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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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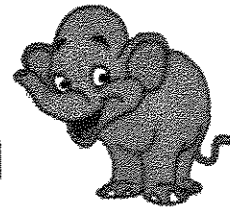
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To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

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
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:59 PM
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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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 committees 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,

DeYoung Fine Art,

Honolulu

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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:

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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
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I support it 100%

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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
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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 an 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 lose money because of the super ferry. I honestly think you should let it run its course to see how it works for the state of Hawaii, think about those people who can't fly on a plane this is an opportunity for those people, and the people who have 6 to 8 kids that cannot control the kids on an airplane! just think this is a good thing for the islands. I've lived here for over 20 years and whenever a new business starts up from the main land it does not last here because of 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 its 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.

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From: Linda Soll [lsoll@hawaii.rr.com]
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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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testimony

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.

**Susan Kuszajewski
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From: LOVDEN@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:48 PM
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 supperferry 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,
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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 testimoney in support of the Hawaii SuperFerry

249 local people have lost there jobs and Future due to you 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 there 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 borne 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 peolpes cars letting the air out of there 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

testimony

From: James c [ovphoto@hawaiiantel.net]
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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 perceive the Ferry as a evil entity 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 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,

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testimony

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.

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 they can demonstrate through a written receipt that they 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 pay 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 (15th) month after the date of the adoption of this legislation.
24. These conditions of operation shall, however, be applicable to any and all Hawaii Superferries irrespective of whether they operate before or after the preparation of the EIS.

Verification of Compliance

25. Designated representatives of Plaintiff groups shall be entitled to verify Hawaii Department of Transportation's and Hawaii Superferry's compliance with all the foregoing.
26. In order to accomplish the foregoing, the designated representatives of Plaintiffs in *Sierra Club et al. v. HDOT: Civil No. 05-1-0114(3)* shall be granted access to all State lands granted at all ports to Hawaii Superferry for its operations

Enforcement of Conditions

27. The foregoing conditions of operation may be enforced by the Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i and by Plaintiffs in *Sierra Club et al. v. HDOT: Civil No. 05-1-0114(3)*.
28. These conditions may be enforced in any Circuit Court in the State of Hawaii and the prevailing party shall be entitled to the reimbursement of reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
29. An allowable remedy in any such enforcement action shall be the cessation of Hawaii Superferry operations until and unless compliance is achieved with the foregoing conditions.

testimony

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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access2

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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testimony

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

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access2

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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testimony

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.

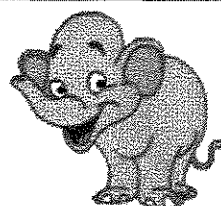
Our government should look at the long term good that this Superferry will bring to the islands instead of being afraid of the vocal minority. We need to expand ourselves and have foresight for a change instead of living in the dark ages. Look at what happened to transportation from the Leeward area to Honolulu when our past Legislators had no guts. Please use your brains and not sit on it.

access1

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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testimony

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

access2

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 productions 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

testimony

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

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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

access2

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!

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testimony

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
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testimony

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

access2

From: David Yonamine [davidy@servco.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:17 PM
To: testimony
Subject: save super ferry

Save the super ferry.

testimony

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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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 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

Help yourself to FREE treats served up daily at the Messenger Café. [Stop by today!](#)

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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.

IM 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

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testimony

From: melea ameperosa [mmameperosa@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 people 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 work 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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testimony

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

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

testimony

From: James G Trujillo [jtrujillo@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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testimony

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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testimony

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

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 opportunity for the Hawaiian Islands

Aloha & Mahalo
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testimony

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.

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testimony

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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testimony

From: Judy Suan [da_sfamily@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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testimony

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

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.

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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

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

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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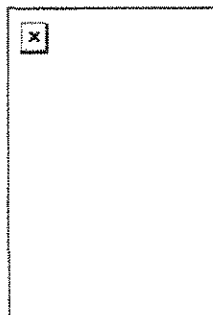
From: Nica Caoile [nicac21@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:54 PM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY

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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testimony

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
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testimony

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

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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testimony

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

Peek-a-boo FREE Tricks & Treats for You! Get 'em!

testimony

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

testimony

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

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From: Cindy Stewart [khcae@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:13 AM
To: testimony

Simply, we need transportation alternatives and competition to keep the cost of the services down. Before GO came to town inter island airfares were close to \$300.00 per round trip if purchased a day in advance as we often need to do for work. Let the consumer decide the value of the Superferry.

I am in complete support of the Hawaii Superferry.

Cindy H. Stewart
Kailua, Oahu Resident

access4

From: Chibana, Tennille - HI [Tennille.Chibana@GMACM.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SAVE THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY!!!!
Importance: High

Aloha,

My name is Tennille Chibana and my family and I want the Superferry to be saved. We plan on riding the Superferry. It's a great travel alternative for the State of Hawaii. Look at the situation with GO! Airlines. Hawaiian Airlines won their battle in court to sue GO! and what happens if GO! has to leave Hawaii too???? The prices of airfare will go back up and who's gonna want to pay the higher prices now? With the Superferry, you can take your car and the price is very reasonable. The Superferry allows those who are afraid to fly or are too big to fit in those tiny airplane seats and they have to purchase 2 tickets to fly. The Superferry has MUCH BIGGER seats and you don't have to stay buckled down. You can roam around and check out the views of the islands coast. You get to see things that the cruise boats lets you see but at a MUCH CHEAPER price. Also, the prices of cargo shipping is going up and it will definitely help the local farmers to transport their goods. We're hoping that the Big Island people will step in and have big support. I have a lot of family on the Big Island and they want the Superferry. Maui & Kauai are using the environmental assessment as an excuse. They just don't want anyone there. It's sad because we are 1 state. We're not coming from another country. They're treating us as if we're aliens. What's the difference between taking a boat over to their island or coming over on the plane??? NONE! It's just another way of travel. Are they gonna protest at the airport too??? The Superferry is just another way of travel. It just allows you to bring your car. Kauai & Maui protested that it's about the whale avoidance system and wanted an environmental assessment but when some individuals got interviewed by the news, they said that they don't want more visitors. See right there, they blew their cover. And you know what, Kauai still needs the boost in economy from Hurricane Iniki and the State of Hawaii needs the boost in employment. The Hawaii Superferry is providing more jobs for the State and it'll help keep more people off the beaches or homeless shelters. Can't they see that???? SAVE THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY!!!!

Mahalo,
Tennille Chibana
STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE
HAWAII SUPERFERRY

"Yesterday is history...Tomorrow a mystery...Today is a gift, that's why is called the Present"

Tennille K.K. Chibana
Sales Assistant

10/23/2007

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From: Mona [mona@lava.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: The Super Ferry Testimony

Hi,

I would like to say that I am for the Super Ferry and want it to continue service in Hawaii. Hawaii needs alternate transportation from island to island. Also, we should encourage new businesses and Hawaii's Government need to make decisions that can help local businesses. The Super Ferry can help businesses get their products delivered to other islands and encourage families to travel.

Keep the Super Ferry in Hawaii! This is a benefit for Hawaii's people even if they don't realize it yet.

Thank you,
Mona Wengler

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From: Actionjk [actionjk@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Supery Ferry

I am All for the Super Ferry

Jack Lucas
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From: Arvid Bjornton [arvidbjornton@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: The choice of a Super Ferry!

Sir's:

The opponents of the ferry are determined to keep the Hawaiian Islands smack dab in the middle of the good old days. When people had to pay two to three times the current price for simple every day things.

Then Wal-Mart and Costco, Lowe's and Home Depot came on the scene. The islands haven't been destroyed and the Hawaiian culture is flourishing as never before and the every day working people can afford to buy more of the things they want and deserve.

The only people who stand to be enriched by the Super Ferry not operating are the Airlines, the outer Island Auto Dealers, (cars are less expensive in Honolulu), inter island shipping companies, car rental companies, and many other special interest greed mongers who are the same people who wanted the island residents to pay through the nose and have only limited choices for goods and services.

Kauai, Maui and Molokai vehicle traffic will not increase if people bring their own cars on the ferry.
It will only mean one less rental car on the road.

The Super Ferry's foot print on the environment between islands and on the islands harbor facilities will be considerably less than barges with tug boats, old fashion cargo ships and cruse ships.

Where are the invasive species going to come from?

The only place the Ferry goes is the Hawaiian harbors.

Mainland shipping companies seem to pose more of a threat. Where are the environmental impact reports on noise caused by loud airplanes and old rusty barges being towed with huge powerful tug boats?

Please use some logic and don't succumb to the "no change is good" we like the good old days selfish interest groups.

Sincerely; Arvid Bjornton, a resident of Kailua Kona.
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From: Steven Leong [gumbyhi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

I am in favor of the Super Ferry

Steven Leong

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From: Bernard K. Naea Jr. [bnaea@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Favor of Hawaii Super Ferry

To: Judiciary and Laor, Transportation and International Affairs
Date: Wednesday, October 24
Time: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Attn: Senate Committees,

I Bernard K. Naea Jr. am in favor of the Hawaii Super Ferry for many reasons. It will be a great asset to Kauai. I see many reason for the Super Ferry to travel to the islands. I am Hawaiian, born and raised on Kauai. A Kamehameha graduate as well as my son. He was very lonely on Oahu when he boarded. It would have been excellent for us to ferry over and spend more time with him, especially when he really needed his parents. He has graduated college now but you may want to consider all of the other Kamehameha students that would benefit having the ferry. Many programs and activities require island hopping. I enjoy sports and would like to support our state. Keeping this breif is difficult due to so many reasons that we all here on Kauai will benefit from the Hawaii Super Ferry.

Please vote in favor.

Thank you,

Bernard K. Naea Jr.
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From: Christie Wagner [christiewagner@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: TESTIMONY ON HAWAIIAN SUPER FERRY

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Legislature:

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

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

With aloha:

CHRISTIE WAGNER

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

---NELSON MANDELA

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From: Mr. G. [beegeefromhi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry support

Aloha,

I am a lifelong resident of Oahu, and I whole heartedly support the ferry. I think that it would be a great thing to have for my family here to visit our relatives on the neighbor islands.

Having the option of bringing my own automobile is a great one, as long as it is made economically feasible. If renting a car is the same price or even just a little more, I would rather just rent a car. This is my main concern. They have to make it affordable.

As a child, I remember riding the Sea Flite (spelling?) boat with my brother and my Dad to Kauai and it was a great experience. If I ever have children, I would love for them to have a similar experience. I also have a niece and nephew who were looking forward to riding the ferry. All of these delays have been hard for them to endure because they don't understand what's going on.

I cringe when I think about what this controversy has done for our state's image in the business community and also for our government. I don't think companies will be so willing in the future to do business here if they stand to lose millions when trouble comes.

Mahalo,
Blaine Gurtiza
Wahiawa, HI

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From: Heather Home [HG_HI@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in 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

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support for Hawaii Superferry**. The Superferry will provide another viable option for residents and visitors to travel between Islands and will enhance the economics of Hawai'i in the form of jobs and revenues generated. Please support this endeavor, which will encourage future opportunities for companies to conduct business here in Hawai'i.

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From: Gloria Ching [gching@asbhawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii needs the Hawaii Superferry

To whom it may concern:

I am 56 years old and I was born and raised in this state. I was born in the Territory of Hawaii, and now I am a proud citizen of the State of Hawaii. However I am very disappointed in the way that our state's government has handled the issue of the Hawaii Superferry. The operation of the ferry would be beneficial to the commerce in our state, and would enhance the lives of all residents and visitors.

Why are we allowing the interests of a small vocal minority to dictate policy that affects the lives of all of Hawaii's citizens? It's the H-3 debacle all over again. Don't let these small special interest groups stop progress that is supported by the majority of our citizens.

It is also foolish to impose rules such as vacuuming cars and inspecting vehicles to prevent the profitable and efficient operation of this business.

Please allow the ferry to operate profitably and for the benefit of all Hawaii's citizens.

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From: BilFishGal@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony from Maui

Senate Committees;

I have been a resident of Maui since 1970, and was a frequent user of the Hydrofoil which operated in the late 70's. The Super Ferry gives us local folk the opportunity to have another choice in our transportation.

My husband and I bought a condo in downtown Honolulu and we had planned to move furniture from our house to the condo with our pick-up truck, instead of having it shipped. I make frequent trips to Honolulu as I have family that live there and I always have to rent a car for sometimes as much as a week, I wouldn't have to if the SupperFerry was in operation.

Why is it that Matson, Young Brothers, and even the cruise ships are allowed to come into our ports, but the Supper Ferry isn't, doesn't make much sense to me.

Please think about the people that want it, instead of the small minority who don't.

Mahalo
Debra J Baldwin

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From: Capt. Hugh Conroy [sportsafloat@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:24 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Conroy, Hugh
Subject: Genuine Support for Hawaii Super Ferry

ALOHA to All Residents

Unfortunately, the memories of Hurricane Iniki have been mis-placed, for it is those catastrophic events which the very presence of the Hawaii Super Ferry, indicate the need for such a transportation system.

I personally would have valued such a system at the time of the Hurricane Iniki 9/11/1992. Were it possible at that time, I would have been provided the transportation system to ship electrical generators to Kauai. As it turned out, the shipment was delayed for several weeks.

This is but one example, for which the Super Ferry could provide emergency assistance to our island's.

I respectfully request, your vote to support the Hawaiiim Super Ferry System.

Mahalo,
Capt. Hugh Conroy

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From: Kathy Skea [kathyskea@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for the State Senate Legislative Hearing

Dear Sir / Madam

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I would like to pledge my support for the Hawaii Superferry and the aforementioned committee. I think it will be of great benefit, both economic and social, to the Hawaiian Islands.

I was surprised that an environmental impact review had not already been carried out, but think that it is no ones interest to suspend service of the ferry while conducting such a review.

There has already been great damage to the State's reputation and if the service is discontinued there could be repercussions for both tourism and industry in the future as corporations will not regard Hawaii as a viable place to conduct business.

I would like to discuss two of the main arguments against continuing the service.

1) the potential for harm to the humpback whales due to the speed of the Alakai - I am not sure how much faster this ship travels compared to the barges that sail between the islands, but perhaps, until the environmental review has been conducted, the Alakai could slow down to that speed when entering the shallower waters around Maui where the whales predominately gather.

2) the problem of large numbers of vehicles arriving on land at the same time - does this not already occur when the barges arrive? These ships are loaded with large container trucks which have to disembark and travel in the immediate vicinity of the port and the infrastructure holds up to that. If the superferry arrives when no other barges are unloading then there should not be a problem.

Lastly I would like to state that I have no connection with any business which would benefit or be damaged by the superferry. I am merely a resident of the Big Island who would welcome the opportunity to travel easily between the other islands. Domestic tourism will benefit greatly from the continuance of the Superferry.

Thank you

Kathy Skea

10/23/2007

Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy and Environment

Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at 10:30am

Support of Permitting Ferry Operation while EIS is conducted

I strongly support permitting the Hawaii Super Ferry inter-island operation while an environmental impact statement (EIS) is conducted, while at the same time, ensuring that there is adequate protection of the environment.

The ferry operates effectively in other parts of the mainland and proves to be an efficient attribute to public transportation. People of Hawaii should be allowed to have the option of ferry transportation and should not be forced to solely rely on our airways for inter-island travel.

The suspending the operation of the ferry, Hawaii has potentially discouraged other companies from considering business here. It also wastes Hawaii's investments in the *ferry project and has thus far, financially jeopardized people who lost their jobs due to suspension of operation.*

By permitting ferry operation people can return to work and Hawaii residents will be able to utilize the new ferry, especially by those who can not travel by plane. Economic competition will also be less monopolistic considering Hawaii depends mainly on flying.

This inter-island transportation alternative will prove to be beneficial economically and socially when we allow its operation. I urge the committee to support permitting ferry operation while the EIS is conducted. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Thank you,

Fetia Solomon
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Anahola, HI 96703

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Joshua Frost

Wednesday October 24, 2007

In opposition to the Second Special Session, Relating to Transportation

This Second Special Session flies in the face of H.R.S. 343. The goal of H.R.S. 343 and Environmental Impact Statements is to study the effects of certain developments on the environment prior to their integration or implementation. To allow large capacity ferry vessel company to operate an inter-island ferry service before the environmental assessment or environmental impact statement process is completed, defeats the purpose of this process altogether. Only once the process has been completed should any such service be allowed to operate in the state of Hawaii.

Secondly, the State Supreme Court ruled, unanimously, that the need for an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement was triggered by the harbor improvements necessary for the operation of a large capacity ferry vessel service. At the announcement of that ruling, the state and the large capacity ferry vessel company should have halted plans to operate until both were in full compliance with the law and ruling of the State Supreme Court.

What's more, convening a special session of the State Legislature to pass legislation specifically designed to allow a large capacity ferry vessel service to operate without having completed the steps laid out in H.R.S. 343 sets a dangerous precedent to allow future businesses and administrations to maneuver around H.R.S. 343 in detriment to the unique and beautiful environment of Hawaii.

Lastly, a temporary Hawaii inter-island ferry oversight task force, I believe, will not be able to adequately regulate a large capacity ferry vessel service while attempting to safe-guard the environment. Without the completion of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement, it is unlikely such a task force will be effective in predicting and responding to potential environmental hazards created by large capacity ferry vessel service and such an oversight task force would be even less effective if one of its members is a representative of the large capacity ferry vessel company, as there would most certainly be a conflict of interest.

In conclusion, I am in opposition to this Second Special Session Relating to Transportation because I believe the steps and provisions laid out in H.R.S. 343 are sufficient; I believe the unanimous ruling by the State Supreme Court makes clear the correct course of action; I believe such a special session sets a dangerous precedent for the future and I believe an oversight task force, as laid out in this proposed legislation would constitute a conflict of interest and be ineffective in adequately predicting and safe-guarding against potential adverse environmental impacts created by the operation of a large capacity ferry vessel service. I thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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From: Josh Frost [gooie78@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Second Special Session Relating to Transportation
Attachments: 2nd Special Session Testimony Senate ENE.doc

Aloha,

My name is Josh Frost and I am submitting testimony (attached) to the Committee on Energy and Environment for the hearing scheduled for Wednesday October 24, 2007 at 10:30AM in the State Capitol Auditorium. Please distribute five copies, one to each member of the committee.

My address is 1418 Mokuna Pl., Honolulu 96816. My phone number is 808-371-9334.

Thank You,
Josh Frost

The life which is unexamined is not worth living
~Plato
Fighting for peace is like screwing for virginity.
~George Carlin

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From: GWENEVERE MERCADO [dalegwendale@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:14 AM
To: testimony
Cc: dalegwendale@msn.com
Subject: SUPPORTER OF THE SUPERFERRY

To Whom It May Concern:

This is my testimony I am in support of the superferry. I feel it gives alternatives to travel between the neighbor islands. And since CHANGES are inevitable, I truly feel this change is for the best and if, it does not happen now, it will eventually happen. Therefore, PLEASE PLEASE allow the superferry to resume its business, because the benefits out weigh any problems.

Thank You,
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From: Deborah Celestino [debcelestino@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:44 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support Superferry

Aloha All High Officials,

I am in support of the special session to pass a bill that will allow the Superferry to operate while an EIS is in progress.

I thought about the many reasons I feel a Superferry should operate while an EIS is in progress and the 1st concern I have is the employees. They have been laid off from the Superferry with no pay. This situation that these employees are in I feel must be devastating for some of them or maybe all of them who depended on this job to take care their needs. I truly would like to see them back at work as quick as possible so they can start to earn a decent living to take care of all their needs.

Another concern is the safety of the Marine life in the ocean while the Superferry is traveling among all the islands. I read the bill and found it to be acceptable. Its shown me our government has deep concerns about the Marine life and as I see it measures are being taken to not endanger the Marine life in the ocean while an EIS is in progress.

Again I express my concern and that you use my testimony to go ahead with the special session and allow the Superferry to operate while an EIS is in progress. In this I feel it supports the EIS and the Superferry and we can all live safely, healthy and happily.

Mahalo

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From: Puakeni21@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of the Super Ferry

To Whom it may concern,

My family and I are in complete support of having the Super Ferry begin servicing the Hawaiian Islands. It is a much needed service that would help those of us who would like to visit and/or do business on the outer islands.

This is the ONLY service that would be available that would allow our families to bring our own vehicles over when visiting the outer islands.

I feel that our state needs to become more progressive and meet the needs and demands of our now very transient society. One of these ways is to allow the Super Ferry to begin business.

Please do not allow the loud voices of the few overshadow the many voices of reason that would like to see the Super Ferry being to service our wonderful islands.

Sincerely,
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From: L. Bogee Jr. [bogeel001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

I support the full operations of the Hawaii Superferry. It will help to unite our Island State in a unique way. Only on the Mainland can a family load up in their cars and go visit family, friends, or just go sightseeing. Now with the Superferry, families can do all those things at an affordable price. No airport security check lines, no 2 pieces of luggage limit, no more missing flights, no more wasting hours at the airport coming and going just to be there two hours or more before flight time, no more airport parking garage fees or lost tickets, no more waiting in the long lines to rent a car, and no more extravagant rental car fees + gas + insurance, and no more turned down credit cards or debit cards for car rentals.

The Superferry makes it possible for everyone to travel throughout our wonderful State and enjoy what every Island has to offer with the entire family, without the hassle, stress, or strife of flying.

Thank you,

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From: ADAMSBILLW@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

To Senate Committees:

Judiciary and Labor
Transportation and International Affairs
Energy and Environment

Dear Senators,

I have a home on the Big Island and look forward to the time I can put my car on the Superferry two or three times per year and spend time in Honolulu.

Six month of the year I spend time in California. The Los Angeles Times (circulation 3 million) has been running front page articles on the plight of the Hawaii Superferry. It makes Hawaii look like a Third World Country where NO LAWS are ever final. It is just like Hokulia where the procedures were followed, hundreds of millions of dollars invested in Hawaii and the legal systems stops the project years after the permits were final.

Stop this madness. Write laws to give a full opportunity to be heard by all before a project is approved. Let the elected officials make an informed decision. Have an appeal period. Then, DO NOT let the Judges open the door for extortion and greenmail of the businesses that want to make things better for Hawaii.

Thank You for the opportunity to Support the Hawaii Superferry to allow it to operate while the environmental review is completed.

Regards,

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From: art figel [artfigel@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:12 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Hawaii Superferry
Subject: Supper Ferry

Please make the necessary amendments for the Supper Ferry to proceed ASAP.

It is beneficial to all sector of Hawaii's population, especially to the handicapped, elderly and small agricultural and industrial business.

Using a state of the art propulsion system will less likely cause damage to the ocean environment then that currently in use.

Families should also have access to a more convenient and leisurely mode of transportation.

A **SILENT MAJORITY** is more important then a vocal minority.

Sincerely,

Arthur and Yoko Figel,

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From: Steve Taylor [sbttaylor@igimaui.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

I live on Maui...

I want to take my car to Honolulu for a new paint job.

I can save hundreds of dollars using the ferry as opposed to painting my car over here.

Honolulu wins...my business.

I win...the car gets painted at a savings to me.

WIN-WIN!!!

The Super Ferry should be granted operational permission while the impact study is underway.

Aloha,

Steve Taylor

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From: Grevel, Stuart J SGT MIL USA USINSCOM [stuart.j.grevel@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super-ferry support

To whom it may concern,

I strongly support allowing the super-ferry to begin operations.

Respectfully,

Stuart Grevel

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From: Lance Widner [lwidner@fhd.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry support

Hello,

My name is Lance Widner, and I'm the Government Affairs Chairman for Royal Kunia Community Association. I have spoken with several people in our neighborhood, amongst many others around the island of Oahu. If 78% support the Superferry here on Oahu and 22% are against it, I honestly cannot find that 22% anywhere.

Any points of contention or opposition to the Superferry should have been dealt with two years ago. It's here, and the very few who are speaking out against it are too little, too late...sorry, end of story.

I know several members of our legislature personally, and have a great deal of respect and admiration for each one of them for their public service. As a collective body, however, I fear we're in a classic predicament of the tail wagging the dog because of a few vocal people who are speaking out against it, and causing our governing body to meet unnecessarily to make decisions that have already been made.

I ask that you allow the Superferry to run while conducting an EIS, and let its success or failure evolve naturally. And please remember, taxpayers are covering the cost of its failure, and you, too, are taxpayers.

Thank you,
Lance Widner
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From: Huntb10@aol.com
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To: testimony
Cc: hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.com
Subject: Superferry Support

Gentlemen,

I am truly surprised at the divisiveness among our counties that has become apparent since the superferry controversy has surfaced. I believe that much more interplay between the islands is necessary and the superferry is vitally needed to accomplish this. Please take this message as my strong support for the ferry.

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From: Debra Kamealoha [prayerwarrior@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:10 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Allow Superferry to run

I believe majority of Hawaii want the Superferry to run. I've talked to many people at work and at my church, and I have heard all positive things.
Please support the Superferry!

Thank you,
Debra Kamealoha

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From: Pauline Brault [orchidlady1@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:10 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Super Ferry - Testimony

Re: Testimony for Super Ferry

In my opinion when a State government gave permission to embark on any project such as the Super Ferry, that government should keep its initial agreements. To do otherwise is to create a mistrust of that government. Hawaii's State government has a reputation of not being business friendly. Any cancellation of an agreement between the State government and the Super Ferry should have been done prior to the building of the Ferry. A good business environment is based on Trust. Hawaii has violated that Trust in its dealing with the Super Ferry.

Hawaii does not need such a reputation.

The money has been spent, the Ferry has been built, now LET'S MOVE FORWARD.

Sincerely,
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From: Greg Nutt [wingnutt7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:10 PM
To: Greg Nutt
Cc: testimony
Subject: Re: FW: Senate Hearing for Superferry - 10:30am Wednesday, testimony due by 10:30am Tuesday

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

To: Melissa McFerrin
From: Capt. Greg Nutt

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

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

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

Meanwhile "Magilla Gorilla" has taken a 25 thousand dollar wheelchair (my- lifeline) and is trying to shove it into the baggage compartment....no easy feat as it weighs 530 lbs. Just by itself. Unfortunately, we can't be on the ramp to supervise it's loading and

unloading. Never mind the fact that we, on occasion, get to deal with an over-zealous TAS individual who is determined to find some kind of terrorist tool hiding in the wheelchair or my bladder bag. It is so bad sometimes that it's laughable.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

GREG NUTT

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From: fia leilua [wahiawagal2003@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:04 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry to stay in Hawaii

I feel that the superferry is being unjustly criticized. For years we have wanted another source of transportation that would allow vehicles together with families to be transported between islands. Now it is here WE the majority are not being heard because of the lies and uneducated few who have chosen to block this dream to come true. What's the difference between flying and the superferry? Affordability and not much revenue because we would be staying with families, not renting cars, not staying in hotels, etc. It's all about the money, revenue, so once again the locals lose out. I feel that we should give the Superferry an opportunity to prove themselves, what's the difference between the superferry and cruises? Money.....For once, be for the people, and do not allow the lies come between a need for businesses and most importantly families to be together. We move forward, don't go backwards, we did it with the TRAN for Oahu, ignoring and not supporting it because of growth, now we are rushing to get it done. Let's not ignore the people again.

SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY!

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From: Jewel R. Guenthoer [jewel@hihilo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:54 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support the SuperFerry
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I am writing in support of the Superferry because the impact that it brings to Hawaii families. The need for additional modes of transportation is greatly needed due mostly in part to the fact that we are an island state. Families here on the islands are very close knit and always in need of constant contact. If the Superferry were given the opportunity, they would in deed be able to fill this need. Also, I believe that there are worst things that we have impacted on our environment, such as the sewage spill that happened last year in Honolulu and all the garbage that ends up on the Northwest Hawaiian Islands which are more devastating than letting the Superferry run. In my opinion, it would be more beneficial for all of us to concentrate our efforts more on those things. There are so many more things which I would like to state regarding the benefits of the Superferry, but because of the limited time you are given to read through this, I hope this will suffice.

Mahalo,

Jewel Guenthoer

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From: Sokolowski, Roy T [rsokolowski@alionscience.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimony

I am submitting this testimony in support of getting the Super ferry operating. In my opinion the time for taking testimony should already be over. The Hawaii state legislature and Governor Lingle need to take action now to ensure that the super ferry can operate while an EIS is completed. Why is the super ferry the only business targeted to conduct an EIS. Alaskan airline is starting a new service to Kauai. Why is an environmental assessment/EIS not required for this service? What are the secondary effects of bringing more people into Kauai every week? What about the increased traffic from all the rental cars. It is time for the legislature to get going. Let the super ferry operate without ridiculous restrictions. If there are restrictions place on the super ferry they should also be placed on the barge operators, airlines, cruise ships, and cargo ships. What is good for the goose is good for the gander.

Thank you for accepting this testimony.

Roy Sokolowski
Waialua, HI.

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From: Judy Drago [jdrago@fksrentals.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: October 23, 2007 / 10:20 a.m.

Aloha,

I think the Super Ferry should operate because I think of it this way,

- 1) If there is a disaster and all flights are grounded what are people going to do to get off whatever neighbor island.
- 2) It will be great for the islands to have such a ferry because some people would rather ride a ferry instead of fly.
- 3) I would like to ride the Super Ferry myself instead of flying all the time.
- 4) I also feel it's good to have the Super Ferry because you get to see a lot more surroundings and enjoy the ocean and land up close, where if you fly you see everything from afar.

I hope and pray that the Super Ferry will operate and running soon so that people who wants this will enjoy it.

Mahalo Judy ☺

Testimony;

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

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

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

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

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From: Walter Guild [world@myhokua.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of Hawaii Super Ferry

Dear Legislators,

I am a multi-generational part Hawaiian citizen of Hawaii, born and raised in these islands. I spend a great deal of time on the on the neighbor islands visiting friends and family, participating in sporting events such as canoe races, and just enjoying the beauty of our State.

I strongly support the operation of the Supperferry and would like you to work towards a solution to allow the ship to sail while the environmental studies take place.

I believe it is very selfish and short sided of those that appose this form of transportation. I feel this company is being unjustly singled out for scrutiny.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Hirooka Toshinari [alohahirooka@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry operation supported

Dear States Senate Committee

For Senate Committees, October 24, 1030am

I am sending this message to support Super Ferry operation between neighbor islands.

Hawaii is separated by islands and always the issue should be access between those islands, and currently our access to other islands are by air which is not really convenient as limited number of seats / capacity. In order for Hawaii progress more, we need to have some kind of access between islands. Though environment issue is also important, Supper Ferry sdoes not necessarily damage all our environments nor nature. There are many carge ship operating between islands, and Supper Ferry is added to them as one of the means of transportation which brings us a greatr benefits. By Supper Ferry operation I am sure that economy of the State of Hawaii will be up and helps us a lots. We'll be left over if we stick to our old and stone headed ideas only.

I strongly support operation of Super Ferry.

Mahalo

Toshi Hirooka

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From: Larkin246@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:32 AM
To: testimony
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Subject: SUPERFERRY

I am testifying today in support of the SUPERFERRY. When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to squelch the nuisances who want to limit the progress, that is inevitable, I write this email to do just that. Hawaii is known as a very difficult place to conduct a profitable business. If the SUPERFERRY is forced to leave our state, it will be a profound demonstration of just how hard it is to bring a new business to Hawaii.

Let the FERRY sail or forever deal with the reputation you have created with past legislation that has announced to the world that you don't want any new business in Hawaii.

Instead of listening to the disgruntled demonstrators, start listening to reason and the economic impact that the departing SUPERFERRY will have on this state.

K Lucy Larkin
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From: Larry Fudge [lfudge@hisemail.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha! I have lived on Kauai for 20+ years, and have lived in Hawaii for 37+ years. My wife was born and raised on Kauai, the Majority of our friends were born and raised on Kauai, and I do not know a single person that does not support the Hawaii Superferry. We have been the silent majority, but no longer, and **We support the Hawaii Superferry**, and it should be allowed to operate during the EIS review.

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From: Larry Gaddis [lgaddis@k12.hi.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:34 AM
To: testimony; Lyla Berg
Subject: Support for the Hawaii Superferry

Dear Lyla,

As your constituent and dear friend, I am writing in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I have lived in Hawaii since 1967 and seen too often how a vocal and politically active extreme minority can successfully oppose projects that would benefit many people in our state. This time the vast majority of voters like myself can see clearly how the vociferous arguments being posed to block this project are completely ludicrous. I too care about the environment, but the extreme oppositionist environmentalists care only about blocking all development without regard to how it can improve our way of life.

The primary blame for this fiasco rests with the Hawaii Supreme Court for delaying their ruling on the environmentalists' appeals until days before the launch of the project. Now the unhappy burden of coming up with a sane solution is placed on the legislature and the majority of voters in Hawaii are counting on you to draft a bill that allows the Superferry to survive until these ridiculous and hysterical objections can finally be laid to rest. We are counting on you.

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From: Karen Kahoopii, Keiko [Karen.Kahoopii@usss.dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii superferry

To Honorable Chairpersons
Committees on judiciary and labor, transportation and international affairs, and energy
and environment
Date: October 24, 2007, 10:30 am

We are a couple with disabilities and are wheelchair bound We would like to raise our voices in support of the hawaii super ferry. It would make travel for us easier as it would enable us to transport our wheelchair accessible van when we travel, thereby allowing us to enjoy the beauty of the neighbor islands like all other residents and tourists. The neibor islands do not have accessible forms of transportation like the handivan on oahu.

Thank you for considering our testimony
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From: Kelly Shimabukuro [chirikel@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony...

This is in attention to the following committees:
Judiciary and Labor
Transportation and International Affairs
Energy and Environment

I am writing this testimony in order to ask that you allow the Superferry to service the community while the environmental impact statement is being conducted. I feel the service would be a great asset to the islands, the economy, and the people. It will give people/me another mode of travel to the outer islands and back to O'ahu and give everyone the chance to enjoy the ocean, which we are surrounded by. My whole family could take a car over and explore and "play tourist", which I haven't done it years even though I've lived in Honolulu all my life. I would love to travel on the beautiful ocean, which our islands are surrounded by.

I just think it would be better for the economy in general.

Thank you for hearing me out...

October 23, 2007 10:25am

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From: Brad Smith [bsmith@watg.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry testimony

Aloha, When I was young boy growing up my fondest memories were of the road trips that my family took in our old van. We would drive all over Florida and the south on these road trips.

Now that I live in Hawaii and have three young boys of my own, I would love the opportunity to share in this family tradition of taking a road trip around our beautiful state in the comfort and security of our own family van.

I see the Hawaii Super Ferry as an incredible opportunity for our state citizens to get out and experience one another, and see other places on road trips. I think this would go a long way in terms of breaking down ethnic and economic barriers in our state.

I also feel that if the Hawaii Super ferry is debunked it will not only create animosity between islanders, but almost certainly set our state back in terms of trust in the government.

Please allow the superferry to sail again soon, so we can all get out and experience our beautiful state....

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From: Corinne [kalai13@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I am in 100% support of the Superferry! We need these kind of new business ventures in Hawaii. Not allowing them to proceed will send the message to all new businesses that Hawaii does not only resist new businesses but prohibits it!

Thank you,

Corinne Anderson

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From: Joy Manabe [jmanabe@hardwarehawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

My family and I support the Superferry and we hope that this mess will end soon. Hopefully our brothers and sisters who lost their jobs at the superferry can have their jobs back. And we can all have the comfort of travelling to the other islands with the comfort of our own cars.

Joy Manabe

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

Chairman Taniguchi, Chairman English, Chairman Menor and members of the committees. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from the Hawaii Superferry continue working.

My name is Jolene Valente Witt and I am the Port Manager for the island of Kauai. I was born and raised in Koloa, and I have lived in Kekaha for most of my married life.

When I was a little girl, we used to fly back and forth to see my Aunts and Uncles on Oahu, who had to move off island because there were more opportunities there to support their families. I wanted to see the other islands but I was so afraid to fly. I asked my Mom, why doesn't someone build a bridge between the islands? My Mom told me "one day someone's going to build that bridge, you just have to be patient and it's going to be done." To me, Alakai is that bridge that I had dreamed about since I was a little girl. I am proud to be a part of the Hawaii Superferry and I believe it will be good for the residents and the businesses of Kauai.

Many of us on Kauai support the ferry and see the potential, but it is not our culture to speak out. We are intimidated by conflict. For those of us who grew up in plantation culture, we have been taught when there is conflict just let people say what they're going to say, just "let 'em go" and it will pass over.

Even now, when it's so important to speak up and let people know what we want, it is very hard for us to do it. Last night I met with 10 members of the staff and they were happy that I would go to represent them. Then I spoke with my family, and while they understood the importance of me going, they were also afraid for my grandson getting singled out in a school where the opposition is more popular. This week he received the school newsletter with information to audition for a play to dramatize the meeting with the Governor at the Convention Hall. It concerns me what we are teaching our children on Kauai about respect for other people by glorifying this day that was a shame for all of us as residents of the island. I respect everyone's point of view and everyone's entitled to their own opinion, but the violent way that opposition has been expressed makes it even harder for the "silent majority" to speak out. Thank you for letting me explain why I support Hawaii Superferry and believe this bill should be passed to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EA is being conducted.

Hawaii Superferry provides a bridge between island families that is valuable to us, and gives more freedom to move around. Many residents do not like flying, and have trouble traveling with families. So many of us who are born and raised on neighbor islands have family on other islands, and this provides an affordable option to visit with them. With

the recent price increase in shipping, it can actually be cheaper to travel with our own vehicle and definitely more convenient.

Some of us suffer from disabilities. I have been trained to assist people with disabilities and I myself have been diagnosed with a disability, and at one time I could not even climb the stairs. The idea of me not being able to lay down or spread out was a problem for me, and made travel to Oahu for medical treatment extremely difficult. There are many people with different conditions who would find travel by ferry more comfortable, and for some it may be the only way they can travel.

It's not easy to find a good part time job that works well with a full time job and still gives time with the family before going to bed. Many of our employees have to work a second job to supplement their incomes and make a living on Kauai. While I speak only for myself, many of my 35 colleagues on Kauai have also expressed similar opinions, and I hope you take that into consideration.

If the Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be a loss not only for employees, but also for business on Kauai. Kauai has already been labeled as "anti business" and that creates a domino effect with the jobs and the whole economy. Please help us to preserve the Superferry, not only to help us keep our jobs for us, but also jobs for everybody.

Sincerely,

Jolene Valente-Witt
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From: Ben Tamamoto [btama642@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I would like to voice my support for the Hawaii Superferry. We do need an alternative to air travel for this State! My wife has a lung condition that doesn't allow her to fly. We would like to be able to travel to the neighbor islands without taking the risk of flying for her. Besides our personal reason, I believe that its something that our State needs. I urge you to allow the Superferry to operate without an EIS/EA, or allow it to operate while either of these are being conducted.

Thank you.

Ben Tamamoto

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

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

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

My name is Elisabeth Gapero. I work as a Port Utility Inspector at the Kahului Ferry Terminal at Kahului Harbor. My job involves screening and inspection of vehicles, our passengers and our passengers' personal items. It also involves boarding and loading the vessel. There's a lot more to it but just as a general explanation, I'll leave it at that.

From the very first time I heard that the Hawaii Superferry was coming to Hawaii, I embraced the idea! Just the idea of another way to go and have some fun along the way. As you know, flying inter-island is not fun – you're up and then you're down! Little did I know, I would actually be working for this outstanding and caring company. The excitement never ends! As you can only imagine!

My past experience in airport command center security operations and Department of Homeland Security qualified me for my position with Hawaii Superferry. The real bonus for me is that I go to work early in the morning and I'm done by 12:30 p.m. We are compensated well for all the hard work we do. On a personal note, I need the flexibility of more time at home. It's an ideal fit for me – you see, I take care of my elderly mother, who is 86 years old and on oxygen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. She has Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Today she's in the hospital and she has pneumonia. Through this recent change with my mother's condition, Duane Kim, our Maui Manager and Jan Paney, our Kahului Port Manager, have sincerely cared for me while I cared for my mother. That's true ohana. The whole company is all about caring – caring for its employees, caring for the people of Hawaii, and caring for Hawaii's environment. Mr. John Garibaldi even asked me today how my mom was doing. What an amazing company to work for....please, don't make them go away.

I feel good about the work I do for the Hawaii Superferry. The training has been professional and is ongoing as things change in the system. We have had the opportunity to have refresher classes, and maintenance updates of equipment and tools. There has also been extensive cross training which gives us all insight into the different tasks and responsibilities so that we work together better and smarter. The technology used by the HSF is cutting edge and efficient. That keeps each and everyone of us tops at our jobs.

Hawaii Superferry management is accessible at all levels. What I mean by that is, there's no "upper management attitude". Anyone can answer your question or help you. We can talk to Mr. John Garibaldi or Mr. Terry O'Halloran easily. Questions are always answered. I don't feel like we're ever overlooked even through our recent long court ordeal. You have to admire and respect that.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON THE JUDICIARY AND LABOR,
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Now I know what you're thinking, they haven't even been in operation really! And you're right about that but we stand together, held each other up and listened when one of us needed an ear. This court hearing has affected us all and continues to wear on us. The bonds we have now will last forever. See, we want to get back to work and get this all behind us. Please, allow Hawaii Superferry to sail while an EIS is done.

We as the Maui team of Hawaii Superferry are proud to represent our jobs and our employer. This whole ordeal with the court and the hearings is like nothing I've ever experienced in my life. On Monday night on Maui, I know a lot of people wanted to speak in support for the Hawaii Superferry, but didn't, either because of intimidation or because time ran out at 8:00 p.m. The lunatic fringe element that you listened to on Maui, well that's not how the majority on our island of Maui and in the State of Hawaii feels. They want us to get back sailing!

Let's work together to keep the Superferry going. Mahalo Nui Loa,

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From: Baslerclint@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

Mrs. Basler and I would like to go on record, supporting the SuperFerry. So far, opposition from ignorant activists is illogical and sometimes hysterical. The vast majority of Hawaii residents see in this venture a much-needed and long-overdue supplement to interisland communication.

In our case, it would be a blessing. Many times in the past we have shipped our car to Maui and the Big Island via Young Bros. barge, so it is available to us for visits with relatives and friends. This is cumbersome, leaving us without a car for several days - delivery, transit, pick up - but we so far have no other choice. Now a wonderful new choice is offered, but opposed by a few loudly-vocal activists.

Please be logical, treat this new venture as you have treated all existing interisland transport - as a positive, desirable addition to Island life.

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From: Sonny C. Awai Jr. [sonny.awai@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

The pros on the sailing of the Super Ferry is the need to provide a reasonable means of transportation between the islands for people who do not want to leave the state for a vacation but travel between the islands to visit family and friends. Traveling today between the islands today is more costly than going to Vegas. Not all of us are able to afford the rental of a vehicle, hotel room, meals, and air fare which doesn't include the little on the side spending money.....by utilizing the Ferry we would be able to stretch our funds to have a nice time with family and friends. By the way how many of you could afford to spend the kind of money for a family of four?

I know that we could ship our vehicles over to the islands via YB but have any of you tried it? You can only ship you vehicle on specific days that the barge would be sailing, No loading or unloading on week ends or holidays and this can be accomplished only between the normal work hours for YB. This would leave you without transportation for as much as 14 days on a round trip. You also would have to be there at the time of the loading and unloading.

I hear a lot of concerns about the Whales, but no one has printed anything about the electronics on board to aide in the navigation of the vessel. What is the lead time the pilot has to avoid any collision with a submerge body? Introducing unwanted plants.....people bring them to the islands...they don't just hitch a ride. It's like the animals. We advise people of the animals we should not introduce to the islands but they don't care and their friends could care less for the aren't turning them in to the proper offices.

I WANT TO SEE THE FERRY GO INTO OPERATION FOR I TRAVEL BETWEEN THE ISLANDS AT A MINIMUM OF THREE TIMES A YEAR WITH A VEHICLE AND KNOW MANY MORE. WOULD LIKE TO SEE OTHERS WHO CANNOT BECAUSE OF THE COST FACTORS.

Aloha,
Sonny C. Awai Jr.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of Superferry - Hearing 10/24 10:30

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Please note my strong support of the superferry. I find it extremely frustrating and a terrible waste of earth and human resources that the noisy few have managed to block in the name of the environment. They didn't block all the extra cruise ships coming in. Why do they fuss about this?

Carolyn Smith
Kailua, Hawaii

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From: Sokolowski, Roy T CTR CPF, ASW [roy.sokolowski.ctr@navy.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Super Ferry

I support the Hawaii super ferry 100 %. Stop making Hawaii look like a bunch of idiots. Get the ferry going now!

Thank you

Roy Sokolowski
Waialua

10/23/2007

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From: DERKINE@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Hello,

We would like to say that you should allow the Superferry to operate. It will be great for the islanders as well as the tourists to have other means of traveling between the islands. Not to mention the fact that the Superferry is a brand new ship with state of the art technology unlike some of the cruise ships and cargo ships that currently run between the islands. Please don't deprive the people of something so wonderful.

Sincerely,

John and Erica Savallo
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON THE JUDICIARY AND LABOR,
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Aloha Chairman Taniguchi, Chairman English, Chairman Menor and members of the committees.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from the Hawaii Superferry continue working.

My name is Shayna Asuncion and I work as a Port Utility Inspector on Maui at the Kahului terminal. My job means a lot to me in different ways. It is my only source of income and I love the employees I get to work with.

It's a great feeling when you enjoy what you do... and its an even better feeling when you love the people you work with. Prior to my employment with Hawaii Superferry, I worked at Harmony Airways as an Airport Operations Supervisor, which closed in April of this year.

Do you have any idea what it's like to have been laid-off twice in one year?!? It's a complete heartbreak!

The Hawaii Superferry is a wonderful opportunity for Hawaii that can provide another source of transportation between our islands.

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

Aloha,

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From: Shel Serrone [shels@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Super Ferry

Aloha, I fully support having the Super Ferry. It will give our family an opportunity to visit the other islands. It will give people an alternative means of travel.

Shelaine Serrone

10/23/2007

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From: Martin, JO Ann - HI [Jo.Ann.Martin@GMACM.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPER FERRY
Importance: High

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I am strongly in support of the Hawaii Super Ferry. It will allow me to travel to the outer islands without the need of a rental. I had recently gone back home to the Big Island for my family reunion only to find out that there were no rental cars to be had. I called everyone in the yellow pages for a car and could not get a one. Although this may not happen often, it sure would have been a convenience to have the Super Ferry.

Please don't let the few (whose real agenda has nothing to do with saving the environment but to stop people from visiting the islands) prevent this from happening. They don't speak for me and I know they don't speak for the majority of the voters.

If you were to put it to the voters today, you know the Super Ferry would be up and running. If you do nothing else this session, please do the right thing for all of us.

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From: Jerome Burgon [Jerome.Burgon@envisionns.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. When I used to live in Seattle, the ferry system was a fun adventure for the family and also an alternate choice for traveling. I hope to be able to use it soon.

Jerome Burgon

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From: linda@kauaidesign.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

EIS first! No special interest legislation! The outer islands deserve a voice!

Thank you.

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

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From: Sunny & Bryan Sadaoka [bassol_808@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii superferry

Aloha. I am sending this email in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I feel that they deserve the chance to operate while the EIS is being performed. They were already given the "okay to sail" from Governor Lingle and now you guys want to stop them from operating? The Superferry is a very important part of Hawaii's everyday life. This will allow all islanders to travel interisland without going through the hassle of the airlines and rental cars. Not only that but it would be so much better to travel with your vehicle rather than have it shipped through Young Brothers. They DO NOT know how to show respect for anyone's vehicles. Not only that but they are so expensive now. I had problems with YB before, one which included my husband's car being ripped off at the pier. Then, YB doesn't want to give the parts they found on the pier..and in the end, we only get \$5k for a car worth \$20k. I have an overweight grandmother and every so often she needs to go to Oahu for check ups. It would be so much easier if we would be able to just drive on to the ferry and sail. Instead of waiting at the airport, getting the rental, then doing the same to get back home.

Please give this wonderful opportunity a chance. Everyone will learn that allowing operation of the ferry will be the right thing to do. We will ALL benefit from it.

Mahalo,

Sunny Labanon-Sadaoka

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From: pam zembik [zembikp001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I SUPPORT THE SUPPERFERRY

I HAVE FAMILY WHO RESIDES ON KAUAI AND OWNS A SMALL BUSINESS...THEY ALSO DO OUTER ISLAND JOBS. THEY PURCHASED TICKETS FOR ONE EMPLOYEE AND ONE VEHICLE AND UNFORTUNATELY DIDN'T MAKE IT..THAT EXTRA REVENUE WOULD HAVE BEEN PUT BACK INTO KAUAI'S ECONOMY. PLEASE DON'T TREAT OUTER ISLANDS RESIDENCE AS TOURIST. WE MUST STRIVE TO KEEP ALL HAWAII RESIDENCES IN HAWAII..DO THE RIGHT THING, EVEN IF IT'S NOT ELECTION YEAR!

MAHALO,

OAHU RESIDENT, WHO ACTUALLY WAS BORN ON KAUAI...

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From: Dennis Delos-Reyes [dennisdelosreyes@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

The Superferry is a step in the right direction. While every effort should be made to protect the environment, we need to move forward.

To the people that are not in support "Stop having your hissy fits!".

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Dennis Delos-Reyes, B.S., M.A.

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From: EDFONGCPA@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

Dear Legislators,

As a life long resident of 68 years, I have experienced several attempts to connect our islands by ocean transportation which I feel is a must. They have all for one reason or another failed. Finally, we have on the scene a viable sea transportation vehicle that is operational and ready to go. It appears that should the Super Ferry be stopped from being able to operate while the Environmental Impact Statement is conducted we will yet again have another failed attempt at sea transportation. Should this occur, it is my opinion that I will not see another venture taking the risk to provide inter-island ocean transportation to the public within my remaining years. What a sad commentary this would be.

Therefore, in your deliberation please look favorably at the Super Ferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted.

In closing, it is my view is that unless the law is clarified, we will continue to experience the divisiveness our island community is undergoing.

Mahalo,

Edwin Fong

Leong & Fong, CPAs
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From: Michelle Dela Cruz [bb3435@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

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I support the use of the Hawaii Superferry for reasons such as ease of visiting family members, reliable transportation in the case of a natural disaster, and ease of transportation for those with jobs on outerislands.

Michelle D.C.

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From: Sherry Abille [sherry@cis.bz]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am in support of the Superferry as it will give Hawaii another alternative for traveling between the islands for work and pleasure. My husband has a small welding business here and he frequently does work on the outer islands. Right now he has to ship his work truck and equipment by Young Brothers one to two days ahead of his work schedule which causes delays and more expenses for the job. With the Superferry he would be able to take his truck and equipment to the job site the same day enabling him to complete the job sooner, cutting expenses for both him and his customers.

I feel that the Superferry has all the necessary equipment and personnel needed for environmental safety and I support the bill to allow the Superferry to operate while an environmental assessment is being done. Please let the Superferry run!

Aloha,
Sherry Abille
Diamond Welding
24 Sand Island Access Rd

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From: Annette Mocabee [waylos@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Super Ferry

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the Super Ferry. I think it would be an asset to the islands, instead of having to take a plane, or to pay heavy shipping prices when transporting goods between islands. I also really like the idea of the super ferry for my children... I know they would love it. .

Annette Mocabee
Kealakekua, HI

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From: Sunny & Bryan Sadaoka [bassol_808@hotmail.com]
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To: testimony
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Mahalo,

Sunny Labanon-Sadaoka

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From: Noe Galeai [ngaleai@hmaa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support SuperFerry

Thank you for this opportunity to that allows me to show my support for the SuperFerry. Please allow it to operate. It's an awesome opportunity for the people of the State of Hawaii.

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

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From: oneillm001@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:12 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

Aloha.

As a resident of Hawai'i, I fully support the bill that will permit the interisland ferry to provide service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Providing us with more economical travel options and access to our neighbor islands is a good thing.

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Mahalo

V/R
MICHAEL L.O'NEILL

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From: Charlene Lee [nakatalee04@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for SuperFerry

The SuperFerry is the answer to our prayers. For a number of years, my parents refuse to fly because of their age. They're both 85, disabled, and my mom has mild Alzheimer's. They were both born on Maui and would like to someday go back to visit before their time is up. But they refuse to fly...

My mom's brother had Alzheimer's and died a couple of years ago with no ability to hear and see and no memory. Please have the SuperFerry operating while my Mom still has her senses and while she can still remember...

Mahalo!
Charlene Lee

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From: mitch kysar [mitchk@mitchkysar.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:51 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Borge Teri; Schulenberg Katie
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

To the State Legislature:

My name is Mitch Kysar. I am a General Contractor in Maui, a 4- decade resident of Hawaii.

I fully support the introduction of service by the Hawaii SuperFerry as soon as possible.

I urge you to adopt legislation to allow this valuable addition to the state's travel options.

aloha
Mitch Kysar
Mitch Kysar Construction
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Kahului HI 96732
808/ 871-7747

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From: Helene M. Smith [acec_hs@lava.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: For the SUPERFERRY

Please put the superferry in action - As a local person such and affordable way to travel to see my family and my grandchildren. There will always be low lifes like those clowns that took those rocks. Let the punishment fit the crime - don't punish all of us for their ignorance. There will always be something or someone causing a ruckus - the superferry is much smaller than the cruise ships that come thru here, I've seen the superferry turn on a dime to avoid whales if there would be an encounter I don't believe you can get those huge cruise liners to do that. This is for the LOCAL PEOPLE OF HAWAII FINALLY - PLEASE DON'T TAKE THIS AWAY FROM US.

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From: KalaniR@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Legislature's Public Access Room / Testimony for the Superferry special session

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To the Members of the Senate Committee deciding on the Superferry's fate,

I am very concerned about the environment but am also a realist. Cars and containers are shipped Inter island by the hundreds every day. Singling out the Superferry for an EIS without addressing all other means of transporting invasive species is wrong. I feel strongly that the Superferry should be monitored and allowed to operate while the EIS is going on.

If, while operating, the Superferry is found to endanger whales shut it down.

Hawaii deserves the opportunity to have this alternative means of travel.

Aloha,

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From: GAMBOP@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:13 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

We feel it would be very helpful to us when traveling between islands as we often do to have a way to take our car with us and save the cost of renting a car on the other islands.

Please don't let us lose this opportunity to have a most welcome way to travel between the islands.

John and Marilyn Fox
Makaha

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From: Jamie Brown [jamie@hawaiiocre.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry - Testimony in support

Dear Legislators,

I strongly support resumption of service of the Hawaii Superferry for several reasons:

1. It will promote intrastate commerce and greatly benefit the neighbor islanders who can ship and sell their goods to Oahu.
2. It will provide lower cost transportation for local families.
3. It will create many direct jobs as well as indirect jobs.
4. It will send a message that Hawaii is in fact an innovator.

If we don't resume service:

1. We will send another message to the world that Hawaii is closed to outside business, beholden to a small but vocal few special interests control our state.

The Superferry is just a big boat traveling interisland just like barges, other private ferries and private vessels. It transports people and cargo just like airplanes. I don't understand why the Superferry is being held to a different standard than all the other forms of interisland transportation.

I, like most residents, value our environment and marine life. However, I believe we as a society must innovate and employ new technologies, otherwise we will be left behind in this high speed world.

Sincerely,
James M. Brown
1942 Piimauna Place
Honolulu, HI 96821

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From: Robyn_Taba@thdfsg.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Hawaii Super Ferry!!!

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the Hawaii Super Ferry and its business practices. I believe this company will be environmentally conscientious and respect Hawaii's natural habitats to the best of their abilities. I am also in support of all the new business and this new transportation alternative that should bring more business to all islands involved. Hawaii needs new business and to progress with the times. The Hawaii Super Ferry is a needed service in the islands.

Thanks for your time and consideration.
Robyn Taba

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From: MELIA PLUMERIA [rubraplumeria@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii super ferry

Senate Committees: Judiciary adn Labor Transportation and International Affaris and Energy and Enviroment

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I will support super ferry because it will make more hawaii economy active.

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From: KAREN CHAVES [kchaves@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPER FERRY.

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Senate Committees: Judiciary & Labor, Transportation & International Affairs, and Energy & Environment
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To whom it may concern,

I am in favor of allowing the Hawaii Super Ferry to continue service until all necessary documentation is completed.

This a another option for the residents of Hawaii to travel inter-island. We have always had to fly and this provides us a great new experience.

I believe if there was a problem, it should have been addressed before the Ferry arrived in Hawaii. It seems a bit late to protest now!

Everyone I have talked to about this issue has been in favor of the Ferry. Most people who were born and raised here, like me, keep a low profile and are not one to openly complain and protest issues, but, I personally believe in having a new way to travel between the islands.

Thank you.

Karen Chaves
Resident, born and raised on the Island of Hawaii.

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From: Cathy_Kawai/SAFETY/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

I am in SUPPORT of the Super Ferry operating here in Hawaii. They made a mistake, but made the adjustments -- are doing what they can. It's time for a change in public transportation, not only for those who live in Kapolei.....but island-wide.

Mahalo,
CATHY KAWAI
Safety & Security
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From: Vicky Simmonds [admin@benwoearchitects.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Needed!
Importance: High

My husband and I moved back to Hawaii for good a little over a year ago. Making a living in Hawaii has been very difficult compared to the other states we've lived after we met and left the islands. My husband is originally from Jamaica and I'm from Seattle. We met in Hawaii while on the same job assignment, working on the ms Patriot. He found Hawaii had the same climate, fruits, reggae appreciation and island spirit of his missed homeland, Jamaica. He was grown with many talents from Jamaica, which have helped him fit so well here. He has started his business based around his #1 talent, Jamaican food and it is taking off with the reggae crowds. Unfortunately, there are people who are bummed because they can only get this only on Oahu. His customers would love to have him travel to other islands via ferry in his mobile restaurant to service the many reggae events.

Having no ferry is just another obstacle that divides the islands. It even seems like there's too much division going on with the west and the east side of Oahu, what's that about??? Hawaii is one state and people shouldn't loose sight of that.

Vicky Simmonds, Admin.

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From: Phil Whitney [pwhitney@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Fw: Hawaii Superferry

Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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The text of the testimony is contained below.

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

From: Phil Whitney
To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:04 AM
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee

Dear Senators,

My wife and I feel strongly that the Superferry will be a great addition to the State of Hawaii. It will provide an *alternate means of transportation to the neighbor islands and allow us the option of taking our car when we go.*

Beyond our personal needs, the Superferry will provide a means to assist the neighbor islands in case of any emergency where rapid transit of supplies and equipment is essential.

The Superferry will enhance commerce among the islands by speeding up the process of moving goods.

The Superferry should be allowed to operate while any Environmental Assessment or EIS is completed since the advantages to the public outweigh any minor disadvantages that may be part of the operation.

Legislation to allow the Superferry to operate should not contain restrictions that do not apply to existing means of commerce to the neighbor islands as now provided by large ships and barges or aircraft.

We look forward to your passing legislation that will allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the Environmental Assessments are completed.

Sincerely yours,

Philip M Whitney, Jr.
Carolyn K. Whitney

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
Phone 941-3727

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From: Google Documents [noreply@google.com] on behalf of grog808@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:10 AM
To: testimony; grog808@gmail.com
Subject: Aloha!

Senate Committee: Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: October 24, 2007

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Aloha!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Steve Arakaki

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From: Robert Wahl [robandwandawahl@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: PLEASE LET THE SUPERFERRY OPERATE !

Dear Legislators Please let the Superferry operate under strict guidelines . Some of which I am sure you have thought of like washing the vehicles before boarding the ferry, extra stringent inspections of cargo and luggage. Drug sniffing dogs possibly a couple more plain cloths officers on board to help keep track of suspicious activity that would help discover extra and solve extra problems before they cause damage on the islands. My wife and I would like very much in the near future to be able to take our Motorcycle to the other islands and experiance their beauty. Thank you Robert Wahl

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From: TWOCIE@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: (no subject)

Our state need a Ferry system now!! Please correct the mistake for the future of Hawaii.
Martha Burke

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From: Karesse Yeung [KaresseY@stchawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Superferry

I support the Superferry in Hawaii. It will improve the transportation and tourism. Besides, all of us can enjoy the scenic of Hawaii with a reasonable price. My family will use this facility for sure.

Karesse Yeung

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From: Jeffrey.Rapoza@rsihawaii.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:21 AM
To: testimony
Cc: corporate@advanced-roofing.com
Subject: Hawaii Superferry - Let her sail

Aloha,

I am strongly in support of the Hawaii Superferry and advise you our State Legislators to correct this wrong and let the Hawaii Superferry operate during the Maui environmental impact study.

Please be advised that I will do my best to vote out all Legislators that succumb to special interest groups instead of the majority of Hawaii's residence.

One definition of a special interest group is "People that progress got them theirs and know want to stop progress so that others can not share in what they have."

Jeffrey Rapoza

Fourth Generation Hawaiian

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From: Marcdlawrence@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:11 AM
To: testimony
Subject: (no subject)

State Senate Legislation Hearing ~

Please, Please, Please permit inter-island ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. All of us on each Hawaiian island could benefit from the use of an inter-island ferry while still protecting the environment and marine life. Please.

Marc Lawrence

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From: Fred Faria [fred@bendbroadband.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:41 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

I support the SuperFerry. I think the ferry service will offer untold opportunities for Hawaii business, residents and tourists. I think the ferry service is a very good idea and a good service for all of Hawaii. Fred Faria.

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From: Sandra A. Dougherty [ags-honolulu@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in support of Super Ferry

To Senate Committees, Judiciary and Labor Transportation and International affairs and Energy and Environment
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Auditorium State Capitol

To all concerned This e-mail is being sent in support of the Superferry and interisland travel I do not understand why they seem to be victimised like this When Matson and other carriers who pose much bigger threats to our environment come and go freely The superferry is needed in Hawaii as an alternative means of transportation interisland.

Thank you

Sandra A Dougherty
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From: M Schaefer [msch4@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry hearing

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate Committees:

I am firmly in support of allowing the Superferry to operate while an EIS is being done. The people of Hawaii should have this alternative form of transportation. I urge your support.

Madge Schaefer
520 Mikioi Place
Kihei, HI

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From: Beth Hendrix [hulabetha@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:56 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

RE: Hearing Date: Wed. October 24th 10:30 am auditorium State Capitol

I am writing to show my support to let the Hawaii Superferry resume interisland ferry service while the environmental impact statement is being conducted.

I feel the superferry will be good for the economy of Hawaii and offer residents the opportunity to visit the outer islands by other means than just airline.

I would love to take my family on the voyage to Kauai and/or Maui on the Superferry to enjoy the sheer experience of the voyage. What a great way to experience the islands.

Beth Hendrix

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From: Kelly_Sur/RADFORD/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
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To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am a 47 year old LOCAL resident that was born in Honolulu, and lived here my whole life (besides attending school on the mainland). Why is it when anything "worthwhile" happens, it gets bombarded with "politics"? Why such a long list of "don't do" if and when the Superferry begins service? Does the Matson freight ships have the same requirements? I am sure those boats bring "ALL OF THE EVASIVE SPECIES" everytime..... Lets not let a bunch of "Alien malahini's" put our SUPERFERRY down for the count, let's do the right thing. If not, stop ALL SHIPS, BOATS from using our waters.

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From: Clayton Winger [cwing@monarch-hi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of the Superferry

I would like to voice my support for the Superferry to continue operations while the study is being conducted.

I feel that the special interest groups are getting much more attention than is warranted. In fact, we do not know who the people are behind these groups other than their spokes persons. This leads me to believe that they are not long term Hawaii residents but are from out of state agitating a few local residents to further their cause - whatever that may be.

If the Superferry is to be restricted in their operations then the same rules must apply to other forms of transportation. Extensive searches must then be conducted on all containers coming into port from the mainland and when being transported from island to island. All vehicles and construction equipment must be steam cleaned to prevent various organisms from being transported. All aircraft must also be quarantined until it can be confirmed that there are no foreign materials or organisms on board. All water craft must travel at a reduced speed and also be quarantined before they are allowed to dock.

None of this makes sense and it seems that the Superferry is being singled out giving us another economic black eye worldwide.

Please do not let the vocal few prevail.

Respectfully,

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From: Kathleen C. Donaldson [kathleend@dtric.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I strongly support the Superferry. It is a great opportunity for the state of Hawaii for our economy, easy way to connect the inlands and bringing family and friends together. It will be upsetting to see this opportunity be lost to those ill-informed protest groups who probably in the long run will also be using the Superferry. Please allow the Superferry to operate!

Mahalo for you time,

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From: dchinna@lava.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimony

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I would like to offer testimony in favor of allowing the Superferry to operate while the environmental assessment is being performed. As a horseowner, I had planned to use the Superferry in the future to travel interisland to compete in horseshows and rodeos along with other horseowners from Oahu. Currently, shipping a horse to neighbor island venues involves considerable stress on the animals as they must be dropped off at the pier early in the morning of the day of sailing and then cannot be picked up until the next day when their trailers or

shipping containers are off-loaded and left on the pier in the sun.

Additionally, Young Brothers does not offer daily livestock barge service so the animals must remain after their competition until the next barge. During this stay, the housing, care and feeding of the animals usually is relinquished by the owner as most of us cannot spend several days extra on a neighbor island. Finally, arrangements need to be made to transport the animals to the pier for the return trip.

Having a drive-on daily service will eliminate considerable stress on the animals and allow owners to maintain their personal standard of care for the animals.

Thank you for your time.

Debbie Chinna

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From: BFRAKU [bfraku@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I am a ceramic artist and retired Military dependant. I would like to use the commissary and also go shopping for ceramic supplies and or selling my work. Oahu is the place to do most of that and I am on the Island Hawaii. It is almost impossible with all the airline restrictions to carry things from island to island as a local. There is an annual event "Raku Ho'olaule'a", last year I took a group of 8 artist, we were welcomed and invited back. It would be nice if we could just back up our cars with Kiln and artwork, plus. We need the Superferry also to keep the Airline prizes affordable.

Aloha, Birgitta Frazier
808-443-6950

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From: Wendy Humphrey [wendetta1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Pro Superferry

Please let the Superferry run while the EIS is being done. It's just good business.

Wendy Humphrey
Hawaii Kai

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From: Joan Langan [lihuejoan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Require EIS for the Superferry
Attachments: 3261970305-Superferry.doc

please submit my testimony to the Senate's Second Session of 2007. It is attached.
Sincerely, Joan Langan, 3-3400 Kuhio Highway, Lihue, HI 96766

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From: Darlene Ordenstein [DarleneO@leisinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Super Ferry

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

Aloha,

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

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

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

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

*Please listen to the majority.
Mahalo,
Darlene Ordenstein
Resident of the State of Hawaii*

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From: gonzalezc76@aol.com

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

To: testimony

KEEP THE SUPERFERRY UP & RUNNING!!!!!!

Aloha,
Cheryl

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

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From: rkamalii [rkamalii@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please support the superferry

From Richard Kamalii, on the Island of Hawaii, and I am supporting a new and innovative way of traveling which is the superferry. Please do not allow this alternative means of travel to leave our great state, a few out spoken do not speak for the majority of the people.

Thank-you

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From: Makai Sales [makaisls@aloha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Aloha, Please due the will of the people, polls reflect a huge amount of the people in favor of having our Ferry. This is a world class means of transportation and will allow families to visit families on neighbor islands. The argument from Kauai that it will bring in drugs etc, is pretty silly when just recently the largest drug bust in our State's history occurred on Kauai. Looks like they have that issue regardless. Don't let the loud few override the majority.

Mahalo

Ron Baumgartner

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From: Brianne Ornellas [brianne.leolani@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Fwd: In Support of the SuperFerry

I did not indicate the committee before which this testimony should be presented in my email below. Please present the email attached below to the following Senate Committees. Thank you.

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: **Brianne Ornellas** <brianne.leolani@gmail.com>
Date: Oct 23, 2007 9:16 AM
Subject: In Support of the SuperFerry
To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Aloha State Senators,

My name is Brianne Ornellas. I am 28 years old and an attorney in Honolulu, Hawaii. I am originally from Maui, but now live on Oahu. My fiancée (we are to be married in 17 days!) is from Kaneohe. We are both in support of the super ferry. Being from Maui, I travel home quite often. I believe the super ferry will provide myself and family with more opportunities to travel. With the untenable airfare wars, affordable air travel is uncertain. The addition of another method to travel between islands could only assist in keeping air fare prices affordable.

For our upcoming wedding, many of my family were planning to travel from Maui to Oahu with their own vehicles to attend. Unfortunately, they had to change their plans when the super ferry was discontinued.

I do not think that the problems that individuals against the super ferry raise will be as significant as they claim. I think we should at least give the super ferry a chance, before automatically ceasing its operations. We will never know the impact the super ferry will have until we actually allow it to operate.

My only concern is that the same safety standards used at the airport to screen weapons, plants and animals are used when the super ferry is operating.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Brianne Ornellas

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From: nancyd@onlymyemail.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry Support

Aloha...The Super Ferry must be allowed on the Islands....We have been looking forward to the "life made easier" form of transportation ever since it's conception. We urge you to make this a reality to all of us who are using common sense in this situation. (There are so many of us)

Nancy and Lou Dubuque
Kauai

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From: Amy Ogawa [aogawa@fhb.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPER FERRY

Hawaii's economy need to grow with local people spending money in outer islands instead of spending it in Vegas. We cannot depend only on the tourist industry. Hawn. Airlines and Aloha needs competition.. The car rental industry will be loosing money but the local stores on the islands will prosper. We need the SUPER FERRY... AMY OGAWA

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From: lyuen [lyuen@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

We are for the superferry. Please vote for it.

Lorraine L. Yuen
Melvin D.B. Yuen
Ernest Lum, Sr.

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From: Roberto [ciao@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HI Superferry

The Superferry should be allowed to operate in Hawaiian waters to provide services to our community. It is a very important business service that provides alternative options to Hawaii residents' travel within the islands.

Roberto Katekaru
Kaneohe

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From: Bobbi [sherryb001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of the Hawaii Superferry

Now is the time for the silent majority to step up to the plate. We have suffered in silence, listening while others have voiced their opinions.

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry....why, that does not matter...there are a litany of reasons that have already been expounded. While I am not a tree hugger, I am not insensitive to the plight of the whales, the plovers, the sea turtles, the Monk Seals. However, the argument of invasive species is ludicrous. Unless all modes of transportation between the islands & from all other parts of the whole are subjected to the same regulations, the Hawaii Superferry should not be singled out.

The squeaky wheels, those creating turmoil, creating a false sense of animosity between people of the islands, are, in the humble opinion of this member of the silent majority, the invasive species..

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From: Mark Snyder [maleko175@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am in favor of a ferry system for the Hawaiian Islands.

Mark Snyder
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From: Brianne Ornellas [brianne.leolani@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support of the SuperFerry

Aloha State Senators,

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My only concern is that the same safety standards used at the airport to screen weapons, plants and animals are used when the super ferry is operating.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Brianne Ornellas

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From: peter franke [pmfranke@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: let the super ferry run,Transportation and International Affairs

Please Sir,May I have my Super Ferry!We have spent a lot of tax payers money and time on this great idea.Why waste all this effort on a few uninformed predigest people blocking the harbor.Get it going and find out what a great economic boom it Will be with little or no residual negative effect on the islands.
Please Vote for the Super Ferry !! Peter Franke.
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From: humikhu@aol.com
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To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimony

I'm amazed but not surprised we're even debating the proposed inter-island ferry service in Hawaii because every other community would recognize how fortunate they are to be given such an opportunity -- so I can understand why the ferry operators are perplexed by the carefully orchestrated opposition to it. I just hope they are not successful in inciting the hysteria and fear in our elected officials, bad conditioning/education Hawaii is infamous for -- and which keeps the great riches and talent of the world from offering their services here. We can be the most blessed people in the world -- if we would allow it, rather than fighting off every new and great idea, while clinging tightly to our age-old problems -- mainly of a mentality and culture that refuses to accept any solutions.

With every great venture, including cures and solutions, there are always risks, and so the question is not whether there are risks, but whether the rewards outweigh the risks. What is to be gained by the Superferry service, is greater access to all the parts and resources of every part of our state -- as though it is everyone's, and not just the few who have mostly moved in and not want to preserve the remote islands as exclusively their own. That was a major problem when Hawaii was originally appropriated by self-proclaimed more "self-righteous" people -- who then claimed they owned it exclusively for their own use, what used to belong to everybody.

The same thing is happening in places where some want to put up gates to prevent access to the public beaches here on Oahu. There are others who claim the right to control inter-island transportation -- because they always have, and now it is their exclusive, divine birthright. And the outer islands have become a mecca for anti-progress protestors, who still think the ideal is for the indigenous peoples of the world to continue to live in grass huts and caves as God's intended ideal for them -- and they should reflexively fight off every good for humans that give an advantage over every other species -- and that the ideal is for humans to be in fair competition with every species for only their allotted fair share, which they insist is when the human population no longer exists -- so that the other animals can reign.

That's what I'm hearing of the arguments against the Superferry -- and why I haven't been at these Hearings (demonstrations) like most other sane and rational people -- thinking that government decisions will be by those who can scream the loudest and bully and intimidate those who are uncertain what they think. And that is a great problem in Hawaii, and so I ask in these deliberations, that our elected officials, merely resist all the deceptions and manipulations, and make a courageous decision based on their own intelligent thought processes, which is all that one can ask of another.

If we value intelligence, the intelligent and productive people of the world will know they are welcome here, and then, that intelligence will solve all the problems of our times and place -- rather than insisting that those age-old problems are who were are and must be forevermore. Life is too short and precious, not to explore the wonderful world -- that can begin at home, in these Islands, with the addition of the Superferry.

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From: flora [farnbachf001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

To Whom it May Concern:

The Superferry is needed in Hawaii as an alternative mode of travel between the islands. I was born and raised on Kauai and the local residents there that I've spoken with all want the the Superferry operational. The Environmental Impact Study should be done while the Superferry is operational. Let's not single out the Superferry for an EIS while other seagoing vessels operate without one. The silent majority of local residents WANT this option of interisland travel. All aspects possible should be explored and followed through to make this possible.

Thank you,

Flora Farnbach

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From: Mimi Lee [mdl2003@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

Email to: Legislature's Public Access Room

Five years ago, we moved from Washington State and found living in Oahu was isolated with limited travel means. The only access to outer islands is only by plane or cruise ship. Taking a plane to other island still having to rent a car in order to drive around the islands so the airline controls how often we could go to other island by the cost of the plane tickets and cost of the rental cars. Being a resident of Hawaii, we should have the freedom to travel to and from with more choices. Superferry would allowed us to travel more often and less restrictive, as we did with Washington Ferry systems.

Sincerely,

Mimi Lee

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From: Doy Farwell [doy.farwell@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: hawaii super ferry

We are opposed to the Super Ferry being 'bailed' out by any legislation. the only right thing to do is to have them complete the eis before they start operation, just as it is for anybody else.... doy farwell

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From: Elena Reyes [elenareyes729@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

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

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I support the Hawaii Supperferry because I think it'll make traveling a little more relaxing and easier for everyone. Also more job opportunities for the people of Hawaii.

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From: Susan Clark [admin909kapiolani@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I support the Super Ferry

It's obvious that the majority wants the Super Ferry for obvious reasons:

Another way for us to travel
Another way for smaller businesses to get their products to other islands
Nice way for a family to travel together and to see each other more frequently.

Aloha and Mahalo,
Susan Clark
Ph: 808-589-1180
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From: Curry, Marianne [USA] [curry_marianne@bah.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:24 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Support Supper Ferry Service Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

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

Regarding Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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I support the bill that will permit inter-island ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I hope that the local people will finally have the opportunity to use this service.

Marianne Curry

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From: linda@kauaidesign.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

EIS first! No special interest legislation. The outer islands deserve a voice!
Thank you.

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

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
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From: Nancy Merrill [merrilln001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry must have an EIS

This testimony is for the following Special Session:

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 THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
 SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Auditorium State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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

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

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

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

The anger we feel is generated by several issues:

1. The special consideration offered the Superferry by the Governor. Even a bike path on Kauai involves an environmental assessment. This apparent preference for the benefit to business interests at the expense of due process involving the people it impacts is very troubling.
2. The focus on the potential benefit to residents of Oahu. Yes, they want to come to Kauai because it is still very different from Oahu. What a great vacation! But they forget that by coming here and bringing their cars, surfboards, hiking boots with Oahu weed seeds embedded in the soles, gear for camping on our beaches, and plants grown and products made in Oahu they are impacting our

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environment and gradually changing it to be more like Oahu. We want Kaua`i to stay Kaua`i for as long as possible.

3. The apparent view of our lawmakers that they are above the law. It should not be possible for our elected officials to change a law just because it is not convenient. What if we all decided that the speed limits or tax rates were inconvenient? Laws are passed to create order and establish priorities. We change these at our own peril.

4. The possible unintentional (or even intentional) introduction of invasive species during the time the environmental assessment is being done. The one that concerns me the most is the mongoose. I can see someone thinking this would be a great prank to play on Kaua`i and bring a pair over in their car. They could easily be brought in a small container, even a picnic basket, that might be missed during a routine car inspection. We have many more native birds here because of the absence of the mongoose. I enjoy the sound of nene flying over my house in Princeville on a regular basis. Once the introduction is made, it cannot be undone. This possibility needs to be addressed in an environmental assessment BEFORE the SuperFerry sails to Kaua`i again.

5. The media features the owners and the employees of the Superferry and the hardships created by any delay in beginning service. I do feel sorry for the employees, but the owners had to be aware that doing an environmental assessment was the usual precursor to doing business in Hawaii. They had plenty of time to do it while the Superferry was being designed and built. This lack of foresight isn't something we should reward. We should discourage this behavior from ever occurring again by taking action and establishing for once and for all that an EIS MUST come first!

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

Respectfully submitted by,

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Hanalei, HI 96714
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From: Cheryl Chang [cchang1029@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

We are unable to attend the meeting scheduled for today but, our Ohana wholeheartedly supports the Superferry. Please work to keep it in Hawaii.

Aloha,
Cheryl Chang

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To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

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

Concerning the Superferry Hearing Date: October 24, 2007

Time and Location 10:30 AM Auditorium, State Capitol

I am a resident of the Big Island and I am in favor of the Superferry. We need the Superferry to make access to the other islands easier, and more affordable.

Thank you,

Cynthia Lullo
Kailua-Kona, HI

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From: Karesse Yeung [KaresseY@stchawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: RE: Testimony for Superferry

Sorry. I forgot to indicate the information as below:

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

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From: Karesse Yeung
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:23 AM
To: 'testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov'
Subject: Testimony for Superferry

I support the Superferry in Hawaii. It will improve the transportation and tourism. Besides, all of us can enjoy the scenic of Hawaii with a reasonable price. My family will use this facility for sure.

Karesse Yeung

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From: karlandlulu@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:26 AM
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Subject: Super Ferry

I strongly urge you to allow interisland ferry service while the study is being conducted. Was a study done for the other interisland shipping/towing services?

Mahalo,

Mary Lou Zingalie-Adams

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From:Carolynn Milner [Carolynn@Karenkline.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of The Superferry

I support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. The time for opposition has long passed. My family and I look forward to going holo-holo via Hawaii Superferry.

Carolynn Milner

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From: Nani Omo [nani@earthworkspacific.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

For weeks now I have watched both sides battle it out over the SuperFerry and I have to say that I have admired the calm and respectful way that both the owners and employees of the Hawaii SuperFerry have conducted themselves throughout this nightmare. The opposers voicing their opinions against the SuperFerry at meetings held on Kauai and Maui clearly shows the lack of the Aloha Spirit that Hawaii is known for the world over. The people of Kauai describes the people on outer islands as all drug dealers, criminals and opihi and fish thieves and they say that these people should not be allowed to come and ruin their island. The biggest drug bust on Kauai just a couple of weeks ago had nothing to do with the SuperFerry. And I believe we are all responsible for the decline in our ocean resources.

Allow the SuperFerry to do the EIS and what better way to get a accurate report than to test them while in action. Allow them to run so that an accurate test can be taken and at the same time, allow the thousands of islanders and non-islanders to enjoy the benefit of inter-island travel.

Errors have been made, by both sides, but a compromise can be reached if everyone stop spending so much time on placing blame. This lengthy process has cost both the SuperFerry and the State too much wasted time and money.

This is our second testimony in support of the Hawaii Superferry.

In behalf of our family—husband Lawrence Sousa, sister Mae Takamoto, and myself, there are other benefits that the Hawaii Superferry could offer.

Those protesting against the Hawaii Superferry do not realize that we could boost their respective island's economies. Why? Since we are able to transport our vehicles, motorcycles, camping gear, etc., we would travel to the neighbor islands (Kauai, Maui, and Oahu) instead of traveling to the mainland for the cost of traveling and vacationing on these islands are more affordable than traveling to the mainland. A concern might be raised about the possibility of less business for the rental car agencies. In researching the matter for the island of Hawaii with the car rental agency staff, those that come off the ship are renting the vehicles. They are swamped, so business there is not gloomy at all. Thus, our dollars are kept in the State of Hawaii versus the mainland. Did these protestors ever concern themselves with their children, grandchildren, and the generations to follow? What about emergency situations where the airports are shutdown?

For those who lived in the State of Hawaii for many years and are familiar with the "local ways", we, like many, are not "vocal" where we are able to testify in the presence of a large audience. As an example, many of our local families of the older generation were reared in households where we were taught not to cause attention to ourselves. Thus, it is difficult for many of the orientals and locals to attend hearings and testify. These are part of the "silent majority" who support the Hawaii Superferry, but are not accustomed to testifying and expressing their views vocally at hearings, etc. Should these individuals be penalized? Many, too, are computer illiterates and, thus, aren't aware that they could submit a short statement in the Hawaii Superferry support campaign.

So, please represent us majority by supporting the Hawaii Superferry effort. Please do not close the door on this wonderful opportunity for the residents of our isolated islands and state.

This testimony is 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

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

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From: Melanie S [okisaidmel@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony - For

It has beeb an absolute pleasure to travel on other Super Ferry's throughout europe on environmentally safe vessels at a lesser cost than flying to and from those destinations that use these services. Why can't Hawaii see the light????

Melanie

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From: saikit002@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

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I support the Hawaii Superferry and the motion to conduct a legislative session in order to resolve the issue concerning operation in Hawaii. I feel that the main reason we're here, with the problems we now face, is because of the failure of the judicial system to deal with the matter in a fair and timely fashion. IT WAS THE COURT THAT GRANTED THE PERMISSION TO EXEMPT THE SUPERFERRY from having to do a full EIS in the first place. WHY ARE THE STATE AND HAWAII SUPERFERRY HELD ACCOUNTABLE for a decision that was made by the court and judge at that time?

It's not just the fact that there are wrongs that need to be made right that influence me to support the Hawaii Superferry, but the idea that the islands can greatly benefit from the service and it's endless possibilities.

Thank you for your concern and consideration,

Concerned O'ahu Resident

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From: Joem Malazarte [joemnhi@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony ICO Superferry

Regardless of what had happened in the past I think there are just some basic questions that needs answered if Hawaii should or should not let the Superferry sail.

1. Is it reasonable for the Superferry to go forward with offering the opportunity to everyone an alternative inter-island transportation?
Absolutely, the Superferry had the approval of the Hawaii government to perform business as they proposed.

2. As there is error in the endorsement or approval of to perform that business, I think it is within the legislature's power to enable the Superferry to perform this business, WHY? because the majority of state population wants the Superferry as an alternative inter-island travel as representatives of the population.

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From: ISteryaki@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPER FERRY

I SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY AND WHAT IT WILL DO TO OPEN UP NEW HORIZONS FOR ALL OF US THAT HAVE A BUSINESS , LIKE TO CAMP, LIKE TO VISIT FRIENDS , LIVE.

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From: Annette Clark [aneka83@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:37 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY

What's all the fuss? We say 'KEEP THE SUPERFERRY HERE IN THE ISLANDS'!!!!!!

Mahalo,
The Clark Ohana

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From: allison hendrickson [islandgirltravel@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: MY FAMILY SUPPORTS THE SUPERFERRY

Dear Sirs,

This letter is my vote for the opportunity of letting the Superferry to run during the time an environmental study is completed. I feel it is the only fair and right thing to do. There TRULY can't be that much harm in letting the ferry run for a short time while the impact survey is done.

Our state needs an alternate form of transportation for a myriad of reasons. The Superferry has been years in the making and just because a small percentage of vocal people decide that this option should not be valid for the rest of us, doesn't mean it's wrong.

I (along with my entire family and friends) implore your careful consideration in giving the Hawaii Superferry the chance it deserves!

Aloha from Maui,
Allison Hendrickson

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry

The masses obviously want the SuperFerry and to lose it now would be a grievous loss for the State of Hawaii. There are too many pluses for the people and the State to let it slip from our hands because of a few protesters. The SuperFerry did everything they were required to do to operate in Hawaii and to stop them at this late date is mind-boggling in view of all the millions of dollars involved in the project both for the State and the SuperFerry. If the SuperFerry is required to go through all these hoops, how about the barges that go between the Islands - they also carry cars.

Let them be and let's get the SuperFerry into operation - NOW.

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From: Yamasaki, Brian S. [byamasaki@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I believe that the Superferry should be given an exemption while the EIS is being completed. As long as they abide by the rules set-up during the special session, I think it you give the people of Hawaii a good idea of this new business venture. I think this mode of transportation is good for the State.

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From: Paul Ward [pward@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:45 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I am 90 years old and one thing I have learned is that change is inevitable, and on the whole, is always positive.

We have always had, and always will have, an unrealistic few who resist change.

Resisting operation of the Superferry is a prime example.

Paul Ward

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From: Moani Perreira [Moani.Perreira@hilton.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: I am in favor of the Superferry

I support the whales, mother nature and our beautiful earth. The way science is today and everyone knows how important the whales are and to keep the Hawaii Waters and THE STATE OF HAWAII beautiful (not just individual islands). The Superferry was made for Hawaii.

We need to stop being selfish and not use the environment as an excuse to stop people from going island to island on the ferry.

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From: Danny Rampani [drampani@Asplundh.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

We need this alternate mode of transportation, besides it looks like fun.
Karen Potter
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From: Kaylene Remata [k_remata@yahoo.com]

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

To: testimony

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From: Andrew Arcangel [a_arcangel@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:20 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

This is in regards to the hearing that'll be going on today soon. I feel that the Hawaii Superferry is much needed as it's an alternative to travel interisland besides air. For myself, I would use it as much as possible to travel to the outer islands. One of the main islands to travel to would be Oahu where I can visit my grandfather who cannot travel interisland due to his health condition. I've always traveled by air but I would also like an alternative, and the Hawaii Superferry is now one of them. It'll also give me the option to bring over my own vehicle to drive around, this is a positive for my family and I as it's such a hassle to have to borrow another relatives vehicle when we're on the island. Sure renting a vehicle is also an option, but I honestly would rather be driving my own vehicle since i know for sure that it's being well maintained and not abused. I studied both sides of this issue, and I understand the concerns of those that oppose it. But it doesn't register in my head of why the Hawaii Superferry is being put under a microscope while the other ship barges(which have been doing interisland travel for years with no EIS) still continue to do business. I'm hoping that the Hawaii Superferry is able to operate while doing their EIS. I'm hoping that it'll succeed in business also. If they have to pack up and leave without operating a single day in business, I feel that future businesses that are looking to venture in Hawaii will look at this situation and think twice before making a move. That's all I have to say for now. I hope the hearing goes well.

Sincerely,
Andrew Arcangel

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Kanoa Parker's Testimony

Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for giving me a chance to testify on this important bill. My name is Kanoa Parker and I work as Chief Officer aboard the Hawaii Super Ferry, ALAKAI. Working on board the ALAKAI has given me the chance to work on state of the art equipment in the waters where I grew up, while at the same time advancing my license and career. To have this chance to work here in Hawaii as opposed to the Gulf of Alaska or the Far East, is really a wonderful opportunity.

Growing up on O'ahu, I have been around the ocean my whole life, whether it has been surfing, fishing, paddling or sailing. I have a great respect for the ocean, and Hawaii's environment. Working on the ALAKAI, I have come to find out that Hawaii Superferrie's environmental policies are more stringent and environmentally conscious than any company I have worked for. I have worked on tankers in Alaska, containerships and car-carriers sailing around the world, and just prior to the Superferry I was on the cruise ships sailing here inter-island.

Not only do our environmental and whale avoidance polices go well beyond the scope of other companies working here in Hawaii, but the maneuverability and handling characteristics of the ALAKAI make this vessel and company a wonderful asset to the state of Hawaii. With our no discharge policy, and stringent inspections for invasive species I feel confident about Hawaii Superferry making the least amount of impact on the environment as possible. All my fellow co-workers, whether on board, in the terminals, or in the office share my views. The amount of training and focus that the company has placed on the environment is very impressive.

The Hawaii Superferry is a great alternative to the state of Hawaii for inter island travel. From conversations with passengers on the few trips that we have done, and just this past weekend talking with some of the passengers who came aboard for our military appreciation cruises, there was an overwhelming consensus of how much everyone on board enjoyed themselves. They were so impressed with everything about the ALAKAI and our crew. This gave me a real sense of pride to be a part of this whole operation. I think the people of Hawaii deserve this alternative to travel. They deserve to have a choice of whether they want to use the Superferry to facilitate their businesses, or take their cars to outer islands to see their families. The Superferry has so many positive things that it can bring to Hawaii. Besides an alternative for travel, the vessel could be used as a major asset for disaster and emergency relief. With the ferries cargo-carrying capacity, speed and maneuverability, the ALAKAI could play an integral role in disaster relief to outer islands.

Let's give the Superferry a chance, and let's give all the people who are employed by this company, along with their families a chance. Let's give the people of Hawaii a chance to come down and ride the ferry, and to talk with us, and I am positive they will see that the Hawaii Superferry is a good thing. Thank you for hearing my testimony.

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From: Terry O'Halloran [terry.ohalloran@hawaiisuperferry.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:45 AM
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Please submit the attached testimony to:

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From: Bruce Iverson [biverson@reynoldsrecycling.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HB HMS 2007 5029
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**To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

**Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

Re: Fr: Bruce Iverson

Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Re: Re: Support of HB HMS 2007 5029

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

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

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

Bruce Iverson

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From: aloha.ido@att.net

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:46 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Support Superferry/Judiciary & Labor, Transportation & International Affairs, Energy & Environment

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the Superferry. I believe that the Superferry will benefit the State of Hawaii and should be allowed to operate. I urge Lawmakers to have the courage and wisdom to guide us in what should be a fair and open process. The Superferry will benefit the people of Hawaii and the communities they live in. Look to the future and have the vision to see how the decisions of today will effect us for tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Susan O'Donnell

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From: Melvin Morris [morrismcm@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Special Session - Hawaii Superferry

Legislature's Public Access Room

I support a special session of the Hawaii State Legislature to identify a solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted. The session is needed to support the will of the majority. Obviously, the current law has interpretation problems that need to be addressed now. Just take a look at the Courts history (Circuit Judge Joseph Cardoza on Maui threw out a lawsuit brought by environmentalists in July 2005, U.S. District Court Judge Helen Gillmor on Oahu dismissed an environmental lawsuit against the Superferry in September 2005, delayed Supreme Court decision two years later in August 2007 requiring an environmental study and more recently, Circuit Judge Joseph Cardoza with his reverse decision).

A majority of the people of Hawaii want interisland transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative needed by residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to our state.

I believe that the few people with loud voices who oppose the Superferry do so for economic rather than environmental reasons. They don't want any competition. I further believe that any operating restrictions *imposed on the superferry should also be imposed on all personal watercraft and commercial transportation of people and vehicles (for whatever purpose) within the State of Hawaii.* If we are not willing to impose the same operating restrictions on all modes of transportation or recreation, than let's not place operating restrictions on **only** one mode of transportation (the superferry).

As we all know, all of the environmental concerns being raised (such as the danger to humpback whales and the spread of invasive species, etc.) have already taken place and, it should be noted, not by the superferry. Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option and to also protect Hawaii's business climate. The superferry will be great for Hawaii.

Thank You,

Brenda Morris

Mililani

10/23/2007

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

Chairman Taniguchi, Chairman English, Chairman Menor and members of the committees. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working. My name is Vivian Perry and I work as a Port Experience Representative. This job means a lot to me

because it helps to supplement my income to help support my family but most of all it has given a lot of local residents like myself a job that pays compatible wages and a chance to represent a company that is in everyway Ohana oriented.

I feel good about working for Hawaii Superferry because it has given me a chance to meet new people, learn the travel industry, but most of all the freedom to work for a great company that will give not just myself but for those who so choose, a chance to travel by sea. Before I was even hired by the company, my family and I who moved back from Oahu 4 years ago, waited so patiently when we heard of this Superferry that we could ride and take our cars to the islands and visit with our friends and relatives, and for them to come and visit us here as well. I became more of a reality when I was hired and looked forward to our grand opening until all of this happened. From day one the company has taught us the meaning of Ohana, the importance of company rules, regulations and high security procedures and precautions and certifications that are required for us to work for the company. They have instilled in us workers the highest importance in following these policies and regulations and the effects if we don't comply.

If the Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be bad for me and my family and bad for Hawaii. The company has given myself and alot of other people the freedom to choose how we want to travel. I was born and raised on this island and I think that my 47 years will attest to my roots and heritage of this aina unlike some of those who have moved here from somewhere else a few years ago. I can attest to how much this island has changed and how expensive it has become, but I know that it is not because of this Superferry. Invasive spicies, whale preservation, pollution, crime and drugs was here well before the Superferry. Drugs are in peoples homes and being distributed in our neighborhoods not from the Superferry, whales are run over by boats and other ships not the Superferry, pollution is everywhere not just the Superferry, crime and diseases are here and from other means not from the Superferry, so what's the deal here. I want the Superferry to operate here and if I choose to travel by sea it's my right like everyone else.

I am speaking about how I feel, but I know that my fellow workers are in similar situations and feel the same way, too. I hope you will help us all get back to work. Thank you for listening to my testimony. ---

From: paulette Kaleikini [pkaleikini@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

Aloha Legislators

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

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

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

paulette Kaleikini
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From: Teri Hollowell [teri@hihaf.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

I support allowing the Superferry to operate while undergoing the EIS.
I have lived on the Big Island for 20 years and having an interisland ferry only makes sense.

Teri Hollowell
Case Manager
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

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From: Ginger Tornbom [tornbomv001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

To Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, Energy and Environment Committees on Oct. 24, 2007

As the 83 year- old matriarch of a large multi-ethnic family I am confident the superferry will be beneficial to me and my family now and in the future. Virginia A. Tornbom

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

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



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From: Robert Pila [pilaiir001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Super Ferry

I fully support the Super Ferry.

Bob Pila
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From: Kahea Stocksdale [kaheastocksdale@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

Aloha Legislators

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

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

- Hawai'i's EIS law should be upheld because it provides a crucial layer of protection for Hawai'i's irreplaceable natural and cultural beauty.

- The proposed legislation to exempt the Superferry from its obligations under the law is overbroad. It exempts the Superferry from every permit requirement and public oversight requirement currently on the books. Proposed conditions on the operation of the Superferry fail to address to legitimate concerns about the possible irreparable harms highlighted by the Maui Court.

- The Hawaii Constitution guarantees everyone the "right to a clean and healthful environment" (Haw. Const. Art. 11, sec. 9). The Constitution, however, does not guarantee anyone the right to a profit. If our elected officials grant an exemption to our environmental laws, then they will be placing the corporations' right to profit over the public's right to a healthy environment.

- Public participation is essential to a well-functioning democracy! Hawai'i's EIS law provides a rare opportunity for public hearings. This fundamental public right should not be side-stepped to serve special interests!

- A legislative decision of this magnitude cannot be made properly in the 7 days allotted for a special session called by the Governor. It does not provide a sufficient opportunity for lawmakers to hear from the communities most affected by this decision. If the process of decisionmaking lacks integrity, then so will the outcome.

- Special treatment for special interests creates a precedent of uncertainty about when and if Hawai'i's laws will be applied and upheld, and for whom. Good business and economic development requires wise governance and certainty about the rules by which all businesses must play. The rule of law must be respected by all levels of government to ensure our system functions properly.

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

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

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From: Darla Seagoe [darla007@msn.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Superferry MUST get an E.I.S. first!

Superferry MUST get an E.I.S. first!

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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

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

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Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING
DATE: Sunday, October 21, 2007
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:
King Kaumualii Elementary School Cafeteria
4381 Hanamaulu Road
Lihue, HI

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 governer 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 Seagoe
P.O. Box 1999
Kapaa, HI 96746

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

Chairman Taniguchi, Chairman English, Chairman Menor and members of the committees. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from the Hawaii Superferry continue working. My name is McWayne Kahumoku and my present position with the company is that of a Port Utility Operator.

My employment with Hawaii Superferry is very important to me for the simple fact that it is my only source of income. Back in March of this year my career came to a sudden halt after 22 dedicated years in the travel industry as a result of reorganization by my former employer.

Since then I've been job-hunting, hoping to find a career in the travel industry that was different from what I was used too. A job that would enhance my customer service skills in the travel industry.

The Hawaii Superferry provided me with that and much more. I've been with the company for 4-four months and during this time I have developed a profound admiration for our management team, led by our President & CEO John Garibaldi. The Company really cares for the community and their employee's, this was displayed most recently over this past weekend when the company treated our Military personnel & family for a cruise on the ALAKAI with complimentary meals. As for the employees the fact that we all were kept on the pay-roll as long as we did after the company initially suspended service is a testament to the company's sincerity and generosity.

I can honestly say that the company really values my input and suggestions, as a result prior to the work furlough I received a promotion. I have also witnessed this with other co-workers as well, it is a great morale booster as it develops buy-in and ownership taken by the employee's in raising the level of service for our customers.

The Hawaii Superferry provides an alternative method of inter-island travel for the residents of the State of Hawaii and visitors alike. When my family and friends get together to discuss how we would like to use this form of travel, the suggestion are almost limit-less, from family reunions, camping trips, Hula competition / exhibitions, not to mention sports and music events on the neighbor islands. I can only imagine the benefits for small businesses as well.

However, if the Hawaii Superferry is not allowed to continue service, it would impact the quality of life *for me and my family*. For starters it would mean back to the drawing board in hopes of finding another job. It may result in a change of residence. Being unemployed is NO-FUN, it's NO-VACATION!

I am PROUD to be a member of the Hawaii Superferry Team and I believe my fellow co-workers share my views in Support of the Hawaii Superferry. I also believe that you will render the right decision in resolving this matter.

Thank you for listening to my testimony.

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To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

To the Legislature:

If people on the mainland can drive cross country from New York to San Francisco, why should'nt we be able to drive from Hilo to Hanapepe??

I vote YES to the Hawaii Superferry. Let me have the opportunity to be able to take my car with me to the Outer Islands and be able to spend my money here instead of taking it to the mainland.

Thank You,

S. Kotarba

Honolulu, Hawaii

Joseph

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Subject: SuperFerry

To whom it may concern,

As a business owner and Hawaii resident for the past twenty six years I think it is very important for our legislators to pass a law that will allow the Superferry to start up.

We need this service. Our options for moving product between islands is limited to Young Bros. and they just raised their prices fifteen percent.

We have an obligation to both the Superferry owners and the clear majority of Hawaii people who want the service started.

Please do not listen to a few hundred loud people who do not want any kind of progress. Hawaii wants this service and we need you to pass the appropriate law to get it up and running.

Thank You,

Peter M. Stoddard

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October 22, 2007

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
 Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair
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Aloha Senators:

Mahalo for the opportunity to address the proposed bill concerning large capacity inter-island ferry vessel. I feel there is inadequate environmental information available to make any decisions on potential impacts of the Hawaii Superferry, Inc. (HSF) to endangered species of Hawai`i and I am very concerned about the proposed bill. Hawai`i, the hotspot of extinctions, has more endangered species per square mile, than any other place on the planet. No matter what actions the state of Hawai`i takes overturning Hawai`i Revised Statutes 343, the Hawai`i Environmental Policy Act (HEPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prevails and NEPA regulations must be adhered to.

NEPA takes precedence over Little NEPA (HEPA), as has been established by case law for over thirty years. No initiation of service can be made without National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq.) considerations, including Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP) and Incidental Take Procedures (ITP) for every potentially impacted endangered and threatened species; low income and cultural impacts; cumulative impacts; and project alternatives and potential impacts to critical habitat areas and environmentally sensitive areas.

Authority: NEPA, the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), sec. 309 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7609), and E.O. 11514 (Mar. 5, 1970, as amended by E.O. 11991, May 24, 1977).

Section 102(2) of the NEPA contains "action-forcing" provisions that ensure that federal agencies act according to the letter and the spirit of the law prior to any impacting action. The HSF is a major federal project due the federal funding received by the HSF through the United States Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD) Title XI loan of \$139,731,000.00 to Hawaii Superferry, Inc., and NEPA must be considered in regards to all the endangered species of Hawai`i and it's waters.

MARAD had reservations about the lack of environmental scrutiny;

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On March 28, 2005 MARAD, in granting their Categorical Exclusion stated:

Based on the information available at that time, there appeared to have been very little, if any, NEPA or state environmental work performed related to the proposed ferry service that would be adequate for MARAD's responsibilities under NEPA. . .

But based their Categorical Exclusion on the Hawaii state Categorical Exemption issued by Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT), qualifying that:

MAR-820 recommends that the loan guarantee contract contain the requirement that Hawaiian High Speed Ferry (HSF) Corporation comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

Serious consideration needs to be given to the validity of the MARAD Categorical Exclusion that was based on the Hawaii State Department of Transportation Categorical Exemption, since the ruling No. 27407 of the Hawaii Supreme Court on August 31, 2007, invalidates the state DOT Categorical Exemption. Wouldn't the MARAD Categorical Exclusion be invalidated also?

Sec. 1502.3 Statutory requirements for statements.

As required by sec. 102(2)(C) of N 8). Significantly (Sec. 1508.27). Affecting (Secs. 1508.3, 1508.8). The quality of the human environment (Sec. 1508.14).

d) Environmental impact statements shall state how alternatives considered in it and decisions based on it will or will not achieve the requirements of sections 101 and 102(1) of the Act and other environmental laws and policies.

(e) The range of alternatives discussed in environmental impact statements shall encompass those to be considered by the ultimate agency decision maker.

(f) Agencies shall not commit resources prejudicing selection of alternatives before making a final decision (Sec. 1506.1).

In *Hawaii Superferry: Commitments and Actions to Address Environmental Concerns*, prepared for Hawaii Superferry, Inc., February 2007 by CH2M Hill, there are no comments included by any wildlife agencies. It is stated that the DAR of DLNR was contacted in 2006, but no comments were specified. I'm not sure why Aquatic Resources, not Marine Resources, was contacted, but Kauai Aquatic Resources was not asked for input to potential impact to Huleia River (D. Heacock, pers.comm). Page 24 of *Hawaii Superferry: Commitments and Actions to Address Environmental Concerns*, includes:

3.10 Agency Consultation

As mentioned throughout this document, agencies were consulted by HSF for applicable functions.

That's all. This is horribly inadequate and does not satisfy NEPA requirements.

The only wildlife species mentioned in the document are migratory humpbacked whales, Hawaiian monk seals and green sea turtles, but no contributing agency input. There are many other whale species afforded endangered species protection and other listed sea turtles. There is no mention of potential impacts to endangered and migratory birds. Potential impacts to all federally listed threatened and endangered plant and animal species must be given full consideration under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) before any potentially impacting action is taken. Section 7 consult must begin with federal wildlife agencies.

Potential impacts to federally-listed threatened and endangered plant and algae species by introduction of invasive species of plants and animals is monumental and must be considered on an island-by- island basis due to the unique biological diversity of each island and cumulatively, to the entire state. Introduction of mongoose to sensitive habitats for ground nesting birds could have population extinction potential.

NEPA consideration of potential impacts to threatened and endangered Hawaiian species must include:

`Alae `ula, Hawaiian moorhen, (*Gallinula chloropus sanvicensis*); `Alae ke `oke `o, Hawaiian coot, (*Fulica alai*); `Ae `o, Hawaiian stilt, (*Himantopus mexicanus knudseni*); Koloa maoli, Hawaiian duck, (*Anas wyvilliana*); Nene, Hawaiian goose, (*Branta sandvicensis*); `Ua `u, Dark rumped petrel, (*Pterodroma phaeopygia sandwichensis*); `A `o, Newell's shearwater, (*Puffinus auricularis newellii*); `alala, Hawaiian Crow, (*Corvus hawaiiensis*); Band-rumped storm petrel, (*Oceanodroma castro*); *Manu o ku*, White tern, (*Gygis alba rothschildi*); `io, Hawaiian hawk, (*Buteo solitarius*); Short-tailed albatross, (*Phoebastria albastrus*); `akohekohe, Crested Honeycreeper, (*Palmeria dolei*); Nihoa Millerbird, (*Acrocephalus familiaris kingi*); *Kauai Nukupu`u*, Kauai nukupu`u, (*Hemignathus lucidus hanapepe*); *Maui Nukupu`u*, Maui nukupu`u, (*Hemignathus lucidus affinis*); `O`o `a`a, Kauai `O`o, (*Moho braccatus*); `O`u o`u (*Psittirostra psittacea*); *Palila*, palila, (*Loxioides bailleui*); *Maui Parrotbill*, (*Pseudonestor xanthophrys*); *Po`ouli*, po`ouli, (*Melanprosops phaeosoma*); *oloma`a*, Molokai Thrush, (*Myadestes lanaiensis rutha*); *kama`o*, large Kauai Thrush, (*Myadestes myadestinus*), *puaiohi*, small Kauai Thrush, (*Myadestes palmeri*); *ilio holo i ka uaua*, Hawaiian monk seal, (*Monachus schauinslandi*); *koholā*, Humpback whale, (*Megaptera novaeangliae*); Sperm whale, (*Physeter macrocephalus*); Blue whale, (*Balaenoptera musculus*); Fin whale, (*Balaenoptera physalus*); Sei whale, (*Balaenoptera borealis*); North Pacific right whale, (*Eubalaena japonica*); Olive ridley turtle, (*Lepidochelys olivacea*); Leatherback turtle, (*Dermochelys coriacea*); Loggerhead turtle, (*Caretta caretta*); *Honu`ea*, Hawksbill turtle, (*Eretmochelys imbricate*); *Honu*, Green sea turtle, (*Chelonia mydas*); and the `Ope`ape`a, Hawaiian Hoary bat, (*Lasiurus cinereus semotus*);

The following birds are offered protection under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act: Eurasian Skylark, (*Alauda arvensis*); House Finch, (*Carpodacus mexicanus*); Northern Cardinal, (*Cardinalis cardinalis*); *Kolea*, Pacific Golden Plover, (*Pluvialis fulva*); Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, (*Oceanodroma castro*); White-tailed Tropicbird, (*Phaethon lepturus*); Wandering Tattler, (*Heteroscelus incanus*); Bristle-thighed Curlew, (*Numenius tahitiensis*); *Pueo*, Hawaiian Shorteared Owl, (*Asio flammeus sandwichensis*).

The Hawaiian archipelago is home to 22 species of breeding seabirds, three of which are endemic to the islands. Presently 75 % of known Hawaiian seabirds are extinct or threatened with extinction and listed on the Federal Endangered Species List (USFWS 1985). Island seabird populations have been declining worldwide. Seabirds within the Hawaiian archipelago are vital to a well-balanced marine ecosystem.

The following sea birds are found in Hawaiian waters: *Moli*, Laysan albatross, (*Phoebastria immutabilis*); Black footed albatross, (*Phoebastria nigripes*); `A, Brown booby, (*Sula leucogaster*); `A, Masked booby, (*Sula dactylatra*); `A or *Mahi*, Red-footed booby, (*Sula sula*), `Iwa, Great frigate, (*Fregata minor*); Black noddy, (*Anous stolidus pileatus*); *Noio koha*, Brown noddy, (*Anous minutus*); Blue noddy, (*Procelsterna cerulean*); `Ou, Bulwer's petrel, (*Bulweria bulwerii*); Bonin petrel, (*Pterodroma hypoleuca*); Christmas shearwater, (*Puffinus nativitatis*); `Ua `u kani, Wedge-tailed shearwater, (*Puffinus pacificus*), `Ewa `ewa, Sooty tern, (*Sterna fuscata*); *Koa e `ula*, Red-tailed Tropic Bird, (*Phaethon rubricauda*); and *Koa e ke `o*, White tailed Tropicbird, (*Phaethon lepturus dorotheae*) must be considered.

The Hawaii High Speed Ferry, Inc. has operated as an errant vendor of our ports, and has not followed recommended environmental procedures. Improvements to our port facilities are not wasted can perhaps be better used by a vendor that would be environmentally more respectful of state and federal laws and not cause so much trouble and litigation encumbrances. Perhaps an inter-island passenger ferry system would be a more environmentally sensitive start. If the speed of the proposed HSF and the invasive species transfer by vehicle transport are the most critical issues, has any compromise been considered by HSF? Is this the kind of privatization of our port services that we, as a state, really need? Do we really need a Super-fast, Super Ferry?

Many companies operate with consideration to HEPA and NEPA; those that do not should not be offered

special consideration. The Hawaii High Speed Ferry, Inc. cannot be allowed to begin operation without NEPA considerations. HEPA must not be overturned or compromised. The State of Hawai`i cannot risk federal enforcement of NEPA. Please follow the letter and intent of HEPA and NEPA and protect the endangered species of Hawai`i.

In Part IV, SECTION 12 (a), the department of transportation is authorized to establish a temporary Hawaii inter-island ferry oversight task force to examine the environmental impacts of the ferry. Suggested makeup of the task force does not include any wildlife official (the BLNR member is not necessarily a wildlife appointee). Qualified state and federal wildlife endangered species agencies must be included, like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Pacific Marine Fisheries and Hawai`i Department of Land and Natural Resources endangered species specialists and the invasive species committees of each island. The temporary Hawaii inter-island ferry oversight task force shall meet monthly, commencing with December 31, 2007. With service attempted to begin late October, 2007, that would mean a 60 day gap in impact reporting or invasive species transfer. That is unacceptable. Where is monitoring mandated? The temporary Hawaii inter-island ferry oversight task force is scheduled to "submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to legislature and governor no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2009". 2009!!!!. Entirely unacceptable.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. These decisions you are making will affect many generations of our grandchildren and their quality of life in these islands. Please include the following in your Hawai`i Superferry legislation:

- **NEPA consult must begin immediately with qualified state and federal agencies on all the endangered species of Hawai`i potentially impacted with this new mode of high speed travel, as mandated by law.**
- **Qualified federal and state agency endangered species and wildlife biologists must be included in the temporary Hawaii inter-island ferry oversight task force.**
- **Agency monitoring and more rapid reporting/response time must be mandated as part of this new law. The governor cannot wait until 2009 to be informed of the status of impacts.**
- **The status of the MARAD Categorical Exclusion must be reevaluated since the revocation of the Hawai`i DOT Categorical Exemption.**
- **Please reevaluate the Public Utilities Commission Permit Decision and Order No. 21524 and reconsider if the Hawai`i Superferry, Inc. is truly in the public interest, need and necessity and if it is based on proper math.**

Sincerely,

10/23/2007

Hope Kallai

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testimony

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YES

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 differences between the superferry and other modes of transportation is where focus needs to be placed. After these differences are corrected, the question is then economic.

I feel that the people of Hawaii would support a bill that prevents special interest groups from distorting the truth for their own personal gain. I think that such a bill would be transparent and fair if it provided reasonable requirements to insure that the superferry meets, not exceeds, current industry and public standards for the transportation of cars luggage and people. (i.e. airplanes, freight, private boats, etc.)

If the ferry is placed on a fair playing field with other modes of transportation, the question then becomes only one of economics, as all other arguments are mute if similar problems could arise from the current forms of transportation.

If the superferry is held to the same industrial standards, it will compete with other modes of transportation. It cannot create a demand (other than its initial novelty) if it is not already there. Therefore it is not likely that there will be a net increases in cars and people especially because comparatively it's a more expensive and time consuming way to travel.

As evidenced by the recent airline price wars, inter island travel is going to occur in a very cheap, for the masses way. Are activists trying to take out their legitimate concerns about too many visitors on the ferry? It's obvious that more people are coming to the islands, (who almost all rent cars by the way). However, is fighting the ferry going to improve the situation? I personally see the superferry as an opportunity to raise the standard for transportation. At its price, it will be primarily affordable to tourists who want to spend a little extra money and use a little more time at sea, as opposed to on a neighbor island. It is also a reasonable price for business needs, and would provide the means for island businesses to forgo building additional facilities on neighbor islands. This would additionally help them better compete with larger businesses that would develop on island to provide essential services.

As far as improving familial relations? I think this is just advertising, as a flight rental car package is likely to be cheaper and definitely faster, saving on two things that families have a short supply of, time and money.

It is hard, as in anything to sift through bias to find reality when the voices of some shout so loudly, and I sympathize with those willing to fight for what they want, but I wonder if we are not "missing the boat" by fighting the ferry. I applaud those who think for themselves and set aside ridicule to do what

is fair. The ferry, under the same regulations as current forms of transportation, will definitely raise the current standard for inter island transportation, and may potentially help local businesses keep the outer islands small.

Thank you,
Daniel Marin Scott

testimony

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October 23, 2007

Aloha Senators,

Mahalo for this opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

The very fact that you are gathering today, the very fact that you are even considering some sort of special legislation around the Superferry in "spite" of already existing state laws, and in "spite" of the recent court rulings, speaks volumes regarding who is wielding the power behind the scenes in our Hawaiian State Government.

The powers that be behind the Superferry are the same Military-Industrial Complex that is trampling civil liberties, the rule of Law, and the democratic process throughout this country and the world. Here In Hawaii, in the dark, behind closed doors, they have influenced the government of Hawaii to:

- illegally circumvent existing Hawaiian State laws, which has been borne out by the Hawaiian Supreme Court..

- steer millions of taxpayer dollars to finance a venture who's proforma financial statements do not support a successful financial venture, who's CEO, John Garribaldi steered Hawaiian Airlines toward bankruptcy, and who's COO, Terry White was also the COO of Hawaii Classic Cruises, which was given a 30 year exclusive right to operate an inner island cruise line in the Hawaiian islands, until it became the largest bankruptcy in Maritime history costing US taxpayers nearly \$400 million. The Hawaiian State government has a fiduciary responsibility to handle citizen's taxpayer dollars in a prudent fashion. This is NOT a prudent investment and it is obvious that the "powers that be" behind the Superferry have influenced our State government to turn a blind eye to their responsibility to examine the credit worthiness and the management capability of the Superferry venture.

- manipulated the media coverages. We here on Kauai have observed many examples of the way Honolulu media has been manipulated in their reporting of opinions and events that have happened on our island. The following is another example from a broader arena.

In June of 2007 the Honolulu Advertiser reported on Governor Lingle's trip to Indonesia and her efforts there to "Improve tourism and trade" with Hawaii. However, the newspapers in Jakarta, Indonesia, covering the same visit reported a different agenda:

"the governor will meet with Indonesian Vice President Muhammad Jusuf Kalla tomorrow morning, the third of a series of meetings with high-level Indonesian

leaders, to discuss a state military partnership with the country."

"Indonesian Defense Minister Juwono said, "we should build up co-operations between the TNI (Indonesian Armed Forces) and the Hawaiian National Guard to beef up professionalism at the level of soldiers and low -ranking officers on maintenance of military equipment, such as helicopters and other equipment made by the United States."

The Indonesian Government through it's military is one of the most oppressive in the world.

- and finally, through their influence of Governor Lingle's "Unified Command", have brought martial law to Kauai. One aspect of this "special legislation" which has not been mentioned today is this aspect of Martial Law. If you and the legislature pass any special legislation, irregardless of it's features, you will be, in effect, affirming and authorizing the use of Martial Law against the people of Hawaii as Governor Lingle has assured us that she would do in support of this private Superferry venture.

The only reason that you are gathering in special session is that , like others throughout the world, the people of Kauai have chosen to take a stand for Truth and Justice. The choices that you are faced with today are about the very foundations of Democracy. Will our state government stand with the people, by the people and for the people for Truth and Justice. Or, will the people be forced to continue to take that stand on their own??.....Someone Must Have the Courage to Make That Stand!!

**Mahalo. May God Bless You.
Michael Shooltz, Kapaa, Hawaii**

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testimony

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**THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair**

**Testimony regarding Superferry Special Session
Given October 22, 2007, Maui, Hawaii**

Reference: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:00am session

Please distribute to all Senators

**From: Richard Michaels, 96 Makena Road, Kihei, HI 96753
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All the editorials in Honolulu praised the citizens of Maui for taking our case to the courts and not to the water. "The law is the law," they said. "Don't break the law to get your voice heard – let the courts decide."

Well, we did that. And the courts have decided. Despite our shallow pockets compared to the State of Hawaii and the Hawaii Superferry, we have won summary judgments from the State Supreme Court and the 2nd Circuit Court. The State must do an environmental assessment and the Superferry cannot operate until the assessment is complete and accepted because it may do "irreparable harm."

Irreparable harm. Unfixable.

That is why we do an EIS – to prevent irreparable harm by identifying impacts that may do irreparable harm and mitigating them BEFORE the operation begins.

But now you are threatening to circumvent those rulings.

What kind of a message does that send?

How do we teach our children to obey the law and respect the courts if our government doesn't? How do we get them to obey speeding laws and not use crack cocaine, not only because it is against the law but because it will do them irreparable harm? What do we say to them when they retort that if the government doesn't obey its own laws, why should I?

And what would be the message you are sending to the people? Damn the courts, full speed ahead?

Wouldn't you be saying that the courts don't matter, leaving taking to the water as the only successful way to actually stop the ferry?

So far Maui's residents have been calm, deferring to the legal system for protection. But if you vote to nullify the courts' decisions, you can count on the people of Maui to find another way to have their voice heard.

If you do the right thing, with a little patience, we can have it all – environmental protection and the Superferry. We've managed to get along just fine without it up till now – a little more time won't make any difference.

But if you reject the court's decision, this is a tragedy waiting to happen.

KITV4 reported Sunday night that the state has already spent \$18,000 on riot gear. When someone is injured or killed it will be on the heads of the legislators. It will be your responsibility if you set an example by saying the way to get what you want is to circumvent the law.

So respect our courts. Enforce the law. Reject this illegal, ill-advised bill.

testimony

From: Jesse Seumanu [edcjseumanu@pacthawaii.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:13 PM
To: testimony
Subject: We need the Superferry

YES

Aloha,

I think the majority of the people in Hawaii want the Super-Ferry, but have been intimidated by the few who seem to be very vocal about their opposition under the cloak of environmental issues. Hawaii can not afford to be bullied around by a of special interest minority, we need to see the bigger picture here, how the Super-Ferry will benefit the state now, and years to come.

Please legislators hear the voice of the people not just those who are able to get attention by employing radical tactics to get their way.

Sincerely

Jesse Seumanu

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testimony

From: Roxane Caires [destinyawakening@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

NO

Aloha Legislators

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testimony

From: notify@yahoogroups.com on behalf of mauibeachguy [mauibeachguy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:24 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Supeferry must get an EIS first

NO

NO SUPERFERRY UNTIL THE EIS IS SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED

Please protect our islands.
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THE SENATE
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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING
DATE: Sunday, October 21, 2007
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:
King Kaumualii Elementary School Cafeteria
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Lihue, HI

A G E N D A

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

The Committees are inviting members of the public to present their views and concerns on this proposed legislation. The Committees would like to hear from as many individuals as possible, and are anticipating a large volume of individuals wishing to present testimony. As such, and as a

courtesy to those patiently waiting for their opportunity to address the Committees, it is requested that each individual limit their oral testimony to two (2) minutes. Individuals wishing to present oral testimony will need to sign-in at the designated table. Oral testimony should also be submitted to the Committees in writing within twenty-four (24) hours following the informational briefing through one of the methods indicated below.

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Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
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testimony

From: barbara alvarez [miraclehousekeeping01@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:57 PM

To: testimony

YES

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Aloha my name is Barbara Alvarez, I wanted to give my input on why I think we in Hawaii should have the super ferry.

1. we need other ways to get to other Islands , for work, doctors appointments etc.

We have family that we could see and visit & spend time with.

Thank you,

Barbara

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testimony

From: Ashley koonce [we.one.360d@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:18 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Uphold Our Environmental Laws

NO

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We want the BEST for Hawaii, won't settle for LESS.

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

This is a shameful message.

You representatives and elected officials, along with us citizens, should demand an EIS. Why?

Because it's the law and it's the right thing to do.

Anything less is pure corruption and that's a heavy burden to bear and disgusting message to spread.

Is the government for sale?

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

I don't and I won't be quiet about it.

This is abuse and neglect.

Don't destroy Hawaii.

Demand an EIS for every big business and military scheme in these islands.

They are the visitors, it is the host who makes the rules.

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

Be as good a politician as you would be a parent to your own children. Demand the best.

Or shame on you and pity on your descendants, you will be destroying their environment too.

Ashley koonce
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testimony

From: Robyn B Baglow Rs [robyn@alohabroadband.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:50 PM
To: testimony
Subject: PLEASE PLEASE don't let this opportunity disappear.

YES

It is not surprising that some people are against progress, deeming it the work of the devil or worse. What is surprising is that they so often get away with it, as with Hokulia and the Alii Parkway. If the vociferous minority manage to stop the ferry it will just be another example of the gov't caving in to those who abhor progress. We need the superferry as an emergency vehicle in case of a natural disaster or a terrorist attack. If the legislature ignores this the citizens and the world will be scratching their heads about who we have governing us. Bad enough our justice dept. Have their heads in the sand, let's not compound the problem by agreeing with them...

Also, isn't it time that Hawaii was truly united and sporting events, schools, equestrian, dancing groups and many more, can travel and unite Hawaii into one State, and not still be at war with each other with interisland fighting and rivalry. As for 300 vehicles and 800 people coming ashore each day, (which really isn't much at all - they'll come and the same amount will leave) and look what the cruise ships bring. Mostly it's 3,000+ people with jingling in their pockets to spend, and these are mostly just visitors, and not flesh and blood relatives just wanting to visit and spend time with each other.


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testimony

From: rodmanhi@juno.com
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To: testimony
Subject: RE: 10-24-07 Senate Hearing on the Superferry

YES

THE SENATE
 Twenty fourth Legislature 2007
 Second Special Session

S.B. No. _____

Relating to Transportation; Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

Testimony from Robert Rodman, Waikiki, Hawaii

TESTIMONY

I am testifying IN SUPPORT of the Superferry being able to immediately start service between the islands of the State of Hawaii.

All of the claims of harm to the environment are full of holes and are not supported by science and common sense because of the following obvious reasons:

- 1 - Daily, inter-island commercial and private jets and cargo air planes carry thousands of passengers and hundreds of tons of cargo between the islands without inspection for ants spiders, bacteria, etc.;
- 2 - Daily, inter-island ocean shippers tow huge barges from island harbor to island harbor. These barges are filled with hundreds of unwashed vehicles of all sizes and shapes including construction vehicles and equipment covered with mud and ants from every sector of the Island of Oahu. Additionally, the ocean barges carry huge ocean going containers - which have been shipped into Hawai'i from every part of the world as well as every sector of Oahu - into each and every outer island in the State of Hawai'i;
- 3 - Private and Commercial ships of all sizes visit all the harbors in the State of Hawaii daily and none of these ships are searched for ants, seeds, etc.
- 4 - The pontoon design of the Superferry's hull creates a surge and wake in front of them and actually push fish and whales away from them. Additionally, the Superferry does not have a propeller which is the great danger to whales and marine mammals.

IN CONCLUSION, the Superferry should be allow to start service immediately, because presently and for the last 200 years, none of the shipping containers or 1,000's of vehicles and construction equipment which barges and ships daily transport to the outer Hawaiian Islands are searched in the manner that the environmentalists are demanding that vehicles and cargo traveling on the Superferry be searched.

Additionally, all the injuries to marine mammals that the environmentalists claim will occur **WILL NOT OCCUR** because the Superferry does not have exterior propellers which cause 99% of injuries to

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marine animals. And, the Superferry's pontoon hull design creates a surge in front of them which propels anything - including marine mammals - to be pushed away from them as they approach the object (*this is the reason one frequently sees marine mammals playing in the bow surge in front of ships*).

SOURCE of the UNDERGROUND OPPOSITION TO THE SUPERFERRY

It is a very common rumor that the dock, tug and stevedore workers of Hawai'i are the real source of all the loud protests to the Superferry (along with their families, investments and real estate brokers and anyone they can enlist in their protests. This group of harbor workers demand HUGE salaries which drive up the costs of every commodity available in Hawai'i and have deep pockets to create the loud protests which oppose the Superferry's Service).

Their protests should be ignored and the Superferry be allowed to begin service immediately.

LEGAL ADA COMPLIANT SIDEWALKS AND CURBS LEADING FROM THE NIMITZ HIGHWAY SIDEWALK INTO THE HONOLULU HARBOR FERRY TERMINAL ARE MISSING. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE AND DANGEROUS FOR WALK-ON PASSENGERS.

testimony

From: Teri Leicher [teri@jacksdivinglocker.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:10 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Hearing

YES

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

Aloha,

My name is Teri Leicher. My family owns and operates Jack's Diving Locker, which has 2 Retail Dive Stores, 5 Boats and 40 employees in Kailua Kona.

I could not testify in person as I am about to board a flight.

As a Business we have been actively involved in and dedicated to marine and environmental conservation for over 25 years. We have been recipients of the Living Reef Award, The Hero of the Year for the Environment award and others.

Because of this I was asked to volunteer my expertise to help the Superferry with potential community concerns. I was amazed to see how open to change and willing they were to work with the community on issues. They made major changes to mitigate potential problems.

I am very disappointed with what is currently happening with the Superferry. I feel that an environmental assessment is not a bad idea and should be done for the entire shipping industry...but not just the Superferry. We have cruise ships on an almost daily basis dumping muddy bilge water in our pristine Kailua Bay. The Superferry doesn't even have ballast or bilge water. The cruise ships dump sewage in the waters off of our shores. The Superferry uses the Honolulu sewer system.

As far as folks taking our fish, they can already do that using Young Brother's or Hawaiian Airlines. We need different laws to protect our resources.

The roads are already overcrowded with visitors and locals. I do not think the Superferry will have much of an impact there. During the blessing at Kawaihae there were over 2000 visitors to the harbor. Traffic was not a problem. The roads are due to be improved anyway.

Many local folks are eager to see the Superferry start so they can go to Honolulu to shop, take their race cars to the drag races, take their horses for a parade, take their canoes for the races, go surfing and many other activities.

I would recommend that the Superferry not be made a last minute "Scapegoat", but be allowed to run. At the same time the State of Hawaii should do an EA or an EIS for the entire shipping Industry. It's long over due.

Respectfully, Teri Leicher on behalf of Jack's Diving

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testimony

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Subject: Pro SuperFerry

YES

To the Legislature:

It is just totally amazing that this SuperFerry has come this far and Hawaii again gives the message of being the anti-business state of the nation! We are islands in the Pacific, boating and water sports are traditional recreational activities we are privileged to. The mentality of being an island surrounded by water should not be in fear of what may or may not occur. I agree that we respect the environment and the preservation of our beautiful islands and waters. This is where the peoples of a state come together to plan smartly rather than oppose and hope "it" doesn't come back and when "it" eventually does, "it" comes back unplanned, ugly and costly. The SuperFerry should be able to operate on all islands during the environmental report process and the report should include reasonable recommendations with a positive approach for the good of the peoples of Hawaii.

This is not a new phenomenon, ferries are in every major port in the nation and many coastal cities along the western and eastern coast and they have created beautiful marinas/piers for both the locals and tourists to enjoy. Cruise ships, Tourist catamarans, Young Brothers, commercial fishing boats have been successfully operating here in Hawaii for many years but there is nothing for the individual to get across the waters to our island except by air.

Hawaii needs other forms of transportation to outer islands not only as a choice of traveling but to keep transportation and traveling costs competitive: this flows over to the extended services such as airlines, car rentals and hotels. This service would greatly benefit our residents, families wanting to visit families, work related to business requiring a truck, tools and equipment or residents wanting to take a camping vacation to the outer island with their vehicles and gear. We were excited about going to Kauai with our VW campervan with diving and camping gear. We wanted to enjoy some of Kauai's parks and recreational facilities. We are not free loaders and we do follow rules of the parks and have used many of the Oahu facilities. The airlines have limited our baggage to 50 lbs for each bag and the smaller airlines, it is almost impossible to take the things you need for a week or more. Therefore, many of us would consider an outer island vacation over a Mainland trip if it were more affordable. One other factor which would be important to my family is that my mother has been advised not to fly because of her health condition and the intense air pressure of air flights on her heart. Having the ferry would solve that problem of inter-island travel. We on Oahu have for many years taken the brunt of progress so Hawaii can offer the World the activities and services required to compete in the World Economy. Last time I

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checked, Hawaii includes Oahu and all the other islands! Let us not be so ignorant that we are and will pay for this fiasco, one way or the other.

*"You are the heart
of my business!"*

*Aloha,
Yumi*

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testimony

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:40 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Kaua'i - EIS needed

NO

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

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
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NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Aloha Senators,

It is a dangerous precedent to place the interests of big business ahead of the law. Hawaii's environmental laws are there for a reason. Please respect them.

Do not allow the superferry to sail without an EIS.

Mahalo,
(Anela) Beth Saxon

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testimony

From: Gwenne Sue [gwenne999@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:12 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

YES

Aloha,

I was born and reside on O`ahu and have lived here most (45 years) of my life. I have also lived away from here--in Northern California--for seven years so I have seen how progress is made elsewhere.

Having the Superferry in Hawai`i as an alternate form of transportation would be a major asset to the islands. I stand on the side of the quiet majority and want to have access to this option. I hope the decision makers will see past the shenanigans of a few protestors and take into account the vast majority of others who want and support this new mode of transportation. The Superferry offers "locals" the opportunity to spend some vacation time (and spend our money) in our own state. The ferry allows for relaxing travel without the hassles of the airport and delayed and lost baggage.

Listening to all sides of the issue in the news, it appears various guidelines and regulations may be imposed on the Superferry to allow it to operate. It would be reasonable and fair not to impose any guidelines and regulations on the Superferry that would not also be imposed on other companies that carry passengers and cargo--specifically vehicles--between the Hawaiian islands. The speed of the Superferry should not be unreasonably restricted just because competing vehicle carriers use slower boats.

In terms of marine-mammal safety, specifically, the "nonprofit" Pacific Whale Foundation group must be recognized as the biggest hypocrites as their tours regularly harass whales and have injured both whales and passengers.

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testimony

From: C Paul Yee [cpaulyee@lava.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:13 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

YES

Hi,

Please make it known that I support the Superferry and hope a compromise can be reached that will allow this service to proceed. It is my hope that we do not let this opportunity slip away.

Regards,

Paul

testimony

From: Watsonproperties [Tom@watsonproperties.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:29 PM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

YES

To Whom it May Concern,

As a long time Hawaii resident and part Hawaiian I fully support the Super Ferry and find it unfortunate that a few squeaky wheels seem to be getting all the press. In the polls that I have seen the ferry has overwhelming support of the people. I would like to be able to drive my car on the ferry to Maui or Kauai and not be bothered with renting a car. I don't intend to fish, hunt pig, take rocks, pick flowers or do any other thing I would not normally do if I flew over. I would stay in a hotel, eat at restaurants, buy souvenirs and add to the outer island economies. As it is now it is almost cheaper to fly to Vegas for a short vacation than it is to go to the outer islands. Your Support for the Super Ferry would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Tom Watson

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testimony

From: Constance Smith [conkay@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:11 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

YES

We need the Superferry to help with access to outer islands. Let the ferry operate. The environmentalists are being totally unreasonable. Why should so much attention be given to such a small insignificant group.

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testimony

From: Teena Rasmussen [teena@paradiseflowers.com]
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To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Support

YES

Dear Hawaii State Legislators;

We strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. We urge you to pass whatever legislation is needed to allow it to operate as soon as possible. As farmers, we have contemplated many uses for the ferry and we intend on using it regularly. We feel that any enhancements to Hawaii's limited transportation systems between islands is sorely needed.

Please support the Superferry and allow it to operate.

Thank-you!!

Aloha,
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testimony

From: Hazel Tilghman [hazel40517@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:38 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

YES

Aloha , I cannot understand how the superferry can hurt the enviroment any more than the ships tour boats, and tankers moving about the islands. The superferry is a much needed alterative to flying. The number of cars should be the same rentals or owner cars. Mahalo Hazel

Always My Best, Hazel Tilghman

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testimony

From: Chrystal Hogue [hoguefam@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:03 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super ferry

YES

I want the super ferry. we look like fools to the rest of the country, who's running this Island a handful of looser our congress.

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Harrell Baker [hbaker@hialoha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

YES

Get off your butts and get this thing running....

testimony

From: Rick Samorano [samoranor001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

YES

Aloha, This Letter is to inform the Senate Committees:Judiciary of Labor, Transportation and international Affairs and emery and environment or ant other form of committees reviewing the impact of having the Superferry in Hawaiian waters and docking at Hawaiian ports.

The Superferry will help in many ways in Hawaii.

We hope that you have studied in many ways on the pro's and the con's. I believe that the opposition is the Air Travel, Young Bros and the Rental Car industries to try and drag this out to bankruptcy.

This is how some things have been done before in the past and appears it is happening again. should it not pass then all travel industry such as Young Bros should be in the same format for review and put on still hold till that impact is performed as well.

Please keep in mind that review Vehicles before and after should be done, no plates that are not inspected should be on board, AND THE BIGGEST OPPOSITION-DOESN'T THIS FERRY HAS THE MOST SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT ON BOARD FOR MAMMALS AND FISH TO PREVENT A CASUALTY?. during Whale season they can go slower if there should be a problem. doe's young brother's do this-NO.

Please pass the Superferry and we all in the islands will see how much it will help.

Sincerely,

Rick Samorano

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Becky Thurston [bthursto@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY: BIG ISLAND

NO

NO SPECIAL SESSION: DO THE RIGHT THING

I honestly do not know whether the Superferry is a good thing for Hawaii or a bad thing for Hawaii. But I do know that holding a special session for the Superferry is not appropriate. We are a nation of laws. This means that the law should not be bent or changed just to suit the sentiment of some people, even if they are the majority of people. Nor should a law be changed to make up for administrative mistakes.

Our environmental law was enacted after considerable discussion, work, time and compromise by our Legislature. It has served us well for many, many years and has protected our environment. The environmental laws, locally and nationally, were not enacted to merely be an inconvenience. They are intended to address very important needs and to cure serious problems that will affect us, in the long run, much more than the success or failure of the Superferry. The loss of the superferry is insignificant compared to the damage a change in the law would inflict upon the integrity and public confidence in our system of government.

The current situation could have been avoided if the spirit and intent of the law had received the respect and attention that it deserved at the start. The problem developed as follows:

- The Superferry's decided to use a federal loan guarantee that was conditioned on having no environmental assessment/statement because of the time it took to do those studies.
- The state, in its haste to satisfy and support the ferry, failed to apply the law and instead sought to justify its exemption.
- The state's downfall was to believe that the end justified the means and that the apparent popularity and need for the ferry would overwhelm the applicability of the law.

Here is the greatest danger, as I see it. Once a precedent of changing the law on the spur of the moment merely to accommodate a popular cause or business has begun, it becomes easier to do each subsequent time. Changing the law to accommodate the Superferry would be a monumental mistake. The public recognizes this and will hold their elected officers accountable. Please....do the right thing!

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testimony

From: WAbbey7402@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:59 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

YES

Hello there, I am all for the Superferry to connect to all the Hawaiian Islands. My reason is that lots of us Hawaiians from the Islands live in the Mainland and when we visit our home over there it would be nice to be transported to other islands by the Superferry cause of the tropical and cool weather and the beautiful waters of the Hawaiian Islands. Most of us Hawaiians that are away from home miss the waters of the Islands and the beautiful Aloha atmosfeer of our people who now live there in spite of the high cost of living. I am a local Hawaiian who was born and raised in the Islands for 19 years and found that the islands was too small for me back in 1959. I then moved to So. California and found that it was good for me. Of course Ive visited family and classmates over the years, but Ive gotten used to living here in the mainland cause Its reasonable cost of living and lots of States to visit and drive to. I really believe that the Superferry should be permitted to operate between all of the Hawaiian Islands. Mahalo from your local Hawaiian in Las Vegas, Mr. Wendell Abbey

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testimony

From: MarMac721@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:59 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Ferry

YES

To whom it may concern,
Please allow the ferry to continue to service Hawaii. It is most valuable to Hawaiians.
Thank you,
Mary Capobianco

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testimony

From: GNMatsuda@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:58 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

YES

Enough already. The majority of the people want the superferry. The environmentalist are not really sincere about the issues they're bringing forward about the superferry. It's obvious that these people are selective environmentalist (I use this term loosely), because the same arguments that they use against the superferry and are deliberately overlooked for other activities.

Their own authority hit a whale calf and did so at the so called safe speed that they said the superferry should be traveling at. It just a whole lot of nonsense.

The legislators should stop wasting time and money with these people. It's obvious they have no argument at all.

I support and superferry and want it given the opportunity to perform on its own merit..

You know they're having a triathlon at one of the islands this week. Did this environmentalist required their bicycles to be steam cleaned and/or vacuum. What about their uniforms. Think about all the micro-organisms in their clothes and on their person, not to mentioned their smelly shoes. Oh god!!!!
What are we to do?????????

Gregory N. Matsuda

I guess the only sure way to protect these islands is to isolate them and restrict inter island travel all together.

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testimony

From: Sunita Nepo [sunita@homeshawaii.org]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:53 PM

To: testimony

Subject: I favor the super ferry

YES

Aloha my name is Sunita Nepo and I would like to drive to the other islands, not just fly over the water. The super ferry is allowing this opportunity for my family to visit all the different islands together.

Mahalo

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Cheryl Schulmeister [cherylkealohalani@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:30 PM
To: testimony
Subject: In support

YES

Aloha,

My Name is Cheryl Schulmeister and I highly support the Hawaii Superferry. I feel that it would be an asit to Hawaii because it gives us an oppertunity to travel to the neighbor islands without having to fly. It also gives older family members an oppertunity to see their loved ones that can't fly. I think it's so un-perfessional of the State to put the Superferry through all this trouble when all they wanted to do was make it easier on all of us. To me it's no different then renting a car on a neighbor island and driving around, it's no different then taking a cruise ship to a neighbor island. Our fellow neighbors are treating us like we are some kind of forigners! We are all from the islands and I think they are being very unreasonable. When they want to visit Oahu we welcome them with the "Aloha spirit" open arms. As for us they are pushing us away and are being rude. There has never been a an environmental study conducted before so I feel that it should not have to change now. I see no threat to the islands if the Hawaii superferry runs. I jsut hope you don't let 300 people make the decision. There are more of us that support it then those that don't. Have a great day! Cheryl

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testimony

From: Rashelle Kotch [rashelle.kotch@cofedbank.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:29 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

YES

Aloha,

I was very disappointed in the discontinuance of the Superferry. I was most looking forward to enjoying more of our local agriculture because of the cost efficiency of shipping. I was also looking forward to taking my off road vehicle to the outer islands and extending my stay rather than going for a couple of nights. By having my off road vehicle, I am able to explore more of the islands than I have in the past. The ferry was going to help our economy grow and brings the islands closer together as a community. Please reconsider.

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testimony

From: Jean R Sierra [Jean@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:52 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii's Superry Testimony

YES

Simple and easy.....

- . **why not have a ferry?**
- . **why not, a good solution for those who can't afford the air-fare ?**
- . **why not give the young people of Hawaiian lands to experience the visits of all their islands.**

(It's History for ever.) There are people like myself at 62 years old that have never seen all the isalnds I'm proud to say I was born into. WHY? you say: I haven't seen all the islands??? That is a simple answer. (we were too big a family and couldn't afford to vacation nor venture.) With hardship and homeless plus other major frustrations now in life's survival, Why Not give the under financial privledges to those that could enjoy all of Hawaii's beauty with hopefully a more economical type of fare to see it all...

Amen.....

***Why-Not..????**

testimony

From: Chris Bouslog [chris@csbhawaiiaw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:55 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry
Importance: High

YES

To the Hawaii State Legislature:

I support permitting the Superferry to operate during the period that a reasonable EIS is being conducted despite my concerns for the safety of marine mammals and turtles. The business will have to have a very pro-active set of operating procedures to reduce the risk of these contacts and to report any that do occur.

Businesses have a right to rely on the representations of governmental agencies overseeing their permitting requests and the Superferry has invested many millions of dollars based upon the unfortunate positions taken by our administration.

Although the majority of the reasons cited by those opposed to the ferry are profoundly incoherent and irrational, I do feel that there are viable reasons to be concerned about marine life. Given that we already have many different types of commercial sea-going vessels plying intrastate waters which must mitigate the risks of collisions and harm to sea life, these risks should be dealt with while the business is in operation.

The core of the passions of those who do not express concerns for ocean life, are, I believe, rooted in a sense that Kauai and Maui are becoming too expensive for local and previously transplanted people and that these islands are being invaded by mainland and Honolulu people. It is clear that the Superferry will not exacerbate any such social conditions, overcrowding, etc. and that these wild fears are completely without reasonable basis.

The ferry will, in fact, serve the outerislands. Farmers and other businesses will be able to quickly and economically transport their crops and goods, during disasters, aid will be able to get to the affected areas more quickly and outer island people will have quick access to Honolulu's used car market, something from which they now are shut off.

Yours,

Chris Bouslog
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testimony

From: Fran & Michael Gorman [thegormanfamily@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii super ferry

YES

Sirs:

Regardless of the outcome of your environmental study, I believe that the state of Hawaii should deal with Super Ferry in good faith. This company spent millions bringing Super Ferry to Hawaii on the strength of a judge's decision that an EIS wasn't needed. Where were the nay sayers when that decision was made?

It's completely unfair that Super Ferry faces being kicked out of Hawaii when they did nothing more than comply with a judicial decision. Let them operate during the EIS. In fact, let the EIS determine from their actual operations there is environmental harm. If they ultimately are forced to leave Hawaii, the state should reimburse Super Ferry for its multi-million dollar error in judgment.

Fran Gorman
www.gormanlink.com

testimony

From: Peggy Delph [pdmw22@yahoo.com]

YES

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:26 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Superferry support

I strongly support the opening of the Superferry. I believe it is a great way for "locals" to do business with the other islands as much as helping to support other business that they would purchase from.
Thanks.

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testimony

From: gary navarro [NAVARROSG001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:51 PM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

YES

I want the super ferry to work. it would make things alot easlier to go to the other island to visit family and also it will bring in alot of MONEY as well as JOBS to whatever island it go's too. It always seem that whenever something comes along that will help and make things better for the locals it always are taken away by some stupid rules. How do they feel if matson, cruiship have to follow the same rules as the super ferry? Matson brings food etc, cruiship brings income to the island they stop. now take all of that away what do those people will do. Think about it.

testimony

From: Juan Tanodra [JTanodra@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:51 PM

To: testimony

Subject: RE/ The SuperFerry

YES

To Whom it May Concern:

Yes, I am all for the SUPERFERRY, it will create jobs, and good for the economy.

Mahalo,

Juan Tanodra/Waianae

testimony

From: Staege, James Mr CIV USA SDDC [jim.staege@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:51 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

YES

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

This response in confirmation that I fully support the Superferry for all the reasons that make sense for public transit:

- freedom from the current restricted movement between islands
- the ability to take by car back and forth
- uncover the truth on who is really opposing the Superferry.... All the other carriers air and sea
-

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Caveats: NONE

testimony

From: Jim Sheeley [jimonkona@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:24 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support

YES

Please do not not be misled by the focal minority trying to eliminate a viable and needed transportation alternative for the Hawaiian Islands. With the potential for numerous natural disasters on these islands the Super ferry provides an addition method to help evacuate and/or bring supplies where needed.

However the day to day commerce also can use another way to transport items from island to island. The "fear" of transporting disease for plants, animals and humans is no different than what the barges, airplanes and cruise ships bring daily. It is just a ploy for the minority to create a fear factor. Additionally, it will provide tourists, which is Hawaii's main business, alternatives. Who is really opposed to the ferry, the barge lines, airlines, shippers and of course the 10% who oppose everything.

Hawaii will look back on the loss of these ferries the first time they need them and they will be elsewhere. Progress happens, these ferries are part of progress. Hawaii islands are the only Islands in the world that don't have ferry service and that doesn't make us different, it just makes us look stupid.

Please vote to let the ferries operate until the environmental work is finished and don't put so many conditions on operating that it makes the Super ferry just give up and relocate. These ships would be very welcome many other places in the world. Additionally, why should we , the tax payers , end up paying for something we won't even have. let's not look to fix blame on how it got this way, let's fix the problem, let the ferries run and worry about blame sometime later. My guess is that once they are running 90% of the people living in Hawaii find that it was all a lot of worry about nothing and they will be just a way of life, a better way of life because we have a choice of travel.

Thank you.

James M. Sheeley
Kailua Kona

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testimony

From: ShirleyinHI@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:49 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

YES

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

I urge you to pass the bill allowing the Superferry to operate during an environmental assessment and if needed, through an environmental impact requirement. The ferry will be a tremendous asset to the state in many ways, and it and the people of Hawaii should not be penalized by the actions of a few.

Thank you.

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testimony

From: dasmiley28@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:46 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

YES

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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

I am hoping you will still accept this even though it's late.

I am in favor of having the superferry here in the islands. Most importantly, it provides us with a second mode of transportation, which seems very important to us since we are made up of islands.

Personally I would like to take my dog with me to visit my family on Maui and not have to wait and see if there is space available on an airlines, which is never a guarantee. On the ferry I can keep her in my trunk or in a crate, and that is much more comfortable than flying on the airplane.

Thank you,
Teresa K Ubando

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

testimony

From: Casey Delo Santos [casey@hawaii-kona.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:51 PM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

YES

Aloha-

I am writing in support of the super ferry. I have been on the island for over 30 years and see no negative effect the ferry could have on our island. I do see a lot of positives that could come from it though. An alternative to flying interisland, that these days is a real hassle, another choice when shipping vehicles interisland, just to name a few. I have heard very positive feedback from folks who have experienced the ferry and it's aloha spirit. If the environmentalists are so concerned about the effect this ferry will have on the environment where were they when they were destroying our famous surf spot, Pine Trees. Seems the people that are against the ferry must have another agenda in mind since I have not heard any argument that confirms any potential damage to the environment. These whiners need to grow up and get the facts before they start treating new business here with such disrespect, not to mention our wonderful Governor! I'm glad I grew up with parents that taught me to respect our public officials, they are working with us, for us, not against us.
Mahalo!

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October 22, 2007

YES

I would like to voice my support of the Hawaii Superferry. It is my belief the Superferry is a vital mode of transportation that has, for a very long time, been desired. The previous commercial attempt was the failed Seaflight, which failed because the wrong equipment was used. Now a viable ferry system is at our doorstep and is on the verge of failing because of the fears of a very vocal minority.

The Superferry can be a vital link between the islands offering options to not only individual traveler, but as an option to the monopoly held by HEI Industries/Young Brothers (YB). Monopolies serve no one except the company holding tightly to that monopoly. We have already seen YB submit for rate increases and surcharge increases now that they believe the Superferry is doomed.

I hope you do not doom the Superferry. Allow the citizens of Hawaii to have an option. We need one. Try to hear the voice of the quiet majority over the shouting of the minority.

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testimony

From: Kent Fukuhara [kent@a-1-a.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:43 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony

Legislatures,

I am very disappointed that the Superferry situation has come to this point. My family is from Kauai and has been there from 1905 and they are all for it and the benefits are so much greater than this so called environmental impact. I also have family on Maui and The Big Island and they would want it there also. We already have Young Brothers shipping cars and trucks over to all the islands and there is no environmental impact on these vehicles or the ship cruise liners. The thing that people need to realize is that we all go to and from the other islands, and have families on almost all the islands and this will help us get to and from the islands to visit without the need to rent cars. We are not staying indefinitely but will ultimately return to our homes which are on the other islands.

This is just another means to get around economically for a lot of people. How many people who are against the Superferry really born and raised here anyway? And how long have they been living here or are they transplants who bring their outside views and change our local style of embracing new things to help us all.

On the business side I can speak from experience since I do travel to all the islands to do work. I have to ship my tools by air cargo, rent a car, buy a plane ticket, and I have to put all this cost and burden on the customers. I usually have to charge as a flat fee of \$ 1,500.00 to \$ 2,000.00 just to get there without doing any work. My cost to our customers on the neighbor islands will dramatically see the difference in my prices as I use the Superferry *for business. We always hear about the people from Maui and Kauai complain that we will bring in more* disruption to their way of life, but we are not there to stay permanently but to visit and return home after we do our business and visit with family. This thing has gone way too far and needs to stop with this entire BS about environmental studies. If we do loose the Superferry, it may bite Maui and Kauai in their butts if we do experience a category 4 or 5 hurricane and they need supplies and emergency equipment. They should be reminded at that time, that they did not want the Superferry and it's their tough luck that we cannot help them with fast help and support. It just may come down to that and that really would be a shame for everyone.

The last thing I am very concerned about is the fact that Hawaii Superferry may be forced to shutdown and leave permanently and the State may get handed a law suit for bad faith on this whole situation. If it comes down to that, we the tax payers need to realize that we will ultimately pay for the settlement which could be in the millions of dollars. Personally if I was the Superferry and it did come down to this, I would sue the State for no less than 200 million dollars in liable losses and bad faith practices. God forbid that the Hawaii Superferry owners would use a high number like that but it may come to that. But I would ultimately want the settlement fees distributed to the different islands in this order, 10% to Oahu, 45% to Maui, 45% to Kauai and explain to these outer islands that they will need to flip the majority of the bill since they were in opposition to this to begin with and should pay most of it when we here on Oahu wanted it. As you can see, I would make a very bad politician.

Aloha,
Kent Fukuhara

10/23/2007

testimony

From: W [magico@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:38 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Fw: I support the Super Ferry on a temporary/renewable permit option during EIS

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

From: W
To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:08 AM
Subject: I support the Super Ferry on a temporary/renewable permit option during EIS

Dear Hawaii,

To reduce the fear, anxiety and concerns of our neighbor island residents regarding the operation of the Super Ferry, it might be prudent to award temporary incremental permits of 15, 30 and 60 day periods respectively, to allow the Super Ferry to operate between Oahu, Maui and Kauai during the EIS. Should greater issues or concerns arise during these limited periods of operation, the permits could be temporarily rescinded and reinstated when the problem(s) is/are resolved. This might provide both sides of this issue greater control to stop operation of the Super Ferry should an unforeseen environmental emergency arise, and to address these concerns immediately, while an EIS is being conducted.

If we find that both sides of this issue have valid concerns, it might show up within the first 15 or 30 days of operating in our waters. This should promote constructive discussion or criticisms concerning the operation and future of the Super Ferry in Hawaii, long before the conclusion of an EIS. Address any negative impacts to the environment or island lifestyle during the first 30 days, and fix it before another permit is issued. If nothing negative happens, go for another 30 days or longer...realizing all along that this is a "Special" and "Temporary" permit for the Super Ferry to operate, until an EIS is concluded.

Give everyone positive options to take, besides paddling surfboards, damaging private property and placing themselves, along with others in physical danger. The Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol, Police, and other vital government agencies and resources must be used for what they are paid to do, and not provide "fodder" for a vocal minority to capitalize upon.

Mahalo,

Walton Mahoe

10/23/2007

testimony

From: wesley okamoto [wokamoto@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:40 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Stop making this Super Ferry another political fiasco. The Democratic leadership in Hawaii cannot be trusted with important matters such as this. Let the majority rule and do what the Governor wants and let the ferry run.

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Robin Newbold [robin@mauirobin.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:33 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

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

Dear Honorable Senators:

Superferry must get an EIS before sailing to the neighbor islands.

I urge you to uphold our current law and require Superferry to conduct an EIS before beginning service. *The fragile nature of our island state and the constitution of our land are being threatened by the Governor's request that the law be changed for one business.*

Please do not overturn the rulings of our Supreme Court which stated that according to Hawaii state law, Superferry must have an EIS before operating.

Please do not force Superferry on the islands of Maui and Kauai after the Maui Court ruled that the Superferry must have an EIS before beginning service and the County Councils of both islands passed a resolution in favor of an EIS being completed before service is begun. Please respect the voice of the people on the neighbor islands.

Superferry knew Hawaii's laws before building their vessels; they had plenty of time to comply with the law but choose not to -- possibly because they knew an EIS would demonstrate grave environmental and social consequence to our islands. Giving them special consideration now by rewriting our laws would be a violation of your oath of office. Please don't let the Governor use you in this way.

I trust that you will require that Superferry prepare a complete and proper EIS before operating in Hawaiian waters.

Robin Newbold
Kihei, Hawaii

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Rivera, Marcus R [mrivera1@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:40 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I support a bill to save the Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

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

I speak on behalf of my extended family – we support legislative action to save the HI Superferry from the hypocritical environmentalists and the divisive, unfriendly neighbor islanders. We want a competitive, alternative means of inter-island travel and shipping. We want the airlines' monopoly on inter-island travel and the shipping barges' monopoly on inter-island shipping to be broken for the good of all!

testimony

From: Stanley Fong [stanleyfong@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:33 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

We fully support the Superferry to sail as soon as possible and to have environmental assessments studies done in parallel. We are from the mainland and travel to Oahu at least 3 times a year to stay in our condo. We had planned on using this ferry service to visit the other islands such as Maui and Kauai with our vehicle. If this Superferry is not allowed to sail, this will kill any hopes of any other ferry service to the islands in the future.

Respectfully Yours,

Stanley Fong
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10/23/2007

testimony

From: Jeff Black [tucson_honolulu@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:32 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

i think the superferry should still operate in hawaii. even though no impact statement.

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testimony

From: LloydsofHawaii@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:37 PM
To: testimony
Subject: I'm For It!

Please let an alternative to airfare exist. I rode SeaFlight from Maui to Oahu once, and even though it was loud and not super comfortable then, I would love the option to go over water again.

Please allow Super Ferry to survive.

Mark Lloyd
Wilhelmina Rise, Oahu

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testimony

From: Cara H Barber [CaraBarber@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:23 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry
Attachments: image001.jpg

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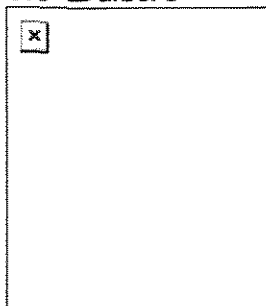
My husband is an active duty Marine who just returned from a one year deployment in Baghdad. While there he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his outstanding and heroic service. During the course of his deployment I kept him updated on the status of the Hawaii Super Ferry as we had heard about its upcoming arrival prior to his departure back in August of 2006. You can only imagine his disappointment when he finally made it back home safe and sound and learned that the Super Ferry was involved in overwhelming litigation that has prevented its opening for service.

Unfortunately, I am not aware of the exact nature of the environmental concerns that are the source of this litigation, however, I can only presume that such a Super Ferry would have examined those concerns thoroughly prior to investing millions of dollars into this much needed service. My hope is that the concerns of the environmental activists are accepted as valid, investigated and when appropriate action can be taken to minimize such concerns that the Super Ferry will be opened for business.

Is there a website that neutrally informs its visitors of the opposing viewpoints and possible compromises? If so, could you please make sure that our citizens are informed about such a website or public document? If there is not such a website, could one be created so that we could put an end to all this arguing? Knowledge is the answer and when opposing sides become so enraged that they're unable to listen or consider compromises, no one wins. As a resident of Oahu, I would appreciate more education and information and my hope is that this would create an opportunity for all of us to move on and work towards a mutual compromise.

Mahalo,

The Barber's



Bob, Cara, Connor and Abby

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Siu, Junee [jsiu@satotravel.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:33 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Hearing

Attn: Legislatures 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

Please know that the Hawaii Super ferry is a long over due as an alternative method of interisland transportation. There needs to be an alternate route of travel should commercial aviation not be available for travel (i.e., 911) Environmentally, they have addressed all concerns above and beyond what other commercial vessels have done.

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From: Cheryl Schulmeister [cherylkealohalani@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:34 PM
To: testimony
Subject: In Support

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

Hearing date: Wednesday Oct, 24th 10:30am State Capital

Aloha,

My Name is Cheryl Schulmeister and I highly support the Hawaii Superferry. I feel that it would be an asset to Hawaii because it gives us an opportunity to travel to the neighbor islands without having to fly. It also gives older family members an opportunity to see their loved ones that can't fly. I think it's so un-professional of the State to put the Superferry through all this trouble when all they wanted to do was make it easier on all of us. To me it's no different then renting a car on a neighbor island and driving around, it's no different then taking a cruise ship to a neighbor island. Our fellow neighbors are treating us like we are some kind of foreigners! We are all from the islands and I think they are being very unreasonable. When they want to visit Oahu we welcome them with the "Aloha spirit" open arms. As for us they are pushing us away and are being rude. There has never been an environmental study conducted before so I feel that it should not have to change now. I see no threat to the islands if the Hawaii superferry runs. I just hope you don't let 300 people make the decision. There are more of us that support it then those that don't. Have a great day! Cheryl

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testimony

From: alangstein@gmail.com on behalf of Alan G. Stein [astein@HawaiiEpilepsy.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:32 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry!

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to take this opportunity to voice my opinion on the issue of the superferry in advance of tomorrow's meeting.

I am in full favor of the Superferry.

I am looking forward to be able to travel from my home on Oahu to a neighbor island via a nice boat ride in the open air rather than being cooped up in a plane.

I am looking forward to being able to travel with my family without having the hassles of carrying onboard or checking or renting baby car seats.

I am looking forward to arriving or returning without the fear of having had my luggage lost or broken or having to go through the hassle of packing up everything into checkable luggage.

I am looking forward to being able to take longer trips to outer islands without having to pay \$500 for the rental of a car large enough to accomodate my family and all our child car seats, strollers, boogey boards, etc...

I am looking forward to showing my children what our islands and waters look like from the bridge of a boat on the open water.

I am not worried about invasive species (why would there be more invasive species transferred between islands on the superferry versus Young Brothers barges, interisland cruise ships, or 100 flights per day on Aloha, Hawaiian, Go!, or Island Air?)

I do not understand why residents of outer islands are concerned about the influx of what will mostly be Kama'aina coming to visit neighbor islands or visit family. The total number of arrivals via the Superferry is small compared with the numbers arriving via airlines (a flight search HNL to LIH showed 11 flights/day on Aloha, 16 flights per day on Hawaiian, 6 flights/day on Go! which represent capacity of approximately 3600 passengers/day - much larger than the stated capacity of the Superferry of 866 passengers).

The only potential concern I have is for the safety of the Humpback Whales but there is no evidence at this time that the Superferry (and it's modifications to route during Whale season) are any more dangerous than the myriad of other vessels plying these waters.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Alan G. Stein, M.D.

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Mark Webster [markster96816@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:31 PM
To: testimony; All Senators; All Reps
Cc: hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.com
Subject: Urgent Testimony

Dear Legislator:

The doctrine of fairness is not being applied to the SuperFerry. Our laws are supposed to be the same for black or white, rich or poor, male or female, etc., but the SuperFerry is being discriminated against in the courts. If they have to cease operations while an Environmental Impact Statement or an Environmental Assessment is completed, so should all of the other inter-island businesses! Why is the SuperFerry the only one that has to submit an EIS or EA and not operate until it is done? It's just not fair!

I support a special session of the Hawaii State Legislature to identify a solution that would enable Hawaii SuperFerry to continue operations while the EA is being conducted.

The people of Hawaii want interisland transportation choices. Hawaii SuperFerry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to our state. It's unbelievable that we're still the only archipelago in the world without a ferry system.

(Last month I was in Alaska. The Alaska Marine-Highway Ferries have been traversing Alaska's fjords and channels for many, many years with the very same whales that visit Hawaii every year.)

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option and protect Hawaii's business climate. This fiasco is already getting world-wide publicity.

To have authorized the Super Ferry to go ahead with their plans, saying that no EIS was necessary, spending all that money on the harbor infrastructure and then, at the last minute, allowing ONE MAN on Maui to put a stop to everything a few days before service was to start is unconscionable. Then, to allow a gang of ragtag protestors on Kauai to interfere with commerce in a Federal waterway, without arresting and charging them with obstruction, not to mention threatening passengers and damaging innocent people's vehicles, is monstrous. Minority rule is not democracy!

If you people don't do the right thing and let the Hawaii SuperFerry operate ASAP as planned--profitably in accordance with their business plan--I hope that they will rightfully seek redress by suing the State for all of the financial distress you and our bungling, vacillating Supreme Court have caused it, even though I, as a taxpayer, will wind up paying the bill for your collective obstruction to progress.

Mark Webster
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testimony

From: jim mueller [jimguitars@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:16 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please save the Ferry

Aloha,

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

Sorry if I'm a little late with this letter, but I don't have e-mail at work. Yet I hope it helps anyway.

I am strongly in favor of allowing the ferry to operate while the EIS is done. It will, no doubt, be a great asset to us eventually.

If it means having restrictions during the inter-rim, that's okay with me too. As long as we don't lose it altogether.

It's sad and ironic that a great new means of transportation would actually divide our state... I hope you can also find a way to make some peace, but through reason. Some opponents seem so emotional about it that they'll never be happy with any compromise. Please don't let them win since they're clearly a small minority. Don't worry about pleasing them either, since you can't do that without angering the majority.

But I think some of the opponents are reasonable enough to accept a compromise, work with them instead.

Thank you. Sincerely,

Jim Mueller
Kaimuki

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testimony

From: Suling Yee [syee@watg.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:23 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Save the Superferry

To Whom it May Concern,

After 10 years of living and working in Philadelphia, New York, San Francisco, and Singapore, I finally returned home to my native Hawaii to settle down and begin my real life in paradise. There are so many things about Hawaii that make it special to me and the place I want to be a part of: the gorgeous setting, the smiles on strangers' faces, and the relaxed attitude of island life. However, after one year of living here, I'm sadly disappointed with the fact that Hawaii is behind. Even with a budget surplus, we can't fix the roads, the sewage system, or get curbside recycling going. Mass transit, a vital component to any socially and environmentally conscious city, is a mess. The beautiful Kakaako waterfront project was canned due to the efforts of the vocal minority. Whole foods was put on an unnecessary and costly hold and redesign because of the location of bones of completely unknown origin. And now the Superferry.

There are people providing funding and taking big risks to make Hawaii better, lower inter-island travel costs, and fuel the economy of our islands (in addition to making money, but hey, how else is a free market economy going to work?). However, they are consistently blocked by less informed, hypocritical people who fear change and don't really do anything, much less their part to contribute to our society. This is the case of the Superferry. More than the environmental implications of the ferry (which are probably less severe than the many cruise ships constantly touring the islands - why aren't we banning them, too?), the protestors have demonstrated that their actions are rather founded on less noble causes (as seen with the vandalism of vehicles on the Superferry and violence toward law enforcement). This is more reminiscent of a street fight over who has rights to what land - an attitude which does not resemble aloha, nor carry any weight. Why our islands are at a standstill because of these people is baffling.

Sincerely,

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testimony

From: Carlan, Kit CDR PACOM J83 [kit.carlan@pacom.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:21 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please approve the superferry

I am a Navy reservist on active duty living in Oahu, and have a home in Maui.
We were very much looking forward to traveling back and forth on the ferry.

PLEASE APPROVE THE FERRY.

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testimony

From: Ken Peterson [kenp@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:12 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry for Vacationers

Dear Friends,

I am a long time vacationer to the Hawaiian Islands. I have been coming to what my family and I refer to as "our true home" at least once a year for the last 11 years. I have been looking forward to the freedom to explore that the Superferry will add to your state. The ferry gives me another reason to keep coming back.

Ken Peterson
1245 NW Klickitat Lane
Camas, Washington

10/23/2007

testimony

From: Richard Heppard [rheppard@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:16 PM

To: testimony

Subject: The Superferry

We are extremely disappointed with the attitudes of a minority of our Kauai residents, who fail to recognize the golden opportunities that the Superferry brings to Kauai. My wife and I and many of our friends were going to take advantage of the chance to visit the other islands with our cars and enthused about the future possibilities available in case of a disaster. It is unfortunate that a group of people are blaming the Superferry for all the over development and road problems here, and not affixing the real blame on the Supreme Court, who used up almost two years before arriving at a decision. That was very valuable time lost that could have been utilized in a compromise between all parties. We view the Superferry as a conduit to bring progress to all the islands, and continue to spread aloha to everyone in Hawaii.

Sincerely, Richard and Norah Heppard, Kapaa

testimony

From: philip.hanson@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:12 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry Support!

I want to show my support for the Hawaii Superferry! I think it is a viable alternative for transportation to the various islands and look forward to using it. I am an automotive enthusiast and would love to take my old car to the neighbor islands to go cruising. My wife and I both strongly support the ferry running while an EI study is be done.

Thank you.

Phil & Cynthia Hanson
Mililani

State Senate
State House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
Special Session, State Legislature 2007

October 24, 2007

Re: Superferry

Chair and Members:

In the early days of Chapter 343, HRS , I was the Chairman of the State's new Environmental Quality Commission, the body created to prepare proper regulations for the conduct of environmental assessments and impact statements. The regulations in force today are essentially the same as the original ones created by the Commission in 1980. During the preparation of the regulations, the Commission constantly was impressed by what a well-thought out, and expressed law, the legislature had provided. It was a tribute to the conscientiousness and acumen of legislators . It was well-balanced, it was purposeful, it had very reasonable deadlines and it did not contain any project veto-power, for its purpose was only advance "disclosure" of impacts – a very reasonable and objective undertaking in public affairs.

Because of this, I urge you not to re-write this law or to damage it with amendments designed only to excuse the flawed process applied to the Superferry. It wasn't the law that failed here. It was because someone - someone in the state government – failed to follow it. There aren't many who transgress laws and are afforded a grant of legislated immunity after the fact.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Bremner

testimony

From: Audrey Tantamjarik [atantamjarik@pbrhawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:12 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Let Superferry sail, please

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

Please allow the Superferry to sail. Maybe an EIS should have been done, but the exemption was given, and the Superferry relied on that decision to complete the project and get running this year.

I am sure you have heard it all for and against the Superferry, so I won't belabor you with a lengthy testimony. I just want to cite an example:

There are ferries that travel between England and France everyday. These are two different countries that have cooperated to have ferry travel between them. I only hope we could one day travel this way within our own state.

Thank you,

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testimony

From: reelcom1@earthlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Special session and Superferry = YES!

Aloha Senators and Representatives,

Thank you for agree to meet in special session on this most urgent matter for the citizens of our state.

Allow me to get right to it... The Hawaii Superferry should be allowed to sail immediately!

The company has proven itself concerned for the Aina and would we feel be a good steward and member of the community.

It will generate Hawaii jobs and new business opportunities while providing a valuable new transportation option for ALL our citizens. Additionally Environmental Law 345 should be re-written to strike a better balance between protecting the ocean and land while allowing but controlling growth and development. The HSF did everything the state told them to and they are being singled out for a EA/EIS... if allowed to stand EVERY transportation option Airlines, Young Bros., Matson and the Cruise lines should be required to do a EA/EIS. If Hawaii is to become truly self sustaining and grow closer we must do what is best for ALL the state and not just the outer islands or Oahu.

That's why over 80% of our citizens from every walk of wife WANT the Superferry despite the vocal minority.

Lastly I would point out that the HSF has gone above and beyond the call in almost every instance with standards higher than what is required by State or Federal law... they held 22 community meetings and everyone knew it was coming online...

to keep it from operation smacks of the good 'ol boy network being alive and well.

Count us as another Hawaii family FOR the Superferry and we vote!

Mahalo,

Tom & Sharon McAuliffe
Kaneohe

testimony

From: remains4u@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:07 PM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony

Aloha

Hawaiians deserve to have the ability to travel from island by ferry, and I believe that the ferry will help reduce prices and improve my lifestyle by encouraging competition.

Thank You
Steve Rhoads

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

testimony

From: Lerre McClure [lerre@konacoast.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:05 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Ferry

I believe that the Ferry should be allowed to run. I also believe that the Ferry was told they did not have to make a EIS, as that was the way the Department of Transportation was given the authority to make these decisions. I also believe that the Democratic Party has tried to make this look like they were not involved, but they do not want it to run as they are being told what to do.

Let the Ferry run.

We have had all the violations taken place in the last 20 years that I have lived here. No EIS were made for any of the other and we have all the species that have invaded before. We have Coqui frogs, Cane toads, white fly, fruit fly, mosquito's, banana virus, gecko's, green anoles, and the list goes on and on. I ask, where was the supposed protection that the Democratic Party did not give to us during this time, and what have they done about it all these years?

Let the Ferry Run

Lerre McClure
Kailua Kona, Hi

testimony

From: Direct Select [directselect@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:04 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SuperFerry Support

Dear Legislators,

This whole current debacle is incredulous! AND fueling the Anti-Business Fire already burning brightly in ALL the nations business publications, and newspapers!

Our State WELCOMED this company, AND the Vital alternative service they proposed to provide 3-4-5? Years ago.

They took OUR Government's good faith OK and even got Taxpayer Backed financing for this business plan.

To NOW, hold these people up from doing EXACTLY as they proposed LONG ago, and got our blessings to proceed, is "IN MY OPINION" Way beyond negligence, and incompetence on OUR part for allowing them to get into the predicament they are currntely in. We should be liable for ALL their financial losses to date!

The SuperFerry could not POSSIBLY begin to negatively impact our environment as much as the DAILY Cruiseliners, often 2, sometimes 3, do to our precious Kailua Bay, here in Kona..... so I can't begin to understand WHY thereis ANY delay, Other than political money-power trips from Airlines, and Car Rental Companies!

Let the SuperFerry SAIL!

Respectfully Submitted,
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testimony

From: donncarla@netscape.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:58 PM
To: testimony
Subject: ferry

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Kona and I am in favor of resuming the operation of the superferry while environmental studies are in progress. I believe the ferry service is in the best interests of the people of the state of Hawaii and stopping it at this juncture would be detrimental to everyone involved.

Thank you,

Carla M. Coskran
Donald A. Coskran
Kailua-Kona,Hi.

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testimony

From: Athonwy [athonwy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:56 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry testimony.

To whom it concerns...

I am a 6 year resident of the island of Hawai'i, and I am in full support of the Superferry. The arguments against it are weak and obviously flawed, and I won't belabour the various points by detailing them here. The real opposition to the Superferry is the "old boy's network" of Hawaiian Airlines, Aloha Airlines, Matson and the other shipping companies, and the rental car companies. Of COURSE they want the Superferry shut down, that's just good business sense on their part. The question then is, do we continue to allow our islands to languish in the backward-looking grip of outdated industry, or do we embrace a technological future in which our islands thrive and grow with the rest of the developing world?

If you choose a future for Hawai'i in which big business continues to dictate how often we get to visit our neighbors, and for what price, then by all means vote against the Superferry. If, however, you would rather embrace newer, cleaner technologies that break the stranglehold of the airlines and shipping companies and their various related industries, then please vote in support of the Superferry. We are the only U.S. state in which the airlines dictate how fast and how often we move about, and it's high time we put an end to that.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Anthony Doherty

testimony

From: Paula Moniz [momuveight@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:55 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I think it is so unfair how mainlanders move to Hawaii and want to change things. They move to waikiki and want quiet so now concerts at the shell have a noise restriction. I have lived here all my life and don't understand why some people have nothing else to do but grumble when they move here. Why did you move here? We have to tend with all nationalities here in Hawaii but why move here if your not happy with what we have here. I was listening to KSSK this morning and found out about this hearing at 10:30 am when most people are working. Now that really makes sense. I believe in saving our environment but everyone knows this is not even the issue here. I for one would love to go on the ferry. There are so many people who have never left this island for fear of flying. This is their opportunity finally to do so. There are Ferries all over the world so how come these people don't go and stop those from operating also. Don't they realize that when they moved to Hawaii that they changed things by doing so. But now they are complaining really about change. They don't want things to change is the issue here. Why should there be so much of a change because people are going from one island to another. They do it every day at the airport. What's the difference if they are coming by sea. Some are bringing their cars so what is the difference from bringing a car then from renting one? Like I said they have all the money in the world to waste on grumbling.

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testimony

From: NORA INOUE [njkinouye@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:59 PM

To: testimony

Subject: I support Hawaii Super Ferry

I was born and raised in Hawaii. I had lived there for 39 years. Two years ago I had to leave my island home due to job cutbacks. I was embarrassed and saddened to see that Hawaii had made headlines on CNN in such a negative way. The negative publicity is not the "Aloha Spirit" in which we preach as our way of living. New businesses are the way of the future and a vital part of the survival of the islands. Let us show our true "Aloha Spirit" and welcome the Super Ferry for kamaaina and malahini alike.

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From: GSAKODA1009@aol.com [mailto:GSAKODA1009@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:17 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Favor for the Hawaii SuperFerry

I am in favor of the Super Ferry to be in operation while an Environmental Impact Assessment is being done. The Super Ferry is another means of bringing the state of Hawaii together as one whereby it residents have another opportunity to visit their families and friends across the state and it allows it's residents to visit and enjoy the rest of their state's beauty and products available on each island. All our islands make up our state. As state tax payers, we should be able to enjoy all the islands as much as possible. No island should be excluded from the State of Hawaii and have it's own rules and saying to deny the rest of the state it's beauty and benefits but yet have the rest of the state pay it's cost. With the Super Ferry, we will not need to pay for rental of a car especially when we are currently paying for our own car loan. Some individuals do not credit cards and in order to rent a car, an individual must have some form of credit card. Other islands can also enjoyed the products from other islands. We can travel to other islands with the less inconvenience as with air travel. We need to unite our families, friends and islands as one. We do need to protect our beauty of the land and ocean that surrounds us. Keep the Super Ferry and work to have it benefit the people of Hawaii.

Geraldine M. Sakoda

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testimony

From: alec probst [ajprobst@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:00 PM
To: testimony
Subject: hawaiisuperferry

Dear Persons of Power. We the people and the State of Hawaii need the superferry. Our elected officials need to step up to the plate and show the majority of the citizens of our state that you can make the right choice. Don't let a minority scream louder than the majority. This is the last chance. There will never be another superferry if you don't make this happen now. Vote Yes for the Hawaii Superferry . It's good for Hawaii, We can work the bugs out and make it better. Mahalo. Alec Probst. ajprobst@hawaiiantel.net

testimony

From: PATRICK J PALENAP ASING [pasing@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:38 PM

To: testimony

Subject: In Support

We support Supper Ferry
s Patrick T. Asing
s Jane L.P. asing

testimony

From: Whiting Hyland [hylandw001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:32 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I would like to put in a few words for the superferry.

I believe the anti ferry sentiment is driven by industries that stand to lose revenue if it allowed to bring service to the islands. These are: 1.the airlines that are already under attack from Mesa Air Group. 2. Young Brothers and the stevedores who hold a monopoly on inter-island transport of vehicles. 3. Car rental business who would see revenues fall because they won't be renting to Kamaainas when visiting friends and family. Re-renting to tourists who visit multiple islands during their visits ,IE new contracts each time they change island.

The environmental issue is being floated by these industries through channels as the excuse.

1. The airlines stand to lose a lot of local revenue as they are the only way to get to a neighbor island. This is an ongoing monopoly that only recently has had outside competition from Mesa. Before Mesa we had to go with either Aloha or Hawaiian and their prices made going to Las Vegas a cheaper venue than going to Molokai for the weekend!

2.Young Brothers and the stevedores do not wash the vehicles it transports and never has. It ships heavy equipment, bulldozers, backhoes and trenching equipment, that was previously used in the brush and would be most likely to bring invasive species for years. This damage, if it is to be believed, has already occurred for YEARS!

3. The car rental agencies are the only way a local family can get around if they travel to a neighbor island. They stand to lose much of their business to the local contingent if the ferry gets approved.

While on a recent fishing trip on the North side of Molokai I saw the ferry go by on it's way to Maui and back. It traveled in water between 500 and 1000 FATHOMS, which is roughly a half of a mile to a mile deep! My 30 years of experience on the water has shown that whales prefer water in the 25 to 40 fathom range,150 to 250 feet, occasionally going deeper when going from island to island.

If the ferry operated I would not be making an impact on the rush hour traffic on any island as I would be on vacation. I get enough of that all year going to work! I would choose to drive during off peak hours just to avoid it.

In conclusion I would ask the government to look into where the environmentalist lawyers money comes from. I always want to see that. Lawyers aren't cheap and don't usually work pro bono. Money talks and if I were the gambling type I would lay odds on money coming through channels to these attorneys. Money talks just ask the guys fighting the Turtle Bay expansion. They send me fund raising notices all the time!

Thanks for letting me sound off.

Sincerely Whiting Hyland

PS I wanted to take my boat and camping gear to a neighbor island and fish for a week. Having no commercial license to sell the fish, my plan was to give it away to friends and fellow campers on the island when they came down to visit me at my campsite. Signed Haole with Aloha!

testimony

From: Laureen Piligrino [lpiligrino@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

My name is Laureen J. Piligrino. I am 58 yrs old and getting close to retiring. I believe that the Superferry will be a good thing to have, especially for all the baby boomers who will be retiring soon. I am sure there are others like me, who have arthritis in my knees and not able to fly for too long without having pain in my knees.

With the Superferry, atleast it will be nice to get up and walk along the deck to check out the sights. It seems to me that it would be more relaxing that riding in a crowded airplane and zipping through your flight with no scenery or relaxation.

So, I'm for the Superferry and hope it goes through.

Much mahalo!

Laureen J. Piligrino

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testimony

From: Geoffrey K. Hashimoto [geoff@maximobility.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:07 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Super Ferry promotes intra-state commerce

The entire Hawaii State needs the Super Ferry as it provides accessibility for more goods and services to the people. Specialized products and services will become more available to residents of the outer islands.

Geoff Hashimoto
Maxi Mobility

From: Hazelyn [mailto:hmahukona@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:06 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Support the Superferry

Although a resident of California for the past 8 years, I am an Island native and support the Superferry. I spend a considerable amount of time in Hawaii because of family ties and know what having an inter-island ferry would mean. Change is always difficult and I understand some of the concerns of those that are opposing it. However, there are bigger concerns in the Islands that are causing residents and the younger generation to relocate to the mainland. Although unemployment is at a low, wages are also low to support the high cost of living. The benefits of having the ferry is many. For residents, visiting family on the outer islands is not an option because of the high prices from the airlines. Now, an alternative is here and it's cost efficient. The amount of jobs that it would be creating is positive plus the additional income it can generate for the outer islands. Hawaii needs to learn to embrace change instead of fighting it!

ex-resident of Hawaii

Hazelyn Mahukona

From: Stephen [mailto:walshs002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Super Ferry

I feel we need the ferry now, imediately, please stop all the special interest and vocal minority gruops from stopping this need servfice.

Stephen Walsh

testimony

From: Lbcobian@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: From AAC In Support of the Super Ferry.

I am a Oahu Business owner for 20 years.

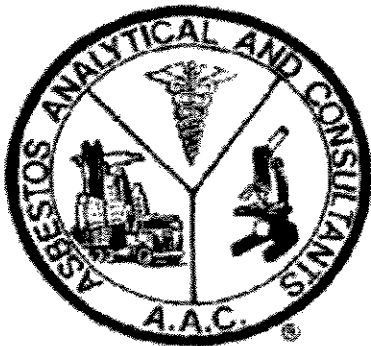
I am in Support of the Super Ferry.

Why does Kauai & Maui accept Millions of Tourists from all over the world, but are opposed to Oahu Residents having an affordable access to the outer Islands.

This is not an environmental or cultural problem, it is a social problem that needs to be addressed.

What happen to Hawaii.

Now its Mauiians, Kauiians Oahunians its like a Civil War .



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testimony

From: Kit Hawkins [kithawkins@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Pro Superferry

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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SUPERFERRY

I am a voter in the 18th House district. I am strongly in favor of the Superferry, in favor of enabling it to operate under reasonable conditions while the environmental study is conducted, and in favor of strict limits on the timeframe and methodology of the environmental study so that it cannot be used as a weapon by the opponents.

This episode is a bush league embarrassment. This fiasco must be fixed so that those who would invest in the kinds of ventures needed to keep our promising young people here do not regard Hawaii as a legal laughingstock and hopeless investment backwater controlled by legal activists (and lawbreakers) who stop any sensible progress.

There is much more at stake here than the Superferry.

testimony

From: BettyAnn [bettyann@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:19 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY

I would like to add my personal feelings on the Superferry.

I, for one, am FOR the Superferry. and I feel it is appalling that just because of a few people who oppose it, that the majority of us who do favor its service are going to be deprived.

PLEASE let it run as I have children, grandchildren and family on the neighbor islands and want to visit them this way. Mahalo!

Betty Ann Lee

Betty Ann

testimony

From: Ray Gruntz [princeofwaikiki@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:18 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of the Hawaii Superferry

Testimony in Support of the Hawaii Super ferry

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

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

Respected Chairs and Members of the Committees,

My name is Raymond A. Gruntz. WE HAVE TO SHOW PEOPLE ON THE MAINLAND AS WELL AS PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD, WE ARE NOT AS BACKWARD TO CHANGE AS ONE WOULD THINK!!!

The Hawaii Super ferry deserves the opportunity to serve us. Young Brothers carries many vehicles as well as containers that serve as the body of the trailer carrying them on our roads and so are just as contaminated with road dust as any other vehicle. They have been transporting freight between our islands for nearly 100 years and they have never inspected nor washed any of them to prevent spread of invasive species. The same goes for the freight and the vehicles that come from the mainland via Matson and Horizon Lines as well as the stuff that arrives from foreign via all the other carriers that regularly visit us from around the world.

As for traffic on our roads, 100 cars to Kauai from Honolulu and 100 cars from Kauai to Oahu on the return voyage, even in my public school upbringing, comes out to zero impact on the local traffic. If I visit the island via an airline, I rent a car and drive around the destination island. If I take my car on the ferry, it's still only me in one car, mine or one from rent a wreck, so again, no impact on existing traffic.

We do not want to start holding up harbor progress for protracted EIS proceedings every time someone brings in a higher technology in shipping. I would think the people behind all this ,at the last minute, could be Young bros, and the Rent a car people, this ferry will cut into profits for them. Let's go forward and stay with the times, LET'S ROLL.

Raymond A. Gruntz, Waikiki NHB#9, Waikiki Residence Assoc, and my Ilikai Condo Board, will thank you.
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testimony

From: ElmerH [elmer@hondawindward.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:18 PM

To: testimony

Cc: 1 elmer hw

Subject: Total support for the Hawaii SuperFerry

I totally support the Hawaii SuperFerry, I cant believe that there are people living in Hawaii that cant see the tremendous benefit to traveling between the islands on the Hawaii SuperFerry, some people need to wake-up and smell the Roses !!

mahalo, elmer bertsch

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testimony

From: Aloha Hale Cleaning [alohaclean@fastnethi.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:10 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Supper ferry

We on the bIg Island need and want the supper ferry in operation in OUR state Mahalo

Aloha Hale Cleaning

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testimony

From: Tony and Krista [bigislandtko@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:15 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

Aloha! I am writing to voice my opinion about the Superferry. I believe the Superferry should not operate until an Environmental Impact Study is completed. After the EIS is completed, environmental concerns about the Superferry should be addressed BEFORE the Superferry is granted permission to our harbors and waters.

I am very disappointed in the Lingle Administration for mis-using our taxes to invest in the Superferry before an EIS was completed. I believe she should be impeached for misleading the public and Superferry executives and for mis-spending my tax dollars. Lingle's mis-spending, however, does not mean I want additional tax dollars spent on the Superferry until a study can demonstrate that it will not negatively impact our environment.

If Superferry executives would have done an EIS out of good faith while the ferry was being constructed, none of these conflicts would be occurring now.

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testimony

From: vilma capco [odille95@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:47 PM
To: testimony
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY

My name is Vilma Capco-Parenas. I would like to have the Hawaii Superferry here in the Big Island. Me and my family support the Hawaii Superferry 100%. This would lower airfare cost, shipping cost, commodity cost, gives us more option on how to travel, generate more business opportunity , more job opportunity and would generate more access for tourist and kamaaina to travel with their car. Better connection to inter-island travel and access. Hope fully you would give it chance, before you shut it down. Thank you very much.

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testimony

From: Jay Nishiguchi [jhguch@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:07 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Need to have the Superferry as a viable option. First and foremost, it is another option. If flights are down for one reason or another, the Superferry is another viable option. This option also ensures fair competition for goods and services (airline vs. ferry, ship freight vs. courier vs. ferry, other businesses that depend on interisland travel). Secondly, it can help reduce congestion at the airport and is another great gain for tourism in this state--traveling by sea offers another perspective on HI.

Thanks,
Jay

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From: nature heals kauai [naturehealskauai@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:42 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Thank You -- No SuperFerry Until the EIS is Successfully Performed

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THANK YOU -- NO SUPERFERRY UNTIL THE EIS IS SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED

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testimony

From: sjshig [i]joj@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:45 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Supper Ferry

I am in favor of allowing the superferry to operate while the environmental impact review is being conducted. With some restriction such as minimal visual inspection of vehicles and use of some form of radar or sonar similar to what fishermans use to locate whales in the ferry's path I think that should be sufficient. Please do not place too much restrictions that will make it impossible to operate the system efficiently.
Thank You,
Stan and Joyce Shigemura

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testimony

From: rkaiapa [rkaiapa@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:37 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for the Super Ferry

I support the efforts to save the Super Ferry. I do not believe that it is pono for just a few hundred people to decide how, when or where I travel. That right should be decided by the entire State of Hawaii. I look forward to *sailing on the Alaka'i with my car in the near future.*

Mahalo for whatever you can do.

Reuben Naholowaa
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testimony

From: Awsumbbq@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:51 PM
To: testimony
Subject: superferry

I support the superferry for a number of different reasons;

Other modes of transportation, ie aircraft, barges, ships, or other carriers are not subject to the same standards that the superferry is being held to.

It is a great opportunity for produce to be shipped inter-island at a reduced cost.

We are at the mercy of Young Brothers to get goods shipped in from neighbor islands.) a sur-charge on fuel costs was just granted and now Matson, is asking for the same.

It is an opportunity to visit friends and relatives on other islands without the hassle and costs of car rentals.

It is a very cost effective way for our school sports teams to travel to events.

Please don't let a very vocal (and radical) minority win on this issue.

Aloha, Michael Stearns
Kailua-Kona

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testimony

From: Donald Botelho [botelhod002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:50 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Committee Members of the State Legislature,

I believe it to be common knowledge that the Superferry presents a positive alternative that would among other benefits:

1. Give a boost to the State employment and economy
2. Present a needed competitive form of Island transportation
3. Offer a convenient public travel mode between Islands
4. Be beneficial for medical emergency transport, has a State security potential, and has specialized transport ability.

I would suggest that the Legislature consider allowing the Superferry to operate immediately with minimal restrictions under observation of a review test period to gather vital operating data until the EIS is completed and acted upon. This will also permit the protesters to conduct their own observations.

It is somewhat amazing that a small minority, apparently composed for a good part of relatively recent arrivals to the Neighbor Islands, take an unyielding position demanding that their domain not be disturbed or violated by other Islanders of Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Botelho
Kailua, Hawaii

testimony

From: Faaloloi Tuileta [faaloloi_tuileta@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:28 PM

To: testimony

the superferry should continue services in hawaii. i am for the superferry and hope to see them rolling soon.

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testimony

From: SMasc1011@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:59 PM
To: testimony
Subject: super ferry

Please allow the Super Ferry to continue service while environmental inspection proceeds.

Mahalo,
Shelley Mascorro

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testimony

From: fyaman [fyaman@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:06 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

I want to state my support of the SuperFerry. The people (all the people!) of Hawaii need options and choices when it comes to travel around our islands. I think the SuperFerry has been treated unfairly; we have none of the 'environmental safeguards' in place for air, barge, cruise ship or other waterborne methods of travel. The anti-SuperFerry groups keep talking about 'bringing the community together', yet they display an attitude of exclusion and disrespect for all the citizens of this state who don't agree with them. They should be ashamed!

Please, please, please give the SuperFerry an opportunity to SUCCESSFULLY operate in this state and bring another option to the people of Hawaii

Mahalo,

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