developments of the last couple of months closely, and I am hopeful that the Legislature will allow the Superferry to operate while the mandated studies are being conducted. The State of Hawaii and the taxpayers are already invested in this mode of transportation, the Superferry has been built at great expense, and it is unreasonable to expect that it can sit idly for months on end. If the business should fail because it is not allowed to operate, that would have very bad consequences for our State.

Please do not think that the 1,000 people shown on the TV news speak for the people of Kauai. They are a small fraction of the 60,000 or more who live here, and they speak only for themselves. I believe that the owners of the Superferry have developed this project in good faith, that they are more than willing to obey the law, and that it would be grossly unfair not to allow the boats to run.

With aloha,
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From: EFunasaki [ekfunasaki@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE SUPERFERRY

To Whom This May Concern:

I am in support of allowing inter-island ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

My feeling concerning this matter is COMMON SENSE needs to be exercised - and it must be exercised fast (not weeks and months from now). The way I understand it (and put simply), the State screwed up by agreeing to go forward with this project without doing an EA/EIS. I don't know the politics that allowed this (and I am probably better off not knowing), but I work for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific and this would be unheard of for any of our projects . . . however, we're here and my tax dollars are being wasted because a common sense compromise is not being worked out!!

By "common sense" I mean the Superferry can be allowed to operate with REALISTIC restrictions placed upon their operation while the EIS is done. The draft list of restrictions I read in the paper yesterday is ridiculous. If those restrictions are placed upon the Superferry's operations, I predict the Superferry will leave. However, a common sense COMPROMISE can allow the Superferry to operate with rules that an EIS will probably dictate anyway. Come on people, I realize this is a new service to the state, but it's not so exotic that we cannot make educated and fair decisions based on the current inter-island services now in existence.

I fully understand the environmentalist's arguments - I just don't agree that given the circumstances, submitting to ALL of their demands is the best thing for our State. Let the Superferry operate. The benefits outweigh any "costs" because IF the operation cannot meet the eventual environmental requirements, they will be shut down shortly anyway. In the meantime, our state will get a service that the majority wants AND tax revenues that we surely could use.

Respectfully,
Eric Funasaki
(A concerned citizen shaking his head at this fiasco.)

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From: BRENDA LYNN TORADO [lolakona@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:02 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Support Hawaii SuperFerry

The SuperFerry provides another means of transportation to visit family and friends on the other islands. It offers family outings and new experiences for our keikis to learn about the neighbor islands.

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From: carolramie@clearwire.net
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:37 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please

My husband and I own and operate Island Investigative Services, one of Hawaii's longest practicing private investigative agencies. We conduct investigations throughout the state and often have to travel on a moment's notice. Often, there are no rental cars available for us to conduct surveillance and often, we are only able to obtain a vehicle that is non conducive to our work needs. The ferry will benefit our business tremendously. We can use our own vehicles which are customized for our investigations.

Also, on a personal note, I try at all possible, to not fly on the same plane as my husband, a personal choice I've made for years. We have 3 children and I've known other couples who have implemented this practice into their lives, for their children's sake. With the ferry, I'd be able to take trips with and work with my husband as I desire. I was **overjoyed** when the SuperFerry started up, and disheartened when it was stopped. Give us the choice to sail and NOT FLY!!!

Let we, the people, decide what is best for us. It's about time we utilize our island's greatest asset, the WATER, and a means of transportation. It is ridiculous that cruise ships and Matson is allowed to enter the islands with no resistance, yet the Ferry is being forced to stop. LET THE SUPER FERRY SAIL.

Carol Lee Ramie
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From: Michael Winneguth [whizzer002001@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:03 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Auditorium

State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senators;

The Superferry should not be allowed to operate in the state of Hawaii until an EIS is completed. This should have been undertaken years ago, instead of having lobbyists attempt to change the laws to suit their needs.

Respectfully, Mike Winneguth
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From: Dave and Karen Thompson [davekaren@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:04 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I wish to make it know that I fully support the services of the Superferry as an alternative to other modes of transportation. My request is to allow the Superferry to provide Island wide service while all assessments are conducted.

Aloha,

N. David Thompson
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From: midpacaq [midpacaq@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:06 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony
Attachments: Testimony.doc

Senate Sergeant at Arms

Attached is my testimony in support of the Hawaii Super Ferry to be authorized to operate while and EIS is being conducted.

The hearing is to take place as follows:

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Thank you,

John Gallipeau

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Senate Sergeant-At-Arms

Hawaii Super Ferry Testimony

As a senior citizen living in Hawaii for the most of my life, I and others have had to depend on either Hawaiian or Aloha airlines to travel from the Big Island of Hawaii to either Oahu or the other outer islands. This has been expensive in that it had no competition and could charge what ever fares they see fit. I have seen airline strikes, set backs and after bankruptcies the airlines are not stable. We all know that anything can happen. And we do need another form of transportation. Yes, in the past we had the hydro foil but that did not last because of the problems with our local waters. Now we have a company that has built a state of the art vessel that can combat our local waters in providing us with safe inter island travel.

The Super Ferry complied with all the requirements set up by the Department of Transportation. They have exceeded the safety requirements in providing an environment safe trip. I know the concerns are about the whales. Well I have fished in these waters for years. Yes, I have seen whales and I have moved in ways so as not to come close to them, scare them or put them in harms way. The Super Ferry has committed itself to doing the same. So this should not be an issue. They will post look outs to insure they do not run over a whale or damage it. The vessel does not have propellers that will gouge a whale as does other sight seeing vessels that chase after the mammals. Young brothers nor Matson barges will do this. Tug boats have no idea if they hit a whale or a small boat. They do not have eyes in the back of their heads to see if one of the barges they tow has hit anything and no one complains about that. But because a company came here, spent millions of dollars in providing us with an alternate form of transportation all of the environmental groups are up in arms to flex their muscles. Telling us the public what we can have and cannot have. If they do not like the ferry then they should not ride on it. But do not tell us what we can do or cannot do.

In recent polls 87% of the population wants the Super Ferry. In another poll over 91% have indicated they want the ferry to operate while it performs and Environmental study. They were informed they did not need one as the cruise lines did not. They acted in good faith but because of a few people the needs of the many are put aside. Some will argue the rule of law. But for some reason the rule of law only pertains to some and not all.

Some will argue invasive species will come from the outer islands to Oahu. I can understand that. But to treat the outer islands as foreign entities is not what we call Hawaii. When I lived on Oahu and moved to the Big Island I had some plants that I wanted to bring with me. I was told they had to be checked by the Department of Agriculture which I did. Some passed and some did not. The Coqui frog came from another Country, arrived on Oahu and then shipped to the Big Island. Had the Department of Agriculture did the job they are supposed to do then we would not have this problem today. The Super Ferry had said they would put car washes to wash down vehicles before going on board. Does Matson and Young brothers do this? I think not. So the invasive species is a lame excuse to halt this service.

Another complaint was the harm being done to Hawaiian Cultural sites. I have asked the question, where are these sites that the Ferry would harm? I have spent many years on the oceans around us and have never once come across one. So please, tell me where they are as I would never want to run over a burial site of the past.

I have read that many people from Oahu do not want this ferry system to operate. They do not want people from the outer islands to come to their Island. And the same applies to Kauai. I know that according to the Tourist Industry, Waikiki is Hawaii. Oahu is Hawaii and people seem to forget we are a state of Islands. We are all Hawaii. Many tourists coming to the Big Island are awed at the beauty that they find here. They did not know we even existed. And this is because Oahu claims they are Hawaii. It is about time they understand; Oahu is only one of seven islands. Waikiki is only one place and the beauty of Hawaii is in the outer islands.

Some will complain, wow, if the ferry has cars on it, they will cause traffic problems. They will pollute the roadways. They will take away rental business. For myself I feel this is rot. Why would I bring my car and spend hours in your outdated roadways. When I do come to Oahu, I ride the bus. It is convenient and easy to use. Will take you any place you want to go. On Oahu, I do not rent a car because there are no places to park. So let's be realistic. Not everyone riding the ferry will bring their vehicle with them.

There are Ferry systems all over the mainland. I do not see the Sierra club going after them. They provide a good system of transportation. We here on the outer islands of Hawaii need another form of transportation. We cannot depend on the air lines because they over book have cut down on their flights. To get a booking you must apply in advance and seldom do they have a flight that fits your time table. And where do you have to make those reservations? Not in Hawaii.....

So for that, I am submitting my thoughts and the thoughts of many of my friends. We need this ferry system. And we need it to begin now. Not wait for five years while an EIS is being performed. The Super Ferry has agreed to the safeguards asked of them and even more, so it should be allowed to operate while an EIS is being performed. For years everyone has know the Super Ferry would become reality. But the narrow minded, the people that are against the ferry have waited until the key was turned to file their complains. Had they protested in the very beginning then an EIS could have been done and all of this would not be happening now. The trouble with protestors is they never protest until they know they can do damage. We need this service and we need it now.

Thank you

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From: Justin Avery [justinavery@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:04 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Opposition to Superferry

Attn: Hawai`i State Legislature

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,

I would like to encourage you to not allow the Hawai`i Superferry to conduct interisland travel while an Environmental Impact Statement is being conducted. The Superferry has been brazen in its endeavors to conduct business in Hawai`i. It has done so with little regard for the state environmental laws. As creators of the laws that protect the precious environment we are blessed to live in, I request that you do not make loopholes for this company to pass through. Loopholes would not send a clear message to other companies that may be looking to conduct business in the state.

Thank you,

Justin Avery

Justin Avery
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From: Cynthia Kapahu [cmkapahu@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:55 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Supperferry

I feel an in just has reflected on the majority of Hawaii residence because a hand full of residence and most not even island born, have been putting up a protest against the Ferry.

Didn't of you people watch the Discovery channel on the building of the Supperferry. Every thing was taken into account to make sure it was environmentally safe, right down to the paint on it to avoid any barnacles from sticking to it.

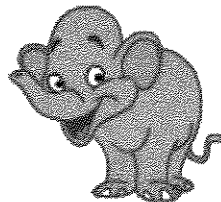
We need this so Hawaii families can go to the outer islands to visit with their families. And be able to take all their children and parents.

If this is such an environmental issue I say stop the barges so better studies can be made as to how this ship affects the environmental.

What about all the bugs that come in on the planes and ships from the US and other countries.

**Friend Of The Supperferry,
Cynthia Kapahu**

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From: Jim Kane [jlkane@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:06 PM
To: testimony
Subject: support for superferry

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

Thank you for calling a special session in support of the super ferry. I am certain that allowing the super ferry to operate in Hawaii is a great benefit for all of the residents of Hawaii and the tourists as well. This additional means of transport between the islands will allow inter-island commerce, construction, and tourism to flourish in its wake.

It is also my opinion that it will allow for the islands to become more united and allow for greater response during natural disasters.

I appreciate your commitment to serving the people of Hawaii and I encourage you to do the right thing by allowing the superferry to operate before it is forced to leave for financial reasons.

While I may not be able to attend the public hearing on Wednesday, October 24, at 10:30 a.m. in the State Capitol Auditorium. I will be paying close attention to the news to stay informed of the outcome. I am also encouraging all of my friends, relatives, and business associates to attend and email their comments as well.

Mahalo and God bless you,

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From: Joge333@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:05 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To Whom It May Concern,

The Hawaii Superferry is needed in the islands for easier transportation and faster ways to get to the other isles. It would be so much easier to take my car instead of having to rent one.

Joan Sawyer
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From: valerie ching moss [MossVal@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:05 PM

To: testimony

Subject: support for the hawaii superferry

Aloha,

I am support of the bill that will allow the Hawaii Superferry to run their interisland ferry service while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. If they have to wait for the statement to be completed before operating, they will not have any revenue and I fear they will have to close their business.

I support this mode of transportation and welcome an alternative method of travel between islands.

Valerie Ching Moss

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From: Jeana Kaio [jeanakaio@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:05 PM
To: testimony

Aloha Kakou, As a Kanaka Maoli I'm sadden to see what is happening with the pilikia with the super ferry and some of the people of hawaii. The problem is not the super ferry, it's our Governor, and it's not her fault. She was only involved in this was because she was trying to help the people of Hawaii to give them another way of transportation to the other island. It's funny that young brother are adding new barges to their fleet and there no enviroment study was made. Everyone should make a enviroment study don't matter when their company started. If they want fight for their island then they should first clean their own island first, it's shame to see them fight about super ferry but they let their own island people grow pakalolo on Kaua'i, ice dealer on all islands, poverty, jobs for only the educated one, homeless people oh I guess that not their problem its the Governor we should all back up our Governor she is for the people not for a few who got money and one more thing, to all you politician this not about the elephant against the donkey its about us people so share grass in the island so we can all enjoy Hawaii.

Mahalo nui loa DKK

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From: C&CHardy [cjhardy@aloha.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:41 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

To whom it may concern:

My apartment looks out on the entrance to Honolulu Harbor. Those opposed to the Superferry have no idea, or don't want to acknowledge, the traffic now moving on the area where the Superferry will operate. Huge barges, towed by deep-hulled propeller-driven tugs, carry automobiles, new and old; trucks; pleasure and work boats; heavy construction equipment, all manner of dry and wet cargo; and thousands of shipping containers to and from all islands in a steady stream. Compared with this, the Superferry is almost of no concern.

The opposition, insisting on stringent measures not required of other carriers "to protect the Islands," makes it more difficult for those of us who are seriously concerned to work toward the deliberate, level-headed compromises that must be sought in the coming challenging decades.

Please help us get past this stage.

Charles J. Hardy
1350 Ala Moana, Apt. 2903
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From: alohajack@juno.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:36 PM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY

I served on the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Sanctuary Advisory Council during 2002-2004. I was on the steering committee that arranged the Vessel/Whale Collision Workshop hosted by the Sanctuary in 2003. The restrictions demanded by the so-called whale environmentalists are irrational. While speed is a factor in the severity of vessel/whale collisions, the Super Ferry is not even going to be running through Sanctuary waters during the whale season nor will it be travelling through waters with high populations of whales. The impact on whale populations will be negligible.

The Sanctuary is a terrific success story. The whale population in winter is near 10,000 and increasing at 5%-7%. Applying the arguments and restrictions demanded by the opposition to road traffic would bring the speed limits on all Oahu roads to 5 mph in the city and 10 mph in the county. They are completely irrational.

Get the ferry running.

Regards,
Jack Laufer
626 Papalani Street
Kailua, HI

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From: Keith Errecart [kerrecart@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:05 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

I support Hawaii Superferry and urge the state legislature to pass appropriate legislation in order for the ferry to begin immediate service in our islands.

Thank you.

Keith Errecart
55 South Kukui St Apt 3013
Honolulu, HI
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From: Alarick0@aol.com

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:05 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs

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 wish to state that i am in support of the Superferry project in Hawaii, i believe it will be in the best interest of the state, it's economy and people.

Please allow the Superferry to run during the environmental studies.

Thank you,

Richard Cline

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From: Derek Wong [derekgtwong@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:06 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Opportunity to redeem our State from an embarrassing issue

Hawaii's environment is very important to residents of all the islands, and it can be protected by implementation of preventative measures. It is too bad and very unfortunate that this optional mode of transportation and business will be lost due to an over-dramatic group of selfish and ignorant *residents, who don't even respect locals from other islands. Simply because the silent majority of true* local residents were raised to be respectful and avoid conflicts. The current protestestors have demonstrated their savage ways to intimidate those who are open-minded, exploiting the timid nature of the majority. Consequently, not only will our State lose the Superferry, it will probably deter any future ventures to advance our State's infrastructure.

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Aloha Respectfully,

Derek

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From: packardohana@gmail.com on behalf of Wendell Packard [motoXXX@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:06 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry support

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to encourage you to allow the Superferry to continue services to the outer islands.

I completely support the EIS and have always believed that one is necessary. For me being born and raised on Kauai I see the changes that are happening. Some are definitely unavoidable but a lot of it I do not appreciate especially having a deep Hawaiian heritage on Kauai. I decided a long time ago to remain on Kauai and raise my family hoping that my daughter would be able to experience the lifestyle that I was raised with. The overcrowding of Kauai and the fact that our county officials can barely keep up with the changes that are being made scares me. I am not afraid of change and I am all for preserving what make Kauai special but I think to single out one specific business is unfair. I do not see anyone stopping the cruise ships or checking to see that no invasive species are in the cars coming from the Mainland. So why the superferry? In my opinion the superferry supports the locals. Not by only jobs that would be provided but the fact that we could see our Ohana on the outer islands.

That is what I want my daughter to see. Kauai has changed but family hasn't.

Sincerely-
Wendell Packard

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From: RIT [rit1@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:06 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Hawaii Super Ferry and interisland ferry service

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

I am in support of Hawaii Super Ferry and the interisland services that they would provide. Having an additional mode of transportation between islands is an essential necessity in time of disaster.
Allowing the Hawaii Super Ferry to operate while the Environmental Assessment and or Environmental Impact Statement is being conducted could be deemed as a 'trial or test period' in which the management of Hawaii Super Ferry would evaluate their business model.

R Takazawa
Native of Oahu

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From: Bennett Fung [bennett_fung@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:40 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Super Ferry

From:

Bennett Fung
1561 Kanunu Street Apt 1601
Honolulu, HI 96814

Subject: Support for Super Ferry

Dear Legislator,

I am writing in support for the Supper Ferry. Hawaii has so little options in terms of transportation between the islands. The Supper Ferry will open up a lot of possibilities for families and businesses.

The Super Ferry will help families and business that needs to bring large items between islands quickly and economically.

The Super Ferry will also provide compition for the airlines operating between the islands.

The Super Ferry will help Hawaii tourist business by providing new twists to experience Hawaii.

I urge you to support Supper Ferry as well.

Bennett Fung

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From: Clark Horan [clark@horan.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 9:59 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Against Special Session

I am outraged with the prospect of the State Legislature considering a special session due to the recent crisis with the operation of the Hawaii Superferry.

The current legislation was enacted and signed into law by many of the current members of the House and Senate. For you now to convene a special session to offer special consideration to a private company is simply not acceptable. If the law needs to be revised, it should wait until the next normal session of the legislature.

If the superferry is allowed to begin service without the necessary environmental study complete, and any serious problems occur such as the untimely death of a whale, the world will look at Hawaii with disdain.

Please do not convene this special session.

Clark J Horan
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From: KIAHA5OHANA@cs.com
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:32 PM
To: testimony
Subject: (no subject)

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

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From: ovine8259@mypacks.net
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM
To: testimony
Subject: HSF

Please support a special session and get the Superferry operating. Polls indicate this is what the majority want. Please represent the wishes of your constituents and support Superferry.

Oliver Vine
Hawaii resident and voter

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From: Kimi K. [kimkahala@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPER FERRY

Let the super ferry run. Why should we hold up a wonderful opportunity for all islands based on a small percentage of the population.

My family on Oahu as well as on Maui are looking forward to using their service.

Kiim Kehrwieder
Super Ferry Supporter

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From: Mark Ravelo [konamark@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry Testimony

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I fully support the Super Ferry and the positive implications it will have on local lifestyles in Hawaii. Please allow the Super Ferry to run in lieu of a completed EIS.

I would like to question what safety measures are taken with the Cruise Ships and Young Brothers barges that frequent neighbor island harbors and the impact on infrastructure demands and the threat of marine life cross contamination.

Mark G. Ravelo
PO Box 2867
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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From: Lillian Rulon [lillianrulon@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM

To: testimony

Subject: super ferry

Hello I am writing to give my support for the Superferry. We were excitedly awaiting the service to Maui and Kauai...we had plans to take our car, and go visit Kauai, and friends on Maui....so you can imagine our disappointment.

Thank you very much,
Lillian Rulon

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From: Troy Richardson [t_richardson@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:33 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

Aloha!

Please accept the following as testimony in support of the Super Ferry for the following committees.

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I am writing in favor of the Super Ferry. For too many years the people of Hawaii have been at the mercy of Aloha and Hawaiian Airlines dictating how much we will pay to travel within our own state and Matson and Young Bros. telling us how much we will pay to ship vehicles and goods within the state. If business is to grow and expand within the State of Hawaii, we need more options. We need a Super Ferry! Don't let a vocal minority stop a very necessary part of Hawaii's future!

Business interests from around the world are watching this drama very closely. If they see that a company can come into Hawaii, contract with the State, and pump millions of dollars worth of investment, only to be sent packing, because a few people are afraid someone didn't wash their shoes before going to a neighbor island, they will choose other places to do business. Hawaii will continue to lose investment dollars and growth opportunities. Hawaii's best and brightest will continue to seek work on the mainland, because they don't find viable options in Hawaii's economy.

More than just pass a stop-gap measure to allow the Super Ferry to operate. Now is the time to carefully examine those barriers to entry that prevent new business from entering the Hawaiian marketplace, remove those that serve no purpose, and restructure those that serve a purpose but create unnecessary obstacles and delays. The first barrier to be considered must be the Environmental Impact Study. Protecting the beauty of our Islands is important. Giving a few people the ability to block and delay much needed development while tying up our courts with frivolous and expensive litigation is not the way to do it.

I urge you to pass the legislation needed to allow the Super Ferry to operate and begin to examine what steps must be taken to create a business friendly environment that also protects our natural environment.

Sincerely,

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From: Colleen [pauohana@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

I wanted to share my support in favor of the Hawaii Super-Ferry service. I have lived in Hawaii since 1980. I have been very saddened to watch the opposition of the people on Kauai and how disrespectful they have been. The thought of a Ferry service between islands is a great one and I completely support it. I don't enjoy flying, in fact I have quite a fear of it. I have a home in Maui and I would greatly enjoy being able to take my car between islands while enjoying the adventure of the ferry service.

Over the years, I have watched people fight as new technology moves into the islands. They seem so fearful of things that are so desperately needed in Hawaii. Wal-mart, Home Depot, and Costco's have all had to deal with great opposition as they have come in to make life better for the people of Hawaii. These are things that are desperately needed. I have never experienced such activists as people here. We need to move forward and allow Hawaii to keep up with the rest of the world.

Please do not stop the Super-Ferry from running during the study. If this is going to be imposed, then every other vessel should be mandated as well – Matson, the cruise ships and the many other vessel attractions throughout the islands. I also find it interesting that as soon as all this came about, the Honolulu Ferry came into existence. Have they done an environmental study as well?

I love the whales and marine life and I am sure that the Hawaii Super-Ferry will do its best to keep these mammals safe.

Please do not stop what is so desperately needed in Hawaii. What a great adventure it would be to have a ferry service between islands. Thank you.

Colleen Pau
Teacher on the Big Island of Hawaii

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From: quentin ciccone [qciccone@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM

To: testimony

Subject: superferry

How the hell has this happened. Get real and let the superferry run. This is 2007 not the 1800's . When the hell are you politicians going to act like responsible business people. Stop trying to be politically correct and do the proper thing. Another large blackeye for this State of Hawaii. At least this will pay for itself, and we the people of Hawaii will have the chance to benefit from it, not like the mass transit system you have given the go ahead which will not work. common sense works. Quentin Ciccone

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From: Darcie Wauke [wordtherapy@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the superferry

Senators and Representatives,

*I personally support the Superferry. While the opposition has been very vocal, I do believe they are the minority. Personally, I have not come across **anyone** who does not support the Superferry.*

This is not simply an ordinary business trying to set up in Hawaii. This is a business that is supporting our infrastructure. Do not send yet another message that Hawaii has an unfriendly business environment. What company would want to invest in Hawaii after the government fails to save the Superferry.

I don't appreciate all the finger pointing on who is to blame for this situation. I think more effort needs to be focused on how to proceed so that majority of the people of Hawaii and future generations are not robbed of this valuable opportunity.

Yours truly,
Darcie Wauke

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From: Shannon Tomaszewski [tomaszewskisl@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:11 PM

To: testimony

Subject: SuperFerry

I am in support of Hawaii SuperFerry. It will bring revenue to the islands it visits.

Shannon

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From: Daverr [davegolz@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Keep the Super Ferry

If the Super Ferry is going to be held to all of the requested high standards of inter-island travel, will the other entities already in operation be held to those same standards? For example, Young brothers sends hundreds of roll on roll off vehicles between the island daily, Mattson unloads hundreds of new and used cars from all over the world, PASHA is a vehicle that is designed only for roll on roll off vehicles and services between the mainland and all of the islands, and don't forget CSX lines and the military, we don't even know what the many cruise ships bring.

Some people are saying that the government is giving the Super Ferry "Special Treatment," but I would say that everyone that was in the market before them, were the ones getting the special treatment! Why are the current inter-island surface transportation providers so quiet? Well if you were part of the current monopoly would you speak out and risk drawing attention to your situation that has had it so good for so long?

When you look at the big picture it doesn't seem like the Super Ferry will have a huge impact on the everyday life of any of the islands. It certainly won't be the most economical way to travel to the outer islands unless you plan an extended stay, and remember that the same amount of cars can also leave as have arrived on the same boat.

Dave Golz
Aiea

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From: RJones003 [rjones003@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 10:39 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please support the Superferry

TO: Judiciary and 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: Terry O'Halloran [terry.ohalloran@hawaiisuperferry.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: TESTIMONY HEARING WED 10:30
Attachments: Kurt Medeiros.doc

TO: Legislature's Public Access Room

Please submit the attached testimony to:

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From: Lanettelopez01@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Favor for the Hawaii Superferry

From: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lopez

To Whom It May Concern,

We are in FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry.

We own a Classic Car, and welcome taking the Superferry to the Neighbor Islands.
This ensures same day travel with our car, instead of having to wait 3-4 days via Matson.
We are unable to accompany our car, and have to pay a higher price when transporting.

Sincerely,

Larry and Teckla Lopez

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From: Greg Nutt [wingnutt7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimonial....Wed. October 24 10:30 am State capitol

Attn: Sen.Kaniguchi, Sen. English, Sen. Menor
Hawaii Superferry

Superferry testimony
State Capital Bldg.
Oct. 24, 2007
Handi-capped/Disabled viewpoint

To: Sen Kaniguchi, Sen. English, Sen. Menor
From: Capt. Greg Nutt

Good morning and Mahalo to the legislature for allowing me to provide some insight into what will be for myself and every single disabled/handicapped person I have spoken to, consider an extremely important and viable transportation alternative... Keep in mind that I live in a complex with 24 physically impaired individuals who have a vested interest in seeing this operation come to fruition.

I am not here to lay blame or to criticize who did what and when, or to debate whether or not this is a needed service as the majority of our population has voiced this quite loudly. I can only impart to you what it will mean for myself and the handi-capped population of our state.

**First of all allow me to briefly describe what we all go through when we need to travel by airline. Aside from playing "20 questions" and finally receiving permission to board the aircraft,(by the way, the airline doesn't like us to travel alone) we have to go through the very undignified procedure of transferring to a specially designed wheelchair that will fit in the isle of the airplane. Of course they have to load us first which always leads to scowls and comments from waiting passengers. Of course, this doesn't add to the stress of traveling. This means that airline personnel will have to pickup my chubby carcass at least 4 times. Twice on departure and twice on arrival.
This is not a pleasant thing to go through.**

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Meanwhile "Magilla Gorilla" has taken a 25 thousand dollar wheelchair (my-lifetime) and is trying to shove it into the baggage compartment....no easy feat as it weighs 530 lbs. Just by itself. Unfortunately, we can't be on the ramp to supervise it's loading and unloading. Never mind the fact that we, on occasion, get to deal with an over-zealous TAS individual who is determined to find some kind of terrorist tool hiding in the wheelchair or my bladder bag. It is so bad sometimes that it's laughable.

In addition to my disability reasons, I am also doing business in wheelchair sales and have to take this wheelchair to the neighbor islands for demonstration purposes.

I, nor my handicapped friends want or need any special legislation. The Superferry will allow us the option of traveling unencumbered with a modicum of dignity and respect that any normal person would expect.

It is hoped that this August body of legislators will stand up and side with the majority of what your constituency is desiring.

It should also be kept in mind that as a frequent user of the Old Seaflite program back in the 70's, I don't ever recall slicing through baby whales, and a hydrofoil was a much more radical mode of transport than what we are discussing here.

Thank you for your time.....Imua and Onipaa.

Sincerely,

GREG NUTT

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From: Landmark [landmark@hisemail.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry - Testimony in Favor of Allowing...

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Re: Super Ferry

Please accept my testimony in favor of allowing the SuperFerry to start operating now. An EIS won't tell us anything we don't already know from the current operations of other boats and ships that travel between islands. The only unknown is perhaps the speed. However, I don't recall the Hydro-Foils that ran several years ago having any problems regarding the concerns of the environmentalist. So let them run and if there is a problem then deal with it then. There may have to be some revisions, but that is expected in all new operations.

Don't let a few people afraid of change or whatever, rule our lives.

Thank you.

Phil Fudge

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From: Angela Britten [angela.britten@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:20 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

This is my official testimony in SUPPORT of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

It is simply the right thing to do.

Mahalo,
Angela M. Britten
Honolulu, Hawaii

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From: Marlayna Gomes [marlayna75@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

I believe the Hawaii Superferry deserves a shot at making a go of their business. It is not fair that we allowed them to come this far and SHUT THEM DOWN now that they're here. Whether they succeed or fail - at least give them a CHANCE! They at least deserve that from Hawaii.

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From: Blackman [blackman@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry SUPPORT

I think the legislature SHOULD allow the Super Ferry to CONTINUE service for the BENEFIT of MOST of Hawaii's people! This is the wisest means of inexpensive travel between islands for the majority of Hawaii - these other protests are from selfish, self-serving people, most of whom are "transplants" and NOT really "home-grown" Hawaii people!! Also, this bunk about the argument that we should NOT favor certain "businesses", etc....hey, this Ferry will be SERVING HAWAII and has NOTHING to do with "favoritism" of Big Business! I'm HOPING the legislature will HEAR the voices of Hawaii!! Thank you, May Blackman

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

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 Kurt Medeiros and I work as a Port Utility Operator .

This job is important to me because it's a learning experience, a chance to advance and to improve my skills and with good hours and good income for me and my family, so we can one day own our own home.

I like working for Hawaii Superferry because the management and the vessel crew is very friendly and it's something I would use myself.

Hawaii Superferry is another means of transportation that we want and need on Kauai. Since the rates of Young Brothers and Matson have been going up, it's important for us to have other choices of transportation besides airlines.

I was born and raised on Kauai, and know a lot of people here who don't like airplanes, and some who have never been off island. With Hawaii Superferry they could travel more for the first time and even take their vehicles to Oahu or Maui.

In my other jobs as a limosine driver and working in destination management, many of the people I work with and meet see many uses for the ferry here on Kauai. A manager of a construction company complained about a cement pump truck he was waiting for, that was stuck in Honolulu. It is still sitting in Honolulu, waiting for a barge and that has taken longer than the voyage from the mainland. If the Superferry was running, he could have driven the cement pump truck onto the Superferry. Others who are mechanics don't want to ship their vehicles with tools, but would take them on the ferry.

If the Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be a loss not only for employees, but also for a lot of the businesses on Kauai that are planning to use the Superferry.

Please pass this bill, so we can get back to work.

Sincerely,

Kurt Medeiros
Lihue, Kauai

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From: Terry O'Halloran [terry.ohalloran@hawaiiisuperferry.com]
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From: Susan Sheldon [kukana45@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: October 24th

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The superferry was stated to come on a certain date everyone was looking forward to a job with them and the pleasure of seeing our islands from a different view. I'm sure all this could have been taken care of earlier, since it wasn't they should be allowed to operate while the studies are being done. (I'm sure they will take care of our environment). It is in their best interest to see that nothing happens to our sea animals and environment. Please reconsider and let them operate.

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Subject: Super Ferry

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We are vigorously opposed to the Super Ferry. We feel strongly that we are being railroaded by a small number of people who have a financial stake in this horrible venture that will bring a blight on our peaceful islands. This was totally done without the consent of the people, in fact there was considerable subversion and deceit involved. If the supporters of the Super Ferry are so convinced they are in the right and have nothing to hide, then why didn't they wait till the proper impact surveys were done and why didn't they go through proper public channels with full disclosure? I strongly urge you to not let the super ferry continue to operate and please do not let it run to Kauai. The infrastructure of the island won't take it. It will bring unwanted crime to the island. The natural habitats of many creatures such as the nene goose will be compromised. The endangered monk seal will cease to exist. The spawning grounds of the whales will disappear. Is that what you want your legacy to be? Stop this egregious mistake before it's too late.

Thank you for your time,

The Patronete Family

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From: Debz Galindo [debz@nakoainc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY

ALOHA ALL,
I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY! I BELIEVE IT WILL BE GOOD FOR OUR ECONOMY AND THE ISLANDS
DESERVES TO HAVE A PROGRAM AS SUCH.
FOR THE SUPERFERRY
DEBZ GALINDO

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From: lindab [lindab@penguinmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: YES to the SuperFerry for Hawaii

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

YES YES YES to the Superferry!!!

Please don't deny the many thousands who want the Superferry

Please do not allow the squawking of a few to be more important than our Hawaii's future.

Please do not confuse the loud, boisterous, clamoring of special interests with sound judgement. Their voice is NOT the voice of the people of Hawaii!

aloha

Linda Butts
Kaneohe, Hawaii

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Please require an impact study on the environmental groups who represent an excessive few. Their voice is NOT the voice of the people of Hawaii!

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From: kdambacher@marktravel.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii SuperFerry

Aloha:

10/23/07, 10:18am.

I totally support SuperFerry to operate while enviromental impact statement is being conducted.

Have seen the few people (on TV) that are against this operation, have heard from the many (newspaper,s radio, etc) that do want the Superferry, the numbers that support ferry way out numbers then non-supporters.

SuperFerry can be another source of getting off any island in times of disaster, or can be used for transporting food, medical supplies and people in time of need.

All outer island people should think out of the box, and get with the program, on progress.. The same people come to Oahu or go to other desinations.

What could have been done to save the dinosaur's

Signed, a concerned citizen.

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From: Tim Lawler [makaisis@aloha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Aloha,

I feel it is in the best interest to The State Of Hawaii to let the Super Ferry sail. The arguments against letting it run are absolutely absurd. The protesters against the ferry have acted selfishly and without any Aloha whatsoever. I strongly urge you to support the Super Ferry.

Mahalo,
Timothy J Lawler
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From: sal96819@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:21 AM

To: testimony

To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to be included with those who support the inter-island ferry service as a benefit to our local economy. I support the idea of allowing service to the outer-islands while their impact to our local environment is being studied.

Thank-you, Mark Asao

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From: Bruce Coppa [bcoppa@commpac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:43 AM
To: testimony
Attachments: CPB_Fujimoto_HSDC_Support_102207.pdf

Testimony in support of Blenn Fujimoto Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation.

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From: Toan Doan [toanchampion@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:14 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Jason Doan
Subject: 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

Dear Senate Committees,

My name is Jason Doan. I'm a Maui resident. Please support the Superferry to resume service while an EIS conducted. The cost of living on Maui is alot more than Oahu due to monopoly shipping companies like Young Brothers and Matson. We the people of Hawaii need an alternate transportation between islands, so we can connect our friends and families more often. We live in technology age to make our life easier and better. Please do not let a minority group of people to overcome the majority of Hawaii resident that want the Superferry to operate. Thanks for your support and understanding. We know you will make the right decision by letting the Superferry to resume service while an EIS conducted.

Mahalo,
Jason Doan
Kihei, Maui, HI

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From: Kristy Funkley [kriskat_fun@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, Oct 24th, 2007

Time and Location: 10:30am, Auditorium, State Capital.

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry and would this message of my support provided at the above mentioned meeting.

Mahalo,
Kristy Funkley
Maui Resident

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From: Patti Pantone [pantone@hawaiian.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

Please allow the Super Ferry to proceed so that our counties can be better connected to one another. Ferry service is working between Molokai and Maui. Let us put more island counties together.

Patricia Pantone
3957 Ulu Alii Street
Kalaheo, Kauai, HI 96741

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From: Misty Nitta Yee [mnittayee@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of the Hawaii Superferry

Dear Sirs & Madams,

I wholeheartedly support the Hawaii Superferry and ask you to please allow it to continue service while the Environmental Impact Survey is being conducted. This will be a great alternative to travel between the islands and provides for a more affordable family travel experience. We humbly ask your sincere consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

The Yee Family

(Nicholas, Misty Kainoa & Sophia)

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: TESTIMONY HEARING WED 10:30
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TO: Legislature's Public Access Room

Please submit the attached testimony to:

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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24
TIME: 10:30 AM AT CAPITOL AUDITORIUM

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From: Diane Chavez [dchavez@parkerranch.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:48 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Super Ferry

Please support the Super Ferry in the State of Hawaii.
Thank you,
Diane C. Chavez

Aloha!

Diane C. Chavez, RS, ABR, GRI
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From: joslyn gonsalves [fatjosigurl@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: da ferry

Aloha to you all:

My name is Joslyn Gonsalves, i live on Maui and most of my family like most of us live on various outer islands travel is expensive, well whats not here in Hawaii....i just want to make this simple as ever.....we need the super ferry. and the impact.....well yeah they should have had an envirimt impact....but wat about the whale foundation....it's the same as making money off of aloha and god.....but wat about the people who pay for the sake of GOD AND ALOHA....ALOHA IS OVER SOLD.....AND SO WILL THE ISLAND....AT LEAST LET US KEEP OUR ALOHA AND OHANA IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER.....LETS SUPPORT THE FERRY...CAUSE WE ALLREADY PAID FOR IT....WHAT A LOSS.....SSSSS. KEEP THE FAIR KEEP ALOHA

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From: Malia Kamisugi [akubelly@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support of superferry

There are many reasons to both support and protest the superferry. However, I am in support of this project for many reasons, the main being:
In case of a natural disaster (for instance, a tsunami or hurricane) it may be our only means of providing emergency services to the islands...all of them.

Please consider all options carefully.
mahalo
Dr. Malia Kamisugi

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From: Boschee, Janet [Janet.Boschee@boh.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am disappointed in the Hawaii courts that have sided with the 'loudest' voice, not the majority, nor the small business owners.

In my opinion, the majority of Hawaii residents were looking forward to the availability of the Hawaii Superferry. *I know all my friends were. We are disgusted that businesses trying to start up in the islands are blocked by a 'firewall' – either by our business laws or environmentalists.*

The Superferry could have pumped income into our state's economy by providing residents with job opportunities, alternative transportation for individuals as well as small businesses, and tourism brought to the neighbor and outer islands. And although the 'loudest' voice seems to think that this is a bad thing, if they have lived in Hawaii for any number of years, they must know that tourism has been and always will be our livelihood here in Hawaii. Truth be told, the influx of visitors will probably continue to grow just like our population. I don't think the Superferry would put any other transportation mode out of business. (If the environmentalists are so concerned with the impact too many visitors would have to their islands, they should try passing legislation to set visitor limits to their island. See how that goes over.)

Regarding the speed of the Superferry and the possibility of hurting the whales, I have read about other marine businesses that were not forced to perform an EIS even after they purchased larger faster vessels and had to make harbor improvements to sustain them. As usual, these are the double standards that various businesses have to contend with here in Hawaii. The Superferry was already aware of our residents' concerns and had (on their own) set up conditions during whale season to better ensure that they would do no harm.

I am for letting the Superferry conduct their business between the islands while attaining the now necessary environmental impact statement.

Janet L. Boschee

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From: Geri Molina [gmolina@hardwarehawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT SUPERFERRY

Yes I do Support Superferry and the Legislative and I do believe that this going to benefit to all local people and to all the tourist, and I think in the future we all grateful to have a Transportation for the neighbor Island and folks you guy's got my Vote.....

Support Superferry
geri

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From: Gabriela Taylor [gabriela@keapana.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry-no sail without EIS

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

Public Comments on Kauai re. Superferry Special Session for
Wednesday, Oct 24, Special Session, Superferry Senate Bill, Honolulu

DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Auditorium State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Legislators ,

I am a 35-year Kauai resident who loves this island and the sea surrounding it. Let it be on record now that I am opposed to a special session of the legislature, because the law should be followed, not changed. No sailing of the Superferry before an EIS is done.

I like what resident Juan Wilson wrote in The Garden Island newspaper. Were an exemption to the law be allowed to let the Superferry run before an EA is completed, it would be " equivalent to asking the have unprotected sexual relations while awaiting the results of an AIDS test."

Please don't expose us to a trial run to see if the Superferry harms or kills whales, or to experience how our narrow roads leading to Nawiliwili and the rest of the island are be choked with traffic. Please don't let us find out that our small parks are stuffed with vans and campers from off island, or to learn that coqui frogs or mongoose have been left behind.

Make us proud of you as our leaders. Instead of looking like politicians who kow tow to big business, please act like leaders who have enough integrity to follow the

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law.

No Superferry before the EA is completed.

Sincerely, Gabriela Taylor

5620 Keapana Rd., Kapaa, Kauai, Hi. 96746

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From: Kristl Ito [kristljunko@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry
Importance: High

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I feel that it is time for the silent majority to be heard. I am in full support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

I cannot imagine anything better than being born and raised on Maui. After 12 years of being away for school and work, I have been given the opportunity to return home. The thought of an alternative mode of transportation is truly a welcome relief. No longer will we be at the mercy of inter-island airline travel and the threat of ridiculously priced airfare. No longer will we have to hesitate to visit family and friends on the neighbor islands.

Please allow this valuable service to operate.

Mahalo,
Kristl Ito-Lau

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From: pje [certify@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

This would have positive impact on tourism as I refuse to get on a "puddle jumper" or a chopper to see other islands. You can have restrictions on the operation as opposed to disallowing its operation completely. thanx, a visitor



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From: Pastor Ken Schmidt [servant@kenschmidt.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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

Aloha,

Mahalo for the chance to speak out in favor of the Superferry. We the silent majority have been silent for much to long. We have read about the few in the media who have given our State and our island image a black eye.

My hope is that we can move FORWARD in this session and get the Superferry back on track. And that this wonderful method of transportation which presents a viable alternative to flying can be used by those of us who wished and have waited so long for this service!

Having lived on Kauai during Hurricane Iniki, I realize the importance of being able to get help quickly to the Neighbor Isles. I do feel for the ones who feel their Aina is being trampled on. But the Superferry is not the cause.

The reasons given thus far by those in opposition are soundbites that are unfounded and simply not true.

I feel sorry for those being duped by ones in power who promote these lies.

Lets once again show that the majority speaks and after all that how you got voted in right?

One in the paper wrote about having their voices heard.And the need for the Senate to be that voice.

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Well I too want to be heard, and I expect the same senator to speak for my wishes and the wishes of the majority as well!

Mahalo for this time.

Ken Schmidt

Pastor Ken Schmidt



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Want a signature like this?

Dear Chairs Taniguchi, English and Menor and Members of the Committees on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs and Energy and Environment:

I support this bill that will allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while an environmental impact statement is being done.

My name is Erin Nakaya. I was born and raised in Honolulu on the Island of Oahu. I am currently employed by Hornblower Marine Service, as a Purser aboard Alakai, Hawaii Superferry's vessel. My duties entail supervising the Hotel Staff, ensuring Passenger Satisfaction and safety while on board the Alakai.

Prior to joining Hornblower, my previous employment included working for Paradise Cruise Ltd. on the Star of Honolulu and for Norwegian Cruise Lines on the inter island cruises. While working for the Star of Honolulu, I got to share with the passengers the beautiful sunset from the water and the Honolulu city lights. One of the reason why I choose to work on NCL was I felt that would broaden my horizons and it would show case Hawaii to the world. The Hawaii Superferry provides its passengers another way to see the beauty the islands have to offer from the ocean.

I've come to realize there are very few opportunities to be a part of something that would change Hawaii like the impact of the cruise lines. I feel that Hawaii Superferry is a new opportunity that would provide yet another positive change for Hawaii and its people. I feel the Superferry would provide a new way for people to get from island to island and evolve the way we work and play.

Have you ever been stuck on an airplane with a crying child? Did you move seats or stand up to walk around the airplane? On the Superferry you can check out the scenery, move to another seat or have a cup of coffee in the premium lounge. Or how

about that football game you wanted to see . . . check that out in the aft of the ship. There are so many different options to make your trip more enjoyable. For those with limited mobility, the Superferry provides another option to travel and feel more independent. The Super Ferry would allow local farmers to bring fresh produce to other island markets, construction companies can expand their business by taking their products and services neighbor islands where they are limited or are not available. In case of a statewide emergency, the Superferry can provide transportation to move people to safety or equipment to areas in need.

I have had the privilege of building a team primarily of people from Hawaii, which we grew to become the Superferry family. The attitude of the crew has been amazing. It speaks volumes to their character as individuals and being able to keep their heads up through the events of the last three months. They have been positive throughout the start up process which has been rough especially with circumstances on Maui and Kauai. I hope a compromise can be reached where all parties concerns are addressed and we can start up service and share the Superferry with the people of Hawaii.

I understand and respect the concerns of others, but I chose to work on the Superferry because I felt it was safe for the environment and would have a positive impact for the State of Hawaii. When I was offered a position with the Superferry, I wanted to part of the team and being a part of making a dream a reality.

Thank you for listening. Please pass the bill to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate.

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From: Kailiwai, Cecelia [CKailiwai@terminix.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Ferry

I just want to say that I FULLY SUPPORT the Ferry and that this will be a good thing for the residents of Hawaii. I understand that some of the islands don't agree to this but if they were to put themselves in the owners position and knowing what they did to make this happen for the people of Hawaii and the tourist that come, they would disagree with all this negativity. I say we keep the Ferry and that the people of Hawaii deal with the new changes that will coming our way. I look at it like this. There is more jobs out there for us people.

I can't wait til the ferry comes to Kona, Hawaii. I want to be able to take my truck off island with all my camping gear and camp in Maui or Honolulu. IT WILL FUN.

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From: Gail Yoshimura [mauimobetta@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

We need to support the Superferry; don't promote the already bad reputation of Hawaii being a bad place to do business. The harbor improvements have already been made and millions of dollars already spent. Hundreds of workers, who apparently enjoyed working for this company, are affected.

Gail & Marty Davis
Kihei, Maui

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From: David Amack [david@sharkville.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: No HSF service without EIS first

NOTE: This testimony is intended for the three committees named below, for their hearings regarding the Hawaii Superferry. Although state-issued guidelines ask that I supply dates and times of the meetings, and the number of copies will be needed for each committee, I have not been able to locate that information. Please forward and copy my testimony as appropriate.

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

TESTIMONY:

On October 22, I attended the Informational Briefing meeting at Baldwin High School. People from all walks of life testified, and the message was overwhelming: NO FERRY SERVICE WITHOUT AN EIS FIRST.

If the legislature hasn't gotten the message by now, something is very wrong. Three county councils have asked for the EIS. So have the courts. So have experts and marine scientists. So have residents whose lives may be forever impacted if the HSF goes forward just because of the governor's private agenda.

Legislators: The message is clear. Now the question is, are you willing to uphold the letter and spirit of existing environmental law, or not? If not, why do you keep asking the same question?

If any one of you believes that environmentalists are going too far on this issue, ask yourself what in Hawaii is more important than the environment? Why do we choose to call this place our home? Why do millions of tourists choose Hawaii as their destination? It is not for the second-rate condition of our education system, economy, roads, public transport, job opportunities, housing market, or health care.

The environment is all Hawaii has going for it. Don't go out of your way to ruin that, too.

David Amack
Kihei

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From: ella fowler [ellaonly@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry supporter

Hawaii needs more transportation options. The Superferry will be a alternative for small business who wish to transport goods between islands. Small businesses may use it to bring goods not easily available on one island to another.

Clubs such as dragsters, Harley riders, dirtbikers will benefit by being able to transport their cars, bikes, members, gear in one trip. Plus they can enjoy the ocean!

E. Fowler

Ella Fowler

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From: Vicky Young [vickyinhawaii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: in support of Hawaii Superferry

I have not spoken out for any agency, government or private. I just feel this whole thing is very political and not acceptable to me to have all this time/money spent to make the Lingle Administration look bad. I am FOR Hawaii Superferry. You can have checkpoints set up to check for things like the airport. I don't understand why the EIS is needed for Hawaii Superferry. Why not every ship, barge, boat or whatever that has an engine which comes into the Hawaiian waters be required for an EIS? Why not that whale protection company (? Name) be required to have an EIS before it sailed and hurt that whale? That's called accident, accident is unavoidable.

I'd love to have an alternate way to get to the outer islands besides flying. What about those people who are fearful of flying, those with claustrophobia?

As for those in the outer islands, I understand their concerns of traffic. Aren't their roads and harbors supposed to be fixed/widened? You are welcome to come to Honolulu to do all your shopping, theaters and entertainment, etc. but you need to reciprocate. Relax, I do not eat opihis, not even oysters.

Thank you,
~ Vicky Young

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

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 Adele Manera and I work as a Port Customer Experience Representative.

An afternoon part time job like this is valuable to me and my family because I can be home at night with my kids.

I feel good about working for Hawaii Superferry because it's a good company that provides a worthwhile transportation option. My kids are in sports – football, baseball – and as a parent, I look forward to more opportunities for my children and their teammates to expand their horizons and compete on the other islands.

As a resident I want to have freedom to choose and more options between the islands for me and my family. While we're different islands each with different perspectives, on this issue most of us believe the Hawaii Superferry offers a great choice and should be available to us.

Please pass this bill enabling the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the EA is being conducted.

Sincerely,

Adele Manera
Lihue, Kauai

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From: Cindy Baricuatro [cbaricuatro@financialmortgage-usa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony to support the ferry

WE NEED THE FERRY IN HAWAII!!

LET'S KEEP IT IN THE ISLANDS. BEFORE WE MAKE A DRASTIC MISTAKE AND ITS TOO LATE.

I believe this ferry will greatly assist families to meet other loved ones on the neighbor islands and take their car with them, which will avoid additional cost of renting. We need the ferry as another tool of transportation to accommodate the local people. It is totally supported by Hawaii and we should take

My view is with airline fares continually fluctuating, Hawaiian Air may be increasing their fares and Go Airlines may not be able to put out great prices..... Hawaii needs a alternative backup plan to keep prices affordable and reasonable.

Go Super Ferry you are drastically needed in our Islands and the people of Hawaii want you . Majority should rule out the minority.

Mahalo,
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From: M.E. "Meg" Greenwell [MEGatKRL@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the superferry

PLEASE don't let this opportunity go by. Give the Superferry a chance for all of us on the outer islands. What a special thing to be able to visit family who aren't able for health reasons to travel by plane. Please support the Superferry.

Thank you,
M. E. "Meg" Greenwell

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From: lipatint@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

what happened to the true majority?the ferry must go on or there will be a true divide in the islands.i suport itgo superferry!!!!!!!!!!!!

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From: Bob Kinoshita [bob-hcsr@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am in support of the bill to allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate during the time it takes to perform an Environmental Impact Statement and am in support of the draft bill as published on the State Capitol website in it's current form.

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From: Firmin Oliveira [f.oliveira@jach.hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:51 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Firmin Oliveira
Subject: Superferry Legislation

Dear Legislators:

I am in support of the Superferry. I encourage you to do everything you can to justly consider this transportation mode for Hawaiian waters. To protect marine life, some measure of detection of these creatures should be accomodated, such as human observers on board and also sonar type of instrumentation.

Aloha,

Firmin Oliveira

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From: Lori Leong [lleong77@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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.

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

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From: shimamura@juno.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Dear Legislators,

I am fed up with the intimidating manner in which the anti-ferry protesters have subscribed to and the unbalanced reporting the media has given them. I just spoke yesterday with a friend from Kauai and he told me that business owners there want the ferry but they are afraid to speak up due to the militant behavior and the "mob mentality" of the protesters. Even though my friend is active and outspoken in his community even he is afraid to speak up due to fear of long term retaliation.

Please support the Superferry.

Signed
Scot Shimamura

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From: piercedon@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:36 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Super Ferry

My vote is for the Super Ferry

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From: Darryl Aspholm [darryla@vncdrywall.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:26 AM
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 Capital

I support the Hawaii Superferry. I believe that this is a viable and economical alternative to other forms of interisland travel.

From what I have seen the large majority of the people want the superferry operating in Hawaii. Also I would like to be able to drive my own vehicle while on the other islands, this would not increase traffic any differently as I normally have to rent an auto anyway.

Yours truly,
Darryl Aspholm

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From: brent senrud [senrudhawaii@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:30 AM

To: testimony

I would like to give my support to the Super Ferry on the presidency that it is well overdue. The benefits of family, friends and business using such a mode of transportation at a rate that is better than flying, will help in tying our infrastructure together. With more and more people moving to the Big Island it will be a necessity. The planes have their own bureaucracy to deal with and not very well. Once they oust any competitors and raise the rates of flights there will be no other means to travel other than the price stated by the airlines...Bring on the SUPER FERRY!!!!

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From: RicLuJay@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: PLEASE LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE

80% of us support commerce and the Super Ferry
Mahalo,
Rick

See what's new at AOL.com and [Make AOL Your Homepage](#).

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From: Charles McNicoll [c.mcnicoll1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry support

I am part of the silent majority that would like to see the Super Ferry sail between the islands. This ferry would provide a different mode of transportation that will benefit businesses and residents. This is a state of the art ferry with the most recent technologies that will protect the enviroment and whales that are out there in the ocean. The courts policy if followed should be used for all vessels between the islands. Which means that all ships, tugs, and barges must be put to a halt while an enviromental impact statement is done. What is fair for one must be fair for all. Please show the nation that Hawaii wants investors to seek business opportunities here. If not say good bye to future investments for business in Hawaii.

Mahalo,
Charlie McNicoll

10/23/2007

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 Doree Coito and I work as a Customer Experience Representative.

I need you to understand what my job means to me and the effect it has on my family. I am a mother of 5 with three grown children, 2 of which are in college. I don't believe I need to explain the huge cost of higher education. In turn, not being able to afford to send my kids to college will have its' own impact on my children and their future. My income is a needed addition for the daily support of my family. Like others in Hawaii, we struggle to raise a family due to the cost of living in the islands.

I enjoy working for Hawaii Superferry because this company has proven, at a huge cost for them, that they support their employees and are concerned about Hawaii and its' native people. They provide extensive training on sensitivity to the Hawaiian culture and its' history as well as the protection of these islands. They provide a wide array of training on safety, security, and service. Throughout all this, they have kept us on the payroll because of their commitment to its employees and their families. It is unfortunate more employers in Hawaii do not have the same commitment to its employees and the people of this state.

If the Superferry cannot continue to operate, it can potentially have a devastating impact on this state. The Superferry provides a much needed alternative transportation for many people. There are those who cannot or will not fly, it provides a much more comfortable form of travel for those who have disabilities and it gives visitors to our islands another option for travel to the outer islands. The Superferry also now gives employers, groups, teams, and others who would normally incur a great expense, the choice to travel for meetings, conventions, and sports competitions because of the ability to bring their own equipment and vehicles. This in turn will bring much needed business to the outer islands. The State of Hawaii will now have an additional means of transportation that will allow a free exchange of commerce. The Superferry will also be a great asset to the State during times of natural disasters by providing the transport of much needed supplies, emergency personnel and basic necessities. There are also many people around the nation who are watching the outcome of this session and it will have an impact on future business ventures in Hawaii.

On a personal level, my family will feel the impact because of the plans we made for our future. This job provides the means to accomplish our goals and dreams. I need this income to support the huge expense of raising a family in Hawaii.

I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be heard. I hope you will allow us to continue to serve the people of this great state.

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From: Valerie Kuikahi [valkuikahi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii 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

My name is Valerie Kuikahi and I would like to testify that I support the Superferry service throughout the islands because it provides the people of Hawaii an alternate mode of transportation to get to the other islands.

PLEASE ALLOW THE SUPERFERRY TO PROVIDE THEIR SERVICES.

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From: Kahumoku, Kanani [Kanani.Kahumoku@airliquide.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

To Whom It May Concern:

In simplification terms and on behalf of Air Liquide America LP and our 60 employees and their families, we support the Superferry here in Hawaii for the reasons listed below.

- Economic growth – the ability to transport tourists to each island during their stay to flourish the economy statewide and not just individual islands
- State stability – the ability to transport goods and services to other islands in dire need, to share support statewide

There should not be a major environmental issue between this ship and any other Matson, YB or DHX transporting vessels. Regulation standards should apply to all vessel companies alike.

Sincerely,

Kanani Kahumoku
Air Liquide America L.P., Hawaii

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From: Elizabeth Frank [bethefrank@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Need

As a registered nurse, I believe the Superferry would benefit families needing to bring sick family members from the neighbor islands to Oahu for medical care, especially patients requiring medical equipment such as oxygen, Ivs, ventilators, wheelchairs and other medical equipment. Their trip would be more comfortable since they could ride onboard in the car and not go through TSA security or obtain other clearances to take medical equipment on a plane.

Beth R. Frank, R.N.

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From: TeriMontano@NaHoku.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the Super Ferry

Please do whatever is needed to allow the Super Ferry to run. The addition of this mode of travel would be a great asset to the people of Hawaii as well as the many visitors who come to our beautiful islands.

Don't let the special interest groups take something away that would benefit so many!

Thank you very much!

Teri Montano
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From: eisen@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:39 AM
To: testimony

I Feel the Superferry is a good thing for Hawaii. Time has to move on and I don't think the airlines should have a Monopoly on interisland travel.

Thank You,

Serena Eisen
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Pahoa, Hawaii 96778
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From: keith@kcockett.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawai'i Superferry support by B. Kanoelani Cockett, free-lance court reporter, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Aloha Senate Members,

This message is to voice my complete support in allowing operation of the Hawai'i Superferry during the pendency of requiring and/or completing an EIS. My entire family has been looking forward to this groundbreaking business starting it's operation. It wasn't so long ago that the airfares posted by Hawaiian and Aloha were \$220 roundtrip to visit our family and friends on the islands of Hawai'i,

Maui, Kaua'i and Moloka'i. As a family of four we were looking at a weekend cost of \$1000. We had to say no to all of the invitations to share our friends' celebrations, holidays, births, help moving and mourning.

Nowadays, with the advent of Go, we have been able to say yes again, but what we really wanted was to bring our fair share when we get there, experience the open ocean, give our kids the chance to be at sea even if it's only a few hours. It would be time away from electronics, time to listen to local talent, time to attend hula competitions with all our 'opala and ukana. We could stock up on Rainbow Bread, Krispy Kremes, Big Island Candies, guava chiffon pies and Hamura's t-shirts without being told it's too big to carry on. We could bring over the fragile gifts without having to check them as baggage and hope they arrive in one piece.

These may seem minor to you, but life is short and we so value the moments we share with those we love before time slips away. Thanksgiving is coming up and I know some would like to come over here to share with us and bring with them their traditions and maybe even tents to share a camping expedition.

Please remember that we are the people you should consider when making your decision, not other disgruntled businesses or greedy residents who don't want to share "their" paradise. We are all residents of the State of Hawai'i. There truly is enough of everything to go around and we all continue to patronize local businesses.

Lastly, as a court reporter, I see many inane, bitter, unnecessary and self-centered lawsuits brought. Please don't let that happen here by the noisy few over the shy majority who want to see this project succeed.

With aloha and hope,

B. Kanoelani Cockett
Honolulu, Hawai'i

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From: Amy L. Moore [amymoore@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Try ferry

We cannot control the heated opinions of everyman we can only control our actions. Try the ferry and see the impact, give temporary approval only. Let the ferry run see what happens. It is the only way. Visitors come by plane and cruise ship now, let the ferry go for awhile and monitor with cameras, the sciences however you study its impact. Think of it as a test.

Amy Moore
Kailua

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From: Wachter [suewillie@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:39 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

YES TO THE SUPERFERRY. LET IT SAIL NOW.

William and Susan Wachter
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From: grace kuo [chengtsaichu@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Fwd: SUPPORT SUPERFERRY ON SERVICE

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From: **grace kuo** <chengtsaichu@gmail.com>
Date: Oct 23, 2007 1:11 AM
Subject: SUPPORT SUPERFERRY ON SERVICE
To: testmony@capitol.hawaii.gov

DEAR SENATORS:

ALL OF OUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE DEEPLY EXPECTING THE SUPERFERRY ON SERVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE DON'T POSTPONE THE PLAN ANYMORE. IT WILL NOT ONLY SAVE TIME AND ALSO SAVE MONEY. PLEASE ALWAYS DO GOOD THINGS FOR PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT ACTION.

BEST REGARDS

THE KUOS' FAMILY (BOBBY/GRACE/LINDA/JACK/HOMER)

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From: Kumu Vasconcellos [kbvasco@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of the Superferry

Why isn't this issue a "slam dunk." The Superferry provides a service for "local people." It always amazes me why politicians let vocal minorities lead them to decisions clearly against the best interest of the over all majority of the people.

Did anyone see who was protesting on Kaua'i. It was transients and "politically correct" Hawaiians - ie. get in a canoe and now we conclude there is a "native Hawaiian " componant." That's nonsense! I'm Hawaiian, my dad's family comes from Maui and my moms family comes from Kaua'i; our families want this service. What is going to happen if "GO" Airlines is no longer available and the Superferry is providing its services in the Northwest United states? Where does this situation leave the "local people" of Hawai'i? It leaves us with Hawaiian Airlines and Aloha Airlines with \$200.00 roundtrip tickets, because of a vocal minority and politicians who for whatever reason can't see the big picture.

What about Hawai'i's business reputation? Is this a concern for politicians. If not, shouldn't it be?

Yes the whales are important, that's why supporting the Superferry with conditions makes sense- compromise is the answer. I believe the thoughts expressed here do not stand alone. I ask that you consider compromise and allow the people of Hawai'i the opportunity to enjoy the great service option provided by the Superferry.

Aloha, Kumu B. Vasconcellos
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October 22, 2007

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

Aloha, my name is Astrida Pesentheiner and I am a Port Customer Experience Representative with the Hawaii Superferry. I am born and raised in Honolulu and I am extremely ecstatic with my new job and this exciting addition to our islands.

After living and working on the mainland for nine years, I moved back home to be with my family and lifelong friends. As I struggle with the cost of living here in Hawaii, my new job gives me optimism and great hope that I would be able to stay here and not be apart from my family.

The Superferry brings so many great opportunities to the people of Hawaii and our treasured tourism and economy. It's a gift that families can pack up their car and travel interisland to explore and visit other family members and friends. Hawaii is known as the "Mixing Pot of the World" because of the Aloha that we have shared with all. This Aloha is for our visitors and the local people of all of the Hawaiian Islands.

Since the first day of working for Hawaii Superferry, the company has shown massive dedication to training and educating all of us on every single detail of the operation. Some of the topics that are continuously covered and focused on are Department of Agriculture & Invasive Species, First Aid & CPR., "Aloha in the Islands", Security, Vehicle, Baggage & Person Inspection, Customer Service, and Safety concerns. The intelligent and constant training and discussions have improved my knowledge of this operation and allows me to feel extra confident.

We are completely prepared to supply this wonderful service to the people of Hawaii. It will bring good business ties within the islands with local farmers and small businesses that would not have been able to do that before. I am so proud to have been a part of everything so far with Hawaii Superferry and I look forward to the wonderful experience and benefits that my job offers.

It breaks my heart to think that this may not sail and it would be a shocking blow to business in the islands and our island morale. As we work hard to remain hopeful and pray and keep our morale high within the team, I thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion and give testimony. I and my peers are so appreciative on the time that you have taken to hear this testimony and hold a special session. Mahalo Nui Loa! Please Save the Superferry!

Aloha,

Astrida K.C. Pesentheiner

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From: Karen White [TookieWhite@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:41 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland; Sen. Colleen Hanabusa; Sen. Brian Taniguchi; Sen. Carol Fukunaga
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chairman, Judiciary and Labor Committee
 Senator J. Kalani English, Chairman, Transportation and International Affairs Committee
 Senator Ron Menor, Chairman, Energy and Environment Committee

From: Karen K. White
 Retired, Family Court

Re: Superferry

In 2005, Maui Circuit Court Judge Cardoza and U.S. District Circuit Court Judge Gillmor supported the Superferry and the State to proceed with their plans to provide a new, exciting transportation option for the state of Hawaii. Hawaii Department of Transportation and the Superferry staff worked together on what environmental and other plans should be followed. Superferry following all recommendations.

Two years later, in 2007, after the harbors were prepared and the beautiful ship arrived in Hawaii ready to sail between islands, Judge Cardoza and the Hawaii Supreme Court changed their minds and ruled otherwise. WHY SO LATE????

From several polls taken state and island wide, at least 84% of residents are in favor of the new method of travel between islands to visit family and friends. WHY IS THE SUPERFERRY, WHEN IT HAS FOLLOWED ALL THE RULES, BEING SINGLED OUT AND OTHER INTERISLAND SHIPS AND PLANES ARE NOT HELD TO THE SAME STANDARDS????

(During a short, beautiful trip on the ferry, I talked with a young crew member busy painting railings - he was so happy!!! "I had to move to the mainland 'cause I couldn't find a job here. But now I'm home - with a job - on the water - MY DREAM COME TRUE!")

PLEASE LET THE FERRY SAIL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Karen White
 Honolulu, Hawaii

E-Mail: TookieWhite@hawaii.rr.com

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From: Mahealani Jimenez [mililaniwahine@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

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

Good morning. My name is Christine Jimenez and I am writing to you to voice my support of the Superferry.

Hawaii needs this service and the people of Hawaii should have the right to choose another option of interisland travel. On the other hand, I understand the need for an Environmental Impact Study. I do not agree with the way this whole process has been handled by the government as far as giving the Superferry the okay to operate in the first place. But we can only move forward at this point.

I ask you, please let the Superferry operate while the study is being conducted. The people of Hawaii will choose to either use their services or not during that time.

Mahalo,
Christine Jimenez
10/23/07
10:13am

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From: Russell Kam [kamr006@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

To whom it may concern,

I believe the superferry is necessary in Hawaii to promote good business competition and alternative ways for travel and pleasure. I believe it would also help tourism.

Russ Kam

10/23/2007

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From: Linda Bessara [linda@bessara.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I would like to see the Superferry up and running. I believe that there is sufficient environmental evidence of low impact on our ocean wildlife. I don't see that the Ferry would impact our aquatic environment than has already been impacted by ocean liners, the local commuter ferry, barges, military submarines/water craft, or personal pleasure crafts already occupying our local waters.

I can only see the fear of airlines and car rental companies who think that their businesses will be adversely affected by this Ferry, which is just the farthest from the truth. This Ferry will only bring more tourism income to our islands and more local jobs.

Thank you.

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From: Ian [wanai@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:37 AM
To: testimony; Wendy Martin; Fred Salasa
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Aloha,

This is testimony for the Superferry. It is for the use of the Senate Committees on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment for the Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24th.

I'd like to support the use of the Superferry during the environmental impact assessment period for the following reasons:

- 1) I believe that Hawaii's economy needs additional means of transportation between islands, particularly where kamaaina can transport their vehicles with them. Rental cars can always be prohibited without some special permit so that the local island economies can still rely on car rentals for revenue.
- 2) The state desperately needs to become more self sustaining. Agriculturally, having a larger market on more islands for local growers, ranchers and farmers to sell produce to will not only allow unique crops to find greater distribution and therefore boost niche market economies, but will also have an equalizing effect on uneven localized market values of more common goods as there will be fair pricing and variety of choice.
- 3) I believe that if certain rules are upheld during loading of vehicles that any environmental impact of the transportation of those vehicles will be minimized, i.e.: DO NOT allow vehicles with bees or that have had bees in them within the last 30 days; inspect vehicles for illegal substance or quarranteened item transport; make sure that the vehicle is being transported by the legal owner or has notarized permission for transport.
- 4) I don't think that environmental impact will be much (if any) different from Young Bros, especially during the comparatively brief period (less than 2 years) that the impact statement should take to complete.
- 5) Travelling by boat is more beautiful and more acceptable for those who might fear flying.
- 6) I would like to take my car with all of it's baby seats intact and all of our travel gear and baggage, without having to go through the hassles of flying (packing the car, unpacking the car, renting luggage carts, ticketing, TSA, getting the bags on the plane, getting the keiki on the plane, having no running space for the keiki on the plane, getting the keiki off the plane, getting to the baggage, getting the baggage, getting to the rental car company (far away since 9/11) with the keiki, getting the car, loading the car, having to return the car all over again with just the right amount of gas or else..., and having a rental car that's more susceptible to theft.
- 7) Any legitimate environmental concerns raised can cause probationary limitations to be imposed on the Seperferry (i.e., cars must be washed, or a limit on the number of some types of vehicle per day...) until the EIS is done.
- 8) I don't want to see the Superferry go away for another 35 years and I don't want to pay tax dollars to support it sitting in the harbour for 2 years when it could be earning its keep in the mean time without being subsidized by our tax dollars. Supporting it to sit there and prevent it from bankruptcy would cost an unbelievable amount of money.

Aloha & mahalo for your consideration, Ian M. Damon

Senate Committees on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environments

Wednesday, October 24th, 10:30 am

State Capitol Auditorium

Bart Dame
710 West Hind Drive,
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TESTIMONY in **OPPOSITION** to this draft bill “**Relating to Transportation.**”

Aloha Chairs Taniguchi, English, and Menor, vice-chairs and and members of the committees,

My name is Bart Dame and I am testifying today as an individual, rather than on behalf of any organization.

I wish to make some brief remarks and observations.

I understand that the first draft of this bill originated with the Lingle Administration, but I disagree with the assumption within it that this problem has arisen because of defects or ambiguities within ACT 343. If the legislature believes that it is in the public interest to allow the SuperFerry to sail while an EIS is being prepared, I hope it is not necessary to pretend that the problem has been created by Hawaii’s very good EIS law.

Let’s be frank, this problem arose because of irresponsible collusion between the Lingle Administration and the management/owners of the SuperFerry, NOT because of Act 343. It appears that the SF management misrepresented the requirement from the Feds that there be no EIS or EA required as a condition for the loan guarantees. This was false, though it is unclear to me to what extent the Lingle Administration knowingly promoted this falsehood.

I do believe that it is in the public interest that we trace back how we got into the current jam we are in and support the call for the State Auditor to conduct an investigation. I find it curious that Bob Awana’s name has largely disappeared from public discussions of this matter, as I had understood that it was Awana, not Director Rod Haraga, who was effectively controlling the Department of Transportation during this period.

I hear 4 arguments for a special session:

- 1) Need to protect the state from a lawsuit from the SuperFerry company because the Lingle Administration told them it was OK to proceed without an EIS.
- 2) The public wants the SF to be allowed to sail.
- 3) Concern over the “message” this sends to outside business investors.

- 4) Regardless of how we got into this jam, the public interest WILL be served by an operating SuperFerry.

Argument 1: I am not an attorney. I have heard that the State IS vulnerable, and I have heard arguments that the state is NOT vulnerable. In spirit, I agree with those who say if the SuperFerry people want to sue anybody, they should sue their own attorneys for legal malpractice in giving them such bad advice. An attorney's job is not simply to construct a legal argument advantageous to their client, but it is also to apprise them of the realistic odds of prevailing in court. I believe the law clearly required an EIS for such a significant project and the fact that the Supreme Court rules unanimously against the SuperFerry demonstrates the recklessness of their legal strategy. IF the SF were to file against the State, it is a shame that they cannot file personally against Linda Lingle, Bob Awana and Barry Fukunaga.

Argument 2: I discount the argument that the public overwhelmingly supports the SuperFerry being allowed to sail without an EIS. Yes, there are problems with how the questions were framed. If I conducted the poll, I would have asked if residents believe that a well-connected corporation should be able to ignore Hawaii's environmental laws, lose in court and then have the Governor call a special session of the Legislature in order to bail them out.

Further, such a poll does not measure the intensity of feeling among voters. Those opposed to a special session are very passionate in their feelings. They are more likely to have a "single-issue" orientation when they vote in the next election. Oahu-based supporters tend to envision a pleasant inter-island sea cruise which they might, or might not, eventually take. Very few of these voters care passionately, except as they are already hostile to the "damn environmentalists."

Argument 3: I think the message the Lingle Administration is sending by their behavior is actually a troubling message to the business community:

To do business in Hawaii, you need not follow Hawaii law, but you must cozy up to the political decisionmakers. Make campaign contributions and hire the highest paid lobbyists in town.

That is an awful message to send to potential investors.

Argument 4: I personally have mixed feelings about the SuperFerry. I would love for it to work out along the lines of the Dream Scenario being offered by its supporters, but I am very skeptical. Nonetheless, should the Legislature decide that despite the screwups of the SF management and the Lingle Administration, it is nonetheless in the interests of the public to allow the SF to sail prior to the completion of the EIS, I ask that you impose restrictions on them to mitigate against anticipated or potential negative environmental impacts. Because this process will not allow for the thorough discussion over potential impacts which would have been afforded by a full EIS, I strongly recommend that the legislation should err on the side of protecting the environment and impose restrictions possibly more stringent than those which might be required by the EIS itself.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

access4

From: Charlotte Cainglit [charlotte@rinvest.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Pro-Superferry

With guidelines and rules for the Superferry people to follow, I support to have the superferry operate and run (even if to have service only between Hilo and Oahu) while waiting for the EIS study to be complete. Fair is fair and unless Young Brothers, Tour Cruise Ships and ALL Airlines are grounded or drydocked to have EIS studies made by them, then I do not see the purpose of stopping Superferry from operating, unless it is proven that they are more apt to hurt the environment than the other carriers.

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access4

From: david barrett [dbarrett@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ferry

Superferry and observations.

10/23/07

1. For the most part, commercial aircarriers is our only means of human transport. Swimming, walking or driveing between islands is quite difficult. Those who have traveled and expierenced ferry service in Canada-British Columbi, inland passage, Australia- Sydney harbor, New Zealand-North South Island, England- Dover to Calis. USA -San Francisco and east coast waterways. Everywhere there is large bodies of water and people on either side, ferry transport has proven its worth. I do not believe there is any issue with the ferry being valid means of transport.

2. Hitting whales. Testimony on this is primarily public group hysteria. Fitting that the Whale Foundation speaks up. Surly no one group knows more about whales than they do. During the season they religiously stalk, harass, follow whales. All for profit. No big issue to stand in a ships wheelhouse and watch the whales breath and then set a course. Small fish show up wonderfully bright on color fish finders. How often returning patrons of the whale tour boats state " they were so close, right next to the boat" or "they came up right next to the boat." I wonder if the skipper was watching his color depth sounder/fish finder. How many or the whale foundation boats have protected propellers. Guards do decrease the efficiency, they are commonly in use by commercial net boats. he Superferry uses water jet propulsion. No exposed turning propellers on the ferry. They are not as efficient as a propeller, but a more intelligent choice for whale safety. There is also the Kort Nozzel, which locates a hydrodynamic fixed ring around the propeller. This does not leave the blade tips exposed to sushi mother and calf as last years so quickly forgotten Whale Foundation strike leaveing Maalia harbor. The Superferry operates primarily outside of the whale area. They will be on the lookout to avoid any contact. Whale watching boats deliberately operate inside the whale protection area, and without the benifit of ANY propeller safety provisions. No mistake here, whale watching boats hunt whales for tourists and profit. Hunt, stalk, follow, maybe it is better recieved if I say 'Observe from a distance.' Tourist cameras would prove different.

Invasive species, inevitable that some will occur. What are the provisions for air carriers and Young brothers. Provisions for detection, visiable observations and washing are in place. The major concern is the unspoken fear of 2 leggeded invasion and not tourists, but from the population of our neighboring islands. Those marginal folk who come to take rocks, or camp on the beaches. I was of the belief that the islands were a state. If the homeless from one island find greener pastures on another island is a matter of public enforcement and assistance and tolerance that would appear to be the problem. Do we limit all modes of transportation because our public assistance, laws, and apathy are lax.

Final, the Superferry could be a wonderful law enforcement tool. Do something wrong, transport drugs, for the duration of the voyage the vehicles and people are captive. One island contacting another island can have authorities waiting. Plenty time to run license plate checks. The vehicles are isolated during the voyage. Plenty time for an officer and sniffer dog to do a walkaround.

Give it some time to shake down as any new business deserves. Hawaii needs a ferry. My thought would be to drop the "Super," seems to spook the locals who would be against "Jumbo" jets as well. With out intelligent growth the islands will go backward. There has been many changes to the islands that lack intelligence. Quality is key. Backward thoughts and there will be no growth for our young and limited balnce for Hawaii.

Appreciate your ear, I remain for the Ferry and public awairness. Personal responsiability to the islands and those who call Hawaii home.

David Barrett, Maui

10/23/2007

access4

From: Andrew Fox [foxa002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HSF

October 23, 2007

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Hawaii State Capitol
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Re: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Sirs:

Please accept this letter as testimony strongly in favor of legislation allowing the Hawaii Super Ferry operations to proceed. Although the timing of our supreme courts ruling is highly questionable, it is what it is. It is now up to the legislature to perform the will of the people. Statutes need review and always will.

I am a small business owner and take deep umbrage to the notion that inter-island travel using HSF should be dictated, influenced, or controlled with "environmental conditions for operations". We all recognize that natural resources are limited and conduct ourselves accordingly. We're not at all pleased with being treated ignorantly by those in opposition to HSF. There is no need whatsoever to grandstand and point fingers at what went "wrong". Moreover, any conditions imposed on HSF should be applicable to all inter-island travel including services from Matson Navigation, SeaLand/Horizon Lines, Pasha, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Young Brothers Ltd., Hawaiian Airlines, Aloha Airlines, Mesa, and all mainland based air carriers. To do otherwise is not fair and equal protection under the law. I am sure you see the absurdity in this. To target one carrier is flat out wrong.

The HSF technology is not new. It's by far more environmentally friendly than any of the above mentioned services. The improvements made to our harbors in preparation for HSF service were rightfully exempt. Secondary impacts are just conjecture. Our business community cannot operate that way. Money moves around the world, yes the world, at the touch of a button. Let's not hamstring ourselves any longer.

With regards,
Andrew M. Fox

10/23/2007

access3

From: Warren Shibuya [job1shibuya@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:42 AM
To: testimony; Sen. Shan Tsutsui; Sen. J. Kalani English; Rep. Joseph Souki; Rep. Kyle Yamashita; Letters Editor
Cc: G. Riki Hokama; Charmaine TAVARES; Bill Kauakea Mederios; Gladys Coehlo Baisa; Joseph Pontanilla; Michele Anderson
Subject: Senate Informational Hearings on Proposed Superferry Bill

As written, proposed Bill sets wrong legislature standards for public respect and compliance. Bill sets wrong Hawaii legislation precedence in revising law favorable to all private, big business initiatives. Legislative actions should focus on and promote Malama Pono, Malama Aina, sustain Hawaii and wean from and minimize Hawaii dependence on imported energy and foods, and demonstrate full compliance with the spirit and intent of Hawaii law. Demonstrated Trust, Respect, Love and Ohana together describes Hawaii's unique life values!

Redoing State law to address premature Superferry hiring is not a State emergency, nor a disaster. These decision makers assumed Superferry project would be immune to Hawaii HRS 343 provisions. Poor ministerial and business judgments caused this unfortunate problem! Nature did not cause their layoffs. Although 340 residents lost anticipated jobs, it fails to meet criteria of being a Hawaii State catastrophic disaster.

I oppose any provisions perpetuating and exacerbating any of the following ministerial practices associated with the Superferry project:

1. Superferry, a private business should not replace Young Brothers, now experiencing more than +17% cargo growth and handling this cargo within a -25% reduced work space! This action demonstrates a purposeful effort to displace "less than container load" shipments for Maui County and perhaps redirect to Superferry shipping, which is not serving Molokai and Lanai. This is unconscionable business practice promoted by our State ministers, DOT and Governor.
2. State is harbors-landlord, who is providing inadequate harbor workspace, undersized and multi-uses pier and berths, pier-designs not used on Oahu for decades! Undersized Kahului Harbor is today adversely affecting Maui drivers and consumers of electric power. Today Maui residents pay 47¢ more per gallon of gasoline and 8¢ more per kilowatt/hour than Oahu drivers and electricity users! Much of this passed-on cost results from the Kahului berth is 18' deep, but fully loaded, double-hulled bulk fuel barge drafts 24'. This translates into more frequent deliveries done by less than full barges!
3. State Kahului Harbor Master places first priority on commerce and second priority on Maui sustainment. Limited pier, berths Cruise ship visits which last between 18-30 hours each visit, annually exceeding 152 Maui visits! This same pier houses the temporary floating dock for Superferry and is the only berth to unload bulk petroleum and hazardous chemical barge deliveries. Costs for Maui sustainment accrues as supplies and equipment wait outside the harbor and crews accrue evening and graveyard pay-differentials. Adding Superferry landings further compounds the cost-equation for energy on Maui!

I do not object to proposed Part IV provisions for "temporary Hawaii inter-island ferry oversight task force." I am concerned we are organizing another powerless, citizen advisory 'management' layer, whose membership lacks insight into each Neighbor island's unique

harbor operations and DOT needing more clerical support to process board's travel expenses.

I oppose Bill provisions Parts I and II:

1. Part I. Stop Superferry operating during EA/EIS investigation, development and preparation. Comply with spirit and intent of HRS 343 and the 5-0 Hawaii Supreme Court ruling and recent 2nd Circuit Court decision to avoid "irreparable harm to environment."
2. Part II, Section 3. Stop practice of continuing crowding Kahului Harbor uses, mixing hazardous and Maui sustaining bulk fuels and chemicals with passengers from Cruise ships and Superferry. Instead, develop separated passenger and vehicle processing facilities on DL&NR owned coral-pile, the west breakwater of Kahului Harbor. This restores recreational uses of harbor and most importantly provides easier access from less traffic congested State Highway 340, Kahului Beach Road! Breakwater costs are staggering, but so are many 'band-aids' patch-fixing numerous harbor needs. A total harbor vision and implementing plan is needed to sustain Maui now.
3. Part II, Section 4. Do not allow Governor impose Executive Order and removal of HRS 91, Administrative Law provisions.

I waited my turn and time did not permit my oral testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Mahalo for your time, Warren S. Shibuya

access4

From: Arroyo, Calvin H MAJ NGH1 [calvin.arroyo@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: A SUPER FERRY SUPPORTER (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

To whom it may concern;

I am a local born person from Oahu, raised on Kauai. I will attempt to simply explain my support of the Hawaii Super Ferry. I am in favor of the Super Ferry because; it is another transportation mode to visit the outer islands (Maui or Kauai). For me I have family on Kauai, so visiting my Mother will probably be often if the Super Ferry is available. Sometimes taking a break and visiting the outer island is a good thing. It is as simple as loading your own vehicle with family and riding the Super Ferry. Just enjoying the view of the ocean while riding the Super Ferry to the next island is "priceless".

On my work prospective; I had numerous assignments working along side State Civil Defense personnel on all three main outer islands (Hawaii, Maui, Kauai). We have been through a couple major disaster recently in 2006 March Floods, Big Island earthquake. We were all effected by this one way or another. I feel having availability of the super ferry will definitely enhance our capability to support the outer islands if a major disaster hits again. We would be able to easily ship equipment and personnel there is a timely manner to islands that needs the support. Have the Super Ferry as an additional mode of transportation will always benefit outer island personnel. Remember if we keep relying on only air transportation and the airports one day are shut down because of damaged air strips, block by heavy debris or even no electrical power we will be in a world of hurt.

Having that said allowing the Super Ferry to operate will not only benefit tourism, local people of Hawaii, but also the Federal, State and County agencies that truly support the outer islands during time of need.

I HUMBLY REQUEST OUR STATE LEGISLATURE'S SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY.

V/r,

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From: Dana Jones [woolwahine@gmail.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry Bill

I am writing to voice my support of rewriting a bill to support the running of the Hawaii Super Ferry during the EIS assessment. This is an important moment in our history to bring in new business and new commerce for the islands. The opponents don't seem to have a problem with all the other shipping that is allowed to plow through the waters with less agreeable concern for the environment or the whales.

Please make sure the people of Hawaii are not contained by a few protesters that either have no thought towards a less environmentally damaging means of transportation or are so caught up in the moment they cannot think for themselves.

Aloha,
Dana Jones

access4

From: Ricky Li [rickyli99@stormyteacup.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimonial

I've been a resident of Hawaii for about 11 years now, and in the decade or so I've been here. I've seen our economy in Oahu stagnate and shrink; while the economy/industry of the other other islands seem to be stuck between poor and "could be OK." Everything in Hawaii seems to be based on tourism, and this coming from a person who works in the education system. We clearly need another way of supporting our own local economy. Should 1) the airplanes stop dropping off Tourists because of world events 2) something happens in Hawaii that incapacitates our airports.

From the point of view of moving state resources around (fire trucks, water trucks, police officers) during a crisis, to the basic idea of farmers on Kauai/Maui being able to sell their produce on Oahu (or any other island) for nothing more than the cost of a ferry trip. The jobs created during the Maui harbor improvement. The cost from my taxes for the facilities created for the super ferry. The super ferry, makes a lot of sense for the islands and would be a step backwards if it is allowed to disappear.

Of course I have my own selfish reasons too, having the option to take my car and my "toys" (bikes, kayak, model airplanes, the list goes on), without the hassle, or worry of going through check in at the airport. Appeals to me greatly, while i know there is concern for the environment. I think that the super ferry's impact is minimal, when compared to the airports that are near the shore line/coral reefs who's jet blast exposes corals on a daily if not hourly basis. I would like (as a taxpayer and resident of Hawaii), to see a compromise set so that the super ferry could operate during the environmental assessment. For example, a speed limit for the super ferry, a slow boat to Kauai/Maui is better than no boat at all.

Ricky in Honolulu

From: Aarin Gross [afa_kasi2002@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

Aloha Legislators

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

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

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

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access4

From: AUDREYRUSH@aol.com
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To: testimony; AUDREYRUSH@aol.com
Subject: State Senate Legislative Hearing on the Hawaii Superferry

Senate Committees:

Judiciary and Labor
Transportation and International Affairs
Energy and Environment

Tuesday (10/23) 1012 am

I support the Hawaii Superferry for Inter island Service.

I believe this service will provide affordable vacation opportunities and reunions for Hawaii's families.

I believe this service will provide transportation for groceries and perishable agriculture produce between the Islands.

Mahalolo!

Audrey Rushforth
Kaneohe, Hawaii

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access1

From: martha morishige [martimorishige@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supporting the Superferry for Hawaii

I hope to see the Superferry be able to stay in the islands. The Big Island is the farthest from the capitol and so we don't seem connected to the activities there as much as we would like. We need the additional source of transportation for many reasons. Farmers need it to take their goods to the other islands, families need this for a cheaper choice for visiting other islands, other businesses need this for getting their products to the festivals in Oahu, and it will encourage visitors to come to the Big Island which will bring additinal revenue here.
Please allow the Superferry to stay!!!

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testimony

From: Robbie Victorino [robzlove13@yahoo.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: support the superferry

I am in favor of supporting the Superferry.
I look forward to hopping on and enjoying the scenary while getting from point A to point B.

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From: wilek001@hawaii.rr.com
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To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

Legislation is supposed to reflect the will of the people. Legislators are elected by a majority of the people and are expected to pass legislation in accordance with the desires of the majority of the people. The protesting special interest groups on the outer islands do not represent the majority of the people.

The requirement for an EIS stems from the use of public money to pay for improvements in the state harbors (the barges). If there had been no changes to the harbors, there would be no requirement in law for an EIS. The Superferry would be running as planned, much as Young Bro's new Ro-Ro barge will be running (ferrying vehicles back and forth between islands) - with no EIS.

The arguments that people will be coming from Oahu to the outer islands to deplete "their" resources are specious. We are all surrounded by the same ocean. I can fish, camp, pick opihi, or whatever on Maui regardless of the way I got there.

Regarding the Sierra Club's "29 conditions" for ferry operations, they are unreasonable and, likely, illegal. They also should in no way have any enforcement authority. That smacks of vigilantism.

If the law governing the requirements for an EIS cannot be applied consistently, then the law is faulty and must be changed.

Kevin Wile
Kailua, HI

testimony

From: taalah@byuh.edu
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support for Supperferry

I would like to express my full support for the supperferry to operate while they are in process of completing all compliances and all the legal requirment they need to do.

Mahalo \\
Hans Taala

access1

From: Carol Slusher [cslusher1@verizon.net]
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To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

Dear Representatives of Hawaii,

The Superferry will not only provide another means of transportation for our people – it will help keep rates competitive among other transportation companies. With ever-increasing costs, I see this as a godsend to the monopoly of the airlines industry for inter-island transportation. I would personally love to save on travel, which includes the cost of renting a car for the week – opposed to bringing my vehicle with me. Resistance will be met with those affected most: car rental, travel, and airline service providers for good reason – it will affect revenue and possibly the eventual loss of jobs. This is where I believe finding a solution that is somewhat amenable and fair will be the challenge. On the eco-system, there's no one else to protect what we might not be able to replace. So there's a delicate balance I hope you will be able to find and if we can't – prioritize what is most important. We're the only ones ethically accountable.

Good luck congressmen!

Carol Slusher
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10/23/2007

testimony

From: Michael Wagner [tronfxr@aloha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Super Ferry

I would like to express my support for the Super Ferry.

In short, my support boils down to fairness in the law. Should the Super Ferry have to stop operations for an environmental impact study, so should Matson, Young Brothers, and all the cruise lines. This law should apply equally across the board.

The Super Ferry should also not have to experience financial hardship due to a mistake of the State not requiring an impact statement in the very beginning.

Thank you for considering a remedy to fix this situation.

Sincerely,

Mike

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Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors.
- African Proverb

testimony

From: kamuela@aloha.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry - Favor Testimony

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I support the Superferry. It will give me another means of transportation to another island. My family can bring our car and dog and visit our relatives without having to (a) find a "dog sitter", (b) rent a car. It will also allow group activity field trips to other islands - without "getting them lost" at the airport - there will be more direct supervision.

More importantly, living in Kona, the Superferry will give us another option to "leave the island" in terms of a major disaster - we have volcanoes and major earthquakes, tsunamis and hurricanes to deal with.

While the Superferry does an environmental impact statement, that same ideal should also be applied to Young Brothers, Matson, and the cruise ships. Invasive species topic? The airlines "accidentally" bring in brown tree snakes. How did the coqui frogs come in?

What is good for the goose, is also good for the gander.

Mahalo,
Lisa Oroc
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

access2

From: JON HAIG [jonphaig@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

I'm in favor of the SuperFerry being allowed to travel throughout the Hawaiian islands immediately without an EIS. It should be allowed and go through the same requirements as the other visiting vehicles going to the neighbor islands. What is being required of the SuperFerry should be immediately be required and imposed of the other air and shipping companies. If the SuperFerry needs an EIS and is not allowed to travel until one is done then all other transportation should halt with no carriers going to the neighbor islands until an EIS is done.

Oahu has no problem with the SuperFerry and therefore should continue to get goods and services.

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testimony

From: Mary Watanabe [maryw8@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To: Committees reviewing the Superferry

From: Mary & Asa Watanabe
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VOTE NO!

We live part-time on Maui. We also have a home in Mountain View on the Big Island. At first, we thought the idea of the Superferry was great. We often go back and forth to Kauai where my son and family live full-time. Born on Maui and still having many relatives who live there, when we expressed our enthusiasm about the Ferry, we realized that most of them were adamantly against it. We listened to their concerns and have come to share them. For us, it would mostly be an occasional fun trip and save us from renting a vehicle on each island.

Traffic is already so congested on both Maui and Kauai it has spoiled many visits. Driving 6 miles to pick up my granddaughter at school in Kapa'a sometimes takes almost a half hour, and that is mid-day. At rush hour (whoever thought there would be a rush hour on Maui or Kauai!) it is very difficult to get on Kuhio Highway from side streets. You have to wait for a local who'll stop to let you out. The last time we went to Lahaina from Kihei, it took almost 2 hours. It used to take 45 minutes. It is not like there is an alternate route. Bumper to bumper traffic on Mokulele Highway going to the airport. One accident and lots of people miss their flights. Fortunately, we do know other ways to get there.

Even more concern is for the potential crime/drugs that will come with easy transport. Will everyone have to go through security like at the airports? Will every vehicle be inspected for contraband? Being senior citizens, we have seen both islands change over the years. On Kauai, you can still leave your car unlocked and your house unlocked. Not that there isn't any crime there, but it is very low compared to the Maui and Oahu. We can no longer feel any safer from burglaries or theft on Maui as the population has mushroomed.

Even my son, who has to transport work crews and equipment to most of the islands for construction work against it.

Please don't just look after the businesses who will make big profits from this ferry.

Thank you.

testimony

From: Roxy Redenbaugh [roxyr@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Just My Opinion On The SuperFerry

I think the SuperFerry should be allow to operate during the EPA study.

This is a lot a fuss for something that is widely used in many counties including our own without damaging the environment. Vancouver - WA area for one and there are whale and other mammals in the waters off their coast too.

As for invasive plants they need to do inspection of vic and people traveling.

And the issue some of the people who oppose the SF are having about the influx of people and cars from Oahu. I don't buy it. I don't see a mass exiting to the neighbor island by the locals. But when they want to travel to see family or visit the other islands it will be nice and hopefully less expensive then flying and a GREAT alternative.

It will make working on the other island more cost effective for contractor and laborers. This is currently a nightmare having to rent and ship equipment to neighbor island then fly over and wait for your truck or equipment this is time consuming and costly.

I saw the SuperFerry yesterday for the first time and was surprised at it's small size. What is all the fuss about????

Let the SuperFerry operate!!!



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From: Rachel Fordyce [rafordyce@yahoo.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

Please save the Superferry. Clearly it is what the people of Hawai'i want.

I am unequivocally in favor of preserving, as well as improving, the environment. But I have not yet heard an argument that convinces me that the Superferry is the evil it is purported to be.

Dr. Rachel Fordyce
Hilo

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From: Debbie Mahuna [kwaihona@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

Aloha,

I am in support for the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the assessment is being done. I could not make it to the meeting that they held at the Baldwin Auditorium yesterday and am happy to express my concerns here.

To me our Tax Dollars is my main concern. The state is already losing 40 million dollars for the improvement of our piers and will be losing more if we don't get the Hawaii Superferry operating.

Maui Land & Pineapple has a big chunk of their monies invested, let's think of these companies. Their thinking of the people of Hawaii.

We have a lot of families moving from Hawaii because of the cost of living and if our tax dollars increase because of this situation what do you think will happen, more families will move to the mainland. Why do they advertise Buy Hawaii First when the people of Hawaii can't afford it, especially because of situations like this. If our tax dollars increase because of this situation, the people that's complaining now can always go back to the mainland if they can't afford here, but what about the people that can't afford to move and has no choice but to stay here. Think about the people of Hawaii that's been here forever. They make Hawaii, Hawaii.

Debbie Mahuna
Concerned Supporter

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To: testimony
Subject: please do NOT

allow this monster ferry to run in your pristine waters until an environmental impact study is complete. humpback whale season is getting close. please save your beautiful waters and the marine life.

mahalo,

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To: testimony
Subject: TESTIMONY for Wed, Oct 24 at 1030 State Capitol (Superferry)

Sir/Ma'am:

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 testimony is in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. This will allow the people of Hawaii the opportunity to use a great transportation system.

Accept this testimony as my declaration in favor of the Hawaii Superferry

R/

William Schrader

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From: bob chock [robertchock@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of the Hawaii Superferry

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

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

10:00 a.m.

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry and support the bill that will allow interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental statement is being conducted. The Hawaii Superferry is good for business and for all the residents of this State. Please allow the operations to begin ASAP.

Sincerely,
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From: Malinda Ednifao [mygardenoflight@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I state at this time that the Super Ferry should be permitted to operate during the period in which an EIS is being done. The concerns addressed by those who oppose the Super Ferry are admirable, yet, I feel they can be addressed and resolved.

If you take a look at other vessels and the impact they have on our islands, you would see that the Super Ferry poses a minimal negative impact. People talk about invasive species being brought from one island to another. Don't we have plenty of that with any other vessel that comes to our shores? Christmas tree deliveries bring in invasive species. Airlines bring in invasive species in luggage, on the shoes of passengers and in the cargo hold. And, this is from all over the world, including the other islands. Matson and other cargo vessels bring invasive species as well. How about all the merchandise we receive to support our lifestyles? Many types of micro-organisms and bacteria are in the stuff we buy.

As for the whales. Yes, there is a legitimate concern. I believe the Super Ferry can remedy this by installing radar equipment to detect the whales and/or dolphins. But, take a look at the very controversial Sonar use of the Navy. There are a great number of people who oppose the use of sonar, which has shown to be far more detrimental to whales than a ship cruising the waters. How about all the dumping of waste and who-knows-what into our harbors and oceans? Every vessel dumps, regardless of what types of chemicals or friendly bacteria they use along with the dumping.

Oh, and let's look at every small vessel that sails here. Do they all have some kind of equipment that detects whales? NO.

We, as a State are so far behind when it comes to supporting new business. This is definitely an eye sore for our State, but one that can be taken care of. New business is always going to have opposition. Super Ferry must be a thorn in the side of the car rental companies, the airlines, and the shipping companies, especially the ones that transport vehicles from one island to another. Every business has the opportunity to enjoy profit. Nobody knows how long that profit will last. Give the Super Ferry the chance to not only make a profit, but to provide a long overdue service to the people of Hawaii. We finally have a cheaper, easier way to get around, an bam! It gets squashed. Give small businesses on the other islands a way to expand. Give tourists an opportunity to experience Hawaii by boat. We have beautiful islands that should be seen not only by air, but by water.

A concern is the robbing of resources. Well, pillaging of the earth has been going on for eons of time. If this issue is of grave concern, then there definitely should be consideration given to having inspectors on board the vessel that can monitor the vehicles and their loads. Rocks, plants, wood, etc., is brought in from all over the world. Yes, protect the aina. It takes a little effort but it is not impossible.

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Think about all the things that get shot down. Why? I believe the number one reason is we have organizations here that consider new business a threat. Number two is that we have too many individuals in high positions resistant to change and are easily persuaded to say "NO" with a few greens. Take a look at our roadways. Don't you think we've had enough resistance? Pretty soon it will be faster to ride a bike.

testimony

From: Paul Egel [EgelPF@ah.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super ferry

Please, do what is needed to get the Superferry going between the Islands.
Aloha

access1

From: Francine Ally [fmally@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in support of a bill to allow inter-island ferry operation

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Hearing held

Monday, October 22, 2007

3:00 p.m.

The residents of Hawaii, including those of us who live on the neighbor islands, need an economically viable ferry operating between the islands. The majority of residents expect the Legislature to pass laws that allow an inter-island ferry to be able to operate in an economically successful manner so that we have choices and competition to meet our needs for inter-island travel. The residents of Maui support an inter-island ferry operation but are not willing to subject themselves to the rude and abusive behavior of ferry opponents. Do not allow this vocal minority to deny the rest of the residents of Hawaii and Maui the services that are available to people in virtually all other island communities around the world.

Frances Ally
Kihei, Maui

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testimony

From: Michael Rain [michael@coastal-realestate.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To Whom it may concern,

Please move on and get the Superferry running! This is an important link to the other counties/neighbor islands. It is amazing to us that many natives have never visited another island! The FAA security regulations make flying a major hassle and waste of time. As a musician/performer, it is next to impossible to do a gig on another island. Rent equipment? No chance for a good performance! Hasn't anybody heard of "Rock Fever"? We all get it.

Why can't we enjoy the rest of the state?

The argument that cars and shoes will bring in other invasive species means that every single visitor to Hawaii should have their entire clothes and shoes and luggage washed and treated as to eliminate any other species that are foreign! This is not practical!

The Islands' economy depends on visitors that mainly come from the mainland, why make it more difficult for residents to visit and island hop than mainlanders? The small minority of voices should not drown out the majority of those of us that wish to visit, shop, enjoy and explore the other islands in this wonderful state.

Mahalo Nui Loa
Michael & Kathy Rain
Lahaina, HI

access2

From: Shirley Kinoshita [skinoshita@honolulufcu.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Hawaii's SuperFerry

Dear Legislators:

Hawaii is my birthplace and as a businesswoman, I have watched as we (government, private industry, and citizens) have struggled to maintain our State's God-given beauty yet not over-develop it.

The Hawaii SuperFerry is not the only ocean-going company using our waterways—in fact, I'm not sure whether we are able to monitor the hundreds of ships who visit our state through international waters and the effects made on our territorial waters and fish population. On the other hand, the SuperFerry navigates in our local waterways and provides business & transportation opportunities to our State and its users—the citizens of Hawaii. As the SuperFerry operates, its effects—good or bad can be measured and monitored with facts not emotion. (This reminds me of the H3 controversy and I am so glad we were able to build through the beauty of that environment— I enjoy the spectacular drive every time I have the opportunity to use the H3 freeway).

I agree that our State needs constant vigilance over the development of business opportunities and clean service industries that can operate in our precious environment and sustain our resources. I believe the Hawaii SuperFerry fits the criteria. Give it a chance to do what it was intended to do.

Thank you,
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testimony

From: Scott Kinoshita [scottk@classicresorts.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Must Not Sail Until EIS Completed

How can anyone deny that it would be ludicrous to allow the Superferry to sail BEFORE a comprehensive EIS has been completed. There are so many issues and concerns to be considered before this type of enterprise can be allowed to traverse island waterways and disgorge its 'cargo'. Has there been any consideration of who will pay for all the intermediate security, inspection and policing that will be required in order to regulate Superferry traffic? I think not, and it had better not be another tax-payer funded fiasco.

What the Legislature needs to do first and foremost is determine how it is that we came to this fork in the road in the first place. What did the Governor, the Director of the Department of Transportation and the Attorney General knowingly do that allowed the Hawaii Superferry to circumvent typical political and governmental process? That is the \$40 million question. Do not ignore the neighbor islands, do not cave in to the pressure from big business, do what you were elected to do, obey the law and pursue the appropriate course of action.

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From: Paul Perretta [g3sea@hotmail.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of the Superferry Special Session !

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

To the Members of the Judiciary,Transportatio,International Affairs and Energy and Environment Committees.

I would urge you to enact a provision enabling the Superferry to proceed with operations while an EIS is conducted.

It is sheer **hypocrisy** for the **tiny number in the ' protest ' groups to demand 24 ' conditions ' of this ferry when NONE are required of existing Air and Sea transportation modes !**

The Hawaii Supeme court erred in sitting on the issue for two years before passing a judgement (Overruling Maui Circuit Court Judge Joseph Cardoza and U.S. District Court Judge Helen Gillmore on Oahu who had given the green light in July and September respectively) just days before the ferry was to start operations !

The overwhelming number of ferry supporters await your Kokua !

Mahalo

Paul Perretta

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testimony

From: Diane Ho [dho@royalaa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:41 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I support the Superferry because it will allow islanders another method of transportation between islands. Families will be able to visit each other more often and also keep the airline fares reasonable to compete w/ Superferry.
Please allow the Superferry.

Diane

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From: Tammy_Gonsalves/IAO/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:56 AM

To: testimony

I believe the Superferry should be up and running already. I am all for the superferry to stay and in working progress. Please think of all the workers and that lost their jobs because of this. All this concern should of been thought of before the superferry was even thought of being in working progress!

It's a good thing that the neighbor Islands need and is should be up and running all ready for the people!!!!!!!!!!

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From: Debbie Manning [debbie@manningelectric.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: 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

I support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.. I am an electrical contractor that will benefit tremendously by using the Ferry to travel interisland for jobs.

Debbie and Dennis Manning

testimony

From: olinda aiwohi [olindaaiwohi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

Aloha ,

I am in favor of the Hawaii SuperFerry operating here in Hawaii. We the Native people of Hawaii need another form of transportation between the islands. I am a resident of Maui and as a resident I would like the opportunity to travel from Maui to Oahu with my car in tow. Giving me and my ohana the opportunity to save money while spending more time visiting family.

Although a EIS was not filed it is my understanding that the people were told about the ferry coming into operation here in Hawaii and the majority of people were in favor. Why now after the ferry is ready to be operated? Why wasn't a ruling done before? Where was Isaac Hall years ago? Why are the enormous cruise ships allowed to come into Kahului Harbor? Why weren't they ordered to file an environmental impact statement? Why do the canoe clubs who paddle in the harbor feel the ferry would interfere, when the cruise ships and freighters come in the same way the ferry would? The canoe clubs are the ones who are interfering with our way of life, they are allowed to use up the beach by leaving their canoes and other things on the sand, we cannot walk along their paths on the beach. If we do we are stared at as if to say "get off our beach." Not culture at all!! We cannot dive when they are in the water but do we complain, no, we just wait till they are not paddling. That has been our way of life, share and accept things. Get along with each other. The great fear that this Maui Tomorrow and the Sierra Clup have instilled is a farce, as well as the Pacific Whale Foundation. Who disturbs the sea, they do! With their constant tours and so called studies. Having their money making ventures have been an awful disturbance to our ocean around Maui. When my husband was a child he could lay on the beach and not only see the whales but hear them, even from his humble home in Kihei. Ask anyone of the Hawaiians who grew up on the South side of Maui, when the whales came they knew because the call of the whales were heard by those who lived there and no one went out to disturb them. It was like welcoming ohana, the whales were a way of life. But today the westerners have come and made it an tourist attraction, and where are the whales, they are there, but not like before. What more damage can the superferry do, no more than what has already been done. If the superferry should "go" then so should the ships of the Pacific Whale Foundation, the enormous cruise liners and everyone else who makes money off of our natural environment.

I won't jump in the sea or be threaten anyone like how I have been, but I will speak the truth and just live. Like all the other Hawaiians we just live and let live!

Auwe! To those who claim to be cultural. It is not the Hawaiian way to be hateful, I guess that is why I write this testimony. I feel "aloha" for all and hope that the people of Hawaii will be happy with whatever happens with the outcome of the Hawaii Superferry.

Mahalo,
Olinda Aiwohi

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From: petluvinfamily@aol.com
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To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I know I'm late, but I'm hoping that somehow this testimony will be passed on.

Interisland airfares are normally quite high. Maybe not at the moment, but it normally is. I currently live on Oahu with my husband and three children. My parents and brother live on Maui. It used to be affordable for us to visit family several times a year. Now it's almost impossible. Two years ago our family spent \$1,000. in airfare, several hundred dollars to rent a car. That's right it's been 2 years. My husband lost his job and was out of work for 9 months so we really had to cut back. With the superferry, we may have been able to visit family in the last two years. Also, with my parents getting older, they will require more doctor visits and will not be able to drive on their own much longer. I'd like to know that I can go and help them without worrying about our finances. Please take into consideration family members separated by water and how costly it is to travel from one island to the next.&nbs p;

Sincerely,

From a lifelong resident of Hawaii

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testimony

From: Lara Dunhour [l_dunhour@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

To Whom It May Concern,

Tourism is the economy of Hawaii, it is very foolish to stop the Superferry. It gives all of us, the people of Hawaii and the tourist another option to see the other islands. What is the difference between the barges that brings good to the other islands and the Superferry bring people to the islands? Yes it may come more often, but it will also bring revenue to those islands. The protesters are a disgrace to our islands and the people of Hawaii, the world is watching how ignorant we conduct ourselves. They are showing how we do not need tourism and a source of revenue.

I support the Superferry, I went on a similar boat in Seattle and it was amazing.

Sincerely,
L. Dunhour

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From: Roselani Oga [roga@TGHAWAII.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the SuperFerry!
Importance: High

Aloha e Kakou!

I am hoping that the legislature will do what is right and save the SuperFerry.

It's so sad that there are people at every turn who will fight against anything and everything just for the sake of fighting. They are so small minded and they are in the minority according to every pole I've seen.

I don't understand why the SuperFerry is being subjected to all of this drama when there are hundreds of other ocean faring vessels coming from every point on earth and traveling in our Hawaiian waters and using our harbors.

Do the protesters really think the SuperFerry WANTS to hit a whale or calf? Of course they don't!! Use common sense folks!

The protesters are really protesting against our own island families....and to tell you the truth I don't see many locals doing the protesting.

We welcome having another means of travel. How wonderful it would be to load up the family and the car and go visit our ohana on the other islands.....just like our ancestors did....crossing the waters in a BIG canoe!!

Please help to save the SuperFerry!

Mahalo,

Roselani Oga

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TESTIMONY

Tuesday, October 23, 2007
11:00am

To: Legislature's Public Access Room at
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THE SENATE THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

To our Committee Chair members:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
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Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

Aloha Committee Chair members,

Thank you for coming to Maui and allowing the public to give input on this bill.

I oppose this bill and do not want to see it passed; it will strip the our islands of the protections that we have through state environmental review law, which was upheld in both the state Supreme Court and 2nd Circuit Court rulings. It overturns the unanimous Hawaii Supreme Court decision. It overturns Judge Cardoza's decision indicating potential irreparable harm; he heard 22 days of testimony. This bill allows the superferry to operate free of HRS 343, the Environmental Protection Act.

I agree with Senator English, that the EIS should have been done from the beginning, and that allowing the Superferry to sail would do very, very bad damage to the environment, and to the way of

life in our communities.

I agree with Randy Awo's testimony, that it is our (the residence of our state) kuleana to protect the culture and natural resources of our Hawaii Nei. It is PONO (our responsibility) to MALAMAI THE AINA.

There are so many potential obvious impacts to the environment and community, such as:

-traffic and harbor congestion,

-endangering marine animals, with whale collisions a certainty, -allows invasive alien species to transfer from one island to the next, -does not protect residents from inter-island crime and drug shipments, -It leaves us vulnerable to theft of natural and cultural resources (this we have already experienced with the pillaging of Iao Valley rocks - 3 truck loads!), -It denies the County any ability to regulate the Superferry, -It will allow residents from other islands to take up our campsites and fish out our fish, -It sets a precedent that our courts may be over-ruled by legislators meeting in a "special session" while the public is given only 2 minutes to comment.

Governor Lingle has publically slandered what she calls the "minority", or "special interest groups". I think because of her poor judgment, special interest groups have formed, risen up and banded together in a cry out to our State Government, that enough is enough. Many of us from the outer islands do not want to see our quality of life destroyed and we are being encroached upon at every angle.

Let us, as a state, set precedence to our nation, of compassion for its people, our land, and the ocean.

Let us not over-turn Laws of Protection. The work of our government is to serve the people. I think the people want to see an EIS done before allowing the Superferry to cause irreparable damage.

In a time where environmental and animal protection has become a worldwide concern, we (the people of

Hawaii) need to set precedence and be leaders in our integrity to the environment. We live in a new time, where we need to try harder and care more about how we treat everything, especially our natural resources, before it is too late.

MAHALO!

Ananda Stone

Resident of Maui for 20 years

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From: John Learned [jgl@phys.hawaii.edu]
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Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry should be given the go ahead

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Dear Committee:

I find it very peculiar that the SuperFerry is being held to a standard which has not been held up for any other form of transport in Hawaii. Have we required this of the tug and barges? The aircraft? The cruise ships? The US Navy ships which speed through our waters and have a long record of collisions and disposal of waste. The answer is no, we have not.

All the possible dangers raised by the ferry have already been here for a long while. The ferry will be a small perturbation of the system. Moreover there did used to be a ferry system in the islands! It is crazy, in my view, not to approve them. We should be encouraging this!

Anyone who wants to know what a ferry system like this can be like should visit the Greek Islands.

The real issue here is anti-growth, and it is a sadly ignorant and emotional position. It is the same folks who were against geothermal power on the Big Island, are against telescopes there as well, against anything new essentially. But as we all know, there is money backing these good hearted but misguided folks, such as the terribly wrong headed Sierra Club in Hawaii (which will never get another dime from me). The big money supporting law suits and such is coming from the likes of Aloha Airlines, as I hear it. These are petty interests, and foolish too.

Note also that the ferry will not be just a convenience for all, but is of special interest to those of us who do research on other islands, by it's facilitating our easy transport of equipment to and from the location of the effort from Oahu.

Please do what you can to facilitate the SuperFerry starting to operate soon, and stop Hawaii being the laughing stock of the nation for this misadventure of preventing their swift approval and smooth acceptance into our community.

John G. Learned
Local taxpayer who wants to ride the ferry!

access3

From: blossom francisco [blossomfrancisco@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I am writing in support of the superferry. Come on people wake up! You spend all of this money to do an environmental impact study for ONE boat. What about all the ships Matson has and all the other big shipping companies? Where is the study for them? We need the ferry because the islands no longer can support it's self on growing of sugarcane, pineapples, or other produce. I think tourist as well as the locals will benefit because of this service. I am 75 % Hawaiian and strongly support the ferry. You can't stop progress but we surely can get on for the ride. Another thing that gets me is the people of the outter islands act as if they own those islands. Wake up Hawaii belongs to all the people. I don't appreciate when they say stuff like we don't want the Oahu people here. We don't act like that when they have to come here. LET THE FERRY IN!!! sincerely, Blossom K. Francisco and Ohana

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From: Kamila Dudley [kamila@hawaii.edu]
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To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

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

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and
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I am writing to inform you that I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. Hawaii has been waiting for a while for another great way to travel throughout the neighbor islands to visit with family and friends. I was born and raised on the Island of Kauai and am very disappointed with some of the people who were very disrespectful to our Governor during her visit to Kauai. I think both sides should be heard and not booed when trying to testify like the Kauai and Maui people continue to do.

Please consider approving the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EIS study is done. Thank you for your consideration,

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From: Diana Sarte [dianasarte@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:55 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I support the super ferry. It could do no more harm than the ships already traveling between islands. With the awareness of the pollution produced by car and air travel, the super ferry is more environmentally friendly than the planes making numerous trips interisland daily. The impact on the speed versus wildlife safety should definitely be considered and adjusted to accordingly. The path the whales take are primarily the same from year to year. Again, adjust the path the ferry takes during the year to protect our whales. This can be a good thing when properly managed.

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From: Gary [mamiyal@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:55 PM
To: testimony

As we have seen on the news before, the Whales and other marine life will have sometimes fatal interactions with people. Unfortunately, this is bound to happen.

Will stopping the Superferry eliminate these interactions? Of course not. To COMPLETELY eliminate this, you must stop all sea going vessels all together. Will this happen? NO.

Seems that the majority of the minority that wants to "SINK DA FERRY" are people who were not born and raised in these Islands. They've come from the "Hustle and Bustle" of big city life and want to keep their own little piece of Paradise. Hey I've got a better idea. To keep this Paradise why don't we put a limit on the population that is allowed to reside here? If not, and these people want to keep moving to OUR Islands, then a double decker Super FREEWAY is inevitable. (HEY Sierra Club, are you listening?) Keep Hawai'i Beautiful, Sierra Club and what not's want to have their cake and eat it too, but we live on an island with limited space and we have to progress FOWARD sooner or later. Or how about holding a special election in which only 2nd generation (residents) and up are allowed to vote on this subject.

To the Lawmakers, You have a very unique opportunity to take a GIANT leap forward for the betterment of the ENTIRE State. Let those that want to live like Gilligan's Island move to Yap or Palau. We have a great democratic process that allows for change and not be "boo'd" out of speaking our minds...

By the way, aren't we allowed for Peaceful Protest? Those on Kaua'i pounding on cars and stuff should have been arrested... What if the rest of us acted the same way?

Sincerely,
Gary Mamiya
4th Generation

Japanese

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access2

From: J. N. [jheck1@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:14 PM
To: testimony
Subject: support Superferry

I fully support allowing the Hawaii Superferry to begin operation while the very important environmental impact study is carried on. I support temporary conditions for the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the study is done.

The transportation to be provided by the Hawaii Superferry is needed in the Hawaiian islands.

Please support the Hawaii Superferry to resume operations.

John Buttner
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From: J. N. [jeck1@cox.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:08 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Supporting Hawaii Superferry operations while environmental impact study

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The transportation to be provided by the Hawaii Superferry is needed in the Hawaiian islands.

Please support the Hawaii Superferry to resume operations.

Jeck-Jenard Navarrete
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Aloha Nui Loa, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Senator Clayton Hee, Senator Kalani English, Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and members of Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and Internatiuonal Affairs, and Energy and Environment;

My name is Elena Respicio and I am deaf. I always go with my deaf friends everywhere they travel.

I enjoy traveling. When I went on the special Superferry tour, I really liked it!! I want to go on Superferry with my deaf friends, visiting other islands and coming back on the same day!

Please don't stop Superferry.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify on this important bill.

Sincerely,

Francine Aona Kenyon
Deaf Advocate & Consultant

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From: noelani paulson [bigisle_gurly@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:24 PM

To: testimony

I NOELANI PAULSON am in support of the SuperFerry because i have a child who needs to go back and fourth from the island very often due to medical reasons and it gets very expensive flying back and fourth and renting the car and the hotel if we could take our car that would cut down expenses by about 1800 dollars a month for my family who is not very financially stable to begin with i have 4 children and am a single mother with a part time job.

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From: Jacqueline Leonard [jleonard@queens.org]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:50 PM

To: testimony

Subject: I think this entire superferry issue is a travesty! The majority of people in Hawaii on all islands

I think this entire superferry issue is a travesty! The majority of people in Hawaii on all islands would like to have the more affordable option of traveling from island to island by boat. The minority speaks loudly about such things as invasive species, importing drugs, more traffic, etc. but please tell me why those things should occur more than they already do because of the superferry? I do not see the reasoning behind these claims.

How about taking into consideration the physically-handicapped who rely on specially-equipped automobiles to get around. Some of those people are housebound without their special mode of transportation. The superferry would enable those people to travel to outer islands like other more fortunate people if they could transport their vehicles. This would open a whole new world for them. Likewise, families who otherwise are not able to travel between islands would have a more affordable means to do so.

I believe the real and only reason the people in Maui and Kauai do not want the superferry is their desire to keep their islands less accessible to outsiders and is based on selfish disregard of what is best for the people of Hawaii.

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Aloha Nui Loa, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Senator Clayton Hee, Senator Kalani English, Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and members of Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and Internatiuonal Affairs, and Energy and Environment;

My name is Francine Mae Lehuanani Aona Kenyon and I am a long-time deaf advocate and volunteer consultant for deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deaf-blind people of the State of Hawaii with many different hats.

I strongly and firmly support this special bill to allow the operation of Superferry in the state of Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted, ensuring the adequate protection of the environment because of three important reasons: (1) travel accessibility and comfort for people with disabilities; (2) strong business and marketing economy; and (3) tourism industry.

I myself am a frequent flyer and love traveling ever since I was little. The major problem is causing ear infection, affecting the loss of hearing because of air pressures upon landing on the ground and having difficulty of getting out of the seat and walking to the lavatory.

When I heard about Superferry coming to Hawaii, I was so excited that a transportation alternative would soon be available for travelers with disabilities. I attended a special focus meeting with the Superferry staff to hear about their plan and to express my comments and concerns for travelers with disabilities and limited mobility. By the time when Superferry finally arrived on the island, I am excited and ready to go to other island on Superferry, but, unfortunately, when I heard the news about the environment protection people blocking and stopping the operation of Superferry. I was very disappointed for the lack of their understanding and insensitivity toward travelers with disabilities. Thus, a special tour of Superferry on dock was provided for us individuals with disabilities. We were all amazed by how accessible and comfortable the ship was because there are many benefits for travelers with or without disabilities on Superferry that airlines don't provide as follows.

- (1) To watch the TVs with closed captions for deaf and hard-of-hearing travelers. Arilines don't provide captioned movies for deaf and hard-of-hearing travelers.

- (2) To travel comfortably and easily on the wider aisles while traveling with manual or motorized wheelchairs, with walkers or canes, and even with the electric scooters. Airlines don't have wider aisles to allow them to go anywhere with easy maneuvers.
- (3) To shop around at the gift shop on Superferry. Airlines don't have anything for us travelers to enjoy shopping while flying but reading and listening to music.
- (4) To play the games in the special game room on Superferry. Airlines don't have enough room for young people or adults to play the games while seating with small trays.
- (5) To buy the snacks from the snack bars, surprisingly even with the menus in brailles. Airlines don't provide the menus with brailles for those with visual impairments.
- (6) To play with children in a small playground on Superferry. Airlines don't provide such a thing for children while flying. How restless they were while flying, you know? Children need to walk back and forth on the aisles but when it comes to bad turbulence, can you imagine how fussy children can be when taken back to seat during the turbulence?? I am thinking of buying my own electric scooter so I can go around on Superferry to shopping at the gift shop, getting something from the snack bar, playing the games, or even lying down and lifting my legs while relaxing on the couches!! What an amazing ship Superferry is to provide more comfort and ease for travelers with mobility problems and even with medical equipment.
- (7) To bring own vehicle, carrying electric scooters, wheelchairs, medical equipments, and luggages in the trunk without any headache. Airports do not provide the driving carts to carry the luggages and the medical equipments for those travelers with disabilities like in O'Hare International Airport, only the porters transporting travelers with wheelchair from the gate to the plane or from the plane to baggage claim and to drop-off site. Can you imagine or have seen the travelers with disabilities holding so many stuff on their laps with discomfort while being transported by porters to the baggage claim from the plane? Not only airports but also the rental cars do not provide any cars or vans that are accessible for drivers with motorized wheelchairs.
- (8) To bring the teams or the children to schools on other islands as the cheapest way for schools to save more money on Superferry than on airlines.

I strongly believe that Superferry will build a strong, boosting economy for the State of Hawaii, giving more opportunities to travelers with or without disabilities. If my deaf friends come down to Hawaii, I would take them with my own car on Superferry to other islands and give them the best tour in sign language!

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to pass this important bill to allow the operation of Superferry while doing environment assessment, allowing more travelers with disabilities to travel from one island to another with more comfort, ease of mobility, and relaxation.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify on this important bill.

Sincerely,

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From: Jeff O'Connor [jeff7371@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:45 PM
To: testimony
Subject: 1 taxpayer & voter My Voice

At the present time it appears 80% of our population is being held hostage by the 20% vocal minority. I seriously doubt that this vocal minority pays taxes or votes in the same percentage as the 80% that wants to use the ferry service.

Also along the lines of the environmental study, I would have to say take Hawaiian, Aloha, Young Brothers, Matson, NCL, Royal Carrib. P&O and ground every one of them immediately. I would like to see who the worst offender is. I would hedge my bet that it would not be The Super Ferry. I believe we MUST do an environmental study on every one of these as well as any I have left out immediately. No products or people should move from where they are right now until this is done. If prices rise there are some people who will be able to pay without any problem; however the majority of our citizens will be hurting from this, myself included. By grounding the Super Ferry You are hurting the general public by causing us to pay a higher cost of living.

I have not been a supporter of these studies in the past but I am certainly leaning that way now and think it is time to let the United States and the world know where Hawaii stands on development and the free movement of goods an the American public. Let's hinder the free movement of all people.

If that is not what you want the world and the United States to see of Hawaii then Free The Super Ferry. Let It Sail. The people will decide if it is to stay in business by supporting it by using it or not. Let us the American public decide. Forget the environmental study and reduced speeds of travel, unless you also make the airlines and other services do the same thing. You have the power to put us back into the days of propeller planes or let us live as the free Americans we are suppose to be.

Thank you,
A tax payer and voter,
Jeffrey O'Connor

10/23/2007

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Aloha Nui Loa, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Senator Clayton Hee, Senator Kalani English, Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and members of Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and Internatiuonal Affairs, and Energy and Environment;

My name is Janel Wehring and I am deaf consumer. I moved here from Washington State in 1988. I have not visited Maui and Kauai but did only visit Kailua, Kona on the Big Island. I would have loved to go to Maui and Kauai if Superferry is in its full operation.

I really, really, really want to go on Superferry so I could visit Maui and Kauai and, who knows, Hilo, Hawaii.

I went on a special Superferry tour with my deaf friends because I was curious what it was like. Wow, Superferry is the best ship I ever saw! I really like it very much. I feel like at home on Superferry. It is like a home on the sea! When we drove the car into the Superferry, wow, I can imagine if we five of us could share the cost of vehicle and pay for own individual fare so we could go to Maui to visit Haleakala Crater and then come back to Oahu on the same day. We would save plenty of money by not staying overnight but will always go back to Maui, Kauai or Big Island more often as we like. I don't have to worry too much about the rental cars or the hotel costs or hurry to get back to work right away and get tired so easily.

I personally cannot sit too long on planes for longer period of time, making my legs more tired and poorly circulated. I need to get up and walk around as much as I can. Superferry would be a perfect transportation so I can walk around on the ship and buy something at the gift shop or eat at the snack bar or walk comfortably on wider aisle from the end to another end of the ship!

Thank you very much and please let Superferry run while you do the environment study. If you do stop Superferry, I would be very, very disappointed and will definitely miss a lot of beautiful Hawaiian places. I would rather visit the real-life places rather than just the pictures from the magazines or books.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify on this important bill.

Sincerely,

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Aloha Nui Loa, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Senator Clayton Hee, Senator Kalani English, Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and members of Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment;

My name is Douglas Tong and I am deaf consumer and a student at HCC, studying to become a licensed pilot.

I was originally planning to go to Maui with my deaf friend at a special fare discount. However, when we learned that Superferry was held up because of many objections caused by environment protection people. I was very disappointed that my friend and I couldn't go to Maui in her car with the wheelchair in the trunk. Until my friend got the special announcement for the Superferry tour and contacted me and other deaf friends at church. I was excited and said, "Yes! Sign me up!"

So when we got on Superferry, wow, it is the big and beautiful ship I ever visited! I agree with my friends that we could drive up in my friend's car into the Superferry and go to Maui or Kauai and come back to Oahu on the same day so I won't have to worry about missing the classes at school! Superferry is big and comfortable to travel on sea. I can understand the problems of environment protection but don't understand why they allow the cruises around the islands. You forget something important – what about the travelers with disabilities who need more relaxing and accessible transportation from one island to another??? To my surprise, TVs have closed captioned movies that the airlines don't plus the game center and the playground center. The seats and couches are very comfortable. I would want to go on Superferry so badly but was very, very disappointed that Maui court made the bad decision to stop the operation.

I ask you to make a wise decision to continue the Superferry service for the benefit of travelers with disabilities as top priority. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Douglas Tong

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From: Lauren Luis [lluis@dwyerlaw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:44 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Superferry (Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol)

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

My husband and I BOUGHT A HONDA ELEMENT based upon our anticipated use of the Superferry to travel inter-island, and go camping. As residents of Oahu, my husband and I find it next to impossible to travel inter-island due to the high cost of doing so. Once you factor in round trip flights, hotel, car rental, gas, three meals a day out at restaurants, and pet care/boarding while we are gone, a short weekend getaway snowballs into a \$1,000 trip! Inter-island travel should be an option available to Hawaii's residents, but unless you make an unusually high income, inter-island travel is a rare and special occasion for Hawaii's residents. With the Superferry, we can put a cooler full of food, the dog and camping equipment in the car and have a great weekend camping on an outer island without breaking the bank!

I have traveled all over the world, and can say with a high degree of certainty that Hawaii is the only collection of islands I have been to for which there is NO ferry service. In fact, all other similar destinations have multiple ferry trips between the islands each day. Hawaii is IMMENSELY behind the times in this department, and now that we have the opportunity to make a improve and catch up - we turn it down! If the Superferry does not work out - there is no way that another investor will be willing to bring inter-island ferry service to Hawaii.

Finally, the most important reason to permit the Superferry to continue service throughout the completion of the environmental impact statement is that our economy NEEDS IT! The Superferry will: (i) permit workers such as carpenters, plumbers, etc. to travel and work inter-island, and (ii) permit farmers, artists, and other local producers on the outer islands to bring their goods to market on the other islands, without the added cost of shipping their product * which will increase competition, lower prices, and add to the variety of goods available to Hawaii residents on all the islands!

Please do not allow a very vocal MINORITY overcome the wants of the majority! Legislators who vote against the Superferry also vote against increased competition, lower prices, and an increase in the variety of goods available to Hawaii residents on all the islands * and is therefore, NOT INTERESTED IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF HAWAII'S RESIDENTS!!!!

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From: Philip Thomas [pt@philipt.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:24 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please don't bypass our environmental laws

Aloha Legislators

Please help us to protect the things that we all love about Hawaii by upholding our environmental laws. NO ENTITY should be exempt from legal obligations to assess the likely harms of its actions BEFORE they occur. To allow this will set a dangerous precedent for Hawaii.

Regardless of how you may feel about the Superferry and the need for its services, changing the laws in this way simply cannot be justified.

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. ONCE GONE, IT'S GONE.
- 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 PURSUE profit over the public's ABSOLUTE RIGHT to a healthy environment.
- Public participation is essential to a well-functioning democracy! Hawaii'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 Hawaii's laws will be applied and upheld, and for whom. 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 worse than 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 ascertain whether it is even POSSIBLE to mitigate these problems. Allowing this exemption now will not.

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Aloha Nui Loa, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Senator Clayton Hee, Senator Kalani English, Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and members of Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment;

My name is Bobby Joe Harris Jr. I am a local resident of Oahu and am hard-of-hearing.

I am in a full support the FULL operation of the Hawaii Superferry on the day I got a glimpse of the ship from a distance. I took the tour on board with some of my friends. As we boarded the Superferry, I was in awe of its size and layout of the ship. I must tell you that by means to bring to your attention that this Superferry is the best ship I ever was on aboard for the special tour. This Superferry really beats the airlines" seating of the men and womens restrooms that are not handicap accessible for wheelchairs. Only the Superferry has the capabilities to provide this wide room in accessible restrooms for wheelchair users in both and along the aisles on the port side and starboard side of the boat and it is an essential for our tourists who want to go on Superferry to go to other island in wheelchair since airlines cant accomodate for them.. and it would boost the economy of Hawaii and make it run smoothly.

I have worked on the ships with American Hawaii cruises and we had accessibility for disabled travelers who came aboard our ships while I was a crew member at that time. So what is the different between these cruises and Superferry? What is wrong with the environment protection people who seem not caring about the special needs of people with disabilities?? I am sorry to say that I disagreed with them about stopping Superferry from the operation. These people SHOULD allow the operation of Superferry while the environment assessment is being conducted. Just remember that the airlines are not big enough for those people using the wheelchairs so Superferry would be perfect for them!

I believe that the Superferry will bring more business to Hawaii. I would love to drive my car into Superferry to go to other island and enjoy traveling around the island in my own car. I must admit that Hawaii does not have a strong economy. Superferry will be able to transport the team in a school bus to other island which is cheaper than in airlines which are good for just one individual.

Thank you for you allowing me an opportunity to testify in support of Superferry so please consider this a very important transportation alternative for people with disabilities who cannot possibly use the airlines.

Sincerely,

Bobby Harris

access2

From: Jeannette Lee [jeannettenaokolee@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:43 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

Hello. I just received a notice, ten minutes ago, to submit my testimony for support for the Superferry and it's travels. I support the Superferry, because it is a very economic way to travel between the islands. Prices are cheaper than airfare to use the Superferry and this is, to me, only a benefit for everyone. I cannot see one bad reason why the Superferry is so-called "harming the environment." And I further frankly believe that the claims that the Superferry harms the environment is just a cover up to immature islanders that do not want 'outsiders' supporting other islands' tourism industries by bringing more visitors over to the Hawaiian islands. The other benefit of the Superferry is that it will increase tourism, and by increasing tourism, our local economy will benefit financially. The 'people' of Hawaii, whether 'local' or 'other' who do not support the Superferry, are being very unintelligent and immature in their false lies and excuse 'testimonies' against the Superferry. Thank You for reading my testimony.

Aloha and Mahalo,

Jeannette

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access2

From: Jennifer [azjen5@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:38 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

In reference 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've been waiting for the inter-island ferry service for years! Please don't take it away from us. I won't visit Hawaii as often on my vacations if I have to fly between the islands. Thanks.

Jennifer Leinhos
Tucson, AZ

access1

From: N Niecon [Niecon777@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:06 PM
To: testimony
Subject: H.S.F.

To The senators at the Superferry hearings.
Aloha,

I wish express my support for the ferry system. I attended the meeting yesterday for two hours. I did not testify, nor had I planned to, I just had to see how these hearings conduct. I was a little surprised to see that it becomes a kindof free for all. It seems the opposition for the ferry is the more disrespectful and loudest or squeekiest of the process. It, in my observation the pros for the ferry had ligitimate resons for wanting the ferry to operate, without a lot of repetitive statements. Basically just facts without a political ajenda, however I see the cons having few facts with more of a place to talk about their displeasure about our Govenor or our President, with a few reasons why they don't want the ferry, mostly because it affects them. I feel Like our county owes you an apology for using up so much of your time. Maybe there should be a time limit for testimony.

I am for the ferry running during the EA if that's possible, Judge Cardoza's ruling was his interpetation or opinion of the law, I don't believe any other sailing vessel here in Hawaii has had to do an EA or EIS. There will be many problems regarding the opposition at first, but if a few have to get arrested and charged so be it.

I believe Hawaii needs this service, and will benefit from it. Maybe service in the beginning could be modified, ie Mon. Wed. Fri. Maui, Tue. Thu. Kauai.

We here on Maui do have an infastructure problem. Roads are inadequite, why can't we have an over pass at a few intersections instead of stoplights? and a few more perimeter roads. Why does it take so many years for Mokolele Hwy to be done, it's only 5 or 6 miles long? If we have such a water problem why do they continue to permit subdivisions and million dollar homes with landscaping?

Thank you, I believe you will make the right decision.

Niels P. Nielsen
99 Kealohilani St.
Kahului, Hi. 96732
893-0275 20 yr resident, and I vote.

access2

From: Joseph Lapinad [jobylapinad@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:41 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am a local, born and raised, and I am in favor of the Superferry. I support this commuting alternative and I will support any action necessary to see it succeed for us local people. It is such a good idea for so many reasons I don't know where to start. I could take my car when I visit my family on the outer islands, I could take things over without having to ship them, workers could commute with all the tools they need for any job, it would keep the airfares in check (sort of). But most of all, I have the right to go and see any island I want without some mainland hippie telling me I'm not welcome. This isn't about the "environment", it's about selfishness.

Climb to the top of the charts! Play Star Shuffle: the word scramble challenge with star power. [Play Now!](#)

10/23/2007

access1

From: Trevor Yee [trevoryee@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:08 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

Please don't allow a vocal minority of mainland transplants control what happens (or doesn't happen) in our wonderful state. The majority of us don't appreciate them imposing their "me-first" attitudes on the rest of us. They think that it's "their" island, which couldn't be more false. This is OUR state for all of us to share, we're just separated by small slivers of ocean.

We shouldn't have to feel like we're "not allowed" or "not welcome" on "their" islands. The mere fact that they would vandalize and intimidate their fellow Hawaii residents as they exited the maiden voyage shows their true character, and it spooks me to see that these types of people will get their way in this issue--they truly do not deserve it.

All polls show that the vast majority of the state are pro-SF, so please, for the love of the people, go ahead with this special session in an expeditious manner, and allow the SF to operate while the EA is being done.

Mahalo,
Trevor Yee

10/23/2007

access1

From: Jim Kerver [jim@coffeeshack.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

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 in favor of the Superferry.
I have two companies on the Big Island. The Coffee Shack in Captain Cook and also Kerver Construction. The Superferry will allow me the option of taking my truck to Oahu for shopping, which will improve my ability to provide good services to Hawaii.

Also, it seems, that allowing the Superferry to operate while preparing the environmental study, would be the most effective way to gather data and realistically evaluate the impact.

Sincerely,

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access2

From: Jim Taylor [jimtaylor15@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:41 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Energy and Environment

I wanted to cast my vote for the Superferry. Something these islands need.

Don't let the SAME minority group, who protest everything new to Hawaii, influence you.

(I'm sure Walgreens sends out a big Mahalo to the Superferry for diverting the protester's attention.)

Jim Taylor
Kaneohe

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access1

From: Nelly Baers [hnb@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:06 PM
To: testimony

I truly believe that the Superferry is a must for Hawaii. It is necessary to have other means of transportation than air travel to visit the islands. I myself and others hesitate to visit as air travel is getting more expensive everyday, to which one must add the cost of car rental.

It will also allow us to extend the duration of our visits. I do hope we will get the Superferry running soon. Nelly Baers, -Bright

access2

From: primoproperty@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:40 PM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY

**I COME FROM A FERRY TOWN IN NEW YORK.
THE *PORT JEFFERSON - BRIDGEPORT FERRY* HAS
CROSSED THE LONG ISLAND SOUND OVER ONE
MILLION TIMES. THE TOWN OF PORT JEFFERSON HAS
DEVELOPED IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION BECAUSE OF
THE FERRY. THE SAME COULD HAPPEN HERE IF YOU
TOOK YOUR HEAD OUT OF YOUR ASS. 😊**

**ALOHA, PHIL LOOMIS
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KAILUA, HI 96734**

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access1

From: aannbanana@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:05 PM
To: testimony

How ridiculous-to spend all that money-be ready to run and help locals to get to and from island wit their cars, tools, trucks, and whatever and stall because a minority of troublemakers are making waves. Of course make sure to stay away from whales, but then how about yachts, tour boats, etc?
Ann Weers

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access1

From: Marc Etherton [etherton@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:03 PM

To: testimony

Subject: super ferry

I support the super ferry

Marc Etherton
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10/23/2007

access1

From: Kevin Cotton [kcotton222@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:03 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Committees

I Support the Suppery Ferry to operate. Kevin Cotton 808-381-4455

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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testimony

From: Desiree Lee [DLee@chaneybrooks.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:11 PM
To: testimony
Subject: MY Family NEEDS THE SUPER FERRY!

I may have missed the 10:30 deadline but would like to still voice my opinions why I support the Super Ferry here in our Islands.

I am a mother of a recently graduated High School athlete and I also served as Volunteer Fundraising Committee Chairman for numerous years and multiple sports at my children's high school as having two Student Athletes in the past eight years. The Super Ferry would be so economic not only for our communities and Isles but a huge benefit for our Athletics here in the Islands. My children's teams made numerous State Tournaments that were played on outer-islands and vice versa for the Outer-Island teams when the events were held here on Oahu. Our Committee would work intensively anticipating the seasons progress to be sure we would have the finances say our teams would be blessed to be participating in the State Tournaments only to fall short, due to last minute travel arrangements and overall air/ground costs to where the families would have to pay up a large chunk for our team and coaches. The money our families and schools athletic departments would save by the utilization of the Super Ferry. It would also expanse the exposure (collegiate recruitment) for our Student athletes from the outer-islands to participate in inter-island leagues by loading a bus and traveling inter-island by ferry to compete. (We have such talented athletes that should be receiving the BIG DI scholarships.) Our greatest cost for travel was ground transportation and additional luggage charges (piece count & excess weight) to transport all of the equipment required for an athletic team event by air. Now my recently graduated High School Athlete is a Collegiate Athlete at the University of Hawaii @ Hilo, and I've been so anxious awaiting the operation from Honolulu to Hawaii Island. #1-Inter-Island travel for my family here on Oahu to proudly attend his Collegiate games in Hilo & Kona, where I could bring up our family pet that someone would normally need to stay back to tend too. #2-Inter-Island moving for my child between islands during summer session breaks. He could pack his truck and load on to the ferry to return for the summer and reload and drive on to return to College for his next year session. #3-My parents who has recently adopted 4 of my grand nieces & nephews who reside in Hilo, there biggest travel setback is traveling by air with 4 young children, with check in, baggage, security, etc., one of us here on Oahu needs to fly up to assist with her travel here to Oahu, where as to Grandma could pack her van, load up the kids, drive on to the ferry, kids won't be so restricted locked up in an airline seat and Grandma could enjoy the rider and the fresh Ocean air to come for doctors visits, and family visits with the added ease of traveling via THE SUPER FERRY!

MY FAMILY NEEDS THE SUPER FERRY!
 May God guide and bless us all! ALOHA!

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testimony

From: Nomura, Ken at PROP_MAUI [knomura@abprop.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:09 PM
To: testimony
Subject: let her ride

As a life long resident of this state, please allow the Ferry to begin inter-island services as planned while the EIS is being done. We know what the impacts this will have so it will be an extremely good time to try out this new mode of inter-island transportation and iron out all the kinks regarding traffic, invasive species, whales and all the other issues connected with it, as pointed out in the court hearings on Maui. We won't know what the impacts will be unless we let her ride.

Ken T. Nomura

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Clinton Murakami [murakamiroofing@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:09 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry support

Dear Legislators

Let me encourage you to continue the process of letting the superferry continue to serve our islands. Please don't let a vocal few dictate our future. I ask you to work for the greater good and let the superferry meet the needs of our state.

Thank You,
Clinton Murakami
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Kaneohe HI 96744
234-6425

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testimony

From: Mavalous Skywalker [kauaindian1@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:07 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Super ferry

Get this done, and let's us move on to something more important. The Super Ferry is a needed godsend.

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access1

From: kim@avatarmarketing.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Aloha,

We would like the Super Ferry here on Big Island. This would help us in many ways.

Kim Driggs

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Kim Driggs
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Fax: 808-327-2133
kim@avatarmarketing.com, www.avatarmarketing.com

access2

From: Jim Taylor [jimtaylor15@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:39 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Transportation and International Affairs

I wanted to cast my vote for the Superferry. Something these islands need.

Don't let the SAME minority group, who protest everything new to Hawaii, influence you.

(I'm sure Walgreens sends out a big Mahalo to the Superferry for diverting the protester's attention.)

Jim Taylor
Kaneohe

10/23/2007

access2

From: Kathleen M. Douglas [kmd@fmhc-law.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:38 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Support Immediate Operation of the Superferry

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

I am submitting this testimony **in support of the Senate bill allowing the Superferry to begin operations** during the EIS.

The people of Hawaii will benefit from the Hawaii Superferry as an alternative to inter-island airline travel. Other locations, such as the State of Washington and British Columbia, provide inter-island ferry system to their citizens. These alternative transportation systems provide immense benefits without creating the environmental disasters predicted by the outer island minority protestors. We are a single, united State and each citizen of this State should have the right to freely travel between the islands. *Similarly, business should be able to operate and provide services based on the representations of this State's government and judicial officials.* An inter-island ferry system that has actually been built and implemented is a gift to Hawaii that should not be rejected because of a vocal minority who cannot perceive the benefit of change. Please support legislation which will allow the Superferry to provide the services so desperately needed by this State.

Thank you.

Kathleen M. Douglas, Esq.
808-533-4300

10/23/2007

access1

From: Lee Taylor [leet@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:00 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I was manager of SEAFLITE, the inter-island jetfoil ships that served all islands. It traveled at 50 mph, and the captains reported that they never hit a whale.

About 25 years ago, Georges Gilbert was engaged in capturing whale calves for nationally recognized aquariums. As the world expert on whales, he believed them to be the most brilliant mammals, and could sense and avoid fast moving boats.

Other nations have bridges to connect islands. We need the Super Ferry desperately, and as a 50 year resident and former hotel manager, believe it is imperative that the SUPER FERRY be allowed to operate.

Lee Taylor
Kailua Kona

10/23/2007

access2

From: Liza Lee [diamondheadlee@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:12 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the Superferry

Please give the people a choice and allow the superferry to serve Hawaii.

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From: Reggie Kealoha [kealohas@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:01 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry supporter

Aloha,

I just wanted to show my support for the superferry. I think it will be the best thing that will happen to the state. It will be such a great way to travel to the islands. I live on the big island, I have alot of family and friends on Oahu and would love to be able to jump on the ferry to visit them. Please help the superferry and give them the ok to go ahead while the EIS is being done. I'm sure you wont regret it.

Mahalo, Reggie

10/23/2007

From: Rob Kinslow, R [omcreations@riseup.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:18 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Ferry Input

Aloha Legislators

Aloha Representatives and Senators: Please consider my written input to the Ferry choice: I am a concerned citizen and taxpayer and I want to express my opposition to the exemption your colleagues are contemplating for the ferry. First, ask yourself if your children would approve of the actions that you are taking to undermine the laws of our aina. Please help us to protect the things that we all love about Hawai'i by upholding our laws.

The ferry as currently designed is not a sustainable mode of transport from many aspects: process, accountability, integrity, transparency and the amount of fossil fuels it uses for transport.

If you decide to intervene, we the people must set the guidelines for operation. Do not allow the current administration to set guidelines. It has demonstrated its opinion of our law.

This ferry 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 precedent for other corporations seeking to do business in Hawai'i.

Regardless of how you may feel about the ferry and the need for its services, changing the laws that govern OUR children's natural resource bank and the environment is not a sustainable approach.

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.
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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.

Sincerely,
R. Kinslow
2712 Laniloa Rd.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Rob Kinslow, R
LifeVoice
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Honolulu, HI 96813

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access1

From: wego2nc@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:57 PM
To: testimony
Subject: We Support SuperFerry

We support the Super Ferry because:

1. We'll have an option to travel to the neighbor islands with our car & family.
2. It will make jobs available for people who live here
3. We will not have to fly & rent-a-car.....& pay higher costs for a vacation.

Ernest & Louise Chan
737 Kokomo Place
Honolulu, HI 96825

Email and AIM finally together. You've gotta check out free AOL Mail! -
<http://mail.aol.com>

From: Angela Kepler [akk@pacificwideconsulting.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:37 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

Aloha Legislators

The Superferry is going to bring serious pests and diseases to the outer islands. For example, we want to be able to grow bananas and the Superferry will bring more & more banana bunchy top virus. The outer islands do not need the fruit pests - we want to have more sustainability, and to use the land without any more problems. We don't want masses of people crowding up our beaches, which are crowded enough already. We have enough traffic already. We have enough Western influence without any more city problems that people will bring from Honolulu.

We are disgusted at this recent disregard for environmental laws!

NO SUPERFERRY ... PLEASE.

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.

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access1

From: Sally Youngblood [sallyyoungblood@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:55 PM

To: testimony

Subject: We residents need ferry service between the islands of this state. Pls get it done. thanks.

Boo! Scare away worms, viruses and so much more! Try Windows Live OneCare! [Try now!](#)

10/23/2007

access2

From: William Loose [lclose@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I agree!

To all whom it may concern,

I support the superferry and wish more of you would too. It's a good idea for locals and for business people trying to get their products to other islands. Please reconsider your opinions and support this very worthwhile enterprise.

Sincerely,
Carol Loose
Kailua, HI 96734

10/23/2007

access1

From: Kenneth Weber [kennethweber@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:56 PM
To: testimony
Subject: ferry

Dear Sirs,

Hawaii does NOT require a superferry. Let's safeguard our islands. Please - for the sake of our people and our children and their children. Please say NO to the superferry.

Thank you for your support!

Ken Weber

**Kenneth W. Weber
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Kihei, HI 96753
Cell: (352) 751-4343**

and...

**2090 Tynte Terrace
The Villages, FL 32162**

10/23/2007

access1

From: Jason Barnhill [jb_maddog@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:29 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the Superferry!

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I am writing to express my support for the super ferry. I would very much like to use this service.

Please help make this possible,

Thanks,

Jason Barnhill

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access2

From: Jeanne Alford [Jeanne.Alford@sunshinehelicopters.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:31 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

RE: Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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I'm a Big Island resident for 15 years. I support the Superferry.

I want to see Kawaihae Harbor and those roads improved before it comes to Big Island in 2009.

I believe we should stand behind the State's and DOT's decision to allow this business to run.

I would like to ride a boat between the islands for the sight-seeing and as an alternate travel option.

Jeanne Alford

10/23/2007

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From: G3maui@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:31 PM
To: testimony
Subject: (no subject)

To whom it may concern, I'm sorry I missed your deadline as I heard about the testimony too late but I'd still like to add my two cents if anyone is willing to listen. I am a full time pianist here on Maui and work with Amy Gilliom, The Barefoot Natives, Ekolu and Uluwehi Guererro, to name a few. I am in strong support of the Superferry. I know you've already heard all the arguments pro and con but I can't stress enough the importance of having the ferry not if but when Hawaii has it's next natural disaster. Notably, the Superferry would have been a godsend during the September 11, 2001 disaster when even interisland air travel was prohibited. This is one of the most vital asset the ferry could provide not even mentioning the fantastic opportunity and convenience for the people of this great state. Thanks for listening, Gilbert Emata

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From: Ray Curry [curryr003@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:55 PM
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Subject: Hawaii Superferry
Importance: High

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To whom it should concern,

I would like to enter my feelings in favor of the Hawaii Superferry services between Islands. It is difficult for me to understand

why some citizens of an island state almost completely dependent upon seagoing transportation for the necessities of life are

so vehement about the new service. The environment is of top concern to all of us and rules to prevent problems should be

implemented and followed as are the ones now in place for tour ships, inter-island barges and shipping vessels from the Mainland.

I agree that a proper Environmental Impact Statement should be made.

The People of Hawaii deserve an additional choice of transportation. The local economies will thrive with more people

visiting each Island. I personally look forward to trips to Oahu to visit family, maybe bring my car and enjoy some relaxing time on

a ferry. Tourists will still rely on the airlines, car rentals and hotels will still get their share of the business. Will traffic be adversely

affected? Perhaps, but probably not in any noticeable amount. Local people on short visits will most likely not bring cars and tourists

will rent them on arrival. No expected changes there! Protect the sealife! That is a high priority and if all the other types of sea

transportation that abound in our waters can co-exist safely, why not the Superferry?

Let's give the Hawaii Superferry the chance to "Sink or Swim" on their own. Let's not tell the rest of the world that Hawaii is open only

to tourism and not to new business. There are surely bigger problems for Environmentalists to be concerned over than an Island hopping

ferry. Let's give the Superferry the opportunity to make good for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam and Raphael Curry

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testimony

From: Susan Wong [Susan.Wong@hilton.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor of the Super Ferry

Aloha,

Please do your very best to pass legislation to allow the Super Ferry to operate during the period that an EIS will be conducted.

Super Ferry will allow more commerce to flow within our islands. The Super Ferry will allow a more affordable way for Maui & Kauai farmers to bring in their produce and to gain more exposure of their business.

Super Ferry will also be invaluable during times of emergency to take supplies and qualified teams of workers (medical, construction) to any island within 3-6 hours vs. depending on other shipping companies

On a personal note I am looking forward to traveling on the Super Ferry to Kauai and Maui. What a fantastic way to travel.

Thank you very much for coming together and working with Governor Lingle. What a great civics lesson for all to see the executive, judiciary and legislative branches do their job with checks and balances.

Mahalo
Susan Wong
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Phone: 497-1510

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From: yolanda holt [yolandaholt964@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:30 PM

To: testimony

I am a senior citizen and am looking forward to the success of the Superferry to start operations in our beautiful Hawaii Nei. Years ago I used to read about ferries operating in other states and counties and always thought of how nice it would be if we had ferries operating here especially in my lifetime.

I guess I cannot fully comprehend the negative reaction of some people and/or groups concerning the environmental impact the Superferry would incur that other ships, jet skis, tugboats, etc. did not or could not.

It is too bad that we cannot connect all islands like Ford Island.

Aloha,

Yolanda Holt

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From: thomas c hardy 111 [hardyt001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:54 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry

This is the State of Hawaii. Maui and Kauai are part of the State of Hawaii. Therefore, Maui and Kauai cannot and should not be allowed to isolate themselves from the rest of State of Hawaii.

Allow the Superferry to start business immediately and an EA or EIS can be conducted at the same time to see what the environmental effects will be.

Thomas C. Hardy 111 of Kaaawa, Oahu, of the State of Hawaii.

access2

From: Dorothy Pearson [dpearson@kphc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:28 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY! PLEASE DO SOMETHING FOR THE "LOCAL" PEOPLE OF ALL OUR ISLANDS.

MAHALO

testimony

From: Roger Morton [rmorton@thebus.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:23 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry and urge the Legislature to pass the draft bill allowing the superferry to operate with an EIS is prepared.

The Superferry is a form of public transportation that will be good for our state

J. Roger Morton
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testimony

From: Cale Lopez [nor_cale@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:52 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Please do not shut down the Hawaii Superferry. This whole thing is a waste of time and money, the faster we get the Superferry up and running the better.

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From: Loren C. Divers [loreddd@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: We Support the Interisland Ferry

Loren C. Divers
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Permanent Hawaii resident

Testimony

1. All Hawaii residents are entitled to access other islands and it is right that advancing technology would be used to this end.
2. The Ferry is reasonable and will not cause damage to any other island.
3. Group travel (Boy Scouts, etc) will be able to explore the other islands economically. I know this as a former Scoutmaster, hamstrung by the logistical problems associated with air travel to the other islands.
4. There is no objection to the ferry that cannot be equitably overcome.

Thank you.

Loren C. Divers

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From: Robert [RSOUZA001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:28 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please support the superferry

Please support the superferry to allow it to operate in Hawaii.

I am a displaced racer with no track to race on. The Superferry would allow me an economical means to transport Race Car, Trailer and Tow Vehicle to the outer islands. Young Brothers will charge almost double what the Superferry offers.

The ferry will bring a new, fast and economical means of interisland transportation for those transporting vehicles.

I am also an avid motorcyclist and had planned on group trips to Maui and Kauai for weekend adventures. Our trips would provide the outer islands with more economical opportunities from visitors that otherwise would NOT visit the island.

Please do all you can to allow the Superferry operate in Hawaii waters.

Sincerely

Robert Souza
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From: Maluenda, Frances [fmaluenda@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:53 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry; I think it's a good alternative form of transportation
For my family on the outer islands to come to Honolulu in time of need when they
Are here for medical care and don't have transportation. A lot of the neighbor island
Residence come to Honolulu for a long period of time for medical care.

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From: Barney Magrath [barney@subaru.naoj.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:10 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Supperferry support ... tuesday 1:15 pm, 23 oct 2007

Aloha Friends

Please notice that I am in favor of the Supperferry.

I am a business owner on teh Big Island. My wife and I have a "Mom and Pop" restaurant and we know that business will be better if the Supperferry comes to Kawaihae.

What more can I say?

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From: Lopes [kats17@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:53 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I support the Hawaii Superferry, as a person that does not like to fly, it would be great to take a boat.
thank you
Sandra Lopes

10/23/2007

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From: Scott Langdon [captstfl@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Ferry Service

October 22, 2007
Ferry Service

To the wonderful people of Hawai'i, interisland service is a step in the right direction. For too long the only way to get to another Island is to fly at great expense and time, now we have a Ferry to help solve the problem of travel. Please don't live in the past support our Ferry Service!

Scott Langdon

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From: Tracy Owens [tracykailua@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:01 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of the Superferry

I fully support the superferry and encourage you to support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is conducted. The ferry service presents many opportunities to the people of Hawaii!

Sincerely,
Tracy L. Owens
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From: Mary Arakaki [Arakakmj@ah.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:27 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

Regarding:

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I am a small business owner and have family outer-island. I have waited anxiously for the Superferry and look forward to using for business and to visit family. I am deeply distressed that a small minority of citizens are being heard above the long time residents who welcome advances in transportation options. I do not consider the Superferry an environmental hazard.

Please vote in favor of keeping the Superferry in operation.

Mary J. Arakaki
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From: Jeff Goodman [ofhi@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Supper Ferry

If the Super Ferry can't operate during the relatively short time the impact study is done, so much well be lost. Let's keep it all together at least during the study so that if it works out well still have the Ferry in place. Further, many business leaders around the country are watching. Let's show them that *Hawaii is a business friendly place* and a fair place to do business.

Thank You,
Jeffrey Goodman, Registered Voter,

Waianae

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From: GUNNER SCHULL [gundo100@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:26 PM

To: testimony

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

RE:

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

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I am writing to testify in favor of the Superferry operation while an environmental assessment is performed. Our State accepted the Superferry by provided them debt equity and indicating no assessment was required and has an obligation to perform accordingly. This is yet another black eye to our legislature and our State. It personifies our State's inability to support new business and develop necessary transportation alternatives. You need to remedy a previous legislative process and corresponding judicial system gone out of control. **DO NOT** let a minority group of activists promoting civil disobedience use whales as an excuse for shutting down the ferry. The argument is ridiculous. Hawaii has thousands of vessels operating in our waters including cargo, cruise, oil, naval, coast guard, fishing, and pleasure and whales do not restrict their use of our waters and are not a reason to restrict the Superferry. It is time the legislature backs up their obligation to this much needed service and allow the major benefit which the Superferry provides the people and economy of our State.

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Aloha,

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 employees from the Hawaii Superferry continue working. My name is Myra Torres and I work as an Operator. This job means a lot to me because at present, I am working four jobs and being employed with the Hawaii Superferry will only need me to work one. Additionally, it could provide me the opportunity to improve my quality of life and that of my family members, friends and my community.

I feel good about working for the Hawaii Superferry because I personally feel that this company will provide excellent service that will help a lot of people, people afraid of flying and people with disabilities. Having the Hawaii Superferry available, will allow people with disabilities to sail with their specially altered vehicles. The Hawaii Superferry has been an excellent employer as evidenced by the training that I have received to expand my knowledge and skills of operating a fork-lift. Not only that it provides me with excellent training but with that comes good benefits.

If the Hawaii Superferry will not be allowed to operate, it will put a burden on me, my family and the People of Hawaii. I will have to continue working four jobs and this will take time away from me and my family. The residents of Hawaii, both young and old will not have an alternative means of inter-island transportation. Residents that "fear flying" will have to stay put and not be allowed time away for relaxation and restoration. Citizens who are wheelchair bound and require special vehicular alterations will need to make additional transportation arrangements to adapt to their wheelchair needs.

I have shared how I feel and I know that my fellow co-workers are in similar situations and feel the same way, too. I hope that you will help us all and we will have our jobs back soon.

Thank you listening to my testimony.

access2

From: Laurel Leslie [eztoget2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:58 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

It is time to hear from the silent majority over this issue.

I support the Super Ferry, and would like to see it in operation as soon as possible.

The whales will survive, the oceans will still be pristine, but we need an alternate mode of transportation between the islands.

Let the Super Ferry run!

Ms. Laurel Leslie
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From: Gene Lamkin [gene_lamkin@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:50 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

Aloha,

We support the Superferry for many reasons.

- 1) Hawai'i needs an alternate form of inter-island transportation.
- 2) The Superferry could be used as an emergency transport in case of disaster such as a tsunami.
- 3) Hawai'i's largest industry is tourism and the Superferry would encourage tourist to ride the Superferry.

We are environmentalist; however, we are not activist.

Please consider the Superferry right to operate while an EIS is conducted.

Mahalo,

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From: Dapon, Jessie [jdapon@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:23 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry bill

Sir:

I am in support for the super ferry bill to operate while the environmentalist will conduct their analysis. It is unfair to the super ferry management that they are already spending lots of \$\$\$\$ and mostly unfair to those terminated employees.

This super ferry will attract some local people and tourists to spend their dollars that creates jobs and improve the quality of lifestyle in other islands.

Jessie A. Dapon
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From: Irene.R.Viernes@hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:50 PM
To: testimony
Subject: For the Hawaii Superferry

To whom it may concern:

Change is good. Without change, we would still be using the outhouses, horse and buggy and no disposable diapers.

I am a supporter for the Hawaii Superferry because I am not able to travel on planes. I suffer from panic attacks and had an episode on a plane and for the last 18 years, I was too scared to fly. I did travel once to Kauai about 2 years ago but I was so medicated and I didn't realize we landed on Kauai until the flight attendant told me that I had to depart. Luckily someone was there to pick me up because if I had to drive in my condition, I would have surely have caused an accident.

I like boats and having the sea air blow on my face. It has a calming affect and I was looking forward to traveling to the neighbor islands on the ferry.

It is so sad that some people are so negative and cannot accept change.

I could understand the protest if the issue was to travel to a private island. But, no one person owns Kauai or Maui. It belongs to the people and those who live there are just that - - living there. They do not own the island and it should be shared among the people. If other people not living on that particular island want to visit, they have that right to visit. How we get there is no one else's business.

I'm wondering why all of this negativity? Are the people there doing something illegal and don't want to be exposed? Could the protesters be employees of business that would be affected by the ferry like: the airlines, rental car companies, or other businesses that may suffer loss of revenue? What ever the reason, they should behave themselves and think about other people's feelings.

I for one, support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii.

Thank you for listening.

Irene Viernes
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From: Channing Bridges [channing.bridges@ilikaihotel.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I fully support the Hawaii Super Ferry as an alternate mode of transportation between the Hawaiian Islands. I'm sick and tired of reading about a very small percentage of people "speaking for the people of Hawaii" that oppose the Super Ferry. Most of these people are not born and raised in Hawaii nor are they Native Hawaiians, in fact some of these very "environmentalist" don't even live in Hawaii full time!

Take it from a person of Hawaiian blood that was born and raised in Hawaii... I support the Super Ferry and I am part of the majority of people that live full time in Hawaii and will take advantage of riding the Hawaii Super Ferry!

Malama pono,

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From: Gerard Cypriano [gerard@tilemart.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony in support of the hawaii superferry

I would like to take this time to give my full support of the Hawaii Super Ferry. I think this would be a great mode of transportation for the people of Hawaii and would help our business climate. My mahalo to Governor Lingle and our legislature for their efforts.

Aloha!

Gerard J. Cypriano

Gerard J. Cypriano
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From: Dawn Gauslin [dawngauslin@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:51 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Vote for Super Ferry

To Whom it May Concern:

I wish to express my request that the State of Hawaii and all of its departments allow the Super Ferry to operate freely! I believe it will bring such good to our state, allowing inter-island travel with vehicles, which can help to unite families and give us all the opportunity to enjoy our entire state without having to travel by air and rent cars to see the neighbor islands. It is also a great help to us in providing much-needed jobs for approximately 300 local residents. We have many cruise ships that come to our ports, but almost NO Hawaiians employed by them!

FREE THE SUPER FERRY!

Thank you for supporting the majority opinion of our State of Hawaii,

Dawn Gauslin
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Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

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access2

From: cookie LaMadrid [hawncookie@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:15 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super ferry

Please support the Super Ferry. It will be an opportunity for locals to have another option of neighbor island travel...I think eventually, either Aloha Airline or Go Airlines will be gone. Airfares will again rise. As for the concerns of the neighbor island folks, let's try it for one year. Give it a shot. We've nothing to loose. Sincerely,
Josephine LaMadrid

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From: Bob Numbers [bnumbers@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:22 PM
To: testimony
Cc: Sen. Colleen Hanabusa; Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye; Sen. Russell Kokubun
Subject: Testimony - ENVIRONMENTAL LAW; TRANSPORTATION; FERRY OPERATIONS

To: \ Senate Committee Chairs of:
Judiciary & Labor Committee
Transportation & International Affairs Committee
Energy & Environment Committee

Subject: H.B. 2007-5029 10/19/07
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW; TRANSPORTATION; FERRY OPERATIONS

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

The writer, testifying as a resident of Hawaii and an individual of the Hawaii Biodiesel Consortium, strongly supports the proposed terms and conditions presented in the subject H.B. draft that enables a large capacity ferry vessel and company to operate while an environmental impact statement is prepared.

The writer supports the bill to be heard at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, October 14, 2007, because:

- The ferry is in the public interest of all citizens, consumers and most businesses in Hawaii
- It provides an economical alternative mode of transportation for people, vehicles and cargo between islands
- Using biofuels, it will help to reduce carbon emissions in the islands
- It will enable more sustainable commerce between the islands
- It will improve the availability of fresh agricultural food crops to all islands
- It will lower the cost and increase the availability to consumers of perishables grown on all islands
- It will encourage development of more food crops on all islands
- It will be available to quickly provide disaster relief equipment, supplies and personnel to all islands

And on a final note, the writer knows of no other major inhabited and civilized island group in the world does not have ferry service for its citizens and businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of the subject H.B. draft that enables a large capacity ferry vessel and company to operate while an environmental impact statement is prepared. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions about my testimony.

Bob Numbers
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10/23/2007

access2

From: Paul Tyksinski [ptyksin@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Senators,

The issue of how the approval process for use of the Superferry was handled transcends the debate on the actual need, which is obvious.

Here we have a *legitimate business* whose business plan has been known for years, who did everything in the open and received the necessary approvals to operate in the State of Hawaii, being almost put out of business by a handful of rabid demonstrators. Through lack of foresight, poor planning and no response from the police and Coast Guard we are now in the middle of a major finger pointing situation. And now, of course, the Hawaii legislature has woken up and has taken upon itself to determine whether the Superferry can go forward. Where were all of you people all this time? How could you permit the situation to get so out of hand? Must be because of the third world leadership we get out of you.

Now could it possibly be that the fine hands of the inter-island airlines and Young Brothers have something to do with the protests?. Obviously I am paranoidal but it is certainly true that the Superferry will offer competitive rates for cargo and personal transportation. Nevermind the car rental companies. What a convenience to be able to take your car over to the *Big Island* and not have to go through all of the hassles at the airport. Clearly the needs of the already established companies come before the potential benefits to state residents.

As far as the environment I suppose no Young Brothers' barge has never hit a whale and of, course, heaven forbid we limit the tourist whale viewing boats who seem to hit whales all the time. What hypocrisy!

Lastly, I know that the news about the Ferry was disseminated throughout the Mainland travel industry. There was even a short piece in Sunset Magazine about the Ferry being a 'must do' activity. So the tourists come, but where oh where is the SuperFerry? We must be the laughing stock of the nation and rightfully so since we do not seem to be able to handle our affairs in a civilized manner.

Paul Tyksinski
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10/23/2007

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From: cary neece [carykauai@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Our family has been on the island for a combined time of 30 years, we are interested in the Super Ferry still and would like it to be able to conduct its business while waiting for the study to be completed.

Thank you,
The Hiltzley Ohana

10/23/2007

access2

From: Franklin GS05 Derrick U [derrick.u.franklin@usmc.mil]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:38 AM

To: testimony

Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE SUPERFERRY

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Dear Legislator's

I am a very avid Superferry supporter and my reason why are this. The Superferry is an excellent means of transportation for us because I have family members who are afraid to fly. I want to take them to the other islands but they will not take a 20 minute flight to do so. This Superferry would be my families savior, and when we heard about it we were ecstatic. But now to hear that it may not come to be is absolutely heartbreaking to us. I ask that you please allow the Superferry to set sail so my family can as well.

Sincerely,
Derrick Franklin
Superferry Supporter

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From: Bonnie Taomae [Bonnie.Taomae@territorialsavings.net]

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

To: testimony

Subject: SuperFerry Support

I am a resident of Honolulu and strongly in favor of the Super Ferry. I feel we need an additional means of transportation between islands that is energy efficient and affordable.

Bonnie Taomae
277-0796

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From: Robert & Sharon Ehrhorn [ehrhorn@inets.com]

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

To: testimony

Subject: Urgent need for Superferry

How can an Island economy function well when we, the residents, have no water method to get to the other Islands with our cars etc? Stop spending time trying to put blame on who started this problem! We need an alternative to air transport - especially with the oil situation in the world. Do the radical activists on the other islands not realize that in case of some emergency (weather etc.) that the Superferry could bring trucks, ambulances, supplies quickly!!!

The radicals do not make Matson and regular shipping lines go through this scrutiny .

Anyways- who are these radical environmentalists - can anyone call themselves an "environmentalist" - or is this a small group with an agenda. I sure hope we never discover that the car companies and airlines are backing these wackos.

As our legislators- you have the responsibility to do the right thing for the people. If a whale gets killed in the next few years - so what!

Sharon and Robert Ehrhorn.

testimony

From: Zeta Belinda [zameenah2001@yahoo.com]

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

To: testimony

Subject: Hi!

I support inter-island ferry while the statement is being drawn up. Thank you.

Zeta Shearill

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From: lamg@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:43 AM
To: testimony

I support the Superferry in Hawaii.

Good for the tourist industry. Tourist as well as the local will have a chance to see the beautiful ocean of our islands. Positive feed back will bring more tourist to our islands.

More tourist will help State of Hawaii economy growth. Also Produce grower and manufacturer will be able to ferry their goods to the other island on a daily basis instead of relying on Young's Brother Barge which take days. Faster delivery means fresher and cheaper products for the consumer. Superferry will also create more employment for our islanders.

Add another mean of transportation for interisland travel. Bring all our islands and people closer together.

testimony

From: Luu McCarty [LuuM@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Pro Superferry
Attachments: image002.jpg; image004.jpg

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

Luu McCarty, RA, GRI, CRS

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access3

From: Kathryn Reyes [kathrynj7@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:19 AM
To: festimony
Subject: ferry testimony

Aloha,

My name is Kathryn Reyes and I would like to express my support for the Hawaii Superferry. I think that it would greatly benefit the people of Hawaii, especially those like me who have a family with children and find it nearly imposible to enjoy the other islands due to the cost and inconvenience of flying and renting cars with children and all of their stuff. I can envision a future where the islands are one, with the people of Kauai being able to visit thier family on Oahu once a month instead of twice a year. I think it is rediculous to not allow the ferry to operate because of environmental issues. It is a modern vessel which would not impact the environment any more than all of the other boats out there everyday. It makes me sad to think that such a good oportunity could be destroyed by the fear of the airlines and rental car companies, because in the end, they are the only ones who have anything to lose.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Reyes

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From: Skip Morgan [cbm@alakaimechanical.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I urge the legislature to do everything possible to allow the Superferry to operate. To do less would be a grave injustice to the Superferry, the state and its citizens. Most, if not all, of the perceived hazards to the environment already exist with present interisland travel and commerce. To single out the Superferry from the other interisland sea travel for special restrictions and regulation is hypocritical and defies logic. Please make it possible for this worthy enterprise to proceed.

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From: Shelly Dye [sDye@IslandChevrolet.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

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

Dear Sirs,

I don't understand what all these people are expecting to accomplish in their actions. Did we do all this in our ports where all our supplies come in? Probably not, because it was to their advantage to have supplies brought into them. As for the whale, we already have big cruise ships coming in, so why haven't they yelled and screamed about that? These people who are protesting the Ferry are very selfish and have no compassion for all the people who number one, lost their jobs and two, for the loss of money their protesting has created. Further more, what do we look like to the tourist industry? If our tourist industry drops, what will they say then?

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access2

From: BeBack Hawaii [beback@lava.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Aloha Committee members:

In Hawaii in the 21st century we need to face the future. Many people moved to Maui or Kauai to escape facing the future. They wanted a more relaxed rural lifestyle. I was on a sailboat off Waikiki yesterday and saw the Superferry up close and under way. It is fantastic. It is the future.

I am also sure for many on the outer islands it is scary. What is this monster going to bring to our outer islands?

Please let the Superferry begin its service. It is part of the future of Hawaii. BUT Please don't forget about those people who have a different view of the future that things like the Superferry.

The State should not force these changes down the throats of concerned citizens.

Lets make an effort to at least discuss this environmental impact of the Superferry.

Aloha,
DAVID Baccus

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testimony

From: Mary L. Ridlon [itsap@attglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawai'i Superferry

Please consider this statement in support of the Hawaiian Superferry. I have owned a travel agency in Oklahoma for 29 years. I am a Hawaii Specialist and have had many, many inquiries about the Hawai'i Superferry service since the public first learned that the service would be offered this past summer. The ferry service would benefit Hawaii's tourism.

Mary L. Ridlon
International Tours
6836 S. 30th W. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74132-7133

October 23, 2007

Sirs/Madam,

This letter is written to tell you of our support of allowing the Superferry to operate interisland during the period of the environmental assessment.

My husband and I have long awaited an alternative to flying interisland, especially once the air fares became prohibitive. In addition, he is claustrophobic and our travels elsewhere where ferries are in abundance have proven to be an excellent form of transport.

Our children and grandchildren who live on Oahu have not been to our home in Maui for years partially because of the high cost of transportation. If the ferry is in operation we can visit them, saving the cost of car rental, and vice versa. As senior citizens we live in a small home so they must seek other accommodations when visiting us, adding to their expenses.

Please, heed the voices of the more quiet majority, those of us who don't have issues which interfere in the lives of others. We agree that we do not wish any MORE invasive species (many here were brought in with foreknowledge as you already know) in the islands. We do not wish to see sea creatures injured, although that already happens with some frequency (see "Archipelago" recently at the MAAC gallery). It appears the operators of the Superferry have taken into consideration the need for caution in operating in our waters, especially during whale season.

Give the citizens of Hawaii and the Superferry an opportunity to prove how progress can be attained while conducting the assessment which, if the courts had done their job in a timely fashion, would have been completed by now.

Thank you for your consideration of our wishes.

Signed: Wally and Darlene Rogers

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From: hargon holland [akamai10@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:59 PM
To: testimony

The majority must prevail. Not the loud minority.Keep the Superferry!!!!!!!

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From: Lana Oura [loura@pyramidins.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:59 PM
To: testimony
Subject: In favor of Hawaii Super Ferry....

Most of us (silent majority) are unable to attend the meetings and instead hope that the people we have voted into office will stand up for us.

Please allow this to serve as my vote in favor of the Hawaii Super Ferry. At the very least, let's allow Hawaii Super Ferry to operate on a temporary basis so we can actually assess what impact (if any) it has on the environment and whether or not the whales will be in jeopardy.

These are my questions for you:

1. Is it legal to impose regulations on the Super Ferry that we don't impose on the airlines, cruise lines, Matson, Young Bros, etc? Isn't that a form of discrimination?
2. If Hawaii Super Ferry is not allowed to operate, will we be faced with a costly (and justified) lawsuit, that the taxpayers can't afford it?

Lana Oura
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From: Michael Branley [boots@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:13 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

This e mail is an urgent request for the legislature to do what a majority of the citizenry of the state of Hawaii want—80% or 69% depending on the time and source. It is unfair to hold the Superferry to a different standard than all other forms of land and sea transportation to the outer islands. It is also unfair to allow a small minority of mostly mainland transplants to thwart the will of the majority of the citizens of our state. I therefore urge the legislature to allow the Superferry to operate while an EIS is being conducted. Whatever conditions are placed on the Superferry to operate should also be placed on all other forms of transport to the outer islands including the supply barges which bring in their food and other essentials.

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Branley

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From: L. Ranney [Laurasia888@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:39 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.

L. Ranney
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access2

From: Maren Calvert [maren808@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:53 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Legislation

Please do **something** to alleviate the impossible situation in which the Superferry has been placed. Local businesses and professionals have worked diligently to improve Hawai'i's reputation as a growing and thriving economy that is full of business, research, and cultural development opportunities. The debacle that has arisen over the information and misinformation given to all the parties involved in the environmental assessment requirements of the Superferry undercuts all of those efforts and supports, instead, the impression that Hawai'i is a backwards, corrupt, impossible place to do business. There has to be a compromise somewhere, that allows economic growth and development while protecting our precious resources in the meantime. Don't let this be about politics. Let it be about doing the right thing. Help Hawai'i grow and thrive.

Maren Calvert
Ewa Beach, HI

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From: Anne Tanouye [tanouyea@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:57 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimony

To Whom It May Concern:

I have read about the different issues involved and have decided to support that an environmental impact study and statement **before** the Superferry can operate in Hawaii. I think that the environment, the animals, and the people deserve to be preserved as long as possible. Although I do have support for alternate transportation in the Hawaii; i.e. the Superferry, it is only fair that an environmental impact study and statement be completed. We as the people of Hawaii owe it to ourselves and our children to see if and what impact such a service will bring about.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Lucky I live Hawaii,
Anne Tanouye

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From: snapchat [snapchat@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY OPERATING !!!

We are ONE state. The Hawaii Superferry can connect us in special, important and meaningful ways!

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY OPERATING IN HAWAII. -
 October 23, 2007

1. Aloha and Regards! My name is Susan Janow and I am a photographic artist and resident of Hawaii. I speak as an individual representing my own perspectives and point of view.

In the way of introduction, I am a respected photographer with an eye and love for nature's pristine environs as well as the island's rich cultural content. I am known for my beautiful Hawaiian photographs that capture and share the amazing naturescapes, vibrant culture, and abundant splendor of Hawaii – from exquisite beach sunrises to koa canoe races. My body of work helps document and preserve Hawaii's brilliant aesthetics in both nature and culture. People love my art photographs. They are used in very many venues that include art objects, books and much more.

I have a growing art business that can be greatly enhanced by using the HSF to be able to go to the other Hawaiian islands to take photographs that capture the unique magnificence of each island in addition to expanding my business opportunities once there.

2. To: All Chairs of Committees participating in or overseeing hearings AND a Special Session on the Hawaii Superferry resuming inter-island service in Hawaii. (Hearings/Sessions are pending and in process of being scheduled – some as early as October 24, 2007.

3. Regarding: IN SUPPORT of the Hawaii Superferry operating in our island state.

PLEASE HELP THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY PROVIDE THEIR MUCH-NEEDED SERVICE IN HAWAII!

1. As I understand it, in good faith, the HSF very conscientiously complied with all legal and ethical requirements asked of them. In fact they exceeded them in some instances.

2. Further, they provide a well-researched, environmentally sensitive MUCH-NEEDED ALTERNATIVE to other modes of inter-island transportation. (*As a footnote, the carbon footprint per passenger transported between islands is smaller than other methods available at this time.)

3. They deserve the opportunity to provide service that can be in the best interests of ALL the peoples of Hawaii.

4. I can't fly and have waited excitedly, counting the days, for 4 years for the HSF service to begin. I can't get to the other islands without the HSF.

5. I love Hawaii and love photographing its transcendent beauty. By being effectively stopped from having access to the other islands using the HSF, a hardship is created upon me that blocks the fullest realization of my business dreams and greatly limits my creative vision for my artistic development and evolution of my life's work.

6. Further, I need to be able to get to the other islands with my car that can safely carry my camera equipment.

Having my car allows me:

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- A. To make deliveries of art images/products.
 - B. To get around once there doing photography at different sights of the unique and brilliant splendor of each island's natural environs and culture.
 - C. To go to meetings, trade shows, art events, educate, etc.
 - D. To maintain accounts as well as create new venues to sell my art photography.
 - E. To connect with new market opportunities.
 - F. To drive safely and conveniently in the car I am used to - with my own insurance.
 - F. To Etc., Etc. Etc. (All positives!)
- I cannot get to other islands with my car without the service of the HSF.

I wholeheartedly encourage you to PLEASE HELP restore the Hawaii Superferry to service as it offers a wonderful and invaluable alternative for inter-island travel! I urge you to pass legislation or other appropriate and legal means that would allow this to happen.

I was on its first voyage and I look forward to riding the Hawaii Superferry again very soon! Below is a photograph I took from the Inaugural voyage of the HSF of the rarely scene majestic north side of Molokai.

access2

From: Danny Asing [dasing@alertalarmhawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:57 PM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

Its ignorance from people that are stopping the super ferry from doing a good thing for this state. I could go on and on about why it's a good thing, but it seems as if their mind is made up. We have a lot of family on the outer islands, like everyone else here and if we go to visit them, we are going to rent cars anyway. With the super ferry at least we would be taking our cars back with us. As for the legal issues, the state allowed it to start without a environmental impact statement, just like the cruise ships that come here which would pollute our waters as much as if not more than the super ferry. Like I said before there are IGNORANT people making decisions for our state and lets just hope they make the right decision now!!!! 100% SUPPORTER OF THE SUPER FERRY

Mahalo & Aloha,

Daniel Asing

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From: JOHNNA DELCASTILLO [JDELCASTILLO@queens.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: The Superferry, what else?

I have tried to keep track of all the events and the timeline regarding the start and pretty much the demise of the Superferry and although there probably was some shady and not so on the up and up stuff that went on, the bottom line is for me and my family:

The Superferry is going to be beneficial for Hawaii. Families will have a chance to be closer and get closer. There will be more vacation dollars being spent within our own state coming from the pockets of our own residents instead of going out to the mainland.

The kids who play sports and even those that compete in scholastic arenas such as debate and the sciences will have another way to get to other venues around the state. Kids from the outer islands can come here together with their parents and coaches all at the same time with their own vehicles.

Families needing new vehicles are going to be able to give all the car dealers a run for their money as anyone can be able to come to Honolulu, haggle over a new car and then drive it back home to an outer island!

The operative word here should be "STATE"---we are not 7 island nations, but one STATE!!!

Let's try to put our selfish loyalties aside for now---now is not the time to get into our "Maui No Ka Oi" mode....

testimony

From: John Klein [iconoclast83@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:57 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Please do everything you can to get the Superferry up and running as soon as possible. The state has committed our taxpayer funds to make this project go. We the taxpayer cannot absorb the effects of more bungling by the government. The superferry investors acted in good faith on our governments word that they could operate and then the rug is pulled out from under them at the last moment. This is bad for business in this state. Operating the superferry during the EA is a good idea because we will have real data over an eight month period versus just a bunch of assumptions that can be spun one way or the other. The whale population is up 10% the last two years and thus the whales are not an issue but merely a tool for the obstructionists among the population.

Hawaii needs to cut taxes, cut spending and reduce red tape or we will remain a backward tourist destination. Close down the EBT(welfare) program and put the protestors back to work. Thank you, John Klein, Kauai - a tax payer and citizen.

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From: Maurice Miranda [mmiranda@atlasinsurance.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support of Superferry

This testimony may be too late but I support the Superferry. I'm an insurance agent, youth coach & part time farmer and I see this alternative means of transportation as a good thing for the State of Hawaii residents. One only has to look at GO Airlines and appreciate how airfares have come back to reasonable rates with competition. Inter-island transportation is the lifeblood of the residents of the State of Hawaii. Legislators should be looking for ways to make our lives easier instead of playing political football with this issue. Get off your butts and go to work for us.

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testimony

From: Loraie Maxwell [maxloraie@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Save the 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.

Don't let this wonderful opportunity for another means of transportation leave the islands.

In the meantime, they should have ferry service on Oahu like the Star of Honolulu, where they go to Diamond Head and back, at least they could make some money in the interim.

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From: Catherine Eber [trin45888@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:56 AM

To: testimony

Aloha--My name is Catherine Lee Loy and I support the Superferry because it gives our people choice of how we want to travel and adds jobs for our people. Most of all, I support the super ferry because if we don't follow through with our commitments our State will be seeing bigger problems down the line--loans for the harbor improvement, suit from the super ferry for their losses, etc.

Malama pono,
Cathy

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From: Shirley Kinoshita [skinoshita@honolulufcu.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Hawaii's SuperFerry

Dear Legislators:

Hawaii is my birthplace and as a businesswoman, I have watched as we (government, private industry, and citizens) have struggled to maintain our State's God-given beauty yet not over-develop it.

The Hawaii SuperFerry is not the only ocean-going company using our waterways—in fact, I'm not sure whether we are able to monitor the hundreds of ships who visit our state through international waters and the effects made on our territorial waters and fish population. On the other hand, the SuperFerry navigates in our local waterways and provides business & transportation opportunities to our State and its users—the citizens of Hawaii. As the SuperFerry operates, its effects—good or bad can be measured and monitored with facts not emotion. (This reminds me of the H3 controversy and I am so glad we were able to build through the beauty of that environment—I enjoy the spectacular drive every time I have the opportunity to use the H3 freeway).

I agree that our State needs constant vigilance over the development of business opportunities and clean service industries that can operate in our precious environment and sustain our resources. I believe the Hawaii SuperFerry fits the criteria. Give it a chance to do what it was intended to do.

Thank you,
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testimony

From: richard leong [rwyleong@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I support the Super Ferry!

I have read the ridiculous reasons expressed by the minority opposing it and hope that we, the silent majority, will prevail.

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From: jknatasha@aim.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:52 AM
To: testimony; letters@mauinews.com
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,

We do not allow students to graduate from high school without fulfilling academic requirements. Imagine if a rich parent could convince the legislature that it would be ok to let a failing student graduate if either a little money was donated to the state or the state just changed the law.

Please don't change the law for the sake of a business. An environmental impact study needs to be done on Maui before the superferry operates. This could have already been accomplished during the past three years. Why should we pay for that mistake?

Sincerely,

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From: Jeff Sacher [jsacher@kona.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: 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

Aloha,

I have had many concerns about Hawaii Superferry (HSF). Here are just two:

I question if HSF is truly affordable and convenient for local families. A woman wrote to me saying, "How are these types of prices going to help our local families? This is sooo much more expensive than any of us could have imagined...what could have been a viable way for my family to travel, just got thrown out the window due to expense."

Regarding inspections: Based on the 110 vehicles HSF says they will most likely carry, there will be 32.7 seconds to inspect each vehicle IF all vehicles check in one hour prior to departure. They say they'll check for Driver License, proof of insurance, vehicle registration, and Vehicle Movement Authorization, if applicable. They also have to do agricultural screenings. And they say they will open vehicles' hoods, trunk and back cargo area, look into the wheel wells, under the bumpers and in compartments. This is great! But, seriously, how can this be done thoroughly in 32.7 seconds?

Pin them down on any one of their environmental protection procedures, and I guarantee you'll find huge holes.

After reading the 50-page draft of proposed legislation, a new concern arose: There is talk about changing our laws to accommodate a private business that is already benefiting from State funding and a Federal loan guarantee. This document throws out Chapter 343 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and allows Hawaii Superferry to operate without regard to the environmental laws that have served us well for over 30 years. If this legislation is passed, it will greatly affect our environment and our legal process.

Senators, the Plaintiffs in the recent court cases went through all the proper channels in the legal process and were successful in obtaining a favorable judgment: An EA must be performed prior to HSF beginning service.

Due to the Governor apparently trying to change the laws after the fact, the Plaintiffs, in the interest of protecting the State's environment and our environmental laws, submitted 29 conditions to be enacted in the event HSF is allowed to sail while conducting an EA. NOT ONE of those conditions is contained anywhere in this document. Apparently, neither the Governor, nor DOT, nor HSF appears to be willing to do ANY kind of negotiating in order to protect our environment or our laws.

10/23/2007

And to add insult to injury, this document puts decision-making in the hands of the Governor – the very person who helped create this mess. Isn't that putting the fox in charge of the hen house?

Please consider the consequences for our environment and our legal process if a special session is called to bail out a company that made a poor business decision and lost their bet by moving forward with that decision.

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,
Jeff Sacher
Kawaihae, Big Island

testimony

From: Wes Fong [wesfong@wing-wing.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:48 AM
To: testimony
Cc: destini@mondogelatohawaii.com
Subject: support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i

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 emailing you for my support of the inter-island ferry service. As a small business owner in Honolulu it will increase the ability for me to grow my company with the access of providing my goods and services to other islands.

I lived in Vancouver, B.C. Canada and inter island ferry service is vital to our communities and economies.

Aloha,
Wes Fong

Mondo Gelato - Hawaii

access1

From: noble travel [noble.travel@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:04 AM
To: testimony

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Teresita B. Noble and am in favor of having the SUPERFERRY as another form of TRANSPORTATION, in case of emergency and flights are cancelled all the islands have alternative, also it will help in transporting patients who needed URGENT MEDICAL needs that CANNOT be provided in each island.

Also, what I don't understand is WHY are they not ALLOWING the SUPERFERRY why the big CRUISE SHIPS as allowed while SUPERFERRY will benefit all the residents on each island, remember all the island population are rapidly growing. WE CANNOT STOP or HAMPER GROWTH, we have to deal with it NOW, we don't need to WASTE alot of time and money, LEGISLATURE have to ACT NOW. We are all living in a world with MODERN TECHNOLOGY, we cannot think ANCIENT, otherwise we will be behind. ACTION NOW IS NEEDED.

Concerned citizen.

testimony

From: Esther at Ka Hale A Ke Ola Resource Center [khaoesther@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: RE: Testimony

Aloha,

My name is Esther Iwalani Kailihiwa Santos. I'am a Native Hawaiian. I reside on the Island of Maui. I'am a Kupuna and I believe in my rights as a grandmother, a mother, a daughter, a sister. I believe in me. I have grown up and seen all the changes and accepted some because I have too. This time I have seen and accepted the Flying Super Ferry. The Super Ferry Stands tall and magestic with the Hi'Hi Manu adorning it's sides proud and significant. I told my daughter and my grandchildren that the AlaKai is the wrong name for the Super Ferry. When you adorn a Magestic Sea Carrier with the Hi'hi

Manu it should proudly be named after it's namesake in the beautiful Ocean.

I support the Super Ferry because I truly believe in the progress that is being made. My family was one of the Inagural Passengers who were blessed to travel to Oahu. They were stranded in Oahu for a few days but were fortunate to be treated with respect from the Company. My grandchildren were in great wonder to have experienced this Great Adventure. I could not be with them because there was not enough room for two of my granddaughters and myself. The Super Ferry provided a great means for my family to go to another Island. The best part about it we were able to afford to send them on this journey, with the car and their daddy and mommy could drive them all over the island to see what they could not see. The last time my grandchildren traveled to another island was when they were little. We are a family of 5 children and 3 adults. One day I hope to take all of my grandchildren to another island 10 in all and 6 adults.

Maybe the Super Ferry made a mistake by going ahead with their plan but they were up front and forward. I believe I'am more important than the sea animals, invasive species, and all the other thoughts that may be put forth to stop the Super Ferry. This is my feelings and my question: Why should I give up my rights for the animals in the Ocean, the invasive species, and all the Opala that is given to us? Groups will be created to monitor the Ocean, the organizations and law enforcement agencies will monitor and provide all the assistance that is needed to protect our aina and our people. By our people I mean all of our people who call Hawaii our home not designating race, creed or beliefs. I would be proud to have my ancestors stand by me and ride the Super Ferry. I would like to see the wonder on their faces. I would like to enjoy one day soon to enjoy that same wonder on the faces of my grandchildren. My grand children who were blessed to ride the Super Ferry talked about their Adventure for days. They still watch and follow the news. Mahalo for your time. I am proud to be Hawaiian and a Supporter of the Super Ferry. (E Na Hi'hi Manu E Alaka'i)

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State Senate Legislative Hearing

Aloha Friends,

Mahalo for your tremendous response to the recent polls.

Overwhelming public support for Hawaii Superferry was dramatically shown.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

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

Email to: Legislature's Public Access Room

testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

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

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

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Copies of the bill and hearing notice can be found online at:
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From: Rodney Iwamoto [Rlwamoto@bisihi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of Superferry

What further reasonings are needed to support the Superferry?

Plain and simple, it will be a boost to the neighbor island economies at an opportune time since unemployment rates are so low here in the islands which ultimately translates into more discretionary income to spend. Not to mention the jobs that this option to travel interisland will create both directly and indirectly.

Why are we willing to prevent the Superferry to continue for the vocal minority? For once in my lifetime I would like to see the legislature use common sense in approving the Superferry to continue while the environmental impact studies are being done.

Haven't we learned from past history? Didn't this same type of protests occur while we were trying to build the H-3? Is anyone now complaining that the H-3 was a bad decision?

In the words of Nike, "Just Do It!".

Rodney Iwamoto

testimony

From: Gene Taylor [gene.taylor@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:04 PM
To: testimony
Subject: NO superferry without a responsible EIS

You folks should be ashamed of yourselves. Your/our children are watching. What you are doing smells of corruption, or at least collusion, and should be investigated as such. If found guilty, you all should go to jail.

Gene Taylor

access1

From: kligatich@hawaii.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:01 AM
To: testimony

To Senate Committees - Judiciary & Labor, Transportation & Intl. Affairs, and Energy & Environment Hearing Date Wed. Oct 24, 2007 at 10:30am Auditorium State Capitol Testimony
From Kerri Ligatich regarding the Hawaii Superferry I live in the Puna area of Hawaii and wish to have my voice counted. It is difficult to watch the few people who showed up for the Neighbor Island Meetings in favor of the Superferry booed and heckled as they tried to speak. I don't believe the meetings represent the correct ratio of support and just gave the protesters more airtime on the news. I like many want a choice for travel. I will need to travel to Oahu for Medical care to see specialist for my chronic illness. We have a major shortage of Doctors here. There are many reasons to support the Ferry. Please listen to the MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE. Not the few who could scream the loudest.....Thank You, Kerri Ligatich 966-4438

testimony

From: Gail Rodrigues [gail@islandworldrealty.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:20 AM
To: testimony

I personally believe that we need the Super Ferry so that we can travel to the other islands to visit our relatives and take our cars with us. People that cannot travel by air and also take the ferry to visit there relatives.

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From: Robert & Sharon Ehrhorn [ehrhorn@inets.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Urgent need for Superferry

How can an Island economy function well when we, the residents, have no water method to get to the other Islands with our cars etc? Stop spending time trying to put blame on who started this problem! We need an alternative to air transport - especially with the oil situation in the world. Do the radical activists on the other islands not realize that in case of some emergency (weather etc.) that the Superferry could bring trucks, ambulances, supplies quickly!!!

The radicals do not make Matson and regular shipping lines go through this scrutiny .

Anyways- who are these radical environmentalists - can anyone call themselves an "environmentalist" - or is this a small group with an agenda. I sure hope we never discover that the car companies and airlines are backing these wackos.

As our legislators- you have the responsibility to do the right thing for the people. If a whale gets killed in the next few years - so what!

Sharon and Robert Ehrhorn.

access2

From: BERNARD NAEA JR [dnaea@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor Of Hawaii Super Ferry

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

Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Attn: Senate Committees,

I Dory Naea am in favor of the Hawaii Super Ferry. My reasons have very much to do with my business and personal needs and desires. Living on Kauai for 29 years, my family and I have learned to sacrifice much more than any one on Maui and especially Oahu have ever had to. I have a window covering business and pay high freight charges. When an error occurs (draperies, etc...) I must pack and send it and wait unusually long for simple re-do's. Not to mention being able to purchase items that cannot be hand carried or in luggage on the airlines. We were very excited about the concept of being able to finally bring home all of the items, when we used to say, "How are we going to get that home with out paying a fortune in freight". Ballet, football games & medical are just a few more reasons the Super Ferry is an asset and not a liability.

Please approve the Hawaii Super Ferry,

Thank you,

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testimony

From: Richard Rodriguez [rrodriguez@crmlv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:00 PM
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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We fully support the Hawaii Superferry to commence operations while an environmental impact study is conducted. We believe the superferry is good for the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Rodriguez
President
Consolidated Resorts Management
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Lahaina, Hawaii 96761
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testimony

From: Evan K. Rhodes [evan@capitolplace.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Personal Testimony

Dear Sir or Maam,

Finally, we the people of Hawaii get something state of the art, totally cutting edge in naval design, and something of huge benefit to the people of Hawaii through interisland travel, commerce, tourism, and could offer assistance if needed after a hurricane. Please do not let the minority hinder the good that this vessel can bring to the State of Hawaii.

I as a tax paying citizen of Oahu will use the super vastly more than any rail service on the island.

Mahalo for you time,

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Felicia Waialae [fwaialae@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:06 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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access1

From: Bonnie Madigan [hulamoonbonnie@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: WE DESPERTELY NEED THE FERRY

Please embrace the need for this efficient mode of transportation for our beautiful State.

Bonnie J Madigan
Owner
Under A Hula Moon
Kailua Town Center
and
Ward Center
Oahu

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testimony

From: Deborah Weaver [deborahweaver@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:07 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Must Get an EIS Before Sailing

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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

To Distinguished Senators,

Please let it be known for the record that it is my position that and EIS must be completed before the Hawaii Superferry is allowed to sail. Despite all of the intention and the potentially positive outcomes it could bring, not completing and EIS first is the WRONG thing to do and I find it very alarming that it is not being honored legally. It is our right to demand that a fair assessment is given to ensure we really are doing what's best for the environment that sustains all the people of Hawaii including the island of Kauai.

Please help us ensure justice is served and the law is followed, give an EIS and restore our faith in "we the people".

Mahalo,
Deborah Weaver
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testimony

From: Carol Hollins [carolhollins@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:07 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Super Ferry

Please do not discontinue the super ferry.

testimony

From: John Klein [iconoclast83@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:08 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Please do everything you can to get the Superferry up and running as soon as possible. The state has committed our taxpayer funds to make this project go. We the taxpayer cannot absorb the effects of more bungling by the government. The superferry investors acted in good faith on our governments word that they could operate and then the rug is pulled out from under them at the last moment. This is bad for business in this state. Operating the superferry during the EA is a good idea because we will have real data over an eight month period versus just a bunch of assumptions that can be spun one way or the other. The whale population is up 10% the last two years and thus the whales are not an issue but merely a tool for the obstructionists among the population.

Hawaii needs to cut taxes, cut spending and reduce red tape or we will remain a backward tourist destination. Close down the EBT(welfare) program and put the protestors back to work. Thank you, John Klein, Kauai - a tax payer and citizen.

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From: TANYA NOVOA [tanyadnovo@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: WE NEED THE HAWAII SUPER FERRY
Importance: High

To all whom this concerns,

The Super Ferry is an amazing and truly useful form of transportation. I feel very privileged the Super Ferry is here to provide services (other than airplanes) for the islands people. The island people seem to be the ones who will use it the most.

The "warmongers" would like to instill fear and build up supposed scenarios of detrimental effects of the Super Ferry, which most seem to be VERY UNLIKELY. THEY ARE BIG BULLIES. YELLING AT PEOPLE WHILE THEY ARE TALKING, (are they afraid if they let someone talk they will make sense!?)

It is an absolute shame the way the Super Ferry is being treated. If they still want to give us a chance and stay in the islands, please let them. It would be a huge loss to us to lose this wonderful and useful form of transportation.

Regards Tanya Novoa

testimony

From: So Young Namikawa [SoyoungN@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:09 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Pro Superferry
Importance: High

Superferry should sail around islands and help many people's good needs.
We need transportation means like Superferry.

Do we stop driving because we fear of car accidents? Do we stop sailing Superferry due to the fear of hurting ocean creatures? Superferry can keep on sailing as it does environmental study. What and when it is necessary, they can always make corrections and improvements. Are all those ocean transportation around islands beside Superferry environmentally perfect?

I have experienced riding Superferry when they just started \$10 for the round trip. It was above excellence. We need service like Superferry, no doubt!!!

So Young Namikawa (RA)

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access2

From: Paulette Medeiros [pmedeiros@aquaresorts.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Yes to SuperFerry with Restrictions

Aloha Sir/Madam,

I am an Oahu Resident that would like to see the SuperFerry up and running.
I would have loved to save money on outer island cost during Softball Tournaments to Maui and Kauai.
Now that my kids are grown, we can get everyone together and go for a family reunion to Hana, Maui.
From Maui we can take a smaller ferry to Molokai.
See aging Grandparents on Kauai.
Check out the Cousins on the Big Island.
My husband and I can go for long motor cycle rides on the big island.
I would love to visit Family on the outer island, but I would love for them to be able to come and visit us or be able to come for Doctor's appointments and go straight from Honolulu Harbor to the doctor appointments and or the hospital.

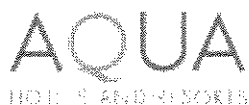
From what I hear from my family on the outer island, they drive too close to the islands, traffic, raping of the land, etc.

They shouldn't be driving so close to the islands, and they should go further out, like Young Brothers, Matson, Cruise Ships.

They want the SuperFerry to incur the cost of manpower of the DLNR (Dept of Land and Natural Resources), to be able to randomly search cars, for over picking the Ophi, over harvest of Maile Lei's, Drug Trafficing which is already happening anyways.

The SuperFerry should be doing that already and they the SuperFerry should be held accountable just the same way the Airlines, Young Brothers and Matson are accountable.

If this is part of the environmental impact, then do it and get the SuperFerry running already, sheesh!!!



Paulette Medeiros
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testimony

From: Shuguang Li [shuguang@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:08 PM
To: testimony
Subject: support of Hawaii Superferry

To whom it may concern,

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my support for Hawaii Superferry. I just noticed an e-mail informing me of this opportunity. Although the deadline is past (10:30 am today), I would like to say something if you can still count it.

I have been watching the development of the issue recently. I am not used to be interested in political issues. But I really feel angry to see that there is a small group of people who used various excuses to take away Hawaii Superferry, which offers the state-of-art transportation to the people of Hawaii. A group of my friends and I have been looking forward to seeing it for years. It not only offers us a new way of interisland travel, but also provide competition in the area. Without such competition, the travelers would be charged much more for interisland travels. The huge number of customers would be the losers.

I also noticed the concerns of those opponents. To me they are ridiculous. I live on the Big Island, where coqui frogs are everywhere. Who brought them in? Isn't this a good example that without Hawaii Superferry invasive species can still come in? Without the Superferry, other ships could still hit whales, which I don't quite believe. Then why should the Superferry be treated so differently. It seems that these groups of opponents just don't want to see advance of technology. They would take whatever they can find to fight with. Take look of those in Kauai, who don't care to break the laws to stand in the way of the Superferry.

This is a democratic society. Majority should decide what should happen. Why can we ask for whole population of the state to vote on the issue? And let the majority tell what they want.

Thanks for your time,
Shuguang Li

testimony

From: Deborah Weaver [deborahweaver@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:09 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Must Get an EIS Before Sailing

Hearing notice for Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at the State Capitol. Here is the link online:
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/splsession2007b/hearingnotices/JDL-TIA-ENE_10-24-07_.htm (The same as below.)

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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

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NOTICE OF HEARING

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

To Distinguished Senators,

Please let it be known for the record that it is my position that and EIS must be completed before the Hawaii Superferry is allowed to sail. Despite all of the intention and the potentially positive outcomes it could bring, not completing and EIS first is the WRONG thing to do and I find it very alarming that it is not being honored legally. It is our right to demand that a fair assessment is given to ensure we really are doing what's best for the environment that sustains all the people of Hawaii including the island of Kauai.

Please help us ensure justice is served and the law is followed, give an EIS and restore our faith in "we the people".

Mahalo,
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testimony

From: J. Rowley [jrowley@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:10 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Hawaii Superferry Operations during EA

Aloha,

I would like to express my support for the Hawaii Superferry in general, and more specifically, that they be allowed to operate during the EIS.

I live on Oahu and travel to the Neighbor Islands throughout the year. During my stay on the Neighbor Islands, I rent a car, which adds to the traffic on the island that I visit. I intend to use the Superferry service if it becomes available, and rather than rent a car, I will bring my own. The increase in traffic on the Neighbor Island that I visit is no greater than what has already been incurred by my added presence there – it's just a matter of renting vs. bringing my own.

I believe that the Hawaii Superferry was allowed to proceed without an EIS, which was not a failure or involved any wrongdoing on their part. I think that an EIS is necessary and I support that, however I believe that the Superferry should be allowed to operate during this process.

Thank you for your consideration.

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testimony

From: jolin7@hawaiiantel.net
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To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha!

My name is Jolin Barretto and I'm currently residing on the Island of O`ahu. However, I am a "transplant" from the Island of Kaua`i and am a strong supporter of the Superferry. Although I share the same concerns as others, my family and I have been waiting anxiously for the opportunity to *utilize the services of the Superferry, particularly to be able to bring my children back home to camp with the rest of the family and to be able to bring home Christmas gifts without worrying about being charged extra from the airlines.* I also tend to spend a lot of money on rental cars because everyone in my family has only one vehicle, therefore, I need to rental a car. Please do everything in your power to keep the Superferry here in Hawai`i to give the TRUE KAUA`I PEOPLE and TRUE LOCAL PEOPLE the opportunity to choose their modes of transportation between the islands.

Mahalo for your time!

Jolin Barretto

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From: June Zakimi [jzakimi@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: We support Superferry

Amy Takata (my mother doesn't have email), and the Zakimi Family support the Superferry so we can visit friends and family on the outer islands without having to worry about the baggage minimum that you have with flying. Thank you for listening and for your support!

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testimony

From: chemdoc@sonic.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:49 AM
To: testimony

I am a resident of California who, over the past 26 years, has been both vacationing and house sitting for Hawaiian residents. As a long-term visitor, I am acutely aware of the Inter-island transportation need and opportunities.

I believe the Inter island ferry provides a unique opportunity for Hawaii to solve a growing problem, that of fulfilling the growing demand for Inter-island transportation for both expanding Hawaiian businesses and for tourists. Further, to limit or restrict this need because of claims presented by people who purport to represent "the environment" is not factually based. Visiting whales are more threatened by the increasing number of tour boats; invasive species are more probable from contamination of visiting freighters and inter island barges. It is a recognized fact that the legal role of environmental impact claims is to attempt to stop otherwise viable improvements through the nebulous and unquantifiable claim of "environmental impact"

Clearly, we all know what the result of the proscribed environmental impact study will be , namely that the ferry does have an environmental impact and that other than banning the ferry there is no way to prevent he impact. Therefore, why waste more millions enriching the consultants. Let the ferry operate and then measure any actual impact.

Cordially yours, Charles R. Greene

testimony

From: Robert Stevens [mookane@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:11 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry Stays !

"Sink da Superferry" ? No, put all the protesters on a ship and sink it ! All you see is haoles protesting the Superferry. Locals need to rise up and protest the protesters. Locals are the ones with family and friends on neighbor islands, transplants don't. Local people would benefit from the Superferry. Locals, you were "Grown" there, not "Flown" there, don't let the transplants ruin a good thing for you.

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

testimony

From: Francis/1kalakaua.com [francis@1kalakaua.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:23 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Francis G.
Subject: In Large Favor of the SuperFerry

To whom it may concern at the State Legislature:

I am in favor of the Superferry. This is a no brainer....we need more intra-State transportation options.

As for the environmentalists, it is much to do about nothing, being driven by a very small minority. As a comparative, I travel often to French Polynesia where for over 40 years ferry boats

have provided much needed, speedy and efficient intra-island ferry transportation choices other than airplanes.

It is a boon to their economy, just as the SuperFerry will be a positive improvement to our overall State economy.

Please vote to allow the SuperFerry to operate while the ES is being done

testimony

From: Heidi Bigelow [heidi@westmauiland.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support the super ferry

Dear Legislators.

I am in support of the super ferry. Please continue your efforts to enable this much needed alternative form of inter-island transportation become a reality.

Mahalo,

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testimony

From: James Namnath [info@okmaui.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: JDL/TIA/ENE hearing 10/24/2007 TESTIMONY

We are Hawaii property owners and one of us is a Hawaii resident.

We would like to testify in support of a special session to allow the operation of Interisland ferry service.

As Hawaii vacation property renters and business people we testify that:

- our customers who have rented our vacation properties have indicated they would use the ferry and extend their stay on the islands if was available
- Our customers have expressed dismay that the Ferry was not in operation in the recent past. The guests have indicated they specifically wanted to use the ferry and now will spend less time and money touring the islands.

As experienced users of ferries in other locations we testify that we have seen ferries that operate at speeds of up to 45 miles per hour are fully capable of operating safely and with minimal environmental impact. We have seen ferry service operate in same waters as whales and in many decades of experience have never heard of a single collision between ferries and whales.

As educated people with advanced science degrees and experience in Environmental Impact reporting we testify that the addition of one or two ferry ships in Hawaii will be found to have negligible impact especially in perspective to hundreds of daily ship transits now in place in commercial and military operations. Numerous civil and military ships have operated for decades at or above the expected maximum speed of the ferry and no impact on whales has been noted.

As educated Environmental Studies professional and educator it is our opinion that the operation of sea based transport will emit less carbon dioxide per passenger and cargo weight than air transport. The spread of invasive species between islands is not an issue since the islands are close enough that natural transport of interisland species does occur constantly and the presence of a ferry will not impact that.

For environmental and economic reasons we support interisland ferry service

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From: Marcia Exter [MarciaX@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:08 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Margaret E. Murchie
Subject: RE: pro superferry

Bravo Margaret...I agree with your points completely.

Marcia Exter

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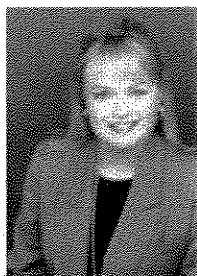
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From: Margaret E. Murchie
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:18 AM
To: 'testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov'
Subject: pro superferry

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

10/23/2007



Warm aloha,

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