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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:14 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Urgent: Your Testimony Needed

re: superferry in favor

this situation for the superferry in hawaii is really tragic. this is a natural extension for an island economy. i lived in seattle area for over 10 years and rode numerous delightful ferry boats, with and without car. i also was a power boat owner traveling 30 mph+ and never ran into a killer whale.

the media and maybe the legislature is listening to a very vocal minority. how can you let this group sway you to an illogical decision. it appears that all three parties have tried to work out a compromise with this legislation with a lot of safeguards. please let the ferry sail and do whatever environmental study you need as the superferry demonstrates the plusses and minuses of service. you'll learn a lot more that way, rather than requiring a wait of who knows how long--believe me, the ferry will be gone. it would make no economic sense to wait idle. there are many economies in the world who would welcome this turnkey ferry service. sometimes hawaii is just too provincial. let the superferry sail.

sincerely written, ronald s. chadwick--resident of hawaii since 1980 and sandra. c. smiley--born and raised in hawaii.

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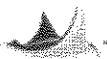
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### State Senate Legislative Hearing

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

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

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

Copies of the bill and hearing notice can be found online at: [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov)

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**From:** S. Kamal Salibi [salibi@hawaiiink.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:18 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super ferry

To whom it may concern,

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe it is in the best interest of the people of Hawaii. It is difficult for supporters of the ferry to show up at public meetings which have been taken over by hostile demonstrators. Folks I have asked, are in support with some rare exeptions. Kauai is not a gated community for the rich newcomers who can afford a \$ 200 airline ticket.

Thank you

S. K. Salibi  
27 year Kauai resident

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**From:** Lydia Kuiee [mamaluvdaash@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:41 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Keep Alaka'i

The Superferry would be so beneficial to all of us who travel inter-island. Just to be able to drive your car on the Alaka'i and then drive it off when we're on Kauai or Maui is a god send. For those of us who don't want to rent a car, or use the family's car. Please let the Alaka'i be a part of another form of transportation here in Hawaii. The people on Kauai are not keiki o ka aina. We who grew up on Kauai welcome the Alaka'i immensely.

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**From:** annette newman [nalomom@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:52 AM

**To:** testimony

Trips to my hometown, Hilo, are limited. Cost is a major factor. With the lawsuits against GO Airlines, it appears that interisland flights will again be monopolized by Hawaiian & Aloha Airlines and the cost will be raised.

My family of four was excited about the Superferry and had anticipated a trip to the Big Island as soon as it started going there. I had always wanted to take my family camping to the various spots my parents took me to when I was growing up. The Superferry and the possibility of taking our own vehicle was like a dream come true.

Please vote in favor of letting the Superferry operate. We really do need more travel options besides the airlines.

Thank you  
Annette Newman  
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**From:** Mike Larratt [larrattme@msn.com]  
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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Please pass legislation to allow the Superferry to operate immediately.

As the writer on the editorial page of this morning's Advertiser noted, the delays in the courts, including the Supreme Court, have allowed the people's "discussion", stimulated by a small minority of Activists, to become street demonstrations, harbor blockades, and yelling matches at public hearings.

The job of the Legislature is to Legislate in favor of the vast majority--- that in numerous polls appears to favor the Superferry operating while the EIS is being completed, at a minimum.

Actually if the Legislature is interested in environmental impact, they should draft legislation affecting all shipping in Hawaiian waters, not single out one ship out of the 50 or more operating here.

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**From:** Lloydifsea@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry Issue

**To whom it may concern:**

**Our Company L & S Sales, a Hospitality Furniture Rep Business is disillusioned with the controversy over the Superferry. We were and still are looking forward to serving our customers (Hawaii Resort Hotels) more effectively. The Superferry will enable us to better facilitate providing our sample chairs to the various Hawaiian Islands without experiencing the high air freight expenses.**

**Please consider providing this wonderful mode of transportation for the support of Hawaii's small businesses!**

**Mahalo,  
Lloyd Evers & Sandra Ohara**

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**From:** Liz Kimura [ekimura@mail.admrec.hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:00 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** kyle Kimura  
**Subject:** Superferry

Gentleman:

I hope that you will consider my testimony, although it is coming in a little late. I would like to voice my support for the Superferry. I feel they should be allowed to operate while the EIS is being done.

There is nothing that they do which is any different from what Young Brothers and other transport companies do, as far as transportation services.

I do feel that the "emotional" testimony on the outer islands has been just that emotional. It is devoid of logic. I do care about our islands and the whales however...

- 1) If people don't travel by ferry, they will travel by air. So they will still visit the outer islands.
- 2) Surely, we can work out a route which will lessen the chances of having a collision with the whales.
- 3) We are not talking about 5 or 6 ferrys traversing our waters we are talking about ONE ferry. They will not cause any traffic jams. I have much confidence that the whales will stay away from the ferry's as well.  
They will hear the vibrations and naturally move aside, thus limiting the encounters.
- 4) We are all one state, what "invasive" species do we have that Maui and Kauai don't have?
- 5) When cars are shipped via barge, do you hose down each car? Do you make people on cruise ships wash their shoes? When luggage comes into the state via the airlines do you wash them and vacuum them before unloading. *Probably not, that is why we have bed bugs in some hotels.*  
Perhaps we need an EIS for luggage transport?

I could go on and on. Please I ask you to listen to the voices of logic and reason. Please do not let the rest of the world see us as passionate idiots, as people unreasonable and devoid of logic and compromise. I don't know the complete history, of the approval process, but surely, if the Judge Cardoza approved it the first time, then why not this time.  
Don't have the company go bankrupt because people didn't do their homework, or don't have the backbone to stand up to what they did the first time.

Please allow them to operate and if the EIS shows REAL reasons to stop, then we can stop the ferry.

Thank you!

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**From:** Glenda Bacon [glenda@globalbrain.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:49 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Yes to the Superferry!

As a progressive voting resident of Maui, I am anxious to have the Super ferry operation in Hawaii. I see this as big step towards making some progress in Hawaii especially after loosing our shot at having a second hospital on Maui. Please work on correcting the barriers to progress in our state.  
Mahaolo

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**From:** LEHUA MCCOLGAN [liwai@hawaiiantel.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:20 PM

**To:** testimony

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

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

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

**I, Lehua McColgan, wholeheartly support the bill to permit the interisland ferry services while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.**

**This service will benefit many of us locals that travel between the islands to visit with family and the offering of makana to our families outside of our island. Many of us have ohana residing on the other islands that cannot make the trip often to Honolulu, because of the cost, time involved etc. With the ferry system, we will be able to take our automobiles, not having to worry how will get around the island once arriving.**

**At times our ohana also need to attend schools here on Oahu, and need to return home to be with family. Many of the Ohana also are employed on the other islands, away from their immediate family, and wish to return to their island on weekends to visit with their family. We wouldn't think of not letting them back on Oahu, we are all one State, all the islands together. There should be no restriction for any one individual from any island to travel. All in all, it will benefit our local people tremendously, financial wise, timelines, and always bringing our ohana closer to each other with this additional way of traveling.**

**Let's get with the advancement of life and not live in the past.**

**Mahalo for allowing me to present my mana'o of the ferry system.**

*Kupuna Lehua McColgan*

**Kupuna Lehua McColgan**

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**From:** S. Kamal Salibi [salibi@hawaiiink.net]  
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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

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

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Thank you

S. K. Salibi  
27 year Kauai resident

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**From:** Environmental Designs - Hawaii [envd@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:07 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Special Follow-up from Superferry Session Yesterday - Email Testimony Wed. 10-24-07

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

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

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

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

To the Senators who choose,

Awareness is: being conscious and having knowledge, an understanding. In relationship to the environment, awareness relates to understanding a harmful action as opposed to an action that is in harmony with the surrounding environment. This is the age of environmental awareness.

I believe the superferry is Not a good Nor a constructive force in Hawaii. In the long run it is a destructive force for everyone. It may be good for the political forces pockets at the present, but it will be a drain to the economy and will create an environmental catastrophe down the road, which in hindsight will create a dark spot on Hawaii's history. People will not wish to come to the islands once the environment is destroyed. If we are unable to be a good example of protecting our precious resources, Hawaii will lose respect. I suggest to you to travel to a place like Seaside, Oregon, and witness a place where tourism has gone bad. It is not something you will wish to have on your shoulders, even if you are making a good deal of money at the this present time.

First, if one humpback whale is damaged or killed by the deep hulls and the press gets wind or photographs, it will not be a pleasant situation for the those who made the decision to let the superferry sail. Second, and really the only thing that needs to be said is this..Oil costs are already at an all time high at \$90/barrel. By the end of the decade, the price may go up to \$200/barrel. Presently and and certainly in the future, this will not be a feasible way to go. If the engines run off of vegetable oil, or ethanol, this is not good either. This system is simply a drain to the economy.

It is simply sad that our political heads cannot gain prestige and fill their pockets by promoting new ways to educate our children.

With this in mind and with the nature of Hawaii's environment, possessing the most endangered species in the surrounding ocean, on land, in the air and inside the island, it is crazy to think that humans, with all our power and wisdom that we would ultimately (for our future) create pathways or additional accessibility (superferry) that would harm the treasures that create a means for our livelihood. Yes, from a political standpoint the

superferry creates jobs, but it destroys the very fabric that makes the islands unique and essential. Would it be wise to make a superferry in the Galapagos? Or the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands? Our pathway should not be about exploiting (superferry) the means for money and power, it is about being creative and providing healthy and harmonious pathways for our future generations. Hawaii, being the most isolated land masses in the world, is in a sense like the earth in space, isolated. We need to be thinking about being a global example for sustainability. From a policy standpoint, we virtually have everything in front of us to live and prosper (except for steel and concrete), and we are blind to it. We have an endless energy supply if we would simply make a choice. We have an endless supply of food, if our oceans and shoreline were better protected, and if our lands were managed in a cooperative manner instead of on a capitalist basis.

I have been directly involved with the tourist industry for many years as an educator, guide and operator. The one thing that all tourists to the island of Kauai say is that they like the island because it possess an "undeveloped" sense, a country like feel, with less traffic, less noise, less people, less pollution. They used to go to Maui twenty years ago, but since it has been overdeveloped and turned into a traffic disaster, they now choose to go to Kauai. Therefore, it is understandable why everyone on Oahu wishes for the superferry to be operational. Most people on Oahu want an avenue, or an accessible superferry highway, to get off the island and go to a different one that is less crowded, less polluted, less noisy...with more fish, more space, more peace. Well, Kauai cannot even keep the parks infrastructure functioning. Parking is already a hassle and our waste systems are dysfunctional.

We all know that Kauai is the way it is because of the Hurricanes which slowed the development. However, today, it is evident that the rate of development is back up and taking a toll on the standard of living.

This is what the underlying basis of life in the islands is... A good Standard of Living.

OK, I'll cease the rant, but I must emphasize that we can be an example for the world, if we simply make the decision....everything else will fall into place.

Mahalo Nui,

Robert

**testimony**

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**From:** David Madrid [davidmadrid379@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:54 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Superferry

To the: Judiciary and Labor Committee; Transportation and International Affairs Committee and Energy and Environment Committee,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a resident of the Island of Oahu, I support the Superferry. I am hoping and praying that after much deliberations on this matter, Superferry will be granted operations in the Hawaiian Islands/State of Hawaii. I believe this is one way to attract visitors.

Sometimes as I think of the demonstrations against the Superferry, I ask myself the question, "Where is the Aloha spirit in Hawaii?"

Respectfully,

David Madrid  
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**From:** Edna Luczon-Ader [eluczonader@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:54 AM

**To:** testimony

Our family would like to extend that Super Ferry should service Hawaii. It's an advantage for family members that are unable to fly. In the first place, why didn't politics get involve before bringing in the Ferry. Now that it's here, the Super Ferry to be blamed for everything. That's so sad.

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**From:** Leanna McDaniel-Paik [Leanna@KuhioBanyan.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:41 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for the Superferry

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I am in support of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an environmental impact statement is being conducted because they were told they did not need one in the beginning. They spent a lot of money, created a lot of jobs, and did everything they were required to do in order to start operation here. To tell them now that they can't operate until the study is done is wrong.

Aloha,  
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**From:** Leslie Fleming [lesliecfleming@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:59 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I support the Superferry

To:

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I support of the Super Ferry and believe that inter-island ferry service should continue while the environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Leslie Fleming

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**From:** Mike Tom [mtom007@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:01 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Support of Superferry Bill

October 23, 2007

9:30 AM

RE: In Favor of Superferry Bill

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

I would like to begin by requesting that hearings of this nature be held during non-work hours. I believe from speaking to friends and family you will find more supporters of the Super Ferry would be able to attend.

My name is Michael Tom from the island of Maui and I am in favor of the Bill allowing the Super Ferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. The State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Division has a contract with the Superferry because it is the only way for people like me with certain disabilities to travel inter-island for doctors and other types of appointments only offered on Oahu.

In addition, I own a modified vehicle that can only be serviced on Oahu. I had a reservation on the Superferry earlier this month to go to Oahu from Maui and fix the hydraulic lift on my vehicle because it is broken. Now because of the ruling by a single rogue judge I am not able to get to work indefinitely. There are no other transportation options for people in wheelchairs on the island of Maui.

I do not understand all the trouble being created as the arrival of the Superferry was announced for years ahead of time. We have cruise ships and barges successfully navigating our Hawaiian waters on a regular bases. Nobody wants to protest Matson or Young Brothers because everybody needs their toilet paper (including me). Maui Tomorrow's agenda is to try and put the Superferry out of business in a sneaky and unethical manner.

I am also very upset by these organizations that are run by outsiders dictating decisions being made in Hawaii. The people of Maui Tomorrow do not speak for me and I am outraged by these mainlanders telling me to respect my own culture. Historically, we are a sea-faring people and the Superferry is much more "Hawaiian" than flying in an airplane. Please allow people like me who have been looking forward to the coming of the Superferry as a viable means for inter-island travel for pleasure and necessity a chance to take advantage of this new technology.

Sincerely,

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**From:** nclcm9999@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:42 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Aloha-

I Nora Clemens along with my family of 4 support keeping the Super Ferry in the Hawaiian Islands. As a Hawaiian I believe change happens daily and the super ferry is our next change... It will be another form of transportation for the people of Hawai'i and serve our islands well! Please consider letting the super ferry run immediately so it will stay in Hawai'i.

Mahalo,

Nora Clemens  
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**From:** Darlene Lucas [darlenetsns@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:15 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Re: Support for the Super Ferry

Dear Sirs~

I am writing to plead with you to help the Super-Ferry remain in Hawaii, servicing the islands while an Environmental Impact Study is completed.

I live on the Big Island but work in Honolulu. I welcome an alternative method of transportation between islands. I see all the benefits, of helping to lower costs for local produce and keeping the prices down for heavy cost prohibitive products, not to mention allowing families to visit more frequently the neighbor islands.

But most importantly the Super-Ferry will be crucial to Hawaii, in times of emergencies. The Super-Ferry is the only method of quickly transporting manpower, supplies and machinery to any island. It is also a quicker way to evacuate people off an island.

Living on the Big Island, I have recently experienced Fire Evacuations, finding unexploded ordinances in our area, flooding, hurricane threats, and earthquakes. We need to be prepared by any and all means possible...

Change is scary but we cannot escape it. We should NOT be thrown back into the stone ages, because a vocal minority is afraid of change and is throwing a tantrum on the floor. Nor should we be sending out the message that Hawaii is a Business Un-Friendly place...it is a global economy and if we do not embrace it, we have no one else to blame but ourselves..

You know the Super-Ferry will sue us if they are forced to leave the State. We need to fix this oversight or it will cost every man, woman and child in Hawaii, a whole lot more, than saving a few Humpback Whales...

Sincerely,  
Darlene Lucas  
Waikoloa, Hawaii

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**From:** Brian Scarpetti [scarpetti1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:22 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

Aloha Legislators

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

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

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

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**From:** Beverly Abley [ABILEYB001@hawaii.rr.com]  
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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

**Senate Committies:** Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Enviroment.

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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**I am strongly for the Superferry, the State should take care of the hold up and get the Superferry on its way. It will surely benefit the people of Hawaii.**

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**From:** Chit LaFountain [lafountainn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:15 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Please vote for the Superferry. We need it now.

Mahalo,  
Chita Lafountain

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**From:** Brian Scarpetti [scarpetti1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:21 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 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.

Brian Scarpetti  
41-694 Ka'aumana pl.  
Waimanalo, HI 96795

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**From:** Aragones, Mary [maragones@honolulu.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

**Importance:** High

Dear Legislators,  
We need the Superferry. What happens if Matson goes on strike... no supplies go to the neighbor Islands. With a ferry in place, they can load their car, come to Honolulu, shop and return.  
What if another 911 happens, when all the planes are down and the airports are closed? People can return to their homes in Honolulu or vice versa.  
Who are the winners here? The hotels, the car rental companies, and the airlines, the losers as usual are the people of Hawaii.  
Get real we need choices and alternatives so if an emergency does arrive we can survive. We will never know the potential of the Superferry until something happens.  
These same people who are protesting will be the first to load up their cars and board the ship.  
This letter is submitted for your consideration.  
Mary Aragones  
Makiki/ Oahu

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**From:** Sheri Adams [hulaimua@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:34 PM  
**To:** testimony

Testimony from: Sheri K. Adams  
P.O. Box 437177  
Kamuela, HI 96743

I am in support of the Super Ferry.

With the cost of living being out of range for many local families, the service we expect from the Super Ferry will keep our family units in tact.

For example, families have been unable to make trips to other islands due to the high airfare. Family time is extremely important for our community, especially during the time of death in the family.

There are many other reasons why we need this service, but this is the most important to my family and I.

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**From:** paulaleb [leblancmaui@clearwire.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:54 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

I am in support of the Superferry. It is becoming increasingly difficult to afford Maui with everything going up and now Matson and Young Brothers are increasing their shipping fees. I believe that the superferry would bring better opportunities for all of Hawaii. The informational meeting at 3:00pm- held yesterday was not attended by the majority of the people in support of the ferry because we all have jobs.  
Sincerely,

Paula J. Le Blanc  
31 Door of Faith Rd.  
P.o. box 81463  
Haiku, Hi 96708

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**From:** Owens, Charles E MSG MIL USA USARPAC [charles.edward.owens@us.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:34 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Lets set sail for JOB with the Superferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: ~~NONE~~

**Aloha,**

**Mahalo for your Time, This is my testimony. I find it puzzling that a few with (LOUD) voices would push to stop a ship and succeed. I'm overwhelming with the public support for Hawaii Superferry. This is a great asset for Hawaii to allow for so much more for our state and our people.**

**Ships have supplied our islands with everything from people, cars, and fuel to products and groceries for over a hundred years. What could possibly be different about this ship.**

**The state senate should find a way to fix this problem so the Superferry can operate.**

**IT A CRITICAL TIME TO HAVE OUR VOICES HEARD SO THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII WILL HAVE MORE JOBS.**

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

**Charles Owens**

**Aiea.**

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

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**From:** Robert Stoner [rstoner61@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:33 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I strongly support the Super Ferry. It provides us with a number of economic benefits. Having grown up in Hawaii I have always imagined there would be an interisland ferry system. Frankly I cannot believe it has taken this long.

Thank you,  
Robert Stoner  
Haiku, Maui

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**From:** Jenn DeBellis [marnegrrl@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:12 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Save the Superferry!

Aloha! I would like to send a brief email to show my support for the Hawai'i Superferry. I think it is a great asset to the travel industry, and I feel it could benefit the state of Hawai'i. I live on O'ahu, and both my husband and I would really enjoy traveling to the neighbor islands via the Superferry. Mahalo for your attention in this matter.

Regards,  
Mrs. Jenn DeBellis

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**From:** John Tyler [mysticseaswimmer@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:35 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Strongly Oppose Superferry Bill; EA/EIS first!

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

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Ferry Senator's Meeting Key points for me:

- If a bill is going forward, it should contain at least the 29 rules outlined by the prevailing litigants of the Maui Environmental case.
- Harbor traffic fixes at Nawiliwili need to be addressed. Currently there is only one stop sign at the road where Superferry traffic would exit onto single lane harbor streets. How is this honestly going to handle 200 ingress/200 egress cars and 600+ people including walk-ons?
- To Senate President Hanabusa, Here's a LOOPHOLE SPOTTED THAT HURTS ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDY IN THE CURRENT BILL: If the legislature finds the restrictions carried out by Gov Lingle are too lax, the legislature can draft supplemental legislation at a future date. Here's the catch: What's to stop Chairman Joseph Souki, or another Superferry sympathizing Chairman from killing this newly needed bill in committee like Representative Souki did on the previous Superferry bill last spring. If this again happens, like it did, it leaves weak restrictions in place to the Governor's liking and exposes our islands. There most definitely needs a provision to stop one chairman from single handedly killing a new bill, or this whole Special Session legislation has no true teeth.
- The pressure can be taken off this whole issue if a loan deferment of Superferry's federal and state loans would be worked out. Then the Ferry sits idle in Honolulu for the year or two while an honest EIS is done and addressed, and no harm is done to the neighbor islands. The special session could then be simply a bill to defer the state loan, while the feds do the same. This allows an educated EIS process to do what it was supposed to without legislators compromising away the protections an EIS process guarantees. Legislators are playing God here and it's incredibly foolhardy.
- Having an EIS available while allowing the Superferry to sail is like having an AIDS test available, while the Legislative parents allow a pushy son to go out and have risky unprotected sex. Do the AIDS test first people. The Superferry will be back if they leave. Their lucrative military contracts are too tempting not to be.
- Allow the full EIS first!

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**From:** spencer chang [chang001@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:36 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** for the superferry

yes to the superferry!  
spencer/arlene chang

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**testimony**

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**From:** Grayson Inouye [grayson@pacflor.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:10 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

To whom it may concern,

I've not been a political activist in the past. This has been my policy. However in this case, I feel compelled to make a statement based on two very fundamental reasons I feel strongly about. This does not include the arguments that the superferry will provide jobs, reasonable inter-island transportation and help us recover millions of dollars worth of harbor improvements that were completed and must be paid for. My compelling arguments are:

- 1) Why wasn't an EPA study required before the ferries were built at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars? To me, it sure sounds like somebody has changed the rules after the game was being played.
- 2) Hawaii is a state comprised on over a million people. Many of who were born, raised and work here and constitute our great, silent majority. Why is our future being determined by a few hundred protesters? From what I saw on TV, many of the protesters didn't look like local, contributing members of our local society.

I strongly suggest that the ferry be allow to operate under the conditions granted to them before the recent legal action was brought up. If an environmental protection study is truly required, give them time to work on it an complete it while they are operating. I own a part time fishing boat so I am acutely aware of the whales and ocean environment. The reality is that whales do come into contact with boats and man-made buoys and anchors whether this includes the ferry or not. In my opinion, whales have become a navigational hazard to all local boaters as well.

I feel the thoughts and sentiments of the majority of our residents should be taken into consideration because our laws and government are designed to represent and protect the rights of the majority and not just a vocal minority. I feel that the superferry should be given a chance to succeed based on the moral judgment of "fairness" to both sides. I hope that you will consider this testimony that many people in Hawaii are very much in support of having the superferry here.

Mahalo,  
Grayson Inouye

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**From:** Mike Henninger [mike.kona@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:23 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Legislators,

My wife and I are permanent residents on the Big Island. We support legislation that would permit the Superferry to begin and continue operation. Our reasons for support are:

1. Alternative inter-island transportation;

2. Economic benefit to all islands;

True environmental concerns are diminutive;voiced by a vocal minority (mostly likely well- funded by Young Bros.;Airline carriers).

Respectfully,

Michael & Dorothy Henninger

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**From:** Kathy Vogt [vogtb001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:21 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I'm voicing my support for the Super Ferry. The whole nation is watching Hawaii to see if a few thugs can stop a legitimate business enterprise that has the backing of the majority of the people of Hawaii.

Please don't let a few very vocal and boorish people thwart the will of the silent majority. Or else we will not remain silent.

W.D. Vogt  
Hawaii Kai

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**From:** Patrick Cross [cross@oasislex.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:14 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** RE: 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

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**From:** Patrick Cross [mailto:cross@oasislex.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:13 PM  
**To:** 'testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov'  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony

Please find a way to get past previous legislative errors, get the Superferry operating on an interim, trial basis, and press ahead with all available speed on the EIS. I believe this is essential in terms of building Hawaii's reputation as a place to do innovative business – business that can feel it won't be hampered unduly by legislative confusion or ineptitude, or by vocal, but miniscule, minorities. That said, the Superferry should be a model for not only business innovation, but for environmental compliance. Let it go ahead, but make VERY sure there are mechanisms in place to respond to environmental concerns, such as rocks being hauled in pickup trucks.

Thank you for your service to our state – a state I've absolutely fallen in love with, but one who's business environment must improve. Help make our state a model for clean, green, innovative business.

**Patrick S. Cross, Ph.D.**

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**From:** Joy Buerge [joy@buerge.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:21 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Dear Legislators: This ferry will satisfy a great need in the islands for residents and visitors alike. If that huge cruise ship can come into the islands, the ferry certainly should be able to. Please support the ferry!

Joy Buerge, frequent visitor

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**From:** Daniel-Jay Pascual [djrascu@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:11 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Let the Superferry Run!

Let them run while the EIS is conducted. How else will we learn if a problem really exists with the Superferry's operations? Where would we be without trial and error?

-DJ

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**From:** Madeleine Bontea [tryyn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:45 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

If the Super Ferry sinks the State of Hawaii's reputation as a Banana Republic, would soar. The word would spread far and wide that potential investors should avoid Hawaii as the plague.

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**From:** Shauna Burke-Smith [TheSmithOhana@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:12 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Keep the Super Ferry

Please do the right thing. Don't leave the taxpayers of Hawaii on the hook for the poor planning and poor management of this project.

The super ferry is here, it has many many benefits to the citizens of this state and it should be allowed to stay AT LEAST until the completion of the environmental impact study is completed!

A homeowner and super ferry supporter...

Shauna Smith  
Kapolei, Hawaii

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**From:** Larry Richelli [larryrich7@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:47 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super ferry

I support the superferry.  
Thanks  
Larry Richell  
PO Box 1222  
Kekaha, HI 96752

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**From:** Matt Williams [wmsphoto@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:15 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I remember when the so called environmentalist made a big stink on the H-3 freeway and now look it's one of the most beautiful highways we have, and the valley is just fine. It will be the same with the Superferry, these people make a big stink and in no time at all they will all be using it...The thing is the Superferry must be given a chance. Take care business for the 80% of the state that wants it and will use it.

aloha  
matt

10/23/2007

Now its time for a legislative mandate to offer the Hawaii Superferry the opportunity to operate while the environment impact statement is being conducted. Any other decision will subject the The State of Hawaii to loose future outside investment, and loose a feeling that we are truly a culture that embraces the Aloha Spirit and spirit of cooperation. And, I am sure we will loose the Hawaii Superferry, and our potential "H-4" forever.

Thank you for your consideration and support for the Hawaii Superferry to operate now while the environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Regards,

Dave Erdman  
President/CEO  
PacRim Marketing Group, Inc.  
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**From:** Dave Erdman [derdman@pacrimmarketing.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:13 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry Support

Today I wish to present my testimony in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

The investors in the Hawaii Superferry have made a major investment to support the future of Hawaii's transportation system. Most islands, whether it be in the Pacific Northwest, or in Europe or Asia have some form of ferry system to connect families, businesses, and offer an important transportation system in the event of natural disasters. In these island communities, like Hawaii, the ferry system offers an attractive transportation system for local residents as well as visitors.

Hawaii needs this type of system, and with our unique seas, we need a ferry with the capabilities and design of the Hawaii Superferry. The vision to create such a ferry took incredible engineering know-how and matched it with knowledge of Hawaiian waters. We are fortunate to have such vision, and risk-takers to take on such a profound investment.

My business is in tourism marketing. Our focus is on Japanese and Asian visitors. There was much anticipation of the launch of the Superferry, with over 70 Japanese media attending a trial run of the ferry. The media was dazzled by the incredible views of Oahu that most have not seen, such as the beauty of the Waianae coast. The Ferry offers a unique and new mode of transportation for visitors, as well as one of the most incredible sightseeing tours of the islands.

The Japanese and Asian media are waiting for the Hawaii Superferry to feature in magazines and in network and cable television. What better way to help to promote and bring in new visitors, especially with a cloudy horizon for the overall tourism market with the problems in the sub-prime markets in the US. We need our visitor industry to be healthy, and new options that residents and visitors can participate in helps tourism on all islands. Tourism is still the driver of our island economy.

Visitors to Hawaii want a new experience to travel interisland, and see our island culture. The ferry offers another way to "Discover Aloha" and discover "more" of Hawaii.

The nearly 250 people now furloughed are just a tip of the iceberg if we as a state do not support the efforts that the Hawaii Superferry owners and investors have taken to bring the first of two Superferry's here. More residents will suffer the consequences of this decision to stop the launch of service. Its bad for business, its bad for our Aloha in our state. The decision impacts the global promotion of tourism, and the potential number of future visitors we will welcome from overseas, whose spending winds up in our resident's pockets.



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**From:** Michael Chan [m5chan@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:09 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

October 22, 2007  
2300

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry. An alternative to air travel is always welcome and competition is good for the market. Not only would my family love to travel with camping gear, bicycles, golf clubs, or beach gear, but my son is a member of the Cub Scouts and HYSA soccer. Surface travel would be much more useful and economical than air travel. Especially after September 11, liquids as well as propane and camp fuel could not be taken on board an airplane.

It seems that relatively small but vocal groups are having a disproportionate impact on our state. If the Hawaii Superferry was promised an exemption to begin service, to take that away sends a serious message to other businesses.

Respectfully,

Michael Chan, MD  
Honolulu  
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**From:** Susana Casaquit [scasaquit@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:14 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I am fully in agreeance to have the Hawaii Superferry in place here in Hawaii, I believe that it will be another good source of transportation for the Hawaii residence.

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**From:** Lori Smith [lashawaii@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:16 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

### Legislature's Public Access Room

I am addressing my opinion to following Senate committees, Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs and Energy and Environment for hearing date of October 24, 2007, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. to be held at the State Capitol Auditorium.

I strongly support a bill that will permit Hawaii Superferry to provide interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Our state already has a huge investment in the infrastructure of an interisland ferry service and it is imperative that we have another mode of interisland transportation for families, tourists, as well as businesses to promote commerce. Let's also not forget situations of catastrophes.

Lori Smith  
Hawaiian Overseas  
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**From:** T Aiwahi [da1hawdhed7@yahoo.com]

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

**To:** testimony

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

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Aloha:

This is in reponse to my support of the Superferry. I believe that the Superferry will allow many locals the opportunity the chance to reconnect to their families. I understand that we (environmentalists and governemnt officials) are looking out for the well being of our environment but are we focusing on Hawaii as a whole. I mean we are only looking at one pathway for the Superferry, whats the problem. I support the superferry operating while we conduct the environmental study.

Also, I would hope that legislature or government officials will look at Matson and other marine operating vessels. Are they all seized fron operations too? Or do they ALL have studies completed?

*Mahalo,*

*Tayshea "T" Aiwahi  
The Tayshea Aiwahi Foundation  
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**From:** Joyce Arizumi [jazi@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:17 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Hawaii Superferry

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

**Date:** October 24, 2007

**Time:** 10:30 AM

Dear Senators,

I am in favor of the Superferry being able to operate in Hawaii because I feel that we definitely need an alternative means of transportation being that we are surrounded by the ocean. I am a disabled person in a wheelchair and an advocate for children who are also confined to a wheelchair. The Superferry is the only comfortable means of transportation because we are able to take our adapted vans and cars to accommodate us on the outer islands. We cannot rent adapted vehicles that suit all our needs like our own vehicles.

Please listen to the voices of the majority and save our Superferry from having to leave the islands. I feel that there are no good intelligent reasons why we should not have this for the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration for the disabled and the best, and in some cases, the only way to travel to another island.

Joyce Arizumi

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**From:** Bridget Reagan [bridgetbythesea@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:50 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** i support the superferry

i support the superferry. I hope that it will not be the end of this superferry. I believe that the ferry is one great form to connect the state of Hawaii together. I can use it to visit family and friends in the comfort of my own car, and not use the monopoly of the airlines. please help support this wonderful opportunity to keep the state a whole.

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**From:** pruone@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:18 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

My wife and I fully support the Super Ferry, please pass necessary legislation to allow it to begin operations.

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villa #33  
Princeville, Hi 96722

Louis and Jane Genett

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**From:** Bob C [bobc@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:19 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry Testimony

Attn.: Legislature's Public Access Room

Please allow the Super Ferry inter-island service to operate while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

We need this service for Hawaii. We move cargo and people between our islands everyday, it's nothing new. The Super Ferry is not as fast as a plane, and not as slow as a barge. It travels at a rate that makes it a viable option for people who want to use its service. The whales are not here all year long, and when they are, human compassion will dictate that the Super Ferry will make accommodations. As with any new viable business, the Super Ferry will make improvements and adjustments to remain in good standing with Hawaii residents, and tourist passengers.

The polls indicate we, who want the Super Ferry to continue in operation, are the majority of Hawaii residents. We have the right to visit the other islands, and the Super Ferry is the most convenient way to accomplish this, unless you're in a rush.

There are too many reasons to list why the Super Ferry is needed in Hawaii, in this testimony. But, the handicapped woman who gave testimony on Kauai (and was shown in TV coverage) is a prime example, where special needs people, need the Super Ferry to travel between islands.

For years you would go to the airport and see family and friends dragging around a large cooler to take special food and goodies to their loved ones and friends. That's part of who we are here in Hawaii. It was difficult to do this with the airlines, and now the airlines have made it almost impossible. With the Super Ferry it will be some much easier, to share with family and friends.

People worry about traffic congestion. Well, for vehicles who are going to the outer islands on the ferry, there are vehicles coming back on the ferry. Maui and Kauai already have a traffic problems. The Super Ferry will bring more revenue to these islands that can be used to justify improving their road systems. Might we need less rental cars on all the islands because there are incentives to rent a car on one island and transport it by ferry when the renter visits another island, etc.?

The Super Ferry is one of the best things that has come to Hawaii. Let's not loose it because of what-if thinking. The next disaster that will unfortunately hit Hawaii, will prove how indispensable the Super Ferry is to Hawaii, if we give it a chance.

Thank You for taking the time to read my testimony.

Much Aloha,

Bob Cravalho  
Kaneohe, HI

10/23/2007



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**From:** Susan Brooks [brooks\_sr@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:18 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Allow Superferry to operate during EIS!

The Superferry will be good for the Kamaaina of Hawaii if given a chance to operate while conducting the EIS. Especially because it will allow us to enjoy the beauty of our Islands as never before, and allow our O'hana to get together and spend quality time together as we should.

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**From:** MIKE SUMMERS [MINKSWORLD@COX.NET]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:07 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I support the Hawaii Superferry... For me it is travel with my vehicle interisland.

Thank you,  
Mike Summers  
Lahaina, Maui

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**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:14 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

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Thank you,  
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Lahaina, Maui

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**From:** Greg Nutt [wingnutt7@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:53 PM  
**To:** Melissa McFerrin  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Senate Hearing for Superferry - 10:30am Wednesday, testimony due by 10:30am Tuesday

Melisa,

Here is a brief copy of my testimony. I'll go ahead a email this to the capitol as well.

Greg

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**From:** mary@lavoie.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:33 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In Favor of the Superferry

Wish I could be there to show our family support. What a shame the have to put Hawaii Superferry through this much. It's hard enough to get a new business off the ground in the first place. State of Hawaii will get so much bad press around the world for poor business sense. The elected officials need to step up as leaders and crush this nonsense. Where is the leadership? And we want to do a Rail System?

We can't even fix the sewer and roads.

Hawaii Superferry is another business that helps our economy, creates new jobs and helps connect people and business between the islands.

Just in the hurricane relief effort this would be an awesome ship to have in the islands.

Remember what happen when Kauai got hit by Hurricane Iniki. We didn't have the transportation to service the outer island with relief.

What studies have Young Brothers had to do over the years of operation? Or How about the Cruise Ships industry or Matson Navigation for that matter. I support Hawaii Superferry and know this could only be positive for our economy. I hope our elected officials use common sense and keep Hawaii Superferry in our islands. How lucky are we to have Hawaii Superferry here.

Good Luck,

Mary Lavoie

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**From:** Sharon Toledo [chevity@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:19 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

we need it just in case there is a natural disaster.....look what happened to kauai when iniki hit them..... we also need another form of transportation for us locals.....plane fairs get expensive when you have a big family.....so being able to bring our own car is one less expense.....

Sharon Bertelmann

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**From:** caleb thompson [egyptianmaumau@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:21 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry!

Hello my name is Caleb Thompson of Ewa Beach. I work as a Merchant Mariner as a Qualified Member of the Engineering Department (QMED) . I was working in the Gulf of Mexico until I heard of Hornblower Marine which is the parent company of the Super Ferry. They hired me with the intention of working on it once it was going, but until then I work on the WESTPAC EXPRESS out of Naha, Okinawa, Japan. 6 weeks on and 6 weeks off. So needless to say I would like to see the Super Ferry pick up and start to work. This Ferry is only to benefit the locals on the Hawaiian Islands. From faster service to other islands to Humanitarian services when needed. As in a few years ago when dams broke and flooded one of the Neighboring island. How much more help could we have supplied if we had this going back then?? The Ferry will in my opinion help our economy and us to grow as a state as long as we can agree to get this going. Some of the people in Maui don't understand or get it. We already have Matson and Young Brothers going in and out of that harbor so what's the big deal of one more FERRY. It has already proven it has state of the art equipment to say the least. But do these other company's have any of it?? So to end I would love to work in Hawaii ( my Home) on the Super Ferry and see my family more than 6 months a year as I do now. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Caleb Thompson

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**From:** Garrett Inkyo [gman2958@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:21 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Regarding the Hawaii Superferry

Attention Honorable Lawmakers of the State of Hawaii:

I am writing to you in full support of the Hawaii Superferry. Please, I urgently beg you all to grant the support for a bill to let the Superferry resume service. This state, as to my knowledge, is the only place in the world that is divided by water, that doesn't have a ferry service as a alternate means of transportation, It's about time that a service of such should be provided to the people of this beautiful state.

I personally feel, besides many others, the Superferry is being unfairly ruled out. If you take a look at the mast majority of the number of residents who want the service, and the hand full residents who doesn't, shouldn't that say something? would the residents who want it, want something that would be so detrimental to the environment? You know, so speaking, that, this "environmental issue" that is being pursued so heavily by these protesters, is just a poor excuse that they feel that it's "their island", and "you're not welcomed here". They also preach about "their constitutional rights", what about the constitutional rights of the mast majority of the people? What is it, the mast majority of the people have to suffer because of a tiny hand full of just utterly selfish people want things their way, while there is no consideration of the wants and rights of others?

Another example of the "environmental issue being used as a poor excuse", is those 29 conditions demanded by the environmentalists on Maui. What difference would it make if the people were to travel by air and go camping on the neighbor islands, I don't see any conditions being set for those people? What about the many cars being shipped between the islands, I don't know of any conditions that they have to be held to. That just goes to show that, this is not an environmental issue here, but just utter discrimination being shielded by a legality being used as leverage saying "this is our island, don't come here".

Assuming that majority of the "protesters against the Superferry" are not originally from Hawaii, and if that's the case, How would they feel if when they finally decided to relocate to Hawaii, and someone or some organization stirred up some political reason as to why they're not allowed here, would they like it? I can guarantee one thing, that they wouldn't stand for it without a legal battle, so what gives them the right to come here, and feel they can dominate the local people? Talk about "all men are created equal", they sure don't practice what they always preach. To conclude my testimony, please do what the majority of the residents of Hawaii want, pass this bill to allow the Superferry to resume service, and don't let this legal smokescreen get in the way of the decision you make.

Thank You very much for your attention in this matter:

Garrett Inkyo

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**From:** Gladys Hagemann [gladysavon@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:55 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT OF SUPERFERRY

TO: HONORABLE SENATORS

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**From:** Raelene Shimokawa [raelene@kidskornerhawaii.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:17 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Hawaii SuperFerry Testimony - Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

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

I believe the Superferry would offer businesses & residents more choices, other than transportation by airplane only. It will definitely be a positive for inter-island travel. We can take our car & drive it on another island without disruption. I am in the craft fair business. If the ferry were running, I would be able to load my car with all of my bulky products & drive it from Oahu to Maui. Therefore, it helps business all around – me, Maui, the ferry, the workers, etc. We need to move forward and be open to change.

## Raelene Shimokawa

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**From:** Germaine Akahoshi [gkakahoshi@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:38 PM

**To:** testimony

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I, Germaine Akahoshi, is in favor of the Superferry. I've had plans to utilize the Superferry to as a cost effective way to visit with family on the outer islands, without the expese of rental cars, hotel stay, and excess food cost.

without the Superferry, visitation to family will be continually limited to Weddings or Funerals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** Naomi Brown [mymochi@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:45 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry testimony

Aloha to the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment Committees:

I am emailing regarding the Hawai'i SuperFerry hearing on Wednesday, October 24 at 10:30 am in the Auditorium of the State Capitol.

I strongly support the SuperFerry's service between the Hawaiian islands: it creates more unity between islands, allows families to stay better connected, and opens the door to sharing the economic prosperity of O`ahu to the other islands.

Please allow our state this opportunity to grow.

Mahalo!

Naomi Brown

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**From:** jt [j-w-t@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:45 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In support of Superferry bill

Please take this TESTIMONY in support of the Superferry bill.

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

Held by Senate COMMITTEES: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs,  
and Energy and Environment \_\_\_\_\_

I support this bill which allows the Superferry to proceed and provide vital public service to tie  
out state together, while any required environmental study is being done.

Thank you, John Thorvaldson, 2115 Ala Wai Blvd, Honolulu (Oct 22)

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**From:** kayo@preludehawaii.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:44 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

I am totally in favor for the Superferry coming to Hawai'i, i would definitely use this resource of transportations many times over if it stayed.

I personally would like to see the Superferry operate in Hawaii because i would use it to transport my car to drive on the neighbor islands. I help run a car club on oahu, with the main image being that we are trying to prove that not all import car drivers are irresponsible. We were planning to have a group trip to the neighbor island racetrack to finally be able to have some fun with our cars the right way. We were planning this from last year, and when we heard the news of the end of the Superferry it was nothing less than a huge disappointment. We are in full support of the Superferry and would love for it to operate in our islands.

Thank you,  
Jeffrey Kayo

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**From:** Dan Zofi [danzofi@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:19 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** clogue966@aol.com; divrb@hawaiiantel.net; jack.germany@mckesson.com  
**Subject:** I support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

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

Thank you and aloha

Dan Zofi

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**From:** John Pinto [jpinto808@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:47 PM

**To:** testimony

To whom it may concern,

The superferry i'm sure many of you have heard from other supporters would be a convenient way for inter island travel. The ease and convenience to pack your car pau hana, and head to another island for the weekend would be amazing. Despite concerns by many on the other islands, the primary users of the superferry would be locals, most of which are understanding and know the on land environmental issues and ethnic relations along with cultural beliefs. The idea of drug transportation is can easily be solved with the presence of drug sniffing dogs and other things that dont hold up lines, something im sure can be used from Homeland security funds in the form of anti-terrorism. I just feel it would be very unfair for a loud few to over rule the the silent majority. Whales are another issue. Yes whales everywhere, but has any one argued that there is generally a whale season? Safety measures have been put in play, but matson container ships travel between the islands and the mainland daily. Pollutants from SUVs and other cars, chemicals, and trash flow downstream into our oceans daily.... we allow sewage to flow untreated into the water, and have many places that are suddenly left forgotten across the state and are piling with dirt and contaminants, and now whales are the big issue. The superferry would be fun cause it would be easy. To allow all the rules environmentalist want to enforce upon superferry travel would not only be ridiculous, but lessen ridership, and show the country and the world that hawaii would be bad for fitness. Please.... i hope that you will take the majority public interest instead of the select few that are afraid of change.

A hawaii state voter

10/23/2007



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**From:** KauaiMerlyn@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:47 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry - from a concerned citizen and registered voter from Kauai

Please exercise your beneficial position of power and authority to stop the Superferry until an environmental impact study has been done. Kauai is precious, and we must not kill the goose that lays the golden eggs and will continue to do so, unless we move ahead without an environmental impact study PRIOR to moving ahead. Thank you for considering my view.

Warmest wishes,  
Merlyn W. Ruddell  
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**From:** Pascua, Al (GE Healthcare) [Albert.Pascua@med.ge.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:26 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i

In favor of the Hawaii Superferry to operate while environmental impact statement is in progress.

I have both business and pleasure interest in the Hawaii Superferry. I service Medical Diagnostic Imaging equipment on most of the Hawaii islands and this will provide another means of transportation. As for pleasure, I enjoy riding my motorcycle and being able to ride on another island would be a great monthly experience.

The Hawaii Superferry came to the island with the initial ok to operate, please allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the environmental impact statement is in progress. The message sent to the commercial industry is that Hawaii is not worth starting a business in Hawaii due to politics.



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**From:** Hisaku Kitsuka [nkimura@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:48 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Pro Hawaii Super Ferry Testimony

I support the Super Ferry. There should be alternatives to airlines, especially if there Go cannot stay around to compete. I would use it to vacation to the other islands, and it makes traveling in groups a lot easier and stress free.

Nathan Kimura

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**From:** Margaret J Norrie [mnorrie@allmaui.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:10 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** State Senate Legislative Hearing - specifically as it relates to the Hawaii superferry

1. Please support the Bill which will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted:
  - (a) to provide employment for those persons scheduled to work for or on behalf of the ferry operations;
  - (b) to mitigate expenses already incurred by the interisland ferry which were not entirely or necessarily solely of the ferry's making.
  
2. While it is understood and agreed that various provisions need to be made for the safe and effective use of the interisland ferry, it appears that the potential benefits outweigh negative factors.

Mahalo,

Margaret J Norrie

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**From:** Noble Turner [nobleturner@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:49 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Please! We live in an island state.....We need a ferry system! Please support it's return to the waters between the Islands. We are looking really bad to the rest of the world, as a place to bring new business! Noble Turner

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**From:** JEAllin@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:50 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry: Senate Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs

Attention Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee  
Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24  
Time: 10:30 AM

Dear Committee Members:

Please allow Superferry to resume operations to Maui and Kauai. As a long time resident of Hawaii, it is important for all residents to have an alternative route to access the neighbor islands. The whales manage beautifully in Alaska with ferries, sea planes, etc. cruising in the same waters.

If you allow cruise ships, Matson and Young Brothers access to the same shipping areas, it is right to allow Superferry.

Please vote in favor of Superferry.  
Thank you,  
Joann Allin

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**From:** KauaiMerlyn@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:50 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

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Warmest wishes,  
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**From:** Gary Post [garygnu5291@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:49 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry I support it.

I support the Super Ferry.

Personally, it would allow me to take advantage of job opportunities on a neighbor island (Maui) and still be assured that I can afford to return to the Big Island often and spend time with my little girl. Now, not only is the airfare prohibitive, but add the cost of a rental car and/or buying another car and paying parking or storage, I have too choose between a good job or seeing my daughter.

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The Ferry would open up inter-island commerce.

Gary Post  
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii  
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**From:** harry nishiguchi [harrylb@oco.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:35 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** All Senators; Rep. Karl Rhoads; Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye; All Reps; Lynette Marushige  
**Subject:** My Sincere Support toward Hawaii Superferry!  
**Attachments:** superferry9-25.jpg

Dear Legislators:

**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 a special session of the Hawaii State Legislature to identify a solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

My personal reason is that the interisland ferry service has been always my dream to enjoy our retired life in Hawaii and as U.S.Citizen we have a guaranteed right under our Constitution to visit our neighboring islands, whether it be Kauai, Maui or Hawaii, to equally enjoy their/our pretty landscapes whenever we want to visit by the Superferry which has really been a great achievement and a great asset to our wonderful Hawaii citizen.

Let's not lose this Superferry to elsewhere, by allowing it to operate with no further delay, even during the environmental assessment is being conducted.

Please help Hawaii Superferry to stay with us Hawaiians in service forever!

Sincerely yours,

Harry Nishiguchi

P.S. To show our heartfelt support for the ferry, we oil-painted "Hawaii Superferry in Operation" as per attached picture. Show this arround to all Senators, House Legislators attended and interested.

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**From:** Big Mama Jane [melguild@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:44 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

I am writing in regards to the sailing of the Superferry. We have an audio visual business here on the island of Oahu. We have many shows on the Big Island and Maui.

The standard procedure is to pack all our equipment in our truck and send it via Young Brothers. This takes a few days, not to mention no weekend drop-offs.

Then we send

someone to pick it up at the docks. In the meantime, we don't have access to this equipment.

We have to turn away potential business until it arrives.

Having the Superferry would allow us to sail in and out with our equipment and no loss of time or business.

Everyone we spoke to in the business was looking forward to this new mode of transportation.

Please help the audio visual businesses by voting to keep the Superferry here in Hawaii.

Mahalo

Melanie Guild

Look for the good :-)

Mel

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**From:** Kim Weaver [kimmieb@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:51 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry / Judiciary and Labor Hearing  
**Attachments:** Kim Weaver.vcf

Subject:  
Hawaii Superferry  
Judiciary and Labor Hearing

Wednesday, October 24, 2007  
10:30 am

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The ferry would also allow the me to spend more time with my brother and sister on Oahu, who moved away many years ago because Maui could not offer them the employment opportunities they needed. I have chosen to stay on Maui, but if I cannot make a living for myself and family, I'll be forced to sell my home and move to the mainland, away from my family and friends.

I ask you find solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

Mahalo,  
Kim Weaver  
Hana Lima Soap Co.  
Maui, Hawaii

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**From:** Seth Karsin [stealthhawaii@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:51 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for the bill

As a Business owner in Kona I support the bill to allow the Hawaii superferry to operate. I believe that the Hawaii superferry will help our economy grow by giving people another way to travel interisland for pleasure and business. The fact that it made it this far would make it unfair to deny operation to the company, employees and the people.

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**From:** Dean Harden [hardendl@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:51 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and  
Energy and Environment: Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

To whom it May concern:

I am a resident of Hawaii Kai.

I was hoping to be one of the first to be able to take my vehicle to Maui and make the drives car rental companies do not cover with insurance.

I strongly petition the SuperFerry be allowed to operate.

Sincerely

Dean Harden

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**From:** Eva Owsley [evaowsley@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:25 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

I believe that the superferry will bring in a lot of business to the neighboring islands. Many more residents and tourists can travel between the islands. The superferry would help the economy.

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**From:** HKMIYAMOTO@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:53 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

Dear Senators, I've been watching the Super Ferry issue sporadically...1st on a tv program of how it was built and lately the on how there are those in Hawaii who want this project stopped.

Watching all this from Florida where I now reside strikes me as "there they go again". One was the extension of Kahului airport and all damage that that would do to the islands and the environment...it never happened. The other was a third airline that Aloha and Hawaiian did there thing to stop. I point these two incidents out because in the end it would have benefited all of the State.

Now again Hawaii has the opportunity to be on the cusp of a new form inter island travel that has a positive potential for everyone and its seems like some powers that be in Hawaii politics are raising their ugly head. Have other ocean transport companies such as Matson and others been put through an environmental impact process? If they have is it the same one that Super Ferry will be asked to submit? If not, will you the legislature ask the existing companies that do ocean related business in and out of Hawaii to submit an environmental impact statement?

It would seem to me to be the only fair thing to do. Why is the Super Ferry being singled-out? What and who is behind the protest. Of what I've seen and read something smells of machinations of powers that will have their pocket books thinned if Super Ferry is allowed to succeed.

I hope you Senators will conduct an above board evaluation of the Super Ferry and help launch Hawaii's inter island travel into a new era.

Aloha. Henry Miyamoto. Weston Florida. October 23, 2007.

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**From:** Roy K. Kato [racerroy16@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:53 PM  
**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

The Superferry will be good for the communities and will provide a more convenient way to travel between islands. The children who participate in Keiki Hula or Merry Monarch can go with their parents in their vehicles and not go through the hassle of renting vans. Often, during these busy periods there is more demand for vehicles than vehicles available.

The Superferry idea is so practical for Hawaii. Sports teams can travel for competition between different islands

Mahalo for your time,

Roy K. Kato

Wailuku, HI

Just one of the silent majority



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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**Please consider my testimony IN FAVOR OF PERMITTING THE SUPERFERRY TO CONDUCT SERVICE while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.**

All indications point to the fact that the management and staff of the Superferry will abide by the "requirements set forth" until the environmental impact statement is finalized. To me it is not fair to make the Superferry lay dormant while applying new laws to them 'after the fact'. Is that any way to do business? And, the laws are not being applied uniformly. I listened to a local radio show the other day and heard several boat owners say they are not policed on their speed (the Superferry was told to go 13knots). And some of these boat owners travel at speeds way above what the Superferry intends to travel. In addition, think of all the people who had to be laid off and are now increasing our state unemployment rolls. Is that fair to them?

It is a shame that the loudest voices (not necessarily the informed voices) are getting all the press. Do I detect sour grapes on the part of businesses who might not get a car rental or two, or cargo that might not go via Young Brothers or Matson, or local businesses that might have less sales? What happened to free enterprise? Remember, we are currently receiving VERY BAD press nationally because of this 'fiasco'. The business climate is already bad – do we want to make it worse?

Also, I have talked to many local people (born and raised here, like me) and they WANT the Superferry. It seems that the 'transplants' are the ones who don't want it. I would like to know: 1)Are these protesters local people? 2)Are they business owners who are afraid of losing business (conflict of interest)? 3)Are they just people who like to jump on bandwagons?

As for the 'invasive species' argument – set up agriculture inspection stations. And for the 'more cars on the road theory' I say not a good argument! If I bring my own car on the ferry, I won't have to rent a car, so my car is in place of the rental not in addition to the rental!

FYI, I am not an employee of the Superferry, nor do I own any business that would profit from the Superferry. I am just a concerned local resident (born and raised and worked and live in Honolulu) who wishes we weren't becoming the laughing stock of the nation.

Sincerely,

Linda Sayegusa

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**From:** LSayegusa@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:54 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY  
**Attachments:** Support Superferry.doc

Attached is my letter supporting the Superferry.  
Sincerely,  
Linda Sayegusa  
Phone: 808-734-5324

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**From:** sugarkisssez@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:54 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** IN SUPPORT OF SUPERFERRY

This letter is to ask you to please give the Hawaii Superferry a chance!

It's the right thing to do to give it a true fighting chance. There is really no way to know how positive (or negative) the impact can be unless the ferry has a chance to perform.

Looking at the extremely loud objectors, I know it may seem that stopping the ferry will be the pono thing to do, however, as most people I know and talk with, there are MANY more supporters (who just happen to have other things going on in their life than oppose any change that may happen in the islands!)

It may seem that there is only one answer, yes or no, right or wrong, but I think there are other options. Maybe it's trying the ferry for a few weeks to see what happens. Or possibly having frog sniffing dogs to keep the coqui frogs from hitching rides. Maybe possible route changes during whale season.

I think it will be a good thing to have different choices for inter-island travel. I have seen the good things that the company is doing to help many residents have good paying jobs. I have heard from many friends and neighbors that it would be a good addition to our islands.

Not to give some silly analogy, but it almost seems like it's the loud and obnoxious teenager trying to bully his parents into letting him do something. It may be a good thing, it may be a bad thing, or maybe just something indifferent. However, the parents need to look at all sides and see what REALLY is best and not let the obnoxious teenager make the decision!

Thank you for listening and your consideration in this important matter. PONO is the word to remember in your thought process.

Sincerely,  
Allison Cave  
Kihei, Maui

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**From:** ROBERT HOCKWALD [sfaloha@webtv.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:54 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I support the Hawaii Superferry.  
Robert S. Hockwald MD  
2999 Kalakau #401  
Honolulu 96815

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**From:** Dale Yasunaga [daleyasunaga@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:56 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Support 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 hereby voice my support for the bill currently under review that will allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an environmental impact study is conducted. As a resident of Oahu it is my firm belief that the Superferry is a benefit not only to those of us on Oahu, but to our neighbors on Maui and Kauai as well. Once an environmental study is done, I am sure that it will be concluded that the Superferry has taken all the necessary steps to protect our islands' environment. As such the company should be allowed to operate while the study is being conducted.

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**From:** Kim Weaver [kimmieb@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:56 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment- Hawaii Superferry  
**Attachments:** Kim Weaver.vcf

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

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I have a dream, to be able to support my son as a single parent, pay my mortgage and have a successful business. I NEED the Superferry.

The ferry would also allow the me to spend more time with my brother and sister on Oahu, who moved away many years ago because Maui could not offer them the employment opportunities they needed. I have chosen to stay on Maui, but if I cannot make a living for myself and family, I'll be forced to sell my home and move to the mainland, away from my family and friends.

I ask that you find solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

Mahalo,  
Kim Weaver  
Hana Lima Soap Co.  
Maui, Hawaii

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**From:** JEAllin@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:57 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Legislature's Public Access Room: YES for Superferry

Senate Committee: Transportation and International Affairs  
Date: Wednesday, October 24  
Time: 10:30 AM, Auditorium State Capitol

Attention Transportation Committee Members:

Please vote YES! for Superferry to resume operations to Maui. If Matson, Young Brothers, all cruise ships, and other vessels can operate in Hawaiian waters, Superferry should be allowed to sail. Alaska has many ferries, cruise ships, sea planes, oil tankers and I've not heard of any problems with the whales. Superferry does not have a propeller and can turn on a dime.

Hawaii needs Superferry, ASAP. Please vote YES!  
Thank you,  
Joann Allin

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**From:** Loretta O. Hussey [lohussey@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:57 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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

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

Time & Location: State Capital Auditorium

Re: The Hawaii Superferry

Aloha Senators!

Mahalo for this opportunity to share my manao on the Hawaii Superferry, and my strong belief and support of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate even while an environmental report is being done.

For years, we have prayed for more avenues, and alternate routes and modes of transportation among and between our islands. The seafight was a boon in it's day and was saddened when it disappeared, but this Superferry, not only allows us to travel with our ohana, with our vehicles, and possibly our food and supplies and truly be able to visit ohana on other islands and really be able to take our time to travel and learn of each of the island's beauty and historical sites.

Auwe, to many of these residents, for being so loud, boisterous, and disrespectful. Please take into consideration, that many of the local folks are not loud and outspoken, but are the silent majority, and truly support the Superferry.

Me ka mahalo,

Loretta deFries Hussey  
94-824 Lumiauau St. V106  
Waipahu, HI 96797



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**From:** Cheryl Camara [cherylinha6@clearwire.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:25 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** hawaiiisuperferry@hawaiiisuperferry.com  
**Subject:** Save the Superferry - RIGHT YOUR WRONG

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

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

**WE NEED AN INTERISLAND FERRY SERVICE.** There are numerous reasons why this would be advantageous for the people of Hawaii.

This is long overdue. It's a needed alternative mode of transportation to our outer islands. It's a fun way for our children and families and everyone to travel.

Also, **the ferry service would be there for us in a crisis as well.**

**WHY ARE YOU LISTENING TO THE MINORITY?** There is room for everyone. Have you checked the real reasons why the louder voices really object?

And who they are? Will they be here in five years? ten years? Why are they afraid of progress? Why do they want to hold the entire State of Hawaii back?

They certainly do not represent the majority. **LISTEN TO THE MAJORITY!**

**Thank you for listening to one of the majority!**

Cheryl L. Camara

## testimony

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**From:** Cathryn Masuda [skachiccat@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:20 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 legitimate concerns about the possible irreparable harms highlighted by the Maui Court.
- The Hawai'i 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 decision making 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 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 will not.

Cathryn Masuda  
2150 Anianiku St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**testimony**

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**From:** charleyboomer@aol.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:38 PM

**To:** testimony

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please help supporting the Hawaiian Super ferry. Thank you.

Orlando Salazar  
46-205 Kalali St.  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Aloha from Hawaii

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**From:** BFlamegirl@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:36 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry

I am another major supporter of the Hawaii SuperFerry! PLEASE!!! Like the lady on Maui said = we voted for you. We elected you! Now do the right thing and support US in what we see as something very important to our lives.

I love to travel to the neighbor islands. I hate being at the mercy of the rental car companies. By the time they have finished intimidating you to buy their extra very expensive insurance, you are afraid to even drive! I want to be comfortable and take my own car. And besides, what do they do with the old cars when they get new cars? Ship them all back to the mainland? Or just let them rust away on their beautiful island? At least I'd be bringing my car home with me.

And as for invasive species...Who knows what kinds of invasive species we all are tracking over on the bottoms of our shoes! Please listen to reason! Please listen to the people who voted for you!

Sincerely,  
Barbara Dittrich

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**From:** Kingscustomkoa@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:34 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry hearing

I am in support of the Superferry. I am a manufacturing subcontractor who currently accepts no outer-island work because of the cost and hassle. The Superferry would greatly enable me to take this work.

Thank You,  
John P Andreoni, President  
King's Custom Koa, Inc.  
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**From:** karen furtado [karenafurtado@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:07 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Pro Ferry

As a small business owner I think that the service of the Superferry would be beneficial for local travel as well as tourism. It is always nice to have options, which sometimes in this state there is a lack of. I am looking forward to my first ride on the ferry.

**Karen Furtado**

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**From:** Edward Butac [butace001@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:34 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Super Ferry

*I feel the super ferry should be granted a wavier to set sail while the courts decide what happens to the super ferry and follow the guide lines that has been set fourth to show good faith. One more thing, the state of Hawaii has dished out a lot of money already by building docking station on Kauai and Maui. If the super ferry loses then what happens to the dock stations and other businesses that what to start something like this again, It just show what people can do to protest anything the don't want. I think the people on Kauai and Maui should stay on there Island and don't even come to Honolulu for any kind of business, just stay on your own Island and see what happens.*

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**From:** Joshua Powell [admin@freedomhousellc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:15 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

Honorable Committee Members:

I am a resident of the 19th district and am quite concerned about the fate of the Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the public sentiment for the ferry service and general common sense should outweigh and serve to correct the reading of the law in this case. It seems that if a statewide vote were conducted the law as it stands would be changed to support the ferry. I am genuinely surprised at how divisive this issue has become but we now run the risk of a very active minority overturning the wishes of the majority and the genuine best interest of the State. Our state legislature should do whatever is necessary to clear the way for safe interisland ferry service.

I run a small local consulting and development company. Hawaii has been very good to me and my family. I came to Hawaii as a naval officer and have made the choice to raise my family here. I have great respect for the cultural values that have converged in Hawaii to make it what it is - and to make it distinctly different from any other place, this decorum and respect has completely evaporated around this issue. There is a huge task ahead for state leadership to bring this issue to a respectful close and to ultimately respect the will of the majority.

Please enact legislation that will allow Ferry Service while an EA is conducted.

Thank You,  
Joshua Powell  
3895 Poka St.  
739.6401

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**From:** Amber Iwamoto [pengubeads@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:39 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

To Whom It May Concern,

Almost two hundred years ago, King Kamehameha united the Hawaiian Islands. In just a few short months, a tiny part of our population in the guise of so-called "environmentalists" (merely political activists under a different title) have torn our islands apart, to the point where we have one island fighting another. Is this the Hawaii we want to present to the rest of the world?

My family is in full support of the Superferry. We feel that they have taken all necessary measures, going above and beyond the rules and regulations already in place for other means of transportation between the islands. We want to have another means of transportation to visit friends and family on other islands. We want small businesses in our state to have another means of transporting their goods to other islands. Imagine the youth groups, church groups, sports groups, and school groups who could use the Superferry to transport students and equipment between the islands. In an emergency (remember October 15, 2006?) the Superferry could be counted on to provide emergency services and goods between the islands. We feel that the Superferry is being **discriminated against**, and if further environmental studies and regulations are deemed mandatory for the Superferry, it should be the same for all modes of transportation between the islands, including, but not limited to, Hawaiian Air, Aloha Airlines, go! Airlines, Young Brothers, Horizon Lines, and Matson.

A suggestion? Do what you were put into office for...to listen to the majority and to do what is best for the majority and for our state.

Sincerely,  
A.K. Iwamoto

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

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**TO:** Energy 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:** Cory Settlemeyer [king712@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** dchris344@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** hawaii super ferry

supporting the hawaii super ferry

aloha to everyone there

the superferry would be an amazing chance for fellow hawaiians, islanders, people from outer island and every place to see places better, visit, share culture, camping would be awesome to go to the big island for a week of camping from oahu or something liek that, go ride the bike down the volcano in maui, i mean comon the sueprferry is a great idea, opening the state of hawaii to a whole new experience, each other.

adios muchcachos, im out

the king

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**From:** hulahut [hulahut@hulahuthawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:34 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super ferry

Dear Senate Committee:

Regarding the Superferry: Yes I am for it.

Please do not let our State look backward to the world. Please be progressive and vote to keep the Superferry running. The Islands can have a closer relationship.

The majority of residence want to be able to visit their friends and family through the use of the ferry. Businesses would grow through this type of transit.

The NorthWest area of the United States has had ferries for years without problems. Lets vote for the Supperferry with facts not emotion and opinion.

Respectfully,

Angie Larson  
107 Kailuana Loop  
Kailua, HI 96734

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## Public Access Room

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**From:** Jim Haley [haleyj001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:43 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Please, please do every thing you can to support the Super Ferry service in Hawaii. I believe that it is important to the long range economic health of the state.

A system like it has been in successful service for years in the Canary Islands Aloha, Jim Haley

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**From:** RJones003 [rjones003@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:43 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please support the Superferry

**To:** Environment 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:** L P [bramastra@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:17 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hearing - Hawaii Super Ferry

To the Following Senate Committees:

Judiciary and Labor  
Transportation & International Affairs  
Energy & Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time: 10:30 AM

I support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. No other interisland or seagoing vessel has been required to do an EIS - including the whale watching boats, which are the only ones to date who have risked hitting whales. The Super Ferry will be using the same waterways that all other commercial transport carriers, cruise lines, interisland barges (that also transport automobiles, by the way), so should be able to run under the same guidelines afforded these other modes of transport. It does not make sense to penalize the Super Ferry or the people of Hawaii, and, risk losing the economic asset of the Super Ferry because of concern for an EIS.

Sincerely,

Leslie Porter  
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**From:** Paul Chadband [paulchadband@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:43 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry testimony

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Aloha,

We are Residents and property owners here on the Island of Hawai'i. We are in Favor of the Hawaii Superferry. It is our hope and Prayer that you allow the employees of the Superferry get back to work as soon as possible, Let the Superferry Sail as soon as possible. This is a great Business for our State!

We both work and cannot attend the meeting in North Kona on Tuesday.

Paul & Norma Chadband  
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Captain Cook, HI

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**From:** Trisa Chavez [trisac@nevcac.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I support Hawaii Superferry

Dear Sirs or Madams:

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

As a resident of the state of Hawai'i, I am in favor of the Hawai'i Superferry operating while the Environmental Impact Survey is underway. I am a traveling minister and make frequent trips among the islands. Another option for inter-island travel would be of great value. In November our fellowship holds an annual Christian convention on the Waianae coast of Oahu. Friends gather in from the neighbor islands for this special time each year. The ability to travel by ferry and transport their automobiles would benefit a number of families.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Trisa Chavez

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**From:** Brad [BVHIGG@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:45 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

I'm unable to attend this hearing but would like to be heard. I encourage the Senate to move forward and pass the correct laws to allow this great needed service to Hawaii. We allow the Curse lines, Matson, Young Brothers and others to travel interisland with no problems. I believe that those that oppose are doing so for other reason than what is being put forth. Do the right thing and pass the laws needed, and don't let a small minority decided for the large majority.

*Aloha Nui Loa*

*Brad*

Bradley V. Higgins  
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Honolulu, Hawaii

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**From:** Noravknock@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:45 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Aloha,

My name is Nora Knock and I think that this is a crying shame, to think that all these transplant citizens have nothing better to do the cause havoc. It looks like the people that live on the outer islands have nothing better to do. Do they even have jobs and pay taxes?

Anyway I am in favor of any creative way to get to the neighbor islands, my son lives a good part of his life in a wheelchair and that is our only way to get him to visit our family. But do they care about anyone other there stupid reasons. Well, I can go on on just do the best you can.

It will happen maybe not this year but it will that's just how it is.

Tell all those nay sayers get over it.

Mahalo Nora Knock

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**From:** Eric [marne001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:46 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Super Ferry

Dear Sirs:

We would like to add our support for the Super Ferry. We believe that it will be an additional alternative to interisland travel and promote competition for transportation of goods and automobiles traveling between the islands.

Sincerely yours,  
Eric Y. Marn  
Linda M. Marn  
Patrick K.Y. Marn

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**From:** Linda McDole [tropigal@clearwire.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:50 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

This is to inform you that I support the immediate sailing of the Hawaii Superferry. 1) Hawaii needs the jobs. 2) The sailings will benefit the tourist industry because it will give tourists a leisurely alternative for island hopping. 3) The benefits extend to business people who work part time on neighbor islands and want their own cars to get around. 4) Ohana will use it to visit friends and families on neighbor islands. I truly trust Hawaii Superferry management and employees to help preserve our environment and everything in it so that they can continue to operate in our beautiful state.

Mahalo,  
Linda McDole  
Resident, State of Hawaii

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**From:** Pj3467@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:46 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** jlong@hawaii.rr.com; hawaiiuperferry@hawaiiuperferry.com  
**Subject:** SUPPORT FOR HAWAII SUPERFERRY!!!

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Please register my SUPPORT FOR THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY.  
I believe this is a good thing for Hawaii.

PLEASE: DO NOT allow a small percentage of state residents to determine the outcome for something that is good for the WHOLE STATE.

PLEASE: Do what is necessary to show that Hawaii is a GREAT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS; ECONOMIC GROWTH AND FOREIGN/OUTSIDE INVESTMENT IS A GOOD THING, which can be done in a manner which is not harmful to the environment.

PLEASE: Show the world that we, in Hawaii, DO NOT SELECTIVELY ALLOW some businesses to operate and use ROGUE JUDGES to SHUT DOWN businesses that aren't to our liking; let the MARKET determine the success or failure of a legitimate business!

It DOES NOT seem fair to me that a small minority, who had a chance to make their say early in the proposal process, can find themselves a sympathetic judge and have the whole thing railroaded at the last minute, IT IS NOT RIGHT!

I appreciate the opportunity to be heard on this matter.

Sincerely,

PETER JAMES LONG III  
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**From:** Mike and Emi Miner [mrmmdem95@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:56 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I Love the Superferry!

Dear Sir:

Please allow the Superferry to operate in our State. Only if it can be proven that it will harm our wildlife would I vote against it. If it is found to be environmentally safe, then there is no reason to stop the Superferry from doing business here. As time passes, everyone, including the boisterous outer island protesters, will see the benefits of having the Superferry transport vehicles and customers from island to island. I am looking forward to riding the Superferry!

Aloha,

Michael R. Miner

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

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**From:** Ernest Shih [ehhshih@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:38 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am one of the many who form a silent majority that is 100% in support of the superferry. I think that Hawaii needs as many different forms of transportation as possible and its not fair to single out the Superferry for issues that should affect all transport.

Please allow the ferry to operate while the environmental impact statement is being done.

Ernest Shih

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**From:** Medelyn Harkins [mhark216@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:33 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry - Wed., Oct 24, 2008, 10:30 am. Auditorium, State Capitol

I support the Hawaii Superferry immensely. The state of Hawaii needs another mode of transportation and is much needed economically. The people of Hawaii wants this and they want to move forward into the 21st Century. Pls. keep the Super Ferry in Hawaii and get the vessel going. I was one of the passengers that took the Military Mahalo cruise. It was an awesome experience. Also, the people that are employed by the HI Superferry love their jobs and love to be a part of history.

Sincerely,

**Medelyn Harkins** 

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**From:** kevin odonnell [sailorkevo420@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:33 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry testimony

As a long time resident and boater in the State of Hawaii, I don't believe that the Superferry will do any more damage to the environment than any other passenger or shipping vessels that are already permitted to use these harbors. Furthermore, I believe that I should be able to go enjoy the other islands and visit friends without having to pay a high price just to rent a car. We are all Kama'aina on these Islands. Can we treat each other this way?

Mahalo

Kevin O'Donnell

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**From:** Kailani Naauao [jnk41800@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:40 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Supperferry support

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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I am in full support of the superferry running while undergoing the EIS process. I believe it is another form of transportation Hawai'i is needing for it's people and visitors. It also gives opportunites for many business to compete in it's various occupations and also provides jobs for many of Hawai'i's residents.

Aloha,  
Kailani Na`auao

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**From:** Frank Sullivan [watash@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:40 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I am concerned also about some of the issues, but I must rebuke some of the issues.

For example: I could have gone to Maui, rented a van/car/SUV, etc. gone to the stream, taken rocks, put them in containers and then to Young Brothers and put them in a small container and shipped them back to Oahu or wherever. No one would have looked in my containers.

I am sending a car to Oahu via Young Brothers and I take it to them, they put in on a barge. Is it checked for dirt, bugs, frogs, you name it, before it is put on the barge..no.

There are catamarans on Kauai who do sightseeing and snorkeling tours of the Napali coast and they go as fast or faster than the Superferry..so why is speed an issue when other ocean-going crafts do it? Plus the Superferry people are taking more precautions with look-outs, etc. than any of the other vessels. And, they have no propellers!!

The court had the case for a year and could have taken action way before the day it sailed. To think that 300 of our people have lost jobs, the state is out \$40M and the Superferry have invested \$180M is ludicrous. There was plenty of time for action to be taken before so many people were hurt financially. It is an embarrassment to witness the actions of the protestors. Why aren't they throwing themselves in front of the bulldozers in the Poipu area of Kauai where a real problem is happening?

I rest my case.

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**From:** Keri [kerihome@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:40 PM  
**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

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the Hawaii Superferry. Hawaii's families need another alternative for interisland travel. My husband makes 4 or 5 trips a month to Maui, Kauai, and the Big Island. He says the Superferry would make things so much easier and less expensive for him to service his outer island clients, and he would do it with more frequency. We would also travel with our four children to visit grandparents, aunties and uncles on Kauai and cousins on the Big Island. It would be so convenient to pack up our car, drive to the Superferry and then drive off to Tutu's house a couple hours later, not to mention less costly. I have to wonder how much the airlines and rental car companies are working to keep the Superferry from operating. I'm sure they stand to lose potentially some big dollars. The Superferry is for our families, for our community. Doesn't our opinion matter?

Thank you for your time,  
Keri Magaoay

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**From:** RWPALOHA@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** interisland ferry service in Hawai'i

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

Richard Pritts

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**From:** David Wethington [hawaii-dave@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Let the Superferry run!

I urge you in the strongest terms to do the right thing - let the Superferry run - now!

The vast majority of the people want it, the economy of Hawaii needs it. All this protest is just a smokescreen for a very few, very small special interest groups.

Do the honorable and right thing - get the Superferry running NOW!

Thank you for your time.

Aloha,

Dave Wethington  
Honolulu



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**From:** chris clothier [casc@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Save the superferry!

Dear Legislators,

The Superferry is a wanted and needed addition to the transportation alternatives available to us in Hawaii. I am very upset that a SMALL but very VOCAL group on both Maui and Kauai have been allowed to stop this opportunity to date. We are looking forward to traveling to the neighbor islands on the Superferry.

I do not understand why EA and EIS requirements have not been imposed on NCL and the barge companies who continue to expand with no restraints— do they not bring invasive species – what about all the shoes of 2000 passengers are tramping onto Maui and Kauai from three NCL ships every week??????

The Superferry has bent over backwards – those opposed are practicing anarchy? HOW can we allow this to happen – where is the rule of law – and how does the law change after the fact to stop this asset for Hawaii

Kauai has always been a favorite island for us – NO MORE!!!

Please make the necessary legal changes to overturn the incorrect actions of both the Supreme Court and the Maui judge – as for Kauai – send them all to jail including Senator Hauer and the Representative who have only active to incite the crowd.

Chris Clothier  
Voter, tax payer,

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**From:** SONNY YEE [jcaj\_yee@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:15 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry

To whom it may concern:

The Hawaii Super Ferry should be allowed to operate during the environmental study without any added stipulations. People of Hawaii needs another form of travel between the islands other than airlines.

Sincerely,

Joseph Yee II  
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Aiea, HI 96701

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**From:** enockfreire [enockfreire@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:42 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

As a small business owner on the Big Island, I would like to express my support for the superferry. I believe that the benefits of an inter- island transportation alternative far out-weighs any potential risks presently being discussed. The superferry is the right idea at the right time.

Enock Freire  
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enock@hawaii.rr.com

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**From:** Kathy and Kurtis McMillen [kandk@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:42 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Wednesday Special Session

Superferry must have a successful EIS before scheduling interisland service. The special session is unnecessary and sets a negative precedence. A bad decision by a private company does not warrant a special session of the state legislature. The court's decision was sound and the state law should stand as is.

Mahalo,  
Kurtis and Kathy McMillen  
Kapa'a, Kaua'i

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**From:** Tesa Young [tesayoung@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Let the ferry sail

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to support the superferry. I feel it should be able to operate. I do not understand some of the arguements against the ferry as wouldn't these arguements apply to the many other vessels which come into and between the Hawaii Ports. Give the superferry a chance.

Thank you for your time,

Elizabeth Young  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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**From:** Keala Kahuanui [keala@kalo.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 8:42 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 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.

Keala Kahuanui  
Kinohou St.  
Kamuela, HI 9674

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**From:** Larry Denis III [lbd3@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:42 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony

This is testimony for:

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I am writing to you today to urge you to support the Hawaii Superferry. Hawaii needs this mode of transportation for numerous reasons, of which I'm sure you already are aware of. I feel that the Superferry should be able to operate even while an EIS is being conducted. Hawaii Superferry has already been through so much, and to expect them to wait any longer is completely unacceptable. We cannot afford to have this company leave our State. It would send a wrong message to any future businesses interested in operating here in Hawaii.

Please do not let scare and smear tactics prevail in this important decision making process.

Sincerely,  
Lawrence Denis III  
Hilo, Hawaii

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**From:** Mike & Anne [nasona001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:43 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Legislature's Public Access Room - testimony

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

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The Superferry should run while the study is being done.

1) Because they were allowed well in advance to spend alot of money preparing to service Hawaii with the support of the State, they deserve the opportunity to prove thier benefit to the State.

2) Families and Business alike are in need of alternate methods of transport.

3) My Mother lived in Vancouver Canada for some time and she says the Ferry they had there never ran over a whale, she said they hear it comming and moved out of the way.

**I told her that apparently we must have deaf, stupid whales here in Hawaii.**

The Superferry would allow students like my son the ability to travel back and forth from college with a vehicle and return to family during the summer and winter breaks.

**My son traveled on one of the few voyages from Maui with his vehicle and is able to work and attend college allowing him the ability to be independant. It would have taken a couple of weeks to get his vehicle there and alot more money.**

**We are so fortunate that we did not hesitate. He drove through a car wash before boarding and right off the Ferry to his apartment. He found employment and saved Mom and Dad hundreds of dollars!**

Thank you,

Anne Nason

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**From:** mbachlott1127@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:43 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry Support

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I support the Super Ferry and would like to see it continue its service in the State of Hawaii. It is in the best interest of the people of Hawaii to have another option for transportation between our Islands.

Aloha,  
Mary Ann Bachlott  
1635 Dole St.  
Honolulu, HI 96822  
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**From:** John Ervin [johnaervin@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:36 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Pro-Hawaiian Superferry

Aloha, Let the Super-ferry operate. It increases our safety options in case of emergency such as earthquake or tsunami. It allows competition in inter-island travel. It will increase commerce between islands. The Super-ferry will give many fold benefits compared to any negative it may cause. Give us our inter-island highway!!

Mahalo,  
John and Kanami Ervin  
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**From:** Linda Morin [linmorin@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:43 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Let the Super Ferry Sail.

Please support the Super Ferry to sail now.. There has been no damage done to the Aina. The damage that has been done has been to the people of Hawaii and the Super Ferry. A minority want to delay the Super Ferry so it has no choice but to leave our beautiful Island. It will never be back. If it leaves no one will want to even do an EIS or an EA. That is thir goal to prevent the EA or the EIS and make the Ferry leave... Why is the Question. Plese support the Ferry with guidelines..  
But let it sail...and di the EA and EIS. Linda Morin , 706 A Spencer Street. Honolulu, HI.. 808-772-2261.

Thank you for your work and deliberations, Your decision will determine the power of the legislature for the next 20 years. Do we want the law set by you or the courts. It is your decesion.

Aloha and Mahalo; Linda Morin.

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**From:** Pat Jones [pjones001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:43 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I was looking forward to seeing my family in Kona thru the Superferry. I would not have to rent a car, let alone have them pick me up. This is something needed in the islands.  
Don't let it go the way SEA FLITE went. If all the exceptions are for the Superferry, its only fair to apply the same to the airlines and other sailing vessels. LET THE SUPERFERRY RUN!!!!!!

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**From:** Jerome Hersh [Hershj001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 6:43 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Approve the Superferry

Aloha Lawmakers,

The purpose of this mail is to request you do the right thing by allowing the majority of citizens the right to ride the superferry while conducting the EIS. The silent majority clearly wants you to provide us with another transportation option.

Mahalo,  
Jerome Hersh  
Hawaii Kai

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**From:** Theresa Doris [tdoris@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:43 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Supperferry

To Whom it May Concern

There are so many people that can't fly because of illness or the altitude pressure that live here and can't travel to the outer islands. Pregnant women, small children and disabled people that find travel through airports a challenge.

To be able to travel in the comfort of a vehicle is liberating to many. I come from Vancouver we were have ferries that run in many channels and ocean crossings. They are very marine aware and cause less damage then the cruise ships or fishing vessels. Why have they not had to have an environmental impact. Take the barges, Young Brothers, all the other ocean craft.

Where are the environmental studies for these? Please allow the ferries to sail. Give people the choice.

Theresa Doris (Tess)  
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**From:** Donald moody [moodydj002@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:17 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

Dear Sir,

My wife and I strongly support the Superferry and anything that can be done to get them operating.,

If the Superferry has to do an Enviromental Impact Statement, then so should All surface ships serving the outer islands, and all airlines.

Change the Law.

Aloha Don and Judy Moody  
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**From:** Amy Bautista [BautistaE008@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:42 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT of the Hawaii Superferry

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support of the Hawaii Superferry. I would like to begin by saying that I too believe in protecting our environment, however, I simply do not see how we are to imply that a Superferry is any different from the many other vessels currently operating in our waters or would dramatically pose more detrimental harm above and beyond other vessels. Agreeing that a EIS should be done, I sense that should any environmental harm be proved, that the Superferry would make every effort to diminish it and honor and protect this place that they plan to call home. It appears that they have made most every effort to accommodate whale migrations, traffic concerns, etc.

Having a family of five, I personally look forward to the alternative option of inter island travel. Aside from the financial savings, having the ease of packing everything into the car till destination, without having to unload at the airport, carry everything through various check points (kids in tow), reload at our destination and then doing it all again on the way back, is quite enticing!! Not to mention that the ride itself would be somewhat of an adventure. Also, as a soccer parent, having the ability to take equipment, pop-up tents, coolers, etc., can only increase participation in outerisland activities, which in turn generates revenue.

Finally, if, as it has been said, this EIS is required -- WHY did opponents wait until the ship was built, located, and beginning operation to voice such a strong opposition!!! This opposition could have been done much earlier and certainly before costing the Hawaii Superferry wasted \$\$\$ and costing the jobs of so many LOCAL people. Opponents should be made to realize that they missed the opportunity to SHUT DOWN the Superferry and the Superferry SHOULD be allowed to operate while an understandably required EIS is done.

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**From:** Kailani Naauao [jnk41800@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:37 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Superferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I am in full support of the superferry running while undergoing the EIS process. I believe it is another form of transportation Hawai`i is needing for it's people and visitors. It also gives opportunites for many business to compete in it's various occupations and also provides jobs for many of Hawai`i's residents.

Aloha,  
John Na`auao

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**From:** Darylyne Nakata [darylyne\_nakata@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:37 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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

Aloha,

I would like to support the bill that will allow the Hawaii Superferry to provide interisland service while an EIS is being conducted. The Hawaii Superferry was told that they didn't need an EIS to operate in Hawaii so why punish **them** for the government's screw up. I'm looking forward for the Hawaii Superferry to service the Big Island.

Thank you,

Darylyne Nakata

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**From:** Robert Chanin [chaninr001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:44 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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

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As the owner of a small business in Hawaii I submit that allowing the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being run will help my business and increase my GET tax contribution.

Robert Chanin  
Pacific Shelving Company, Inc.

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**From:** Jay Dietz [jaydietz@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:43 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** in FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry

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**In FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry**

**We need an alternative in interisland travel. The superferry is an excellent alternative that will increase competition and be good for residents, good for tourism, good for business, and good for Hawaii. All of the islands will benefit.**

**Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the Environmental Impact Study is being conducted. This is extremely important to me and my family.**

**Mahalo!**

**Jay Dietz**

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**From:** jim hull [srfman62@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:18 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Dear Lawmakers,

I am in total support of the Super Ferry and feel that competition and options to travel with my family to other islands is a huge benefit to us all. I believe there are opponents that are more interested in NOT having competition in the marketplace of not only travel, but also in the shipment of goods. The interisland Stevedores DO have a monopoly and want nothing more for the Super Ferry to be buried and go away.

**KEEP THE FERRY SYSTEM>>>PLEASE!!!!**

Jim Hull

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**From:** Tony and Mindy Daub [daub1@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:44 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Hawaii Superferry Testimony

**Reference: senate committees of: judiciary and labor, transportation, international affairs and energy and environment**

**Regardless of the reasons that this project is in trouble, we need to have a special legislative session to permit operation of the vessel until or while the EIS is being done.**

**Never in all my years living here in Hawaii, have I seen an issue that has been so polarizing politically and created such controversy among so many. It is simple economics; at \$650,000 per week in losses, how much longer can they last before they are forced to find other suitable markets and places to conduct their business?**

**Shame on all of us; the state department of transportation, the judicial, executive and legislative branches of our state government as well as the voting populace for allowing this project to go this far without enforcing laws properly. This alternative mode of inter island transportation can and will work successfully if allowed the opportunity.**

**Let's set the guidelines for compliance of environmental laws once the outcome of the study is completed. In the interim, let's show the world that Hawaii can work out issues with viable business opportunities that need to interface with environmental concerns to enhance as well as protect our way of life here.**

*Tony Daub*

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**From:** RUSKELLY@aol.com

**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:45 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** I believe the superferry is the best option to move our state forward.

Hello,

Superferry is necessary for the Islands to move forward

Russ Kelly of Miiilani Hawaii

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**From:** Linda Dix [linakalou@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:59 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Superferry

**In Re:**

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I would like to add my voice to those supporting the operation of the superferry. I am elderly and somewhat disabled and must travel inter-island for medical care. The airline trips are so wearing what with lines, inspections, delays etc and then there is the hassle of renting a car for transport once you arrive. How much more simple to enjoy a pleasurable ferry trip where you can move around and have some space, not to mention your car. I, as do many others, feel the objections to the ferry are not so much the environmental aspects and the commercial lobbies.

Respectfully,

Linda Morales Dix

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**From:** Tomasu, Mona T CIV NAVFAC PAC [mona.tomasu@navy.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:59 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

This may not be significant for non-pet owners, but the thought of putting my dog in airline cargo and the horrible stories of what has happened to these precious family members in airline cargo has made me an advocate of the super ferry. I do not travel to the outer islands because of my pets, but if I am able to take them in my car or next to me in a cage via the super ferry for just the day, I would be more than willing to visit the outer islands and spend my money on the other islands economy.

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**From:** Pam Peterson [pamkaha@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:02 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Suoerferry Support

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to support the Superferry for numerous reasons. The main reason is that it will give us Hawaii residents another option in case of a major disaster on one of the islands. I was born and raised in Hawaii and have lived on Maui for 26 years.

I am 65 years old. I have grandchildren in Waimea, Hawaii, and business on all the islands. I also have close family on three of the islands. I have so looked forward to traveling with my car inter- island, and the Superferry is a dream come true. I have anticipated the Superferry since its inception. I would hate to have that dream slip through the cracks because of a highly verbal and hostile minority. Maui and Kauai are still small towns in some ways, where as Oahu is not. By this I mean, everyone still knows everyone. I have stood up to people in favor of the Superferry, and I know many that are very emotionally charged against it. I love living on Maui in peace. I actually would be afraid to verbalize at the hearing my support for the Superferry. I would expect threatening phone calls and other harrassment. I believe that this would be true of all the outer islands because they are still "small towns". I know that there are many other Maui residents that feel as I do, and are afraid to speak up because of recriminations. These same people, along with myself, will be the first to travel on the Superferry. I really don't think you will get a fair representation from the hearing because of this situation. Because of this, I am putting my support in writing and I hope others are doing the same.

Sincerely, Pam Peterson

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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:** Gary Edwards [gedwards@pixi.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:58 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In Support of the Superferry

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

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I think my feelings are representative of 90% of Hawaii's people.

I support the Superferry unreservedly.

Look around the rest of the world. Ferries have been serving people in every corner of the world for millenia. How much sense does it make to require an "environmental impact statement"? We have giant luxury liners going between islands, barges, oil tankers, yachts, fishing boats, submarines. To single out the Superferry and cause its business failure is almost criminal.

Clamoring for this EIS is nothing more than a thinly disguised means of throwing a monkey wrench in a beautiful machine that the people of Hawaii want and need.

I rode the Superferry on its inaugural ride to Maui. What a thrill to be able to drive your car to Kahalui from Honolulu round trip!

Please use common sense and do whatever it takes to bring the Superferry to Hawaii and also to restore our respect in the world's eyes.

Aloha,

Gary Edwards, M.D.

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**From:** Lisa Muragin [lisamuragin@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:53 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** support for Super Ferry

To the Senate Committees re: Hawaii Super Ferry,

I am in support of the Hawaii Super Ferry being allowed to operate in Hawaii while the EIS is being done. My reasons, as a lifelong resident of the State of Hawaii, are that I feel we need this kind of service. It will be good for the people of Hawaii to have this option. Please don't let the obnoxious, self serving *minority* make this decision for the silent majority of us who feel Hawaii Super Ferry deserves a chance. We will send the wrong message to any kind of investors who may want to consider Hawaii for "new and innovative" ventures. We need these jobs, these technologies and these options for travel here in Hawaii.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Muragin  
Big Island

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**From:** jcuding [jcuding@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:00 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Dear Sir;

My wife and I have 2 girls and their families on the Islands and we have 5 grandchildren here. My brother and his wife have lived here since 1969 and I paddle regularly with a bunch of 60 year olds of whom some are 3rd and 4th generation residents. I work at Habitat for West Hawaii and I attend a church of about 300 of whom the majority are locals.

None of my family, workmates, playmates, or praymates are against the Superferry. We see it as an alternative means of travel that will financially benefit ourselves and our families and enable us to shop in Honolulu, spend extended vacation times with our families on the other Islands, and enjoy an alternative mode of travel between the Islands.

The case brought against the Superferry seems contrived by special interests groups and extremely far fetched. i.e. whales being sucked into the turbines, thousands of car flooding the highways, overcrowding of our dock facilities, etc.

This reminds me of the 3 people who put up the fuss over the Hokulia Development here on the big Island. Ultimately they figured out how to get paid off and now they are happily on their way. Don't let this become a duplicate of that scandalous situation. Let this business get underway and benefit the Hawaiian community at large. Give the silent majority a break.

Sincerely  
James Uding  
Kealakekua, Hi  
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**From:** Lynne Shanahan [bolyn@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:00 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please keep the Super Ferry

Yes! We need the Super Ferry for travel- Tourists- and jobs for the Locals

Sincerely  
Lynne Shanahan

Today is tomorrow you worried about yesterday



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**From:** shawndra holmberg [shawndra@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:34 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In support of the Hawaii superferry

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

I feel that the superferry is important to the economic well being of the state and of the County of Hawaii. It's more than just money and another transportation option for people. It's about supporting business and the future. If the superferry is not allowed to operate after all the time and effort that has gone in to getting them here, I see other businesses think twice before entering the Hawaii market. It's about building infrastructure.

It's about safety and security. What if another terrorist attack grounded airplanes and there was an emergency on one island that needed supplies and resources from another. A ferry system could provide a quick response and have the capacity for the necessary cargo and people.

The environment is important but so are is the future of Hawaii and its businesses.

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

Thank you,

Shawndra Holmberg  
Hilo, Hawaii County

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**From:** Dawn Banuilos [honubird2004@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:34 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

To whom it may concern,

I support the Superferry. All though the other Island seem to be in protest, I feel in the long run it will be better for them economically.

I understand that some people are worried about the damage that the superferry can do to the environment, however I feel that it can't bring any more damage then what the Matson ships bring when they are bringing in supplies to the Islands.

I for one was looking forward to trying out the ferry to see the other Islands. The cost of the ferry can make it more affordable for us to see the other Islands. While we are there we are going to spend money to boost the outer Islands economy.

If we were all afraid of change and something new, like the outer Islands we probably wouldn't have electricity or telephones. Shame on the other Islands for not wanting to share the other Islands with everyone.

Please reconsider the decision of ending the superferry before it even got a chance to start.

Sincerely  
Dawn M. Price

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**From:** Cindy "TAZ" Buan-Sugai [buansugai@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:01 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

**Aloha To Whom It May Concern,**

**Please allow the Super Ferry to conduct business while the environmental study is done. I believe this would make it a more complete study as well as allow those of us who have been looking forward to the Super Ferry's arrival for years. Allowing the Super Ferry to operate while environmental studies are done. Those who oppose should realize they are getting the environmental impact they wanted and let the rest of the state get what we want. If the Super Ferry pulls out of Hawaii it will hurt the state financially for a very long time and would scare away future mainland investors in future projects. The Super Ferry should get a chance to prove itself.**

**Aloha,**

**Cindy A. Buan-Sugai**

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**From:** James Cargille [jimcargille@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:34 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Ferry

Aloha,

Please vote to allow the Superferry to begin and to continue operating.

Thanks!

Jim Cargille  
Wahiawa

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**From:** Adele Gaballo [adelegaballo54@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:01 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Hawaii Superferry

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

I stand by the Superferry here in Hawaii because I see it as an asset to our people. Transportation, Economy for our islands. We will boost our tourism for the neighbor islands by going there and spending our monies on their products and they can come to Honolulu and up their monies on cutting the cost of shipping products back and forth. I see this as a win win situation for all our people. My family of 50 plus has been looking forward to this type of transportation to the neighbor island and we think it is essential for everyone. Maui worries about invasion of traffic and danger to their beautiful island I see it as sharing the aina for all to enjoy. Personal vehicles is no different from rentals. Kauai is worried about bad elements coming to their island, Well haven't they watched the news lately about their bad elements. I say we need this. Superferry must stay.

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**From:** todd compton [todd\_96795@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:55 PM  
**To:** testimony

Aloha

We are a small busines operating out of Maui, although our home base is Oahu. We have been looking to expand to Oahu which would mean empolying another crew for our pool company between 5 and 15 labors, excavators, electricians, plumbers, rental cars and trucks, along with buying materials, gas, lunches, clothes, etc contributing to inter island commerce for alot of people.

We are for the enviromental concerns of the islands, and by all means do not want to endanger anyone or anything in the process of making our islands grow but also want a level playing field for all.

We believe that the service provided should proceed and all parties should talk this thing thru and stop the political football.

Our vote for all of our 16 empolyees is a positive 16 votes for the Ferry.

Mahalo Aloha Maui Pools. com

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**From:** Kimo Spencer [kimospencer@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:01 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** in FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry

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In FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry

I am a lifetime resident of the State of Hawaii and I am native Hawaiian. I am in FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry. Having a transportation alternative to interisland airline travel is in the best interest of all people in our state. Please don't let the vocal minority ruin this opportunity for the rest of us.

Mahalo,

Kimo Spencer

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**From:** Jason Antonio [jason@jkagfx.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:46 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I support the Superferry

Dear Senate,

I thoroughly support the Superferry. I believe they are honestly trying to provide a great service to the islands and not allowing them to do business will bring negative repercussions in the future.

Mahalo,  
Kainoa Antonio

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**From:** April Lee [aprilhawaii@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:51 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry issue

Aloha Honorable Representatives and Senators of Hawai'i,

I am in favor of a special session of the Hawaii State Legislature to identify a solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted. Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option and protect Hawaii's business climate.

This is so typical of the reputation Hawaii has of being difficult to do business in. How can expensive permits be granted and based on that, millions more dollars invested; to end up with this unfair situation? Our own judiciary is at odds with another branch of the Hawaii government and its requirements. The owners of the Superferry successfully completed their regulatory requirement to be given the go-ahead to start their business? Any environmental studies should have been met. If not, they should be allowed to operate while this additional research is completed. The majority of people in Hawaii want interisland transportation choices. Our area would benefit by the ability to cut shipping costs, ability to share our products and produce with other islands, being able to connect with our other island Ohana, increased visitors and tourism and another means to travel with lower fuel consumption, which should logically protect our environment. The huge cruise lines are allowed to operate in our waters, why shouldn't we who cannot spend the big bucks have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty and aloha of our island neighbors. I am sure Superferry does not plan on dumping its bilge and sewage like the cruise lines have done in the recent past.

When I see the rudeness demonstrated by the antagonists, it only proves that they are unwilling to be cooperative. If the Superferry owners behaved in this manner, they wouldn't have made it passed the permit process. If you as a legislative body acted with such extreme emotion, our government would be back in the days when the victors in battle would rule the day.

Mahalo nui me ka pono,

*April*

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**From:** Envia@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:56 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I support the superferry

My family and I seriously support the alternative mode of travel that the Superferry offers us. Just to be able to avoid renting a car on the neighboring islands is a blessing. I suppose the car rental companies are rightly oppose to the idea that less and less people will be renting cars. Perhaps they will lower their prices to encourage us to rent instead of taking our cars on the Superferry. I don't hear anyone speaking about the impact that the Superferry would have on these companies that rent cars. We have hundreds of rental cars on our roads increasing our traffic problem and I don't hear anyone complaining. The Superferry would bring cars to our island along with their drivers. I see no difference except for the impact that it would have on the companies that rent cars.

The argument that people would come and steal our opihi and take it back to Oahu on the Superferry is ridiculous. Listen, they are already doing this on Hawaiian and Aloha air lines. Coolers are acceptable baggage on any airlines.

The only argument that sets well with me is that the law is the law. Judge Cardoza was forced to honor the law. That is what a judge must do. The courts are here to protect the citizens by enforcing the law. It would be wrong to change the law. Like I said, I want the Superferry but only within the law. So the Superferry sits and waits until the E.I.S. is finished. Hopefully, we can keep our Superferry and satisfy the law. Let us do it right so we can all benefit. Start the environmental study now.

Frank Gomes  
John Gomes  
Makawao, Maui

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**From:** lindsey lau [lindseylau9@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:49 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** ginam@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Support DA SuperFerry

To Our Legislature,

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

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

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

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

**IT IS A MATTER OF SELF INTEREST AND SELFISHNESS!**

Aloha,  
Lindsey Lau

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**From:** Clyde Doi [cwedoi@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:57 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I support the Superferry and the Legislature should too. The silent majority should be considered in your decisions.

I'm for the environment, but at what expense. At what point will there be too many whales to save? You can't blame the Coqui frog on the ferry, so what is the next invasive species that the ferry will be blamed for? As for Kauai, after a recent trip to Hanalei Bay, the most invasive species is the million dollar beach homes lining the Bay.

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**From:** Nani DeFelice [nanid@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:56 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I am in full support of having the super ferry run. I am a local girl from Honolulu and I love the Hawaiian Islands. Seeing the level of resistance from the Maui, and especially Kauai, residents made me sick. They really came across very ignorant, backward, and lawless. And this is the one time that I am completely ashamed and dismayed of the people of Hawaii.

My family and I have been very fortunate to travel to various parts of the world and had been exposed to many different forms of public transportation--from large cities such as Bangkok, Sydney, New York, and Western Europe that offers rail transit system to Venice and Greece where catching water taxis or ferries were an option. I guess if I wasn't exposed to other means of transportation, I could be one of those people who fear change. However, **ignorance should not be an excuse for not diversifying our means of transportation.**

We just returned from Greece and had the opportunity to take ferry rides from Athens to the Cyclade islands and found it to be a wonderful experience. Our first ferry ride was both a passenger and cargo ferry. The second ferry ride was a passenger only speedboat/ferry. Both were wonderful. And they were efficient. The Greeks really had a great system. It was beneficial for tourists looking to explore the different islands, great for the native Greeks taking weekend getaways to the islands from the mainland, and for the suppliers who were able to deliver fresh produce, construction materials, etc. to their vendors without flying or waiting for Matson boats. These ferries ran several times per day. I am not an environmentalist but I can say that we also swam in the oceans both near the port and on secluded beaches and the water appeared to be very clean and did not seem to affect the marine life at all. The Greeks have had this type of transport system for some time now and it seem to really work for them. The water in and around the Honolulu ports are already polluted and I would have to have a death wish to swim in it. And I'm sure that it had been polluted long before the Hawaii Superferry came about. If the Super ferry is being required to undergo all these environmental analysis, I believe all other vessels should be required to do the same.

I don't know whether the Cyclades islands have whales swimming around the route of travel as Hawaii does. Perhaps someone should research this and educate the public on it. What people don't know and understand, they can be easily influenced by advocates.

I am concerned, however, that if the super ferry gets approval to begin transporting passengers/cargos/vehicles, that some of the residents on the neighbor island will take matters into their own hands and attack us or destroy our vehicles just for being patrons of the super ferry.

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**From:** JETSKIS@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:56 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I am in favor of the Superferry. I would like an alternative other than flying to take my family to neighbor islands. I would like to be able to take my own car since we have children. We are all one State and I think the neighbor islands should welcome the Superferry and us to come and explore other islands.

Thank you,  
Lisa Hatzenbuhler

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**From:** Kory Kuhns [kboy@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:59 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In full support of the superferry

Dear committee, i am a big supporter and very confident the superferry will be a beneficial part to the economic success of the growth for the outer islands and oahu. i've looked over all the pro's and con's, i am see there is way more pro's for the superferry. all the points that people bring against the superferry are unjust and only pointing at one entity and not the other forms of transportation that may also do "so-call" damage to the environment.

after viewing and reading many points of views i see there's a greater danger where many supporters are afraid; seeing how aggressive those that are against the superferry can be and are scared to voice their opinions. so i feel many of the vocal opinions may sway towards against. but from talking to many here on oahu, those on kauai and my recent trip to maui last month i never encountered one person against the superferry. everyone i asked was for this wonderful alternative form of transportation. so i hope the many letters, emails and phone calls you receive in support of the superferry to take serious as seeing i think i would feel skeptical about physically being at the public meeting in kauai and maui as seeing how aggressive this one small group can be it may harm me or my family, my job or friends. and those mentioning about robbing the 'aina. if folks want to they can still do it via other modes of transportation, airlines, smaller boats, barges, etc... i feel they are just using it as an excuse.

so please consider the wonderful benefits the superferry may bring to the islands.

sincerely,  
kory kuhns



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**From:** Mary L. Plunkett [plunkettm001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 8:58 PM  
**To:** testimony

I am strongly in FAVOR of the SUPERFERRY! I am ashamed of the people of Hawaii who have lost the meaning of Aloha. Here is a company attempting to provide a NEEDED service between the peoples of the islands in addition to providing jobs & money between the islands. I consider many of the points requested by the special interest groups as necessary in order for the Super Ferry to operate both childish & dictatorial. Is this the message the people of Hawaii want to send to the world as a welcome to other businesses & services needed in the islands? I am a strong advocate of the Super Ferry being allowed to operate between the islands AS IS without being straight-jacketed! That's like asking someone to swim between the islands with lead weights attached & both arms tied as an acceptable condition of doing business here.

Paul R. Harthcock  
Maui

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**From:** Rob Frankel [cdep79@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:32 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I Support the superferry

I wish to convey my support of the superferry.

Superferry opponents use illogical and bullying tactics. They are not protesting the superferry - simply what it symbolizes.

This is a good service, and as a passenger on the inaugural voyage to Kauai, I can say, "I was there", and the only blemish to the voyage was the protest.

There are no potential impacts of any kind that do not already exist with currently permitted services. To foist responsibility on the superferry is ridiculous. Sport and commercial services, on sea and in the air, that operate now, impact our environment, culture, and society. Any additional impacts by the superferry would be negligible.

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**From:** Fred Brandon [f\_brandon77@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:58 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Hawaii super ferry

I am in favor of the Hawaii super ferry operating interisland. I don't believe that it will be any more damaging to the environment or sealife than any of the other powered watercraft in these islands.

In addition it will provide much needed employment and my wife and I would likely use it to visit some of the other islands.

Sincerely,

Fred Brandon

# 505 Makaha shores

Waianae

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**From:** Paul Massey [paul@kauainature.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:00 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** \*corrected\* Testimony on A Bill For An Act related to a large capacity ferry vessel company  
**Attachments:** P.Massey\_ferry\_testimony\_corrected.pdf; ATT21597972.htm

*(note: please disregard my previous emailed testimony which did not contain some key information about which hearing it related to and contained some errors)*

### Testimony on A Bill For An Act related to the operation of a large capacity ferry vessel company

Submitted to: **Committee of Energy and Environment, Committee on Transportation and Internal Affairs, Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

Hearing date and time: **Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:30 am**

Number of copies needed for submittal: enough for a complete submission to all committee members

Testifier: Paul Massey 1659 Wanaao Road Kapaa, HI 96746

The following comments refer to the line numbers and pages as listed in the draft Bill as posted on the legislature's website at [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/splsession2007b/bills/HB\\_Superferry\\_Proposed.pdf](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/splsession2007b/bills/HB_Superferry_Proposed.pdf)

1. Section 9, paragraph 6 (pages 25, line 20-22, and page 26, lines 1-9) requires ? A description of the environmental setting, including a description of the environment in the vicinity of the action, **as it exists before commencement of the action**, from both a local and regional perspective. Special emphasis shall be placed on environmental resources that are rare or unique to the region and the project site, including natural or human-made resources of historic, archaeological, or aesthetic significance; specific reference to related projects, public and private, existent or planned in the region shall also be included for purposes of examining the possible overall cumulative impacts of such actions? [emphasis added]. This requirement of the EIS process, which sets the mandatory baseline for analyzing secondary and cumulative impacts, is not possible to achieve if the action in question (operation of a large capacity ferry vessel) is occurring during the collection of this baseline data.

2. Section 9, paragraph 5 on Pages 23-24. ?The section shall include a rigorous exploration and objective evaluation of the environmental impacts of all such alternative actions. Particular attention shall be given to alternatives that might enhance environmental quality or avoid, reduce, or minimize some or all of the adverse environmental effects, costs, and risks. Examples of alternatives include: (a) the alternative of no action?. This alternative will not be realistically possible if, as stated on page 11, lines 14-18: ?The operation of large capacity ferry vessels between the islands of Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii, including the use of harbor facilities on each island and improvements at Kahului harbor, is declared to be a **required public convenience and necessity**?, and Pages 4, lines 19-22 and page 5, lines 1-6, ?This Act adopts a new policy, and further clarifies and amends existing law, with respect to this new type of inter-island ferry service to provide that, during the period in which any required environmental review and studies, including environmental assessments and environmental impact statements, are prepared, **and also following their completion**:? **A large capacity ferry vessel company and large capacity ferry vessels may operate** subject to the employment of measures to prevent significant adverse environmental impacts, if any? [emphasis added].

These first two points, taken together, reveal that it is logically impossible to conduct a real and meaningful Environmental Impact Study while the ferry service is in operation, and when its operational status is mandated by legislative declaration.

3. Page 6, line 3-8: ?Due to the unique nature and critical importance of the inter-island ferry service industry to the people of our state, the construction and use of harbor improvements to facilitate this new type of interisland ferry service is to be governed by this Act, and not by chapter 343?. How does the legislature determine that any industry is unique enough to not be governed by Chapter 343? Is there a unique exemption clause somewhere in state law? Has any other industry been excluded due to its uniqueness factor? And where is the proof of critical importance to the people of our state? Why is it critical that a company conduct ferry service before an

environmental review process is completed? These declarations of the industry's nature and importance need to be explicitly substantiated.

4. These hearings are assumedly to determine if the provisions in this Bill are in the public interest? that's the reason for public input. Stating already on Page 3, lines 7-14, that it is clearly in the public interest that a large capacity ferry vessel company be allowed to operate... while any environmental studies, including environmental assessments and environmental impact statements, are conducted? suggests that the drafters of this bill have already made up their minds about what is in the public interest. A definition of 'public interest' would also be appropriate here.

5. Page 3, lines 7-14 states that 'The legislature also finds that the immediate operation of a large capacity ferry vessel company is in the public interest'. Does 'a' mean 'one' or 'any' large capacity ferry vessel company? If it means 'one', wouldn't this constitute a monopoly? If it means 'any', could a Hawaii Superferry competitor show up right now and start running without an EA or EIS being done beforehand? Will there be a limit on the # of large capacity ferry vessel companies that can operate concurrently? Will the impact of multiple ferries & companies be addressed in the EIS?

6. Section 1 on pages 1-2 asserts that the judicial determination of overturning harbor improvements and business operations that were previously authorized by the government and approved by the lower court approximately two years earlier is not the intent of the legislature. Supreme court rulings that overturn previous decisions of lower courts should certainly be the intent of the legislature to endorse. The Bill seems to suggest that this standard judicial process is flawed. If this passage is referring to the two year period it took for the Supreme Court's ruling, this needs to be made clear.

7. The Bill makes many broad assumptions about the character of 'a large capacity ferry vessel company'. Since the Bill avoids specifically naming Hawaii Superferry, we are by default talking about any and all 'new class' (which is undefined) large capacity ferry vessels. Therefore the statements made about the character of these vessels and the companies that operate them are merely speculative. For example:

'Page 2, lines 13-16: 'a large capacity ferry vessel would also utilize technology that produces less carbon emissions when compared to inter-island aircraft transportation with the same carrying capacity.' 'the study that produced this finding should be noted. Even if this is true of current and planned HSF vessels, it may not be true of other large capacity ferry vessels that will be regulated by this act.

'Page 2, lines 18-21: 'agricultural produce would suffer less heat damage in transit, resulting in higher quality produce and fresh food products at a lower cost for all residents of the State.' The study that produced this finding should be noted. And what about for the residents of Moloka'i, Lanai, and Ni'ihau? Certainly they are part of all the residents of the State. Will they be eating food delivered on these large capacity ferry vessels? If Oahu begins to attract a large supply of organic vegetables produced on Kaua'i, it seems to me that the cost to Kaua'i consumers will get higher, not lower, as the local supply diminishes. If the legislature is really interested in fostering diversified agriculture and sustainability, it should be looking at how each island can provide for its own needs.

8. Page 3, lines 3-6: It is suggested here that a large capacity ferry vessel (l.c.f.v.) *could* provide the means to rapidly deploy disaster relief personnel, equipment and supplies in times of natural or other disasters. If this is being used as justification for accommodating the l.c.f.v. with special legislation, a(the) vessel company should be compelled to provide these services. Suggesting that it could doesn't amount to anything substantive. Besides, the l.c.f.v.c. currently in question already has an agreement with the military that could likely preclude its availability at such times. And on that note, Hawai'i, and Kaua'i specifically are among the most equipped places in the world to respond to natural or other disasters, given that we have the Pacific Missile Range Facility and Pearl Harbor to come to our aid in the legion of ships and aircraft already at their disposal.'

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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**From:** kenneth ching [jabbyching@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:59 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry Testimony

Dear Committee,

I'm in favor of allowing the super ferry to begin sailing immediately while the environmental impact is being studied. I don't really see any problems with that. It always seems that a small minority always seem to get all the attention and cause numerous hardships and financial problems for all involved; the silent majority. An example is the H-3 freeway, after numerous mitigations on the environmental impact on the land and other circumstances, it was finally okayed to be built. Finally, after years of infighting the H-3 was finally built; more then doubling the original financial cost. Today, the H-3 is a tremendous structure that has helped the flow to and from the windward side.

It seems unfair to the majority of the people who want the super ferry blocked by a small group. The pacific ocean is huge and I can't see how this ferry will cause problems in the ocean or at the docks. The nation is watching to see the outcome of this situation. Don't let the small minority ruin the freedom, opportunity and enjoyment for us all to enjoy traveling on the ferry to the outer Islands. People with large families will be able to travel at less expense in exploring and enjoying the neighboring Islands. It's a wonderful way to travel with your family. Don't deprive of us the privilege of this opportunity that we have now. Allow the ferry to begin sailing as soon as possible.

Aloha,

Kenneth Ching  
Hauula, HI

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**From:** Trey [trey91@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:01 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I AM IN FAVOR OF SUPERFERRY

Hello my name is George del Fierro (married with 3 children) and I am an Oahu resident. I am also a District Manager for a national Company, Payless ShoeSource and speak for many of the 180+ employees employed here in Hawaii. I have also lived here for over 30 years.

Many of the opponents of the superferry are afraid of change, which I understand. When change is introduced, many people think worst case scenario, sometimes this also happens to me. I believe if you ask many of these opponents, where they shop, and their answers would probably be Wal-Mart, Costco, Hawaiian Airlines, GO!, etc.. At first they were hesitant, but now they probably frequent them often. They probably all have a cell phone too??

I know that there will be some people that will make bad decisions that will make the superferry appear to be a bad idea; however, there are countless examples of how this new service will help the very large population of our great State, the biggest one is "choice". Hawaii is the most isolated population center on the face of the earth. The Superferry would provide help in emergencies.

I have also lived on the island of Kauai; in fact I was there during Hurricane Iniki. While living there, I did not come across people that were so resistant to change or rude to others. There was a strong feeling of Aloha. I remember that people were afraid of Wal-Mart opening in Lihue, but look now, it's the new hang out, everyone's there! If the superferry was operating back when Iniki hit, do you think the people of Kauai would be protesting?

Other States and Countries use ferry service to make commuting more efficient, Washington State and New York State, Canada, Australia, Great Britain, Finland and Sweden are a few examples. You have an opportunity to allow the People of Hawaii to make a choice regarding their travel.

If the opponents don't like the superferry, they can always not travel with them. This is a business that is in business to make money, so if there is low to no ridership, they will close down. Look at other companies that provided a choice for the People of Hawaii – JC Penny, Mahalo Airlines and Mid Pacific. The people of Hawaii have spoken, ALL of these opponents can "CHOOSE" to not ride the Superferry, however I believe that MANY of them will come around and will reflect on how they acted today.

By the way, I also support Gov. Linda Lingle along with the DOT in waiving a EIS for the Superferry. So MANY other businesses did not need one, why are we singling out 1 company, how is this right?

Please do what's right for the greater good of our State. These opponents are very few and DO NOT reflect my opinion.

George del Fierro  
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**From:** BLAINE SHIMIZU [bshimizu@Hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:01 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** re: Hawaii Super Ferry

**To:** Members of the Senate Committee of the Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment  
**From :** Blaine S. Shimizu  
**Subject:** Meeting on October 24, 2007 at 10:30 AM

Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to voice my support with the majority of people in the State of Hawaii for the continued operation of the Super Ferry while an environmental study is done. While I cannot speak for the people of Kauai, I was born and raised on Kauai until I moved to Honolulu for economic reasons. I still have family on Kauai and was planning to use the Super Ferry to transport my car and family to visit relatives. This would have cut down on rental expenses. At least with this added mode of transportation, choices are diversified.

Please do not let a few judgmental errors be the down fall of this new mode of transportation between islands. Let's look over and beyond this barrier before it is too late. I ask for your positive support as a constituent.

Mahalo,  
Blaine S. Shimizu  
95-406 Opo Place  
Mililani, HI 96789



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**From:** TaneLove@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:02 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I Support the Superferry

Dear Senators,

10-22-07

The LOCAL people WANT and NEED this superferry.

And, if you are forcing an EIS on them, then you'd better force Young Brothers and Matson and ALL of the others to do the same. I'm willing to bet, right now, that the superferry will pass with flying colors and the others WON'T. Which is probably one of the reasons WHY they are being given such a hard time.

And it's crazy for the airlines to worry about losing business. Another reason WHY the superferry is being given such a rough time. Most tourists will still want to get between the islands by air because it is so much quicker. And, many locals will still prefer air travel.

It's the LOCAL people who need THIS service, especially to visit families who reside on different islands. And, for farmers/businesses to get their products to the other islands more economically.

Please support this new and needed means of transportation between the islands.

Sincerely,  
Tane Noguchi

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**From:** Paul.Ivey@LSGSKyChefs.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:01 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** hawaiiisuperferry@hawaiiisuperferry.com  
**Subject:** Negative Impact

Aloha Gov

My support is for pro business, lets put and end to the finger pointing. The world is watching the outcome of this fiasco.

Let the protesters whine and cry, they just hate change. Is it possible their stuck in the hippie 60/70s??

I support any alternative to inner-island travel, 911 already crush my industry, folks better learn to accept change or life will leave you high and dry.

Mahalos  
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**From:** Ed Pollock [ep@hawaiian.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:03 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

October 21, 2007

Testimony for Senate Hearing, Sunday, October 21, 2007

**NO SUPERFERRY UNTIL EIS IS SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED**

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

Marilyn & Ed Pollock  
Hanalei, Hawaii  
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**From:** Billy Sinclair [sinclairbilly@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:56 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super to stay in Hawaii

The Super ferry should stay in Hawaii the people and organizations that oppose it are wrong  
I see allot of cruise ships fast fishing boats huge very fast fancy yachts going all over these islands  
The military has fast ships fast subs a few years ago a sub plowed through a training vessel killing many people mostly students we still have subs  
The opposing of the super ferry is so the car rentals don't loose business  
The inter Island shippers don't loose business hotels all these company's are against it  
Allot of people do not like to fly some can not fly some people like me can not rent a car so does that mean I don't get visit family and friends on the other Islands  
When I do visit someone has to pick me up its hard if there working also I'm stuck with out transport ion of my own I do own a good car why do I need to rent one  
There is a lot more good than bad that the super ferry will bring I cant think of any bad  
People can steel from the outer islands by way of privet boats shipping containers and so on that's a lame reason to oppose this  
I could go on all night about this but need to sleep work tomorrow  
What I did list is just a small fraction of the things that would be good if we had the super ferry in Hawaii

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**From:** Dave Perez [hawnrippa@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:04 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** ferry

To whom it may concern,  
I support the ferry 100% and I am from Kauai living in Oahu and I am Hawaiian. Why don't they let us hawaiians make the decision on the ferry since this our aina. Most of those who are against it is mostly all haole transplants. I rather get rid of them.

10/23/2007

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**From:** Eliza Hall [lyzah\_hall@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:58 PM

**To:** testimony

I'd just like to say that I am for the Superferry. We have waited a long time for something like this to come into our islands. I just don't understand why the people waited until the day the Superferry left for it's first trip. Why wasn't it an issue before? This is all just more wasted time and money! I really don't think this was a court issue the day they introduced the Superferry. I myself and my family would all like to soon someday have a chance to sit back and relax while we travel outer islands. It's a very good and beautiful way to actual take time out and see the beauty of the ocean . There's only a few lucky people that actually can say they do that. So please.....JUST GIVE IT A CHANCE....(at least).

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**From:** Katherine Cadiente [kcad4kahala@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:38 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Attention:

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2007

Time & Location: 10:30 AM - Auditorium, State Capitol

This email is to notify you that I totally support the bill allowing the Hawaii Superferry the opportunity to provide interisland ferry services while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I not only believe this to be fair, but this service has long been awaited for by the people of Hawaii.

Thank You!

Katherine Cadiente  
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**From:** lotsablue [lotsablue@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:05 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry Testimony

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry for the simple fact that local residents of Hawaii need this type of alternative transportation between our islands.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Mahalo, C Larson



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**From:** Andres Lopez [lopeza808@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:39 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Save the Superferry for the kamaaina

To whom it may concern,

The people (residence) of the islands of Hawaii need the Superferry. It was made for the locals to enjoy. It is about time something is for our benefit and not to much for the visiting tourist. Teams friends and families will get to travel together and spend quality time together plus save money for car rentals which most of the time are not available because all the tourist have rented them and also we get to see our island from a different perspective. The Superferry will enable us to visit the outer island via our own vans, cars and trucks. We would be utilizing our water transit which is another alternative from our ever crowding airports. Less stress and not being herded like cattle just to visit our outer island neighbors.

As far as our whales, don't they have a sophisticated built-in sonar system? I understand the Superferry has a state of the art sonar specifically made to avoid the whales and large objects. If any protest and stoppage of business operations, I feel the whale seeking tours, especially on Maui should be halted. They interfere with the natural spawning of these animals. Didn't someone die last year because a whale bumped the vessel and someone tumbled and hit his head, Are you blaming the whale for not seeing the vessel?

The vessel should not even been that area. And why is this commercial business still operational and not stripped of his license. What wrong environmental impact will the Superferry cause. This vessel is like any commercial sea vessel. For example, the cruise ships (that mainly benefit the tourist) All of these commercial recreational boats that fling around close to the shore jet ski rentals, para sailing which takes a speed boat to pull etc.

Aren't these creating havoc to our ocean and waterways that mostly cater to the tourist?

Finally we have something to benefit the locals and we have these protester trying to stop it. Watching the news these so called environmentalist all seem to be haole who call themselves local who are probably transients from somewhere else besides Hawaii and who after establishing there business here and use our precious fishing ground and waterways to make a profit. I can only imagine the hurt they have caused to our reef life and rivers on Maui and Kauai.

Gentlemen, save the Superferry. Let the kamaaina utilize this system of transportation. This is progress that benefits the locals. In fact we need more than one Superferry operating on our waterways so all the island people can enjoy.

Aloha  
A supporting kamaaina

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**From:** David Cornwell [davidcornwell@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:07 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

My testimony.....YES, for the Super Ferry.

For those of us in Hawaii to choose to plunder this opportunity for ourselves and our visitors would evidence that ignorance and stupidity, melded into a short and narrow path, broadcasts ... the drumbeat of an island society convinced to act in narrow purpose, blinded by irrational anger. David Cornwell

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**From:** Reggie Manoa [rmanoajr@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:59 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Hawaii Superferry

To sit back and allow a small minority to dictate to us what we can and cannot do has come to an end. I will not be told by this minority that I cannot go onto the neighbor islands with my family to enjoy OUR islands unless I be subjected to their rules. Travel on the Superferry is no different than driving from Kailua to Waianae. NO RULES, how stupid.

This message is in SUPPORT of the Superferry operating prior to the completion of the environmental impact statement. no conditions, no rules. They will comply with what is right. .

Reginald MANOA  
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Mililani, HI 96789

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**From:** Justin Yoshino [justinyoshino@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:59 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

I believe the Hawaii Superferry should be allowed to do business in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. With Aloha Air having financial difficulty and with Go Air's legal problems, we may need alternate transportation to the neighbor islands.

I support the Hawaii Superferry.

Justin Yoshino  
2344 Nuuanu Ave.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

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**From:** Chrissy Kamelamela [chrissy\_makeup@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:39 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Legislature's Public Access Room

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

**Subject:** FOR THE SUPER FERRY TO CONTINUE TO RUN!!

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Aloha...I would like to start by saying part of our family comes from Hawaii originally & some come from the mainland...though we may disagree on many things we do all agree that the super ferry would great for our islands!!....We agree to the obvious more jobs offered, more affordable way to work on an island like Oahu who offer more opportunity, another way to get inter island without extremely long bridges & a boost in our economy but besides these things,...it will also help some of our local kids to be able to see the other islands & the rest of their heritage, there are SO many keiki's to adults here on the Big Island that have never been anywhere off of this island...due to being in large families that can not afford to pay airfares. If we kick the super ferry out, there will be a lot of businesses that will not consider to come to Hawaii & a lot of businesses that are already somewhat established to pull out of Hawaii! Why? Because of the unbelievable fight you have to give just to reside here. We are discouraging so many, our youth, our entrepreneurs, & local families by all of this. I heard one argument being that they didn't want the ferry because it will cause more traffic, but this person needs to remember that the traffic will be coming & going some will be traveling to that specific destination & at the same time some will be leaving that particular destination!!! So we ask please for all that it is worth hear us out & help the super ferry to continue to run & offer more destinations to all of our families!!

Mahalo,  
Kamelamela & Schilling Ohana

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**From:** vickie [FONGN004@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:06 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

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

On this day, Oct. 22, 2007 @ 10:32 pm, I, Victoria H. Fong would like you to know as a taxpaying citizen I fully **support** the Hawaii Superferry. Not only does the Superferry offer another form of transportation between the islands, it should help the small businesses of our state or any new business in transporting merchandise to showcase to prospective buyers. As a future rider I would love to have the option to drive my car in Kauai or Maui, fill up with their gasoline and purchase goodies to bring home and not worry about too much luggage or if it will meet the airplane requirements. What a wonderful way for me to see my home state and share the aloha with my neighbors.

Yes, I am for environmental protection as much as possible, but this is **one** ship traveling (or perhaps two if this ever gets underway), whereas, cruise ships and cargo ships do not seem to undergo the types of scrutiny as the Superferry.

Are our skies environmentally protected from planes bringing in tourists, the noise/air pollution that the Blue Angels created, the fireworks every Fri. at Hilton Hawaiian Village? There are so many who illegally overfish our waters, pollute our ocean, and pollute our aina. Where does it all end? Yes, we are a fragile ecosystem, but this is the 21st Century and I have faith that the people I voted into office will do the right thing.

I believe that the Hawaii Superferry has every intent to do its best to preserve our waters. Let's give it a chance. Can't we all just get along? We are one state not several island nations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria H. Fong

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**From:** Charles Wagaman [cwagaman@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:07 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** superferry

Dear sir or madam.....I am in favor of granting the superferry permission to operate during the interum until all questions are satisfied. If the other counties aren't interested I would suggest they start operating from the "big island" now instead of waiting until 2009.

C Wagaman,

Hilo.Hi.

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**From:** Less Zoã [less.zoa@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:07 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Regarding Super Ferry for Senate Committee Hearing 24OCT07 @ 10:30am

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

Aloha and greetings ladies and gentlemen.

I am a private citizen and business woman speaking in support of the Super Ferry to operate during an Environmental Impact Survey.

To NOT allow the Super Ferry to function during an EIS tells the world, "*Come, invest in Hawaii, but we don't want you here!*" What kind of message is this? By NOT allowing the Super Ferry to operate, our state becomes all the more isolated and sends a message of separatism that is already a deep and festering issue related to Hawaiian sovereignty. Is this the sort of "Aloha Spirit" we want to advertise to the world?

*"Come to Hawaii, we love our tourists, but not our own people!"* That is the kind of message you are sending out to the world by not allowing the Super Ferry to operate during an EIS.

Furthermore, should the Super Ferry lose and leave our state - what does this tell our keiki? We lose our children to the mainland every day because we are so segregated - from one county to another. We do not share our resources, we do not share our culture - but Hawaii is supposed to be the Aloha State. The coins being printed for us would then be a farce.. a smack in the face for by denying a venture such as the Super Ferry would be hypocritical and so far from expressing the Aloha Spirit. Is this how we want the world to see us? So torn over our own selves that we do not see the bigger picture of continued and BALANCED growth?

Who is financing these small special interest groups? Who is donating to their causes? Has anyone looked to see who is really behind all of this? Why is the Super Ferry suddenly being investigated when YOU our ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES gave them the okay to go forward years ago? Why at the ninth hour is this all suddenly an issue?!?!?

I've been to Kauai, Maui and the Big Island. I consider them as much my home as I do the island of my birth, Oahu. I love their beauty, their serenity, and their atmosphere just as much as the other person. What I do not love is the segregation that has developed. People from each island treat their neighbors as if they were foreigners... tourists with no right to be there. I do not say, "I am from Oahu," when I talk to people. I say, "I am from Hawaii nei." I am tired of arguing with



my cousin on Kauai because she feels we are encroaching on them there. Yet, she loves the money she receives from her job which is based here on Oahu.

**Please, allow the Super Ferry to run during the EIS, just as Young Brothers, Hawaiian Air, Aloha Air, Go Airlines, Matson, and all those fishing boats do. Allow the Super Ferry to compete within the travel industry and help bring our separatist islands together. It is what Kamehameha did so long ago - he united this island chain into one great kingdom. It is up to you to unite us once again, only this time to become the TRUE hub of the Pacific that we should be.**

With utmost respect and faith in your wisdom,

Lessie Zoä Mitch  
Web Developer/ Ecommerce Specialist  
Wahiawa, HI

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**From:** John Rapozo [jonraptor808@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:01 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** Beatrice Sanders  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry...

To the Honorable members of Senate Committees:Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Enviroment:

Gentlemen / Ladies:

The time has come in our State...to explore and initiate alternatives...in many areas...including the Hawaii Superferry...please allow us the freedom and choice of how we...the residents of this State...choose to move around our State...It seems that every day, we seem to 'lose' a little bit more of our ...'freedom of choice'...The great State of Hawaii...is part of the United States of America...a Country blessed by our Lord, God...over many years now...good men and women have fought and died for our liberty and freedom...which goes to freedom of choice also...you...as our elected ' voice'...are entrusted by the residents of the State...to lookout for our ' interests'...after all...is that not what you took an oath to do ? As such...we expect you to do the right thing...the right thing, may not always be 'politically correct'...but I will remind you...that some of our Country's and State's greatest leaders...went against the politically correct ' mood' at the time...it is for this...that they are remember...not only in the History of this State...but in our hearts and minds...How will you be remembered?...I have no doubts...that special interest 'groups' ie: Hawaiian / Aloha Airlines...Young Brothers / Matson Shippers...Budget / Hertz Rent a Cars, etc...would of course...be resistant to the concept of an 'alternate choice'...but the people / residents of the State of Hawaii...are so tired of being manipulated...by these and other corporations...and so I ask you...from a simple man...to my Leaders...do the right thing...allow us the 'freedom' to choose...for we have sacrificed our sons and daughters...throughout the history of this country and state...for that ' Freedom...Mahalo... and Aloha...jr

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**From:** Tokyhi [tokyhi@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:07 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Legislature's Public Access Room.

Dear Sirs.

The Super Ferry is a must. The progress can't be stopped. It is everybody's interest - especially the low income one's:

Business: More competition and possibilities.  
Private: Possibility for family reunions, tourism  
Economy: More money creation and movements, more work

Please listen to the majority of the intelligent people, and not to a small negative attitude group.

Sincerely

Antal Toth

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**From:** Tom Chun [poiboy2000@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:08 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In favor of the Super Ferry

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

I believe that the majority of the state is FOR the Ferry service. Small businesses that do business on the outer islands will be greatly helped out by this service. I wouldn't be surprised at all if the vast majority of users will be businesses as well as relatives of residents throughout the state using this service as a way to connect with their families other than the use of the airlines.

Most states on the mainland located near a big body of water ALL have some sort of ferry service. It only makes sense that we do too! Let's get with the program! I'm tired of living in a state that doesn't think progressively! And sure we have to be concerned with the environment, but what about all the other water craft out there? I think the Ferry service has been unfairly singled out by special interest groups. All crafts can carry unwanted creatures between the islands as well as posing a possible danger to our animal life in the ocean. Are they all regulated as much?

Please let the interisland ferry conduct its business while an environmental impact statement is being conducted !!! This whole issue has been going on for too long! Have some backbone and vote YES!!!!

Sincerely,



Tom Chun (Ewa Beach)  
10/22/07 11:05pm

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**From:** Teraoka Glenn [gteraoka@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY

I support the Hawaii Superferry and hope the bill permitting the continuation of services to the outer island passes. I believe that only a small minority is against the Superferry for selfish reasons. We have no restrictions for the inter-island cruises so it should be the same for the Superferry. The only difference would be transporting the autos. Small businesses will benefit with less expensive transportation cost. Please help pass the bill and move Hawaii forward.

Thank you,

Glenn Teraoka

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**From:** Robert Andrade [rpkalet@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:42 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I truly believe that the ferry can and will be used mostly by the local people of Hawaii. And the benefits (positives) out-weigh the (negative) aspects.. The people of Hawaii hopefully will come together on this issue. Just think of the possibilities of being able to have another way to travel to the outer islands besides limited air-travel and the ability for quick emergency response, in the event of tragedy (heaven forbid). I do know that there must be some sort of control of what people bring in and take off each island. This is a must, to respect the aina as we all should be doing daily these bugs must be worked out. But to have the Superferry in Hawaii as we say here, We go geeve-um one chance, see how da bugga go.

Mahalo

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**From:** Lucy Mossman [LucyMossman@LucyMossman.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 10:59 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY

Aloha,

I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPERFERRY. I AM OPPOSED TO BULLIES WHO DICTATE WHO AND WHAT CAN TRAVEL WITHING THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

THE SUPERFERRY BENEFITS ALL. LET'S FACE IT, SINCE WHEN DID WE EVER HAVE A CHANCE TO BARGE YOUR CAR ONTO A VESSEL BOUND TO AN OUTER ISLAND AND CLIMB ABOARD IN COMFORT AND EXPEDIENCY?

ANSWER IS NEVER. LET'S MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

Mahalo  
Lucy Mossman  
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**From:** Flavius Paul [umiichp@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:03 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Aloha for Hawaii state government.

Hi, my name is Flavius Paul and im only state legal residence. Im from Palau and I live in Hilo for 6 yrs.It is good to have that kind of transportation in between the Island but we have to look what are the things have to improve to protect the nature and the people of Hawaii.I been watching on TV and read on the news and im wondering about how the low class people can visit their family from the other Island.Also the ferry is one of the good opportunity for farmers and small buissness in the state to have a customers and sell their product to the neighbor Island. I thank for state of Hawaii and I think its only few people are dont like the ferry.

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**From:** Dana Pagalaboyd [dana@theatrixhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:05 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry Needed in Hawaii

Hi,

If you don't follow through with the Super ferry you will destroy business in Hawaii. You need to do do anything you can do to make this happen. I work for a small business owner and see first hand how it is already made difficult for us. The bad publicity probably has already affected corporations coming to Hawaii in an adverse way. I am embarrassed to be a citizen of the state of Hawaii. **Please, Get the Super ferry Sailing.**

Mahalo for your time.

~Dana~



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**From:** Priscilla Robins [robinsp004@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:24 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent: Your Testimony Needed

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

I support the Superferry because families can travel and spend quality time together.

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

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

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

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**From:** Linda Lappin [lighthouse linda53@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:58 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SUPER FERRY

ALOHA, WE ARE FOR THE SUPER FERRY OPENING UP THE ISLANDS AS A NEW WAY OF TRAVEL, AND EXPERIENCING THE OCEAN THAT SURROUNDS OUR BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS. IT WILL BE GREAT FOR WORKERS AND SHIPPERS ALIKE, TO BE ABLE TO HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE TO MOVE GOODS IN AND BETWEEN THESE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. A BIG YES TO THE SUPER FERRY. LINDA LAPPIN AND GREGORY BISCHOFF MAHALO, LETS ALL MAKE IT HAPPEN.

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**From:** Jay Armstrong [jay@azurefinance.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:17 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In Support of the Superferry

## Legislature of the State of Hawaii

As a voting member of the Maui community, and an owner of three small business in Maui, I am glad to have the opportunity to express my opinion on the Superferry. I believe the Superferry adds value to the outer-islands. I believe that it should be allowed to proceed with service immediately and that the state should also continue with an environmental impact statement. I believe that the Capitol will be making a very loud statement about its support of or opposition to business in Hawaii. I do not believe it is in the best interest of the State of Hawaii to go on record against business. We all know we are a one horse economy (tourism) and we desperately need to expand support for solid businesses in Hawaii that can add diversity to our economy. We already are known far and wide as the WORST place to do business in the entire country. Can we really afford to continue to proceed down that path to oblivion? Please consider the impact your decision will have and the message you will be loud and clear message you will be sending to small business owners across our state and investors around the country and beyond. It's about time we correct what Forbe's magazine calls "the people's republic of Maui" and other institutes report as follows:

This year, the states with the highest and lowest costs by category are:

## Wages

Highest: Connecticut  
 Lowest: South Dakota

## Taxes

Highest: Vermont  
 Lowest: New Hampshire

## Electricity costs

Highest: Hawaii  
 Lowest: Idaho

## Industrial space costs

Highest: Hawaii  
 Lowest: Iowa

## Office space costs

Highest: New York  
 Lowest: Iowa

## Ten Most Expensive

Rank	State	Index
1	Hawaii	151.5
2	New York	130.9
3	Alaska	130.8
4	Massachusetts	130.6
5	Connecticut	127.5
6	California	122.9
7	New Jersey	120.9
8	Vermont	110.2
9	Delaware	110.1
10	Rhode Island	108

## Ten Least Expensive

Rank	State	Index
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50	South Dakota	70.2
49	Iowa	79.7
48	North Dakota	81.3
47	Nebraska	82.3
46	Idaho	82.8
45	South Carolina	82.9
44	Montana	84.1
43	Missouri	84.6
42	Tennessee	85.2
41	Arkansas	85.4

See: <http://www.hawaiibusiness.com/currentmonth.aspx?id=3&date=102007>

Thank you for your kind consideration.

J. Bradley Armstrong  
President

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**From:** RIO, NANI [CARLYNNRIO@allstate.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:24 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment  
October 24, 2007 10:30 am

I support the Superferry in Hawaii. By having the ferry in Hawaii it gives a choice of how to visit the islands by air or sea. What's so wrong with CHANGE!!

*Nani Rio  
Allstate Insurance Co  
Gerald Yamane  
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808-536-6099 fax  
carlynnrio@allstate.com*

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**From:** Darren Calbero [DarrenC@ampartners.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:25 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In support of the SuperFerry

I am in support of the superferry and it's potential to be an alternative means to travel to the other islands, not just for those living on Oahu, but family and friends throughout the state.

**DARREN CALBERO** CAD MANAGER  
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**From:** Marlene Calvello [mcalvello@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:23 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Aloha,

I would like to express my thoughts on the Super ferry. I feel very strongly about having this service up and running as soon as possible. There are a few voices being heard that are not the majority of the people. This service would be a great benefit allowing us to travel between islands without having to fly. I went to the preview at the Kawaihae harbor and watched as people boarded looking forward to being able to set sail and visit friends and family on other islands. This Super ferry is a modern day version of the travel made between the islands as the ancient Hawaiian's have done for centuries. This will help develop jobs for the area along with bringing additional revenues for local businesses. We need to embrace change and see it as a benefit and use it to our advantage.

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**From:** kswolf69@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:25 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I'm for The Super Ferry

To whom it may concern,

I am for the Hawaii Super Ferry running during the EIS. Hawaii as a State cannot miss this opportunity to get another way to travel between the Islands.

I think the competition will be good for the consumers, small business and even the State can benefit from this. Company's that operate on the other islands can now move there vehicles & personal together between the islands faster then with the barge, and the state can use the Super Ferry if a Natural Disaster happens, and the other island needs help ASAP.

If the state is going to impose strict restrictions on the Super Ferry, about the invasive species then I think it should be the same for all the ocean ships (Barges & ocean liners) because, at least the Super Ferry checks every vehicle going on, while the Barges does not, and the ocean liners don't check every passenger getting on the ship. Who knows what kind of bug a person can bring while on the ocean liner, and all the invasive species already on the island came by what? The Barges...

I think, if the Sierra club & the coalition for the Kahului Harbors is worried about our environment, then they should be looking at the BIG picture, and think about how all the invasive species already here on the island got here, and go after that company.

Supporter of the Hawaii Super Ferry,  
Kyle Sentani  
Maui Resident

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**From:** karen ann kamakele [karenann2752@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:58 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Stay or Go

I strongly support the Supperferry's existence here in Hawaii. We need it, we want it and hopefully it is here to stay. I am very disappointed in the actions of the many non-supporters and believe it is hurting the economy of our State. I truly hope all of the protestors pay taxes. Please do whatever you can to keep the Superferry here. Thank you very much.

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**From:** Adrienne R. Rivera [arivera@dubinlaw.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:12 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** support of superferry

I was born and raised in Hawaii. I support the superferry.

Aloha,

Adrienne R. Rivera

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**From:** Beverly Sato [beverlys@servco.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:25 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** FW: Support of Superferry

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**From:** Beverly Sato  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:23 AM  
**To:** 'testimonial@capitol.hawaii.gov'  
**Subject:** Support of Superferry

I wanted to voice my support of the Superferry and also my disdain at the image we are leaving with the rest of the world regarding "conducting business in Hawaii".

The Superferry would provide a much needed alternative mode of travel to other islands. It's good for business and for residents and tourists alike.

The negative impact on doing business in Hawaii will have a much longer negative affect on everyone. We try every means to get people to visit our islands and to move their businesses here. And in one fell swoop, we will squash all of this.

The minority is running the State now. Yes, we need to take every precaution to be environmentally friendly and to preserve our ecosystem, but honestly, "alien species"? come on now!

If Kauai and Maui don't want anyone to "invade" their islands, why don't we stop all traffic to and from there - STOP THE AIRLINES, STOP YOUNG BROTHERS, STOP THE US POSTAL SERVICE and let them be self-sustaining.

Auwe!

Beverly Y. Sato

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**From:** Tom Galarneau [tgalarneau@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:58 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

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

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

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

Thomas Galarneau  
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Pahoa, HI 96778

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**From:** Debby Atkinson [deborah.atkinson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:25 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** support of superferry

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

**Re: Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24, 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Please vote to allow interisland ferry service while an environmental impact study is being conducted. Allowing the ferry to operate will give valuable information as to its effect on both the environment and transportation needs.

Sincerely,  
Deborah T. Atkinson

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Debby Atkinson  
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**From:** puamaeole [puamaeole09@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for the Superferry

Aloha,

I would like to submit my testimony for the superferry. I can't believe how "out-of-hand" this situation got. I don't understand these protestors. We all want a safe Hawaii; however, if they want to impose strict restrictions on the superferry, they better enforce it for the shipping containers that come in as well as cruise ships coming in and out of the islands. If they want it to be fair, it should be done all the way across the board and not penalize a new business.

I am a business owner as well and if I was the superferry, I would ask for reimbursement for all expenses that I incurred to set up business here. This is absolutely ridiculous. You always hear about how the government does not listen to what the people want, well, the protestors better start taking a look around. Do they really believe that their economy is booming that much that they do not need the jobs or income flowing into their island? If they feel so strongly about their issues, maybe we should just stop ALL incoming ships to their islands and let's see how they'll respond to that! Maybe they don't need household goods as well. =0).

Please put an end to this nightmare and let the superferry continue their voyages. The people of Hawaii need an alternate transportation to visit family and friends on the other islands. Especially those who are handicapped and are limited to traveling by vehicle only.

What ever happened to the "majority rule?" I think we have more supporters for the ferry rather than not.

Mahalo,  
Rochelle Ingano

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**From:** Juliette LaFleur [pgalewitz@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:24 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Dear Senators and Committee Members,

Both my wife and I would like to make it very clear that we believe strongly that the Environmental Impact Statement must be completed before the Superferry be allowed to run. To do otherwise is to roll the dice with both the marine environment and the impacts on the islands of Kauai and Maui. To do otherwise would be a very poor choice, considering the fragile state of the environment not only in Hawaii, but in the world. We must do our part to protect the health of our oceans and the creatures who dwell within, and if business and commerce can fit into that context, only then should they be allowed to proceed.

This EIS MUST be finished before the Superferry can run.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Paul Galewitz  
Juliette LaFleur  
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Princeville, HI 96722

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

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G E N D A

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

Note: Copies of the proposed bill will be available online at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).

**Decision Making to follow, if time permits.**

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**From:** Madison Spotts [Madison@rpmsautobody.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:57 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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

HEARING DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

TIME AND LOCATION: 10:30AM AUDITORIUM, STATE CAPITOL

I AM IN FAVOR OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY BEING ALLOWED TO OPERATE WHILE AN  
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY IS BEING CONDUCTED.

I DON'T BELIEVE THE OPERATION WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT ANYMORE THAN  
OTHER VESSELS THAT CURRENTLY USE OUR OCEAN FOR TRANSPORTING.

MADISON SPOTTS  
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**From:** Don Davis [don@daviscarpentry.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:01 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

My name is Don Davis and I am a resident and business owner from Hawaii island. I have followed the last two days of meetings on Kauai and Maui and have decided I have nothing to say that has not already been said. I believe that the overwhelming opposition to the Superferry at these meeting can be attributed to a passionate few individuals and is not representative of the overall sentiment of the people of Hawaii. In my opinion, a state wide vote would show a majority of the people favor letting the Superferry commence operations while the EIS is conducted.

Sincerely,

Don Davis  
Davis Carpentry  
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Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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**From:** James B [signshawaii808@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:19 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

Aloha,

As a proprietary business operating for over 25 years in Honolulu, I find the option of the Superferry a positive, economical choice in bringing my vehicle, personnel and equipment to outer-island job sites. The money I save in travel, vehicle rental and tool-shipping will lower my pricing, making me more competitive in a wider market, saving customers money, and having a beneficial effect on the customer's and my business, ultimately helping the state's economy.

Please endeavor to ensure we have this economically positive alternative to intra-state transportation.

Thank you for ensuring our freedom of choice.

James Brogan

Signs Hawaii

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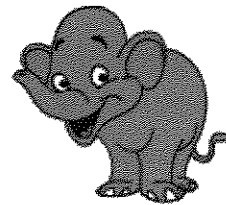
**From:** Mark Hogue [hoguem@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:32 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I Mark D. Hogue  
Resident to Hawaii since 1959  
Support the Superferry.

I am not a crybaby.

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**From:** Jeff Krueger [jeffkrueger@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:25 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry Supporter

Dear Hawaii State Senators and Representatives,

This letter is to express my support for inter-island ferry service and the Hawaii Super Ferry. I am a resident on Kauai and am appalled by the reaction of a few residents in opposition to the Super Ferry. The Hawaii Super Ferry has implemented and exceeded environmental concerns for invasive species and whale habitat compared to other inter-island transport ships and cruise ships. The Hawaii legislation needs to ensure that all inter-island transport vessels are treated uniformly and fairly. I respectfully request that the legislature allow the Hawaii Super Ferry to operate while the Environmental Assessment is conducted. Thank you for your consideration.

Very Respectfully,

Jeff Krueger

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October 23, 2007

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

Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Committee Members

I am writing this letter in support of having the Hawaii Super Ferry operate while the EA/EIS is being performed for the following reasons:

- The Hawaii Super Ferry has met all conditions that were imposed prior to courts determining that the State erred in not performing the EA/EIS. Not allowing the super ferry to operate during the performance of the EA/EIS in my opinion goes against due process and it sends a strong message to business outside the State of Hawaii that if the proposed business follows all the laws of the State and County there will be no guarantee that other rules and regulations will be implemented after the business has been approved to operate thus leaving the new business of losing its investment.
- Vehicles that are shipped by Young Brothers and other shipping firms between islands are not required to be washed prior to shipment. I did ship a vehicle last year via Young Brothers from Kauai to Honolulu and was not required to wash it.
- Presently commodities can be shipped through Young Brothers and other shipping companies between the islands and not be scrutinized as it is being asked for the super ferry to comply. An example stones for the imu could be crated and shipped via barge from one island to another island. Legally this may not be correct but the Super Ferry is not the culprit it is the citizens of Hawaii. Coqui frogs can hide in a container being shipped from one island to the other.
- Presently we have many vehicles being shipped into the state by individuals as well as companies on ships that are made just for automobile shipments and other ships that carry containers. This increase of the number of vehicles in the state really impacts traffic as they do not leave once they are here. The vehicles on the Super Ferry will return to where it came from once the person or company returns to its original origin unless the person decides to relocate to another island. In this event this



would not matter since the vehicle would be shipped by barge once the person relocates.

- At the present time recreational boats and commercial boats can and do exceed the proposed speed limits that are being imposed on the Super Ferry. We have jet skis, para-sailing, water skiing, and etc. They all operate within the range that the whales are seen.

In conclusion I would just like to say all the items mentioned above is now going on in our islands and yes there are risks that invasive species can be transferred between islands. Humpback whales can be injured by speeding water vehicles, and numerous other issues as presented by the opposition. Is the risk going to change drastically if the Super Ferry operates in my opinion no? I say this because if you review the schedule of the shipping companies you will find the sailings today has increased drastically to accommodate the movement of goods between the islands as well as from outside the state. Increase in tourism means increase of rental cars which correlates to traffic issues. I only say that the issues stated are not because of operation of the Super Ferry and that it existed prior to the coming of the Super Ferry. Addressing and implementing rules to address these issues should be for all users of our harbors as well as the citizens of Hawaii and not only the Super Ferry.

Thank you



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**From:** Herman Chong [hchong@towerhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:23 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Attachments:** 20071023101634.pdf

**Herman Chong**  
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**From:** Stefan [stefan@hawaiian.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:24 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I am opposed to the SuperFerry

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to the SuperFerry until the following concerns can be successfully addressed:

Until security is like at the airports the interisland transport of guns and drugs and criminals is a huge danger. Remember 3 truck loads of rocks would have been stolen "no problem" if not for the delay of the return trip on Maui. 15 seconds per car is woefully inadequate ( a calculation I heard that describes the current SuperFerry "security" measures).

Dead whales on tourist beaches could be as bad for tourism as a hurricane. Besides, killing endangered species is dangerous for our species.

Very Truly Yours,

Stefan Schweitzer, Architect  
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**From:** Makaha Valley Towers [mvtaoao@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Testimony

Please allow me to take this time to show my very strong support for the Superferry.

Keeping the Superferry in Hawaii is in the best interest for our State. It will provide a very innovative alternative to our current line of transportation between our islands.

It will help our economy in many ways; one important way is transporting large amounts of cargo, produce etc., at one given time at a much lower cost than the present way of transporting. Our outer island farmers will be able to transport their produce between islands at a much larger capacity, allowing them to market their produce on a larger scale, this will definitely help the agriculture market, keeping our cost of produce down, and allowing us to purchase our own Hawaii grown products.

It will provide jobs for many people.. And please let us not forget the help it will be able to provide if we have a natural disaster.

Not allowing the Superferry to operate in our islands would be a very foolish decision.

Please allow the Superferry to continue to operate in our Hawaiian Island. After all that is what the majority wants.

Joanna L. Miranda

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 AM  
**To:** testimony  
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To Whom it May Concern in the Hawaii Legislature:

I am one of the majority of Hawaiian residents who favor the Superferry. In a democracy the majority should prevail in any issue, not a minority with irrational reasons for opposing the ferry's operation. One has to wonder if there is a hidden agenda when there is and has been over many years, cruise ships, freighters, yachts, barges and air transport moving people, vehicles and goods among our islands without requiring an environmental assessment or impact study.

Why has the Superferry been isolated as a threat, when none of these other means of transportation have been so attacked?

Let the Superferry operate while the State completes an environmental impact assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W Horne  
2092 Kuhio Avenue, Apt. 2405  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

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**From:** KIE/KIH - Jessie, Chang [Jessie.Chang@kihnl.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:11 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Why We Need the Superferry Now

We need the Superferry now as another mode of transportation. When Hurricane Iwa devastated the Island of Kauai, my mother and I visited our brother and his family of two young children because there was no telephone communication. Worried, we took a flight to get there, but were stuck on Kauai because all flights cancelled after that. Than can and most likely will happen again.

The Superferry will also provide another mode of transportation for the really small businessmen who can just load up their equipment on their cars or trucks, get on the ferry, complete their job and get back on the Superferry instead of loading their equipment on crates at Young Brothers who only go to the islands 2 or 3 times a week, then get on a flight on another day to pick up the equipment, complete the job and return to Oahu the same way. One can save time and money by simply using the Superferry. There are many more reasons, but I will keep it short.

Jessie Chang

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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:** lugafono Mulivai [tesereta@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:09 AM

**To:** testimony

To whom it may concern. The Superferry is very suitable because I want my family to explore the various islands and having been in Scouting for a long time it would be good for the boys to camp elsewhere in the various islands.

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**From:** Kathi Meechan [KathiM@halmskimchee.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:08 AM  
**To:** testimony

Kathi Meechan  
29 Niuiki Circle  
Honolulu, HI 96821

October 23, 2007

To: Hawaii State Legislature

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry, an opportunity for the State of Hawaii to not only provide another means of transportation interisland, but an innovative and useful means of transportation for both personal and industrial use in Hawaii.

I know that personally, I would love to see this possible because I have a brother that lives in Kona, who refuses to fly interisland, for personal reasons, however loves the ocean and would be much more open to visiting Oahu and the other islands if the ferry is available. My husband also travels interisland for his business and it would be so helpful if he could take his vehicle rather than have to rent vehicles.

Please fight for the majority – as people that live and work in Hawaii, many of us are unable to go down to the legislature and picket or demonstrate as we have families that depend on us. We have bills and taxes to pay, however we depend on our representatives to do just that – represent us and do what is best for us and our economy. The environmental concerns are just an excuse for those people who have little more to do – if they were working, effective members of our community, they would be more inclined to stand behind something that would help our economy and our people.

Mahalo for all that you have done and hopefully will continue to do in the best interest of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Kathi Meechan

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**From:** Jocelyn Arlos [Jocelyn.Arlos@hilton.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:00 AM  
**To:** testimony

Dear State Senate Legislative Hearing,

**I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. They should be given the opportunity to conduct business while the EIS is in progress. Hawaii needs an alternative means of transportation for the leisure and business market.**

*Jocelyn*

Jocelyn Arlos  
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DoubleTree Alana Hotel Waikiki  
1956 Ala Moana Boulevard  
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**From:** Chester Tumalak [imuachester@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 AM  
**To:** testimony

I have been watching in anticipation on how the hawaii superferry is going to fare in our island. I, however, am amazed and disgusted with those so called people who where against the SuperFerry. So many tankers, oilers, and sea transports have crossed these island, s waters and no one have even thought about the effects that these ships would affect the whales and other sea creatures that inhabit our waters. In the first place, These whales have been hunted down by the white whalers in the past, now they are concerned about it? Are these people from the mainland mostly afraid of being guilt ridden of their past? And another thing, they are concerned of all the homeless and other derelicts that will move in to their territory, well, they should know who these people are, They came from the mainland who were these homeless who were making use of Hawaii, s generosity to provide for them, These so called anti superferry people who came from the mainland are exactly the ones trying to avoid them from the former state in the first place, Thank you.

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**From:** Darla Seago [darla007@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry MUST get an E.I.S. first!

Superferry MUST get an E.I.S. first!

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Superferry MUST get an E.I.S. first!

Dear Legislators,

I adamantly oppose the proposal to allow operation of the Superferry before an E.I.S. is first done. It is ludicrous that this is even being put back on the table. The courts have spoken and the people have spoken. It is an illegal act to overturn the court's decision, as it purveys the message that the courts have no authority. It purveys the message that the governor is God and can do anything she wants. The reason why people are so angry about this is because it is exactly what we have been dealing with on a larger scale with the Bush administration. People are fed up with the blatant lawlessness that just seems to keep perpetuating. It is time to turn the tide and return to a system of honesty and JUSTICE. I am requesting for you to use this special session instead, to begin impeachment proceedings against Linda Lingle for breaking the law. Thank-you in advance for honoring the people you represent and doing your job.

Warm regards,

Darla Seago  
P.O. Box 1999  
Kapaa, HI 96746 Superferry MUST get an E.I.S. first!

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**From:** Paula Todd [PaulaTodd810@msn.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:04 AM

**To:** testimony

it is my urgent plea that the Super Ferry should be allowed to sail while the EIS is being processed.

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**From:** Robyn Costales [hwn\_roxy@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:20 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry Testimony

I am in favor of having the Superferry run while an Environmental test is being done.

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**From:** Chester Tumulak [jmuachester@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 AM  
**To:** testimony

I have been watching in anticipation on how the hawaii superferry is going to fare in our island. I, however, am amazed and disgusted with those so called people who where against the SuperFerry. So many tankers, oilers, and sea transports have crossed these island, s waters and no one have even thought about the effects that these ships would affect the whales and other sea creatures that inhabit our waters. In the first place, These whales have been hunted down by the white whalers in the past, now they are concerned about it? Are these people from the mainland mostly afraid of being guilt ridden of their past? And another thing, they are concerned of all the homeless and other derelicts that will move in to their territory, well, they should know who these people are, They came from the mainland who were these homeless who were making use of Hawaii, s generosity to provide for them, These so called anti superferry people who came from the mainland are exactly the ones trying to avoid them from the former state in the first place, Thank you.

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**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 for taking the time to listen to us and for your hard work and efforts going into this session. My name is **Chris Wong**. I am a furloughed port operator on Maui for the Hawaii Superferry. I am also the owner of a Christian clothing company. My strong support for the Hawaii Superferry goes far beyond my employment which I love dearly. The Superferry will also allow me to expand my business by bringing the materials and products I need to make presentations and attend shows. The Hawaii Superferry will also help me reduce my shipping costs, expand my business, create competitive prices statewide for goods and services I need, increase my network, allow me access to services not provided on Maui, and most important to me share my faith and increase mine.

As wonderful as whales are, people are more important. What major benefits do people really get from whales besides enjoying their beauty - shirts, postcards, toys, a tourist draw? Realistically, most residents don't have any more benefits from them than that. Most residents don't even get to see whales because they're too busy working. You have a choice between man and animal. You need to choose people first. One of our opponent's slogans is "Extinction is forever". That same slogan can be said for the local people who leave Hawaii because they can't survive economically. On the other hand, the Superferry could help enrollment increase for the UH system by allowing students easier access to our local college. It would make it easier for them continue their education here. The Hawaii Superferry will be the catalyst for residents to create new, exciting, and creative business, organizations, hobbies, and so on - and they may even get to see a whale or two.

I ask that you do not let our state become paralyzed and kept from greatness because you bought into "What if..." scenarios and their "fears of the unknown" being brought up by our opponents. Their concerns are the Superferry's as well, but we have not taken the extreme and pessimistic position they have. For instance, the traffic is basically a non-issue. Their issue is a lack of patience. It's no worse than *politicians sign waving on the side of the road during the election season. The management of the Superferry has expressed to its employees that additional lots and routes as back-up plans are available to us in the event of major traffic issues. One traffic concern of mine, however, is that the Maui terminal needs a limited protestor area like Kauai does for the safety of the protestors, customers, and employees. I'm not against their freedom of speech, but during the first full days of operations, the protestors caused unnecessary "rubbernecking" and unneeded pedestrian traffic around our entrance. Also, there was a protestor that tripped and fell near the outside of our entry gate - a place he shouldn't have been. As the on-duty officer we hired went to assist him, one of our employees was getting verbally harassed along the fence line while this took place. We also don't agree with protestors bringing their young kids to the side of a public road holding signs for a cause they don't fully understand. Also, it's difficult to take certain opponent groups seriously when one moment, they want to overthrow the existing Hawaiian government and it's laws. The next moment, they're crying "follow the law". Then they follow up by threatening to jump into the harbors and violate the stated restricted zones. I ask that this session create the designated protestor areas for Maui, and reiterates that any violation of the restricted areas will be treated as a domestic terroristic threat.*

In regards to the **Environmental Assessment** and/or the **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**, I ask that the legislators consider measures to protect the Hawaii Superferry from any false accusations

regarding the issues held against us. Certain people have reason to believe that the rock incident on Maui was an intentional and deliberate setup from our opponents. We don't want the Hawaii Superferry to be portrayed in a false, negative light because of stunts like this. For example, how would you know if an opponent wouldn't intentionally spread an invasive specie to an island in an attempt to falsely accuse the Superferry during the assessment and/or EIS? And if the Hawaii Superferry must conduct these studies, you must require similar businesses such as the Pacific Whale Foundation to do the EA and/or EIS with the same conditions the Hawaii Superferry might be subject to.

Please consider the consequences that will occur if the Hawaii Superferry does not operate. Hawaii will have to repay the \$40 million. You will lose a valuable, state-of-the-art alternative mode of transportation, and the people of Hawaii will probably never have another opportunity to have a service like this from this company or any other similar companies. You are also at risk to be sued by the Hawaii Superferry. Young Brothers would continue its monopoly, and probably raise their prices knowing there won't be any direct or indirect competition in sight. Hawaii will lose many potential business prospects. Airline rates will go up. And these are just to name a few results of that decision. On top of that, you'd still have the whale collisions and the spread of invasive species.

For the majority of this ordeal, you have been asked to look at the negatives. However, I encourage you to consider the optimistic viewpoint. Consider the power of Hawaii's faith-based groups, the positive influence of clubs and organizations, the wise counsel and guidance of grandma and grandpa on the neighbor island, and so on. For every evil entity brought up before you by our opponents - the criminals, drug dealers, gamblers, car thieves, greedy fishermen, possessive individuals, etc. - rest assured that Hawaii has many good entities greater than them. My extended Superferry family is one of these good, uplifting, and positive groups. These groups are the ones that will help reduce crime, help break drug addictions, help the homeless become a productive member of society that can provide for themselves again, and help keep those that might stray on the right path. Many of these people have good intentions like providing for their families, but choose to do it in an illegal way because that route requires less discipline. Might I suggest that the reason these issues exist are because these people lack a purpose, they lack the support system, they lack the financial opportunity, all of which, the Hawaii Superferry can be the avenue for them to receive what they lack whether we go to them or they come to us.

Do not let these negative voices cloud your judgment. Hawaii can have the happy-medium where we have the newest technologies and modern conveniences, yet still maintain the oldest of traditions and the beauty of the islands. The Superferry project has created an awareness and educated Hawaii on a variety of topics. Life, death, bugs, weeds, managing resources, and the like are battles that we will always have throughout life. But we still need to keep moving forward. Now is the time for you to rise above the adversity and be the leaders that take this issue and use it as a tool to better our state and the quality of life here - and it starts by bringing the Hawaii Superferry back into operation. Thank you.

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**From:** sue r [geneandsue@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:32 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry Hearing: Wednesday, October 24,2007 @ 10:30 a.m.

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

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry. This ferry will be a tremendous benefit to Hawaiians monitarily, both now and in the future. It will provide, not only many needed jobs, but it will also provide a much needed transportation alternative to the neighboring islands. Many, many other island localities have interisland ferry transportation, both internationally and within the United States and Canada and Mexico. Why must Hawaiians get along without the benefit of an interisland transportation alternative, when many other communities, much less able to support something like this, than we, are enjoying the many benifits provided by this source of transportation. There are many justified environmental concerns and I agree that the environmental concerns should be investigated, and any infringments taken care of, but lets not shoot ourselves in the foot. We can use the added job opportunities and revenue this will provide to our state. The airlines have been enjoying their monopoly of interisland travel, for far, far too long. It's time for a change. Please settle this arguement, in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

Mahalo Nui Loa!

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**From:** james hart [calvinfrench@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:32 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** Jim Hart  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Aloha this Jim and Mary Hart we are in support for the Super Ferry. maybe this will not count but as of right now we are not residents oh Hawaii But Sept 09 we will be moving to Maui Hawaii one of the reasons we decided to move there is the Super Ferry we can now go from island to island with your car not stuck on 1 island the Airlines were charging High Rates until Go came there then they dropped there Rates. There is only 1 Major Shipping company that keeps raising the cost they went up 5 % in January now there going up another 2 % and residents have to bear the cost . We beleive the Shipping company and Airlines are Against this because they would loose business. we beleive the EPA should be more concerned about everything that comes in on the Hulls of Cruise Ships because they come to Hawaii from across the Pacific and Atlantic, The Super Ferry has that Special Hull and besides it will be staying in Hawaiian Waters..we have been following everything and would like to see the Super Ferry come to Hawaii I am sure a lot of Resident's also want it . well Mahalo for now Jim and Mary Hart from Connecticut.

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**From:** randall.langsi [langsirvbl@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:58 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

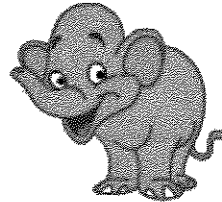
To Whom It May Concern:

I support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement (EIS) is being conducted. This is great having something like this for Hawaii residents, it is progress and progress is a good thing. We should all move forward, pull together, welcome this change which will offer more jobs for the people of Hawaii. Those that are against this type of transportation should re-evaluate their thought process and get on the the band wagon, or should I say, get on the boat. I welcome the SUPER FERRY to Hawaii, I am all for it.

VR,  
R. Langsi, Sr.

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**From:** DHumeandCo@aol.com  
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**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

I support the Superferry. It gives the people of Hawaii an alternative to the airlines and Young's barge. This is progress that is long overdue in Hawaii. I resent that small groups can block such a needed transport alternative. Live and let live. Ferries like this operate though out the rest of the world with very little impact to the environment. Please don't let the big corporations block this...WE NEED IT. Thank you, Long time Hawaii resident and tax payer, Aloha David Hume

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**From:** Kevin E Lewis, Realtor [hiloagent@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:34 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** super ferry - yes

yes for super ferry, if Kauai doesn't want it, send it to Hilo!

- from Kevin in Hilo!

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**From:** tyress akiyama [64konaboy@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:01 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** supa dupa ferry

my aloha goes out the commitees on the supa ferry hoping that the end result will be fast and over with i support the ferry because of the family values that will bring us closer and have the choice to choose to be with my family and friends bringing the aloha back from the outer islands coming together as locals and visitors alike so please lets go and enjoy mahalo and thanks



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**From:** Kimberly DeYoung [oceanart75@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:56 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** 10/24 Superferry Hearing- Testimony Von Thomas DeYoung-  
**Attachments:** Senate Com Stmt DeYoung1.pdf

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Please find attached my testimony for the:

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If you have difficulty with the attachment I have included the testimony in the body of the e-mail below.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Von Thomas DeYoung

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

Dear Committee Members:

Topic: Support the Superferry Now, Support Your Local Artists

Thank you for your time and please take into consideration how supporting the Superferry now, supports your local art communities. Currently it is very difficult and expensive for local artists to transport art, attend and participate in art festivals and art related events on neighboring Islands. With the introduction of the Superferry many local artists will be able to share their works at these events. There are several other benefits to consider:

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## **Benefits**

1. **Supports New Artists**- Helps new artists gain greater exposure by being able to participate in Art Festivals and Events on neighbor islands and being able to afford to do so.
2. **Supports Established Artists**-Allows for more cost effective transportation of original art to galleries and festivals on other Islands. Helps reduce shipping damage.
3. **Networking**- Expanding participation at events helps artists build networks with other artists within their craft, who may not have been able to do so without the Superferry service.
4. **Diversity**- Allows for a greater diversity of local art at festivals and events.
5. **Tourism** -
  - a. Gives Tourists the option to see the art work from multiple islands even though they may only visit one island.
  - b. Ferry service could help increase attendance at these festivals and events, the visitor(s) may not know about the event until they arrived on the island, a day trip on the Superferry could be an inviting option as opposed to getting on another flight.

## **Why Now?**

1. **Missed Events** - There are several events in the upcoming months that would be otherwise missed without the Superferry. The Artist could wait over a year for another opportunity.
2. **Planning** - Several festivals require advance judging and registration, knowing the Superferry will be available will allow for proper planning.

## **Why should Superferry be allowed to run during the EIS interim?**

1. **Responsible Passage**- The articles and news reports I have seen lead me to believe that Superferry *is* taking environmental precautions in the interim.
2. **Not Fair to Discriminate**- There have been and are currently vessels on these water ways that travel as fast as the Superferry. There are cruise lines and shipping barges that have been taking these routes for years. It is not right to hold one group to a completely different standard than the others.
3. **Local Jobs** - Local responsible people have been hired and trained by the Superferry organization. What about the impact to them and their families?

Please take this heartfelt and sincere statement into deep consideration, for myself and the other Artists of these Islands.

Von Thomas DeYoung,

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**From:** Kenneth R. Archipley [k.archipley@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:02 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry service makes my business viable

For use as needed in the special session committee hearing scheduled 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

The interisland transportation service which is to be offered by the SuperFerry would make it possible for me to easily transport my WaveWalker (kayak-like) boats on my own specialized trailer.

These boats are 120 lbs each and 14 feet long. Making them available to interested people and other businesses on the outer islands, and maintaining them, at reasonable costs and controllable logistics, only happens when this new SuperFerry runs.

For my business, and for the businesses and visitors on Maui and Kauai that would benefit from using my product, the ferry needs to be running now.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Kenneth R. Archipley

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**From:** Bob Mafes [h2oecs@juno.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 11:56 PM

**To:** testimony

A Highway Is what the Hawaii  
Superferry would be like.  
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**From:** JEAllin@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:04 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony: Vote YES!

To: Senate Committee on Energy and the Environment  
Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 23  
Time: 10:30 AM, Auditorium State Capitol

Attention Committee Members:

You need to represent ALL people of Hawaii, not just the very vocal minority. We want and need Superferry to resume operations in Hawaii ASAP. Alaska and Seattle have multiple ferries, cruise ships, sea planes, cruising with the Whales. They have not had problems. Matson, Young Brothers, and all cruise ships are in the same waters, transporting goods, cars with dirt, etc. and it is only fair that Superferry is allowed the same treating.

The ferry does not have propellers. It can turn on a dime. Thank you for supporting Superferry and the MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII!

Sincerely,  
Joann Allin

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**From:** Harleymama4u@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:04 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** regarding the superferry

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To whom may concern,

This story about the super ferry is unbelievable, someone needs to wake up and smell the coffee in your office. This super ferry is going to bring money for the state of Hawaii which this island already needs.

I cannot understand why there has to be a assessment done ONLY to the super ferry!!! why not the other bigger ships that cruise the island chain???

I think this issue is a kiss ass issue, because some other company will loose money because of the super ferry.

I honestly think you should let it run it's course to see how it works for the state of Hawaii, think about those people who can't fly on a plane this is a opportunity for those people, and the people who have 6 to 8 kids that cannot control the kids on a airplane! just think this is a good thing for the islands.

I've lived here for over 20 years and when ever a new business starts up from the main land it does not last here because all the kiss ass that goes on and I think it is very sad.

You all should be worrying about other things that are more important to the state of Hawaii. So let the super ferry run it's course.

Thank you

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**From:** Patrick Cross [cross@oasislex.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:13 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony

Please find a way to get past previous legislative errors, get the Superferry operating on an interim, trial basis, and press ahead with all available speed on the EIS. I believe this is essential in terms of building Hawaii's reputation as a place to do innovative business – business that can feel it won't be hampered unduly by legislative confusion or ineptitude, or by vocal, but miniscule, minorities. That said, the Superferry should be a model for not only business innovation, but for environmental compliance. Let it go ahead, but make VERY sure there are mechanisms in place to respond to environmental concerns, such as rocks being hauled in pickup trucks.

Thank you for your service to our state – a state I've absolutely fallen in love with, but one who's business environment must improve. Help make our state a model for clean, green, innovative business.

**Patrick S. Cross, Ph.D.**

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**From:** Linda Soll [lsoll@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:00 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

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

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

Dear Senators,

I am writing to ask you to find a way to allow the Superferry to give us another interisland transportation option.

I am sympathetic to fears about the spread of invasive species and harm to whales, but would ask that the Superferry be held to the same standards as airlines, container transporters, charter boat operators, whale watch tours, parasail operators, etc.

Ferries operate safely all over the mainland. Please find a way to allow us the opportunity to travel via the Superferry. Thank you.

With aloha,

Linda Soll

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**From:** Brian Redo [brian@hafnercreative.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:28 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry special session Kona/Honolulu

Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment. Wednesday, October 24, 2007. 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Unfortunately I cannot attend today's meeting in Kona today because of work. I would like to state my total support for the Superferry. I find it interesting, that almost all of the people testifying against the Superferry are asking the State to deny only the Superferry operation in the state of Hawaii, and not the other shipping and airline companies that have introduced 99% of all the invasive species, etc. to all of the islands in the past. Concerning traffic, it will certainly increase at the harbors, but it will also alleviate a substantial amount of traffic at the airports. Wouldn't that be nice! Whales, not a problem. The ferry has stated that it would travel at a reduced speed when in whale calving areas. Today 360 degree sonar and radar systems would almost eliminate any chance of a whale collision. No EIS for Young Brothers?? I've fished the Kohala coast for over 18 years and have always enjoyed watching the whales. Every year I would see whales swimming between the tugboat and the barge being towed by a 1,000+ foot steel cable. Whales are intelligent enough to discern what the tug and barge are, and they certainly avoided them. Unfortunately, I doubt that they have a clue what the long cable is. Sometime I would see whales with calves swimming between the barge and tug and wondered if they would collide with the cable. I'm sure if this happened we would not know or be told about it.

It would be extremely short sighted if the main reason that the senate is doing this is because the state is funding a portion of the harbor upgrades for this particular enterprise. All of the shipping transportation systems should be required to submit an EIS every-time they upgrade or add to their business infrastructure, even if the state does not fund the upgrades. Airlines included, and all retroactively. Add a flight provide an EIS. Add a barge, provide an EIS. Add a highway, provide an EIS. Not requiring ALL transportation systems to provide an EIS will only ensure that invasive species, traffic problems, etc. will persist.

Obviously, if those testifying against the ferry were really interested in stopping the spread of invasive species, potential traffic problems or even the rare whale collision, they would also insist that all transportation systems be required to do so. I don't see them doing that. The state should stop allowing monopolies or duopolies from limiting competition and the public's choices. The public can't afford the extremely high rates for all items shipped interstate because of this lack of competition. Everyone I know, excluding a few I know who work for the unions, need and want the Superferry. I support the bill that would allow the Superferry to continue operation while conducting an EIS. Also, I would like to see a bill passed that would require all transportation companies to submit one also. Fair is fair. Our environment needs all businesses to abide by the same rules, or why even bother?

Respectfully, Brian M. Redo

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**From:** Claire Butler [butlerc002@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:52 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** In Support of the Super Ferry

I support the super ferry. I would ask the senate committee to do all possible to allow the ferry to resume service and to expand it to all islands. I was born and raised in Hawaii, am very environmentally concious and do not believe that the super ferry should be made a scape goat for many other environmental failures. Let it sail.

Claire Butler

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**From:** Susan Kuszajewski [suskus2@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:13 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Both my husband and I support having the Hawaii Superferry as a choice of transportation interisland.

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**From:** LOVDEN@aol.com  
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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Re: hawaii superferry legislative hearing

Aloha,

Please forgive my late e mail regarding the Hawaii Superferry. I had planned to attend the meeting in Kona, Hi. this afternoon and an unforeseen event will prevent me from doing so. However, I want my voice to be heard regarding the superferry.

I can see both sides, pro and con regarding the ferry. There are some very good concerns from both sides. However, please look at all the facts and make a fair decision for the well being and safety of all the people on all the islands. I believe that the superferry is needed, and many of the concerns are unfounded at this time. Many could happen but that is a big word, COULD. The health and welfare of the people is of the most concern. In case of any emergency the ferry would be a tremendous help. In this day and age, relying on air transportation alone is a disaster in the making. On the island of Hawaii alone, having only two airports (Hilo and Kona) with only one viable highway and an active volcano and others able to erupt, the access to a ferry would be a huge advantage. That does not even include the chances of another huge earthquake or earthquakes.

Please don't let this opportunity pass us by. The ferry is here now and at our disposal. Address any concerns as they occur. I feel that the cruise ships that frequent our island weekly are doing more damage then the ferry could do, and other then depositing tourists to our beaches, what benefit do we as residents get from them? And in case of emergency as with 9/11, how do people leave the islands if the planes are grounded? And supplies, how can they be brought in if the airfields are not available? Do we depend on Young Brothers? Remember Kauai and what it was like after the hurricane? Wouldn't the superferry have been a tremendous help if it were in existence then?

Please let us give the ferry a chance, let them operate while the EPA is being done. The majority of the people cannot attend these meetings that you so kindly are holding. The activists are making the most noise and are well represented. Please consider what the silent majority is telling you.

God bless you all and help you to make the right decision. It may be one that could effect the health and welfare of many and even life and death in the face of disaster.

Sincerely,  
Denise Hernandez  
77-180 Kapukapu St.  
Kailua-Kona, Hi. 96740

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**From:** Bobbie Martin [bobbie martin350@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:17 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please Save The Hawaii SuperFerry

Aloha, My name is Bobbie R. Martin I submit my testimony in support of the Hawaii SuperFerry

249 local people have lost their jobs and future due to your selfless actions of others. They want the SuperFerry to stop because of all the harm it would cause the environment, what about Young Brothers, NCL Ships, Aloha, Hawaiian and Go Airlines will they make such an effort over them? will they have to wash down or vacuum out their cars and trucks before shipment? or the impact of any other vessel going to Maui or Kauai. EIS, EIA, we all make an impact on the environment from the very first flush in the morning, I see a number of issues over this and I understand the need to protect the environment, I was born and raised in Hawaii I've served 20 years in the Military away from home and on my return in 1997 I have seen many changes to the people and environment but what I don't like is the selfless attitude that we are not welcome to the other islands I've seen this on the news people hitting other people's cars letting the air out of their tires. One day in the future and it will come, some event will happen just like the hurricane that hit Kauai or an earth quake that hit the Big Island the airport runways will be unusable, this vessel will be needed to move goods and help to and from each island and it will be long gone what will do then. Thank you

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**From:** James c [ovphoto@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:20 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hsf

Sirs

As a working person I cannot stay on-line 24/7 to make comments that affect the life of my loved ones, I AM A supporter of the Ferry (I tend not to call it a super ferry as it is just a inter island ferry) The loud mouth minority tends to percive the Ferry as a evil enity bringing death and distruction to Hawaii with every boat load of people from other islands--Not True -I have lived in Hawaii for 25 years and its about time that we have leaders that are visionaries not just people that sit on there Haunches and collect pay,"L Lingle is a visionary, knows whats coming up in the future, Hawaii will be the Finical Hub of the Pacific if any CFO reads the future you can get a grasp, the HF is the way of the future, PLANES WILL WILL BE TOO PRICEY except fo the rich, Please do not abandon the future, even us old guys have a stake in it

James Carlyle  
Kihei--Maui

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**From:** Roland Au [roland@royalcontracting.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:59 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Bill

Please change the law, as it needs to be fixed. How can the State Courts dictate to a private company, how to operate?

Stop your dog and pony show, and get down to business. Do what you have been elected to do.

It makes all of us in Hawaii look stupid. Isn't this part of the United States?

Special interest groups talk the loudest, but they are not the majority voters.

Do what the majority of the voters want, or look for another job after the next election.

Mahalo,

Roland Au  
2837 Kalawao Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

## testimony

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**From:** Elizabeth Randol [lizr@aloha.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:03 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry testimony

Myname is Liz Randol and I reside in Pahoa on the Big Island of Hawaii. I love these islands and revere the Hawaiian Culture and the unique, fragile and precious Aina we are blessed with in our magnificent natural setting here in East Hawaii.

### WHY I VOTE NO ON THE SUPERFERRY BILL:

- It overturns the unanimous Hawaii Supreme Court decision.
- It overturns Judge Cardoza's decision indicating potential irreparable harm; he heard 22 days of testimony.
  
- It leaves it to Governor Lingle to create the superferry's operating conditions,  
**BUT** - It offers NO specific protections for marine animals.
  - It creates NO specific safeguards to protect each island from invasive alien species.
  - It makes NO provision to mitigate traffic and harbor congestion.
  - It neglects to protect residents from inter-island crime and drug shipments.
    - It leaves us vulnerable to theft of natural and cultural resources.(Unfortunately, to-date Governor Lingle has frustrated all efforts to get any mitigation measures.)
  
- It allows the superferry to operate free of HRS 343, the Environmental Protection Act.
  
- It sets up a potentially stacked, 13 month "oversight committee" with NO enforcement capability.
- It denies the County any ability to regulate the superferry.
- It sets a precedent that our courts may be over-ruled by legislators meeting in a "special session" while the public is given only 2 minutes to comment.

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I DO NOT SUPPORT A SPECIAL SESSION TO PASS THE SUPERFERRY BILL.

IF YOU PASS THIS BILL I ASK THAT YOU INCLUDE MAUI TOMORROW'S 29 CONDITIONS.

MAHALO,

## Superferry Operating Conditions

Submitted to the Legislature on Behalf of Maui Tomorrow

We strongly oppose operation of Hawaii Superferry during the time it takes to prepare an EA or an EIS. Such operations violate unambiguous Hawai'i law. Maui Circuit Court Judge Joseph E. Cardoza correctly

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found that such operations caused the possibility of irreparable harm to marine mammals and an increased rate of alien species introductions.

Evidence received during the hearings made it obvious that the Hawaii Superferry project "may" have a significant effect on the environment and, as such, a full EIS is required. Legislative recognition of this inevitability is no real concession to environmentalists.

We urge the Legislature not to pass this unconstitutional special legislation benefiting a single business, depriving us of vested Constitutional rights and violating the separation of powers by overruling a judicial decision.

If the Legislature has already decided (a) to convene a special session and (b) to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EA or EIS is being prepared, it would be irresponsible of us to abandon the protection of the environment to the same administration that has been dedicated for many years to minimizing legitimate concerns about the Superferry project.

We are compelled to recommend conditions of operation to be imposed by the Legislature, not because we agree that the Superferry can operate (we do not) or because we agree with the proposed legislation or its purposes (we do not), but because it is now necessary to protect Hawai'i from the impacts of the improvident actions of the Lingle Administration and the Legislature if they were to allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate, even after a month long trial amply demonstrated that this would be unlawful and would cause irreparable harm in multiple fashions.

Based on one month of daily testimony from highly qualified experts, the consensus of prevailing expert opinion was that the following mitigation measures are absolutely required to minimize to some responsible degree the possibility of irreparable harm caused by Hawaii Superferry operations during the time it takes to prepare an EA or EIS:

## CONDITIONS OF OPERATION

### Protection on Marine Mammals and Turtles

1. Hawaii Superferry vessels shall travel in routes that are in waters that are in excess of 1000 fathoms.
2. If Hawaii Superferry vessels travel in a route that is in any part in waters less than 1000 fathoms, its vessels shall travel at the NOAA recommended speed of no more than 13 knots. The 13 knot limitation shall be inclusive of the first 10 miles of exists and entrances to Honolulu, Kahului and Nawiliwili harbors. At all times, regardless of fathom depth, the ferry shall travel at lesser speeds than provided above as determined by the Captain to provide safe passage to passengers and to minimize strikes of whales.
3. Should a Hawaii Superferry vessel strike a marine mammal, a written report of such strike shall be immediately transmitted to NOAA and any other agencies responsible for monitoring and regulating strikes.
4. Hawaii Superferry shall immediately apply for and receive from NOAA an incidental take permit and in engage in Section 7 consultation with NOAA regarding the impacts of its ferry operations on protected marine mammals.

### Protection Against Introduction of Alien Species

5. Hawaii Superferry shall conduct thorough undercarriage washes of all vehicles during embarkation at all ports to help dislodge seeds, insects, and animals. Such undercarriage wash systems shall include appropriate debris traps and filters.
6. Hawaii Superferry shall utilize sufficient vacuum stations to vacuum the floors of all vehicles

during embarkation. An Appropriate filter system to trap and contain all debris shall be employed.

7. Hawaii Superferry shall not permit the transport of plants or plant propagative materials.
8. Hawaii Superferry shall secure and pay for all costs to have a dog handler team present at all harbors to conduct inspections of all vehicles at the time of embarkation. These dogs will be utilized to prevent the inter-island transmission primarily of invasive species and secondarily, of drugs.
9. Hawaii Superferry shall inspect (a) the trunks of all cars, (b) the beds of all pickup trucks, (c) the engine compartments of all vehicles and (d) the interiors of all vehicles, items such as coolers, boxes, trunks and luggage shall be opened and inspected.
10. agricultural inspections shall not be conducted on a random basis. Every vehicle and passenger shall be inspected or screened.
11. Hawaii Superferry shall not permit the transport of fishing nets.
12. Hawaii Superferry shall conduct, publish and disseminate a risk assessment within three months of operation to further assess potential impacts and better identify potential mitigation options.
13. Hawaii Superferry shall post signage at all harbors about invasive species, Specific information about invasive species shall be disseminated during the ticketing process on Hawaii Superferry's website. Said signage and information shall have been reviewed and approved by a representative of the Maui Invasive Species Committee.

### Protection of Customary Native Hawaiian Practices

14. Passengers, upon checking in at a harbor, shall declare whether they intend to camp at any destination island. Hawaii Superferry shall disseminate to all passengers who have declared their intent to camp written rules and procedures for camping on the destination island.
15. Passengers shall only camp at Federal, State and County campgrounds at destination islands, and then only if they can demonstrate upon checking in that they have obtained in advance permits to camp at those campgrounds.
16. Passengers shall not be permitted to transport to another island cultural or natural resources or products from the ocean, from the shoreline or from the inlands of another island, unless the can demonstrate through a written receipt that the have purchased these items from a legitimate commercial establishment.
17. Should Hawaii Superferry, through the inspection process, discover an attempt to transport natural resources to another island, this transport shall be disallowed and Hawaii Superferry shall immediately notify local DLNR DOCAR officials.

### Agricultural Inspections

18. There shall be two (2) qualified Department of Agriculture agricultural inspectors present and participating in agricultural inspections at all times of embarkation and disembarkation at each port. The DOA inspectors shall supervise all HSF screeners.
19. Hawaii Superferry , as an impact fee, shall pa all costs of the agricultural inspectors required in the foregoing paragraph.
20. The State Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Governor, the State Legislature, and the Department of Agriculture shall forthwith allocate positions and funds for the additional agricultural positions necessary to staff the inspection personnel set forth in paragraph 18 above.
21. Hawaii Superferry shall post a bond in the amount of \$40,000,000.00 to reimburse the State for the

balance of the funds due, in the event that the Hawaii Superferry does not operate or refuses to follow mitigation measures required by the EIS.

### **Permission to Operate Applies Only to the Alakai**

22. The permission to operate in this Bill is limited solely to the operation of the Alakai and shall not extend to any other vessel or vessels operated by Hawaii Superferry. The "no action" provisions of Chapter 343 shall be fully applicable to all other Superferry vessels, except for the Alakai.

### **Time Limits**

23. Hawaii Superferry shall not be able to utilize the lack of a time deadline in HRS Chapter 343 for the completion of the EIS as a means to keep operating for whatever period of time it may take to prepare an EIS. The Alakai shall not be entitled to operate after the expiration of the last day of the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) month after the date of the adoption of this legislation.
24. These conditions of operation shall, however, be applicable to any and all Hawaii Superferries irrespective of whether they operate before or after the preparation of the EIS.

### **Verification of Compliance**

25. Designated representatives of Plaintiff groups shall be entitled to verify Hawaii Department of Transportation's and Hawaii Superferry's compliance with all the foregoing.
26. In order to accomplish the foregoing, the designated representatives of Plaintiffs in *Sierra Club et al. v. HDOT: Civil No. 05-1-0114(3)* shall be granted access to all State lands granted at all ports to Hawaii Superferry for its operations

### **Enforcement of Conditions**

27. The foregoing conditions of operation may be enforced by the Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i and by Plaintiffs in *Sierra Club et al. v. HDOT: Civil No. 05-1-0114(3)*.
28. These conditions may be enforced in any Circuit Court in the State of Hawaii and the prevailing party shall be entitled to the reimbursement of reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
29. An allowable remedy in any such enforcement action shall be the cessation of Hawaii Superferry operations until and unless compliance is achieved with the foregoing conditions.

**testimony**

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**From:** Meg Saunders [meg@hilo-brokers.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:55 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Superferry Testimony in Support

Please accept my testimony in support of the Superferry. I am a neighbor island resident for 15 years and encourage the business and travel opportunities that the Superferry could provide.

I am appalled by the conduct of anti-business opponents hiding under the guise of environmentalists. Please see through this charade and support the Superferry.

Sincerely,

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**From:** pete155@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:18 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Oppose Superferry Legislation

Aloha,

My wife & I oppose the legislature having a special session to consider legislation to allow the stupidferry to operate while an environmental analysis is prepared & reviewed.

If the Governor forces the legislature to meet we hope that the legislation will be defeated. It would set a terrible precedent to pass a law for 1 project.

Please do not correct the administration's mistake.

The environment is Hawaii's economy.

Susan & Michael Foley, Lahaina, Maui

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**From:** Lorena Goya Tynan [lg@goyamaui.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:44 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony from Lorena Goya Tynan

Aloha!

Please help Maui's economy by letting the superferry work between islands.  
It will help my business and my family here in Maui.

Mahalo!

Lorena Goya Tynan

[lg@goyamaui.com](mailto:lg@goyamaui.com)

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**From:** Jean Marie [kccc@SMS-HI.COM]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:38 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I strongly believe the superferry needs an EIS before it can come into Kauai. Please make sure this happens.  
Jean McEntee

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**From:** Stanley Yamagata [SYamagata@bisihi.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:28 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

I belong to the silent majority and strongly believe that the State allow the Superferry a temporary permit to operate while an enviromental study is done.

Why is it a few boisterous minority is able to block progress in Hawaii. We are so far behind in time. There are already shipping lines and large vacation liners already using our waters. What would the Superferry do that is really harmful compared to the impact of an alternative way to travel between the islands.

Our government should look at the long term good that this Superferry will bring to the islands instead of being afraid of the vocal minority. We need to expand ourselves and have foresight for a change instead of living in the dark ages. Look at what happened to transportation from the Leeward area to Honolulu when our past Legislators had no guts. Please use your brains and not sit on it.



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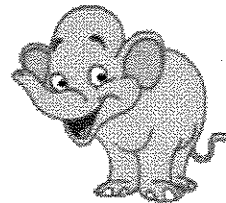
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**From:** Joyce Del Rosario [jyci@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:47 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** What Happened to ALOHA

Until I moved to Hawaii I was unaware of the odd happenings here. Why should we be denied the ability to visit other islands within this state via ferry? Joyce Del Rosario.

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**From:** Bully [bully106@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:24 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SENATE JOINT COMMITTEE HEARINGS RE: HAWAII SUPERFERRY

We are in strong support of the Hawaii SuperFerry and urge legislation to continue operations during interim environmental impact studies.

My husband and I rode the SuperFerry to Kauai 8/26 on the first and perhaps last trip to Kauai. It was a wonderful experience enjoyed by mostly local families. It is incomprehensible that this additional means of passenger transportation can in any way be considered bad for the islands. How sad it was the next day 8/27 to see the boat try once again to enter Nawiliwili Harbor against the wave of protesters even larger than the night before. Those of us who were returning to Honolulu waited at the pier in our cars while tourists from the huge cruise liner docked in port looked on. Of course, the ferry had to turn back to Honolulu without us and that was a total disgrace.

The SuperFerry is an invaluable asset to the State of Hawaii. The pockets of protesters do not represent the vast majority of the state; they represent a minority of people who would be in disfavor of the SuperFerry even if the results of EIS were favorable. We who are in support of the ferry count on our legislators to have our voices heard too.

Although I cannot be present at tomorrow's hearing, I would be available at any other time to present oral testimony.

LaVerne Bishop

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**From:** Herbert Nishikawa [herbinokc39@msn.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:13 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Superferry Support

We are in full support of the Superferry traveling from Honolulu to Kauai and back again. We believe this will assist in creating a better quality of life for the residents of Kauai; and improved the economy for both islands. Kauai relies on the tourist trade as its major source of income and increasing the options and opportunities for tourists to travel to Kauai will be a great asset. In today's technological society, environmental concerns can be managed and controlled. Stopping the Superferry from operating is like stopping air travel due to possible air hijacks; then with all of the global warming from fossil fuel emissions stop the production of cars and factories from operating. It seems that stopping the Superferry from operating is truly an **illogical** option in the 21st century with all the sources of our modern society today.

Herbert A Nishikawa, PhD  
Yoshiko Nishikawa  
Robert Taira

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**From:** kunana@juno.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:56 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry testimony given in Kauai

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

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Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

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

October 23, 2007

Aloha to the members of the Senate Committee:

Our family operates a Certified Organic farm and the only dairy on the Garden Island. We have farmed here for over thirty years, so we have some firsthand knowledge of what it is to be an endangered species. Our position is that there should be no exemptions to an EIS for Superferry. The existing environmental law should be upheld.

We do not trust the expertise of the employees of Superferry to recognize the dangers of agricultural hitchhikers. Our feeling is that each vehicle should receive a minimum 5 minute inspection prior to boarding. With the potential of 282 vehicles per trip, we know that there is no way that this will happen.

We do not accept the argument that Superferry is no different than Young Bros. or Matson. We receive monthly feed shipments on Young Brothers and, through the years, have also shipped vehicles and equipment. With YB, for example, vehicles are accepted

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only on certain days and the policy is that the vehicle must be empty prior to shipment. Vehicles are inspected and there is no rush or hurry when cargo is dropped or picked up at the docks.

We are very concerned about the “bringings and takings” of the Superferry. When Superferry brings the mongoose, what will happen to our free-range flock of laying hens which is so important to our sustainable agriculture enterprise? Kauai is the only island where this egg-eating, bird-eating pest has not gained a foothold. Did you know that a female mongoose produces three litters per year with 3-6 per litter? What about our nene, albatross, shearwater, and other ground-nesting birds? These are also susceptible to the imported fire-ant. A seemingly innocent potted plant brought over as a gift can contain thousands of undetected eggs. Fire-ants have been known to kill baby goats and geese in my native state of Texas. And what about agricultural theft? Here on Kaua’i, the farm community is closely-knit and we have a network of protection because we know who grows what. We reject the idea that Superferry will help farmers get our crops to markets on Oahu. Why would we pay more to ship on Superferry? Our crops will get to Oahu, all right, but not with our permission!

Ours is the most unique state in the USA. Here we have the Orchid Isle, the Friendly Isle, the Valley Isle, the Secluded Isle, the Garden Isle, and the Gathering Place. We are embraced, protected, and linked by our mother Ocean. We don’t need an H-4 a.k.a Superferry to link us. So far, Superferry has only served to divide us. It is the *lack* of Interstate traffic that protects us from theft rings and kidnappings. If Superferry comes, we can no longer brag about not having to lock our houses!!

For our family, we say: Keep Kauai, Kauai. Part of her essence, part of her allure is that she is not easy. She requires and deserves that humans must make an extra effort to experience her. It certainly does take us Kauaians a lot of extra effort to call her our home. But we know that she is worth it. To our neighbors on Oahu, e komo mai. But please, we beg you, our lawmakers don’t take the side of the Superferry. It is the Superferry who will take the irreplaceable from all of us!

Mahalo for you patience and fortitude during this hearing,

Louisa Wooton

Bob Wooton

Ryan and Sarah Wooton

Troy Wooton

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**From:** Clay [clay@westpachawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:16 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

Aloha,

My family and I are in strong support of the super ferry. Please do whatever is needed to get it up and running. thank you!

CLAYTON S ADAMS  
WESTERN PACIFIC MORTGAGE, INC  
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"Consider It Closed"

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**From:** David Quist [dsquist@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:22 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.com  
**Subject:** In favor of Superferry!!!!!!!!!!!!

To whom it may concern,  
I am a registered voter here on Oahu.  
I am in total favor of operating the Superferry between all islands with or without an EA or EIS!!!!!!!!!!!!

I cannot believe Kauai and Maui are being so anti-Oahu minded. They seem to believe they are unique in this STATE with natural beauty and assets with no criminal elements.

If they cause tourism to slow to their islands it won't be long before they are crying for state support or to get us to come back to visit.

The Superferry was not going to increase the number of visitors to their islands that much. Their attitudes have greatly discouraged me from visiting their islands at all anymore.

I will just go to the mainland to spend my vacation dollars now.!!

David Quist  
Honolulu  
dsquist@earthlink.net



## testimony

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**From:** Hannah Bernard [wild@aloha.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:21 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Please no Superferry bill - no destruction of judicial system

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 kakou

I testified at the meeting the Senators graciously hosted on Maui yesterday, October 22 in opposition to this Special Session being called to consider legislation to allow the Superferry to operate before the EA is completed.

Not only is this action likely unconstitutional and destructive to the separation of powers doctrine, it will do irreparable harm to our young people's (and all of us) trust in our political system. The HI Supreme Court and the 2nd Circuit Court on Maui both ruled that this new technology would result in irreparable harm to our environment if it is allowed to operate during the EA or EIS process. For our legislature to even consider a bill to support the abrogation of this law and the separation of powers is unacceptable.

Please instead convene a special session to consider a resolution to impeach Governor Lingle. Her conspiracy with the Super Ferry and manipulation of the Department of Transportation to allow our HI Environmental Policy Act to be flaunted is impeachable.

Mahalo nui

Hannah Bernard  
Haiku, Maui

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**From:** David Yonamine [davidy@servco.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:17 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** save super ferry

Save the super ferry.

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**From:** Shirley [shpacheco@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:31 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

When I was a child growing up on the Big Island, my father would talk about someday, they would be a boat that would travel between the islands carrying people, cars and etc. I waited a long time for the superferry as my father predicted and I want it to have a chance like any other venture. The environment is a concern we all have and transportation like the superferry, can only increase our appreciation of our islands. Like my father said, this boat would be good thing for all, how simple is that! Why has it become so complicated and shame on us to let it continue to be so!

Shirley Pacheco

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**From:** KENT GILES [kenttohebento@msn.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:14 PM

**To:** testimony

TO WHOM IT MAY CONERN:

I support the Hawaii Superferry.

The reasons for my support are many and diverse, and I do not agree that there is any danger to our state wildlife.

Consider the fact that The Superferry will make our ohana, throughout the islands, more accessible and

close. Business per island will incese, transportation will not be affected any more than it is today, and

jobs will not be taken from existing individuals on neighbor islands.

I believe sincerely in the Hawaii Superferry, and feel sorry for the misled dissenting small percentage of citizens.

Sincerely,

Kent Giles  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

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**From:** Pete Peissner [icbolsh@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:09 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** please allow the ferry

I'm sure with the proper measures taken the ferry can run safely through our beautiful waters of Hawaii. I support the economical impact of the Super Ferry with proper measure for whale safety. We have a tight budget and the ferry would provide another option for us to be able to hop islands to visit family and friends. I believe the this service will be a huge help to the islands. Thank you for hearing my opinion. -Peter Peissner

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**From:** heidi better [heidibetter@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:14 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

aloha-

we want and need the superferry in this state. Please stop bickering and take action NOW to save the superferry before it is too late. I'm so saddened by the divisiveness these protesters on kauai have caused by their rudeness to their fellow citizens.

please put the ferry back in service NOW

thank you for listening

heidi better

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**From:** SHARON BOLTON [sharibol@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:08 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry is needed

We need an alternate choice of transportation between islands. Here in Kona, doctors have been leaving in droves and many of us have to go to Honolulu for extensive treatments. For example suppose we need chemo treatment for cancer. Our facility here had no doctor to run it last time I checked. Wouldn't it be convenient for us to pack up our things and take our car to Honolulu with us for the duration. Also, those on oxygen could take their supplies with them on a ship. I don't think that's available on a plane.

Then there are emergencies where many need to be evacuated. ie.like the California fires or tsamis or earthquakes or volcanic eruptions. We could put the Superferry to good use.

I remember how Mid-Pacific Air was squeezed out of interisland travel--they offered low air fare. Then the travel rates went up substantially. When GO goes I'm sure the same thing will happen. I wonder if anyone else is behind the protests of Superferry besides the environmentalists.

I'M FOR SUPERFERRY. I'm sure there are many other good reasons. Those who ship their goods to other islands for example, would probably like to see a little more competition in shipping prices.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon T. Bolton

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**From:** Pueo Mcguireturcotte [pueo@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:14 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry bill-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

Aloha,

I am writing this testimony in strong opposition to the proposed bill which would allow the superferry to operate prior to their completion of an EIS. I feel that NEPA and HEPA are some of the most important pieces of legislation to uphold, and allowing superferry to operate prematurely contradicts these vital mandates. From an environmental perspective, the superferry threatens the unique and fragile marine and terrestrial eco-systems, and these threats must be assessed by an EIS prior to superferry operation. From a political perspective, allowing specific companies to be considered exceptions to mandated law is a detrimental trend to set. All individuals and private corporations must be equally subjected to the law and our administrative leaders should not give special privileges to particular corporations. Governor Lingle's election campaign was significantly contributed to by Superferry, and it is obvious that there is a conflict of interest as a result. If the Hawaii State Legislature passes this bill, they will be no doubt face extensive litigation from the environmental, law, business, and Hawaiian communities. Due to its contradiction of long-standing federal and state law (specifically NEPA and HEPA), I am in strong opposition to this bill, and I urge my legislative representatives to vote against it. Malama Oe.

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**From:** Duncan MacNaughton [dmacnaughton@tmghawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:09 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I strongly support the superferry, as I believe it will bind the islands together in a positive way by facilitating commercial growth and stability to the State. Self reliance as a community has never been more important. Growing the ability of our farmers to produce what we need for the majority of our people on the rich outside island land and readily transporting these products to the Oahu market is reason enough. This forward thinking will generate jobs and keep our children employed and fed.

Vote to approve the superferry with reasonable conditions no more burdensome than imposed on other interisland transportation.

Duncan MacNaughton

**testimony**

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**From:** melea ameperosa [mmmameperosa@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:25 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

We should all put our differences aside and work together to get the Superferry going. With all the money and peolpe involved already, an exception can be made by our lawmakers to let the Superferry resume service while the Env study is conducting. Superferry is good for the people of Hawaii and it will benefit all of us in every way. We just need to give it a chance and it will works because this is the NOAH SUPERFERRY for the people and we are the people.

I am a full SUPPORT OF THE SUPERFERRY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**From:** Millicent Imamoto [mimamoto@honolulufcu.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:24 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** SUPERFERRY

IS IT NOT THE SAME AS WHEN PEOPLE MOVE OFF THIS ISLAND AND HAVE TO SHIP THEIR CARS.

**testimony**

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**From:** Ian Macnaughton [ian.macnaughton@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:25 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

To Whom it May Concern: I am writing this email in support of a bill that will allow interisland service by the Hawaii Superferry while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I look forward to travelling via the ferry as it provides a convenient alternative for outer island access that allows me to escape the frustrating and overcrowded experience at the airports. Best, Ian MacNaughton

This email is in regards to the below committees, date, and time.

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

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, October 24

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

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**From:** James G Trujillo [jtrujill@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:24 PM  
**To:** All Senators; All Reps; testimony  
**Cc:** jtluvmw@lava.net  
**Subject:** superferry special session

Aloha elected leaders of Hawaii,

The following is written testimony regarding the Superferry special session and the bill under consideration to exempt an inter island ferry service to begin operations without undergoing an environmental review.

Please do not usurp the separate but equal powers of government. The courts have decided on this issue. Public opinion should not be the sole driver behind this legislation. Exemptions of environmental law is not sound business development policies. Procedures are in place that put the common good ahead of corporate profit. The mistakes of the Lingle administration should not be covered up with this proposed exemption.

The unfortunate and regrettable situation of the Hawaii Superfiasco has been totally unnecessary and absolutely avoidable. Governor Lingle and HIDOT Director Fukunaga led the HSF corporation down the garden path with the mantra of 'don't single out the Superferry'. Now they are proposing just that by calling for a special session. This project has been a public relations nightmare from early on. The amount of resources wasted on this project has been staggering. Why does the governor continue to use poor judgement regarding this 'pet project'. Doesn't she have other issues to attend to that will have greater benefits to her constituents? The homeless might appreciate this kinda of special attention. How about affordable housing or traffic improvements? Her legacy has been tarnished and her good standing with the people of Hawaii has been compromised to the point of some calling for the resignation of Director Barry Fukunaga and possible impeachment papers for Hawaii's first female governor.

This may seem excessive but everything about this project has been excessive; the size and speed of the boat, the government subsidies and favoritism shown for this corporation, the threats and response from the 'unified comand' to surfers and other protesters. Even the call to reconvene the state legislature to consider further exemptions for the HSF corporation seems so excessive; one must question the judgment and motives of our elected leaders for supporting this.

The response from residents testifying during the public briefings facilitated by our state senators demonstrated the broad level of opposition to a special session. The likelihood of continued protests and acts of civil disobedience remains significant and the outside world is watching to see how we resolve this conflict. By supporting this act to exempt the Superferry from Hawaii environmental law sets up a sensational and much anticipated confrontation that has been well documented and covered by the local and national news services. The opportunity to chose a more prudent path to pursue a resolution that will not compromise our important environmental laws has been offered. The choice is yours to make.

Again all of this is avoidable and unnecessary. A judicial decision was made regarding the state laws. Our elected leaders must honor that. Let the EA/EIS process unfold and let's see how SUPER this ferry really is. If the HSF Corporation has Hawaii's people at heart they will wait for the results and begin operations assured that the interest of the state is served. The people of this state do deserve inter-island transportation alternatives. One that is reliable and affordable and safe for the

environment and its users. We the people should not accept anything less. An EA will help to develop this system.

Mahalo for considering my position on this important issue. May the public's trust and faith in government as well as the goodwill between neighbor islands be restored by your sound judgment and integrity. God Bless and best wishes for a speedy decision.

With much respect and aloha,

James G Trujillo  
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**From:** DIANE AH LO [d\_ahlo@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:00 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** superferry

I am in favor of the super ferry; as an isolated group of islands in the middle of the pacific we need alternative transportation inter island that people can afford. If the super ferry is not allowed to run then we will be subject to the airlines control over cost to travel inter island which is not a good option. The state just needs to be vigilant on what is on and off loaded on the ferry so no damage is done on any island, and that the ferry is monitored as far as speed, whales and other marine concerns.

Diane L. Ah Lo  
Mountain View, Hi

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**From:** Barbara Moore [dfly@dragonflyranch.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:39 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Oppose SuperMilitaryFerry

Honorable Representatives,

Please do not allow the unSuperferry (military-carrier-in-disguise) to operate in Hawaiian waters—EVER. In particular, do not grant another illegal permit to go forward without the EIS required by law. Our governor has broken enough laws and has wasted enough of our money without our authorization. We need you to help us stop Lingle's pet military project dead in it's tracks.

WE THE PEOPLE do not want anything that will spoil the environment because the environment IS our economy. If we spoil this land MORE than the military already has (by using lethal DU), tourists will not want to visit. My Bed and Breakfast business depends on people wanting to come to Paradise as a Healing Place with Aloha Spirit.

Contaminated Strykers, and accidental hitch-hiking mongoose and coqui frogs, moving from island to island, is NOT what tourists want. Nor do they want to suffer more traffic on the already over-crowded highways. And neither do residents of the island.

Why would anyone want to pay more money, take more time and waste more fuel to get from one island to another? I and everyone else I know, is happy to fly in a plane that does not kill or maim dolphins or whales. The Superferry is a bad concept that has been forced upon us. I appreciate your listening to our wishes, stopping the operation of this fiasco in Hawaiian waters NOW...and forevermore.

Barbara Moore



**testimony**

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**From:** Apo-Boyle, Revonda M. [Apo-Boyle@aafes.com]

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

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Support of Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

I Revonda Mililani Apo-Boyle is in support of Hawaii Superferry, it will enhance the quality of life for my families that live here on Oahu, Maui, and Hilo, it is more affordable and convenient for our children ,grandchildren and Kupunas to visit more often .

This is a great oppportunity for the Hawaiian Islands

Aloha & Mahalo  
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**From:** LPC [lpc@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:28 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Against the superferry

Aloha all,

I am submitting this testimony to all three committee's (Transportation & International Affairs, Judiciary & Labor and Energy & Environment) attending the Monday October 22, 2007 hearing on Maui.

I am against having a special session to change/make laws to allow the Superferry to operate prior to an EIS. My position is simple and can be summarized in two words. They are "IRREPARABLE HARM."

As you know in law, this is something that cannot be compensated for in a court of law by way of injunction or by Specific Performance </topic/specific-performance>; something that is almost impossible to be assigned a value. Reasonable redress for the injury inflicted cannot be received. In terms of logic and common sense from the dictionary it is something that is impossible to repair, rectify, or amend.

It makes absolutely no sense to do a study on the harms ANYTHING that will cause irreparable harm after it is doing what it is doing.

Come on. Please use your intelligence and act in terms of logic and common sense.

Lawrence P. Carnicelli

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LPC@hawaii.rr.com

**testimony**

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**From:** Lola Cruz [CruzCHADA@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:28 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I want the Superferry to run here in Kauai.

Lola Cruz

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**From:** Judy Suan [da\_sfamilly@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:03 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

To Whom it may concern:

My family and I wish to state that we believe in the Superferry, and strongly feel it will give us as residents in Hawaii an alternative choice to visit the outside islands. We are in favor of permitting them to operate while an environmental study is conducted.

Sincerely  
Judy and Wes Suan  
Bob and Barbara Stalker  
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**From:** Michael Aaronoff [aaronoff@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:31 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Dear Legislators,

I support Mr. Garibaldi's Superferry and feel it should be able to service our community both during the Environmental Impact Survey and hopefully thereafter. I feel there are multiple vessels in our waters, and the risks imposed by the two Superferry vessels (or the one currently in use) are no greater than any similarly sized vessel. As well, the benefits are many as this will be a very different option as opposed to air travel, and will facilitate an interisland exchange. Thanks for considering these thoughts.

Very truly yours,  
Michael Aaronoff

## testimony

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**From:** Melora K. Purell [Melora@Purells.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:18 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for Special Session on the Superferry - Oct 24th.

Aloha Senators,

RE: Committee on Energy and the Environment - special session on the Superferry - October 24th

Please consider the following testimony in relation to the special session to consider whether the Superferry service should be running during the completion of the Environmental Assessment.

I am extremely concerned about the impact of the Superferry on the transport of invasive species around the State. I live in Hilo, and have become accustomed to the obnoxious, loud singing of the coqui frogs in my neighborhood. This past summer, I had the chance to spend a few days with a friend in Manoa. It took me a while to figure out why I had trouble falling asleep at her house. At last I understood - my busy brain was trying to figure out why it was so eerily quiet. THERE WERE NO FROGS! I had forgotten how peaceful a night's sleep could be.

I know from personal experience that coquis like to travel by car. I have found coquis hanging out on my neighbor's truck. He carries them around the island with him. This happens as a daily occurrence here. If he drives onto the ferry, he will take these frogs with him to Oahu. It will be so sad when every neighborhood in the State has to deal with the nuisance and environmental impact of coqui frogs, Miconia, bocconia, banana poka, and even worse! things that could arrive here in the future.

There must be a comprehensive environmental impact assessment BEFORE the ferry service begins, and proper prevention of the movement of invasive species, and assessment of the impact on the natural resources and communities of the neighbor islands. This is the law in Hawaii, and the law must be upheld.

Please do not allow the ferry to run before we make sure it is safe for the native species and local communities of Hawaii.

Thank you.

Melora Purell  
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**From:** Pelekila Freitas [mailto:lexy7\_98@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 9:18 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY

Hi

I'm writing cause I support the SuperFerry, in many ways, first of all there are people who is afraid to fly and may be there only chance to visit there love ones in the other island and there only chance is to try out the SuperFerry. I know that there is alot of those who is against the SuperFerry, but half of this people have not grow up on this Island, therefore they don't know what the local people like.. I hope to ride the SuperFerry some day, if it ever go through. Sure we need to really be careful on who travel to the other island, if they take there automobile it need to be inspected closely. And there is one more thing, what about those who work for the SuperFerry, will they ever have a job to go in the morning or will they not have one?????. Thankyou for listening.

Maui, Hawaii

**From:** Becky [mailto:bwaikiki@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:54 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Superferry

I don't see how the SuperFerry would have any different impact on the environment than the cruise ships, barges, fishing craft, and other shipping that already comes into the off-island harbors. An environmental impact study will only make the company that conducts it big money at the expense of the tax payer. The tax payer will end up "taxed" and paying for all the improvements at these harbors if the SuperFerry is not allowed to run and pay their share.

The companies shipping to off-island harbors will have to pay the total cost of these improvements and will pass it along to their consumers. Too bad it won't be limited to those consumers protesting the SuperFerry.

Aloha, Becky Waikiki



**From:** mal.rn [mailto:mal.rn@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:08 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

We need the Super Ferry and I support what ever you have to do to give it a fair chance.....Margo Lynn

**Greetings Senators!** My name is Rick Warshauer, I'm a conservation biologist from Volcano on the Big Island, and I have some serious concerns about the special bill that this special session is hearing. I could not find a bill number or name for it, so I'll just call it the Supervector Smokescreen Bill.

Why bother to require any washing or inspections of vehicles and cargo? We know that such inspections are not effective, otherwise Hawaii would not have this ever-increasing pool of introduced species evading inspections and impacting Hawaii. It is not what is interdicted that counts, it is what gets past inspections and quarantines that are problematic. Washings need to be lengthy and thorough to be effective. These pest species include many that are adverse to native ecosystems, agriculture and our lifestyle. The few pests that are subject to control efforts cost taxpayers and businesses enormous amounts of money and lost opportunities. The adverse economic impacts and costs to attempt control of any one or a few of these pest species will exceed the cost to construct the harbor improvements required by the Supervector. It is very poor economy to risk spreading pest species to islands which still lack them. Eradications of pests are very rarely achieved, and control efforts are nearly always long-term and costly. Imagine the impact of spreading the varroa mite to the Big Island, where its multi-million dollar queen bee export industry would be compromised or eliminated. Even worse, the island's existing and future agriculture potential would be curtailed by reduced or lost pollination services. The fact that not all pests are not on all islands reflects the difficulties many pests face travelling interisland on barges, airlines and cruise ships. A roll-on roll-off vessel like the Supervector is the great equalizer, however. Pests on or in vehicles and cargo will converge from all over one island, speed onto the loading ramp, travel to the next island, and then be off into many places of the next island in a matter of HOURS, not days, and thereby they avoid long storage on hot asphalt and other hazards. Noisy coqui frogs, mite-afflicted bees, damaging fountain grass seeds and many other pests travel regularly on vehicles, and cannot be effectively screened or cleaned. Either can drugs or stolen goods.

The only effective way to prevent or markedly reduce the risk of pest transfer among the islands is for the Supervector NOT TO CARRY VEHICLES on board. If during the EIS process an effective way to sanitize vehicles is proven—and I doubt that this can be done—then the decision might be revisited. Speaking of the EIS law, why require the Supervector to do the EIS at all if the bill is to make any negative findings inapplicable to the Supervector? Also, is all this Ch. 343 text in the bill just to allow further dismantling of our EIS law, and to make mockery of the public's challenge rights under Ch.91?

The Supervector is not cheap to ride. The Supervector is not safe for our economy or environment. It may cause the demise of one of our older inter-island air carriers. The Supervector tries to operate outside the law, as confirmed by our courts, and it wants

you to make it a special exception to the law in its sole behalf. The Supervector has also expressed an abundance of arrogance and absence of Aloha.

So why are we here at this expensive special session? Is it from public pressure generated from misinformation and a desperate desire to turn back the clock to cheap inter-island travel? I miss those days too, but they're gone, just like the fish on O'ahu reefs that I use to catch as a kid. Please get real and DON'T let them carry vehicles on the Supervector. If they cannot make it or hack it, then tough stuff. They have pointed out their other options, so let them choose without special dispensation from you. Use your time instead to launch a study of what Hawaii really needs in ideal surface transportation.

## testimony

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**From:** Carl T. Sato [CSato@bisihi.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:04 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry Testimony

I think we are being unfair to the Super Ferry. Being an owner of my own business, I would have been shocked & dismayed if I was treated in the manner the people of Hawaii are treating the Super Ferry, especially after having invested millions of dollars in this venture.

How can the legislature discriminate, requiring inspectors on the Super Ferry for every trip to see if unwanted species are on the Super Ferry. We don't require this of the passenger liners or the barges that enter Kauai or Maui.

We as a State should be ashamed on how we are treating the Super Ferry and the black eye we are giving all businesses. I am sure people outside of Hawaii are laughing and shaking their heads about this whole issue. We talk about having a friendly business climate but it is all a "shibai". Who would invest money in our economy if they are going to be treated in this manner.

Are we going to let a small minority dictate what the majority of the people want and deserve.

Shame, shame, shame!!!!!!

Carl Sato  
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**testimony**

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**From:** Lorrie Diamond [diamond\_gem008@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:51 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Aloha,

I am so much in favor of the Superferry. IT will give me a choice of how I will travel. I believe that it is a wonderful thing for our State to have. I am really looking forward to many trips on the ferry. It needs to stay and be able to operate on every island that can have a port for it.

Go Superferry! We are very happy about it, just want to be able to use it.

Mahalo,  
Rod Diamond

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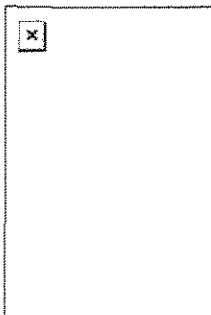
**From:** Nica Caoile [nicac21@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:54 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** HAWAII SUPERFERRY

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of the Big Island of Hawaii. I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry conducting business during the EIS. Hawaii is very limited with its forms of transportation. Island hopping from one island to another is monopolized by two main airlines and can be very expensive. The airlines do have some discount specials but not that many. When the specials are gone it cost approximately \$100 each way and if you change your ticket; it's an additional \$50 each way. That's not very economical, especially for a 20 minute plane ride. These commuter planes are very reliable but not everyone is in a hurry and some people are phobic about flying.

The cruise ships have been island hopping for years and they have not had any incidents of destruction or reduction on the ocean sealife. Then there are the container van shipping companies who have been conducting business of freight forwarding in the Hawaiian waters with much ease and efficiency. One business is for tourist, the other for freight, what about the people? Marine transportation is very safe, comfortable, and economical on the Hawaii Superferry. Groups and organizations, families and schools, ranchers and agriculture will all benefit from the Superferry. Whether it be for business or recreation, the vast population and many industries will appreciate the alternative transportation. It's fast, efficient, economical, and fun! And it's good for the Hawaii economy. Tourist will also have the option of cruising on the ship instead of the hustle and bustle on and off a plane. We don't always have to rush to planes in airport traffic; we can enjoy the pleasure of relaxing and taking in the sites on the crystal blue waters of Hawaii.

Please continue service on the Hawaiian Islands with the Hawaii Superferry during the EIS. We can't wait for it to come to the Big island!!!



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**From:** Lorrie Diamond [diamond\_gem008@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:47 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Aloha,

I'm so happy that we should have another way to get around our islands. It will be to a great advantage for the people of the islands. We won't have to fly everywhere. What a wonderful way to see our beautiful State.

This has been in the planning and building stages for how many years now? And now those that oppose it are just now making a noise. If they had a problem, why didn't they address it back when it was announced? When they kept reporting on the progress of the building of the Superferry, questions should have been done then, not now that it is here and ready for service.

I want the Superferry to operate and give us a choice of how we want to travel.

Mahalo,  
Lorrie Diamond

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**From:** Michael Dyer [mdyer@hawaiian.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:54 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry supporter

To whom it may concern:

I am a thirty six year resident of the Island of Kauai. I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry as an alternative means of inter-island transportation.

I have attended three briefings on the Superferry operations and I believe that the company is aware of all the major potential environmental problems that could arise and is prepared to minimize the risk of harm to our environment.

The best way to determine whether or not there are risks that have not been anticipated is to allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being developed.

It is my opinion that our primary mode of inter-island travel 25 years from now will be on the ocean surface. This vessel is just the first of many improved versions that will follow. Inter-island airlines will be less and less feasible as we move beyond the era of peak oil.

Mike Dyer  
P. O. Box 68  
Kilauea, HI 96754



## testimony

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**From:** Gregg Geary [geary@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:53 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** geary@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Support for continued operation of Superferry

Aloha,

I am a long time resident of the State of Hawaii as well as a state

employee. I have been following the issues surrounding the Superferry and feel fairly well informed on the matter. I also enjoy our quality of life here in Hawaii and do all I can to protect and enhance our environment.

I believe the Superferry should be allowed to operate while the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) is conducted. I believe the operators of the Ferry are working in good faith to operate the Superferry in a safe manner that protects passengers and the environment. It is in their best long-term interests to do so.

*I believed that if we stop*  
the Superferry at this point we send a powerful message to all in the future who would wish to invest our State that we cannot be trusted, that we are against progress, innovation, and the improvement of the condition of our citizens, and we are a very poor State in which to conduct business. It is not in the best long-term interests of the State to send such a message.

I hope that the State Legislature will rise to the occasion, overlook any political expediency and partisan rancor to support the continued operation of the Superferry to benefit the great people of this State.

Cordially yours,  
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**testimony**

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**From:** Dennis Young [dennisomar@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:49 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** SuperFerry Question

I support the SupperFerry for island travel. I will both use the ferry for commerce and personal use.

Dennis Young  
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**From:** Naomi Uye [omi21@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:45 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

To Whom it May Concern:

I support the Super Ferry because it will be great way to travel between the Islands and bring more jobs to the local people.

**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

Concerned Hope to be soon passenger of the Super Ferry

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**From:** Steven Vannatta [stevenvannatta@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:35 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Hawaii's Superferry

**I support the Superferry and inter-island ferry service..** this is a much needed alternative to airtravel between the islands and will provide my family with a cost effective way to travel and see relatives and friends on the neighbor islands.

Please support the operation of the Superferry while any enviromental impact studies are being done.  
thank you  
steven vannatta

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**From:** Rod Diamond [diamond.drilling.pump@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

Aloha,

I'm in support of the Superferry, because it will help us in getting around the islands to do work, instead of having to fly everywhere. We will be able to load our equipment aboard and travel to loation to work and not have to get prior arrangements with young brothers and then have to wait a week or so to get the equipment there.

It is a wonderful thing to have for our islands.

Mahalo,  
Diamond Drilling