

House Testimony

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:54 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Fw: HB1

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October 23, 2007; 9:15 AM

To: House of Representatives

Committee on Transportation

Committee on Finance

Re: HB1 Hawaii Superferry

Representatives:

Please accept this testimony **in support** of the intent of HB1, allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate during the preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS).

The Hawaii Superferry should be **allowed to succeed or fail on its own merits** as it operates to

serve our state during the interim. Doing the opposite will tarnish our state's image to all those who would wish to invest here in the future. In order for our state economic engine to succeed, external financial resources must be attracted here to supplement our own limited supply.

The Hawaii Superferry will **promote a more vibrant commercial exchange between our island communities by directly expanding the "money multiplier" theory of economics.**

It would also stand as **a very valuable asset in the event of a natural disaster** like Hurricane Iniki.

Please do not allow the very narrow-visioned, passionate, vocal minority to derail such a valuable alternative transportation resource for the majority of our citizenry and guests, alike. "NIMBY-ism"* is contrary to the Aloha of our state. Let clear logic and broader reasoning prevail in this instance as we all must concentrate on the big picture and the future.

Enable the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the EIS is being prepared.

*NIMBY – **Not In My Back Yard**

House Testimony

From: Range, August [arange@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:10 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair

Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

10/23/07

I support the Superferry for all of Hawaii travels and business and also for my families on the neighbor Islands.

August K F Range

House Testimony

From: Karen Chun [karen@Redwoodgames.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:16 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony re Superferry Bailout Bill

To: House Committees: Finance ,Transportation
Hearing Date: Thursday, October 25
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol
From: Karen Chun, 87 Lae St. Paia HI 96779. 808-283-3049
I cannot testify in person.

Dear Representatives,

I realize you are under incredible pressure to pass this bill due to the excellent PR done by HSF. But we are counting on you to add protections for the neighbor islands. We are trusting the Legislature to protect us from Lingle's trampling of our neighbor island needs.

Please do not pass this legislation in its current form. There are many untruths, mistakes, and flaws with unintended consequences in this bill.

The biggest is that the legislature has opened the door to any governor to violate HRS 343 WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES. Because this bill says "It is not the intent of the Legislature" to stop a project from operating prior to acceptance of an EIS IF THE GOVERNOR TELLS IT TO GO AHEAD. The bill doesn't explicitly say what entitles a project to ignore HRS 343 but that is the clear implication in the first paragraph. **You have just added a huge loophole to HRS 343. That paragraph is not necessary. Taking it out has no effect on the bill but closes this dangerous loophole.**

Other problems:

1. The title is not descriptive.
2. We all know this is a special interest bill being passed so HSF can continue flouting HRS 343. By pretending it is a bill for "large ferries", you open the door to any company coming into Hawaii and starting a ferry service prior to doing an EIS. Probably no one will because they, unlike HSF, know that the economics just don't make sense. But you are leaving the door open. I also doubt that any judge would believe this isn't a bailout bill for one specific company and therefore unconstitutional. So this subterfuge really isn't necessary.
3. Section 1(a) Paragraph 2: **"approved by the lower court approximately two years earlier."** No lower court approved it. The Court ruled in error and was subsequently overturned. HSF knew it was under appeal. HSF knew they were taking a business risk going ahead. A prudent business would have done the EIS right then in 2005.
4. Section 1(a) Paragraph 2: **"such an occurrence is not explicitly contemplated in chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is not consistent with the intent of the legislature, an as such, the policy that should be adopted under law must be amended and clarified."** The law was

written ESPECIALLY for a new project. Saying that this situation is not “explicitly contemplated” is nonsense. Saying the legislature didn't intent that large ferries do an EIS before commencement of operations is simply not true.

If you mean a situation where the Governor deliberately flouts the law, a timid judge rules no standing when the State is sued and subsequently that judge is corrected by the Appeals Court and the Governor is told to do an EIS – well this is EXACTLY what the law was written for.

If you pass this part of the law, you are basically saying that any time Gov. Lingle (or any governor) wants to ignore HRS 343, she will get away with it because “It is not explicitly contemplated” that the governor will ignore HRS 343. Putting this loophole into this legislation is bad law and unnecessary to the effect of the bill.

5. Section 1(a) Paragraph 3: **“furtherance of the legislature's goal of promoting a sustainable future for its residents, a large capacity ferry vessel company would also utilize technology that produces less carbon emissions when compared to inter-island aircraft transportation with the same carrying capacity.”**

This is utter nonsense. Since when would you transport a car via airplane? If you compare passenger fuel use between interisland air and HSF, the airplane uses LESS fuel per passenger mile than HSF and is thus emits less CO₂. The HSF goes about 3 times as fast as an interisland barge. Since fuel consumption goes up with the cube of velocity, HSF could use 27 (TWENTY SEVEN!) times as much fuel and put 27 times as much carbon into the atmosphere. HSF is BAD FOR SUSTAINABILITY and BAD FOR GLOBAL WARMING. And this bill's statement is BAD SCIENCE.

6. Section 1(a) Paragraph 3: **“between islands in a very short period of time”**. 3 hours instead of 9 hours for barge and 1/2 hour for airplane. Not a real big difference when you take into account that HSF will arrive after the morning markets which is times wrong for our farmers. At the Maui Senate hearing, one farmer testified that air freight is cheaper and faster than HSF for him.
7. Section 1(a) Paragraph 3: **“produce...lower cost”** Our farmers and business people testified that since they had to send a driver over with their produce, wait until the next morning for the market (which they missed due to the HSF coming into 'Oahu in the afternoon) and also because there is no way to come back without spending the night, that this would be considerably more expensive than shipping via Young Brothers.
8. Section 1(a) Paragraph 3: **“ferry...would foster diversified agriculture...”** This statement is simply not backed up with any facts whatsoever. Farmers have consistently testified that HSF has far more potential to harm their operations due to the spread of invasive species than it does to help them unless stringent methods of inspection and washing of vehicles is put in place.
9. Section 1(a) Paragraph 3: **“immediate operation of...ferry...in the public interest...continue...while environmental impact statement are conducted”** There is no evidence to support this statement. We have all lived without the superferry up until now. We can wait another year or so.
10. Section 1(a) Paragraph 6(1) Oversight Task force has no power, is composed in the great

majority of Lingle appointees.

11. Section 2(b) Sets no time limit on completing EIS. Makes no provision for HSF to pay for damage it causes because and EIS wasn't done first. Makes no provisions for halting HSF, if it turns out it is creating serious damage, sets no baseline with which to measure impacts.
12. Section 2(c)1 **“critical importance of the inter-island ferry service”** There is no critical importance. We have lived without this ferry service ever since the Hydrofoil went bankrupt and we can continue living without it while it does an EIS. This is just nonsense.
13. Section 2(d) **“at the same time, protect Hawaii's fragile environment”** This is so despicably hypocritical, that it needs to be removed in order for the judge who is going to be asked to strike this law down as unconstitutional not to have a heart attack laughing so hard at the sheer, brazen baloney.
14. Section 3. If the EIS is found lacking, HSF can continue operating. There is no incentive ever to do a real EIS with effective mitigation measures. There is no enforcement to put mitigation measures found during the EIS into place.
15. Section 4 does not state what measures Governor Lingle is to require of HSF. Since her original bill contained absolutely NO MITIGATION measures, one assumes she will likely impose NO MITIGATION MEASURES. This leaves the environment and neighbor islands completely unprotected.
16. All drafts of the EIS, comments, review, and notices of hearings or meetings shall be posted prominently on the State website so that the public may access all relevant documents easily.

(In the past, DOT has sent 1 copy to the library where it is too expensive for us to access and copy it. It is extremely important that the EIS and all associated events and documents be posted prominently and quickly on the State Website.)
17. **“(e) All statements and other related documents shall be made available for inspection by the public during established office hours.”** Change this to: **“(e) All statements and... shall be posted on the State Website expeditiously and prominently.”**
18. **“(f) The office shall be responsible for the publication of the notice of availability...”** should be changed to **“(f) The office..... AND BY POSTING PROMINENTLY ON THE STATE WEBSITE”**
19. (g) add **AND BY POSTING PROMINENTLY ON THE STATE WEBSITE”**
20. (i) shall commence as of the date notice of availability of the draft statement is initially issued”
Insert **AND POSTED PROMINENTLY ON THE STATE WEBSITE**
21. Section 12. The majority of the task force is Lingle appointees. Lingle appointees need to be the minority. There should be an equal number of Task Force members from each island appointed by each island's county council. Lingle's guys can come to meetings in case anyone wants to ask them a question but don't get to vote.

And finally a personal plea. If you do nothing else, make them slow down the last 5 miles into Kahlui Harbor. Every year a mother whale and her calf come there and they are kind of friends of the

paddlers. In fact, I've accidentally run over them in the canoe with my stoker hitting the calf with a paddle. Because you absolutely cannot see them. They rest 12 inches under the water, no spouting, no movement. They hear the slow moving freighters and get out of the way (I think they didn't hear our canoe). But they have no experience with the 34 knot HSF. The first time HSF takes that route while they are there, the whales will be killed.

I say this because my friends were in a canoe coming back to the harbor and saw the HSF waaaay out there and thought they had plenty of time to get into the harbor before it caught up to them. Before they knew it, HSF was on top of them. As it passed, right at the mouth of the harbor (beginning of no wake zone) the 5 foot wake almost swamped the canoes and they were only saved because of the expertise of the steersmen.

The people who are saying there are no whales on the Kahului side of Maui don't know anything. We see lots of them when we are out in the canoe during whale season as well as the pod of dolphins who visit Kahului Harbor regularly, a monk seal who has been hanging out at the harbor and ranging up to Kanaha and many turtles.

PLEASE PUT A 12 KNOT SPEED LIMIT WHERE WHALES ARE during whale season and don't kill the monk seal!

House Testimony

From: E Gutteling, M.D. [gutt@hilo.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:40 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION HEARING RE. SUPERFERRY

<>RE: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION HEARING RE. SUPERFERRY</>

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007

FROM: EDWARD GUTTELING M.D., 45 Mohouli Street, Hilo 96720 (808)936-7200

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I support the continued operation of the superferry while environmental reviews are ongoing. To prevent the superferry from operating until such reviews are completed will cause it to never be implemented, which will be a severe loss to our community.

Despite the vocal prominence of the detractors, they are a minority, and most of my community support the superferry's operation. If you doubt this, take polls or better yet put it in a ballot next election. I assure you, our community will remember those who killed the ferry, either by actions or lack of actions, and remember them with concern that they do not represent the will of the people when it really counted.

I urge you all to take actions that allow the superferry to operate, without harming its business plan, ASAP.

sincerely
with warmest aloha

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House Testimony

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Edward Gutteling, M.D.

House Testimony

From: Faye Newfield [newfy51@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Please do not support the Superferry special session

October 22, 2007

Dear Honorable Legislators,

Thank you for the time you have taken to come to the Neighbor Islands to hear testimony especially from Kauai residents. I did not testify that day but I want to give voice to my serious concerns about the impending voyage of the Superferry to the Neighbor Islands.

First of all, I am recommending that the Superferry project be canceled. I am one of the many residents on Kauai who do not want a Superferry. I am one of many residents of Kauai who does not support the Superferry because of the potentially numerous negative impacts on the culture and the people, the aina -the environment, the endangered species special to this island, social effects such as transportation and crime. For those of the legislators who advocate the Superferry, lets have them visit our island and try to drive around anytime of day except late evening, there is congestion of traffic bumper to bumper.

I do not want to see Kauai turn into a metropolitan area like Honolulu or L.A.

Secondly, I am writing to recommend that no special session be held. If a special session must be held, then an EIS must be conducted of the impact of the Superferry before anything else should occur.

Today is a historic moment for the Legislators to listen to their constituency. I give thanks to Mina Morita, Mr. Tokioka, and Mr. Hooser for supporting the people. I am very disappointed however by the Lingle Administration and her representatives in this poorly thought out plan.

For the sake of the aina, Kauai and all of Hawaii is a treasure, please help preserve Kauai, because if Kauai is not taken care of -- the environment, the people, the Native culture, it may disappear.

Please stop the Superferry before it is too late.

Please be a champion to the people who elected you in office and protect Hawaii, its people and aina.

Mahalo for listening.

Faye Newfield
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House Testimony

From: Richard Toledo [r.toledo.jr@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

I wish to express my support for the Superferry. The owners of the Superferry have done everything required by the state and have met all federal requirements for their service.

Let th3e consumers of Hawaii determine if they wish the services of the Hawaii Superferry.

Thank You,

Rick Toledo, Jr

Hilo

House Testimony

From: wilc001@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 1:54 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha, Honorable members of the Hawaii House of Representatives,

I am writing to ask that the legislature intervene to pass a law that will allow the Hawai'i Superferry to operate while the EA is in progress. I believe that on balance the Superferry would be a benefit to the state's economy and people, for reasons already stated more eloquently by others.

There are environmental concerns that need to be addressed, although I believe they are overstated. Objectors say there is potential for whale collisions and that speed limits are necessary. Superferry claims it has taken enough precautions to avoid whales. You can debate this endlessly because it's all conjecture. The reality is, nobody knows for sure because there's never been a ship like this in Hawai'ian waters.

I believe the legislature should not impose arbitrary restrictions on Superferry based on speculation.

The best way of finding out is to put it to the test. Let Superferry run at whatever speed they want, subject to oversight by the DOT or taskforce as laid down in the bill. Data compiled over this period would be very useful in preparing the EIS.

There is no irreparable damage from doing it like this. Of course, any whale strike is tragic for that animal, but one or two dead whales are insignificant in a humpback population of over 10,000. Humpback whales are not on the brink of extinction. Whale-watching boats off Maui have struck whales several times. A calf was killed last year. But nobody is suggesting that whale watching boats be restricted because they occasionally harm whales; it's accepted as part of the cost of business. I think the risk of whale collisions is exaggerated. Back in the 70s, a company called Seaflite operated a high-speed ferry service with hydrofoils between all the major islands. One terminus was at Maalaea bay, a significant humpback calving ground. They ran up to 12 times a day. In three years of operation there were no reports of whale collision.

The Lingle administration has really screwed this up. But I pray that you will not allow partisan considerations to prevent you from doing what is best for Hawai'i and its people. If Superferry leaves, given all that's happened, I can't see interisland ferry service coming for a very, very long time. \$40 million worth of harbor improvements will have been for nothing. And if GO! Airlines also leaves, you can imagine what will happen to the cost of interisland travel. It will be working people who will suffer.

Mahalo,

Will Chang
'Ewa Beach

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

House Testimony

From: Damon Hylton [damonhylton@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:00 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

TO: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Much mahalo,

Damon Hylton

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House Testimony

From: Frederick Warshauer [frwvolcano@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:06 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony on superferry bill, hearing on 25OCT07, 9am at auditorium

Greetings Representatives!

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 affirmed 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.

House Testimony

From: Owens, Charles E MSG MIL USA USARPAC [charles.edward.owens@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:58 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Lets work for new Jobs on the Superferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

Aloha,

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

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

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

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

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

Charles Owens

Aiea.

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

House Testimony

From: Curt DeWeese [cdeweese@sunstonecompanies.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:03 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Support

Please be advised that as long time local residents we fully support the efforts to immediately allow the Superferry to begin servicing our islands. Thank you for your support.

Curtis D. DeWeese and family

House Testimony

From: Connie Eder [ceder@hemic.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:03 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Please support the Super Ferry

Hawaii can't afford to pay for something we can't use and earning a reputation for being small minded.

Thank you,

Connie Faria Eder

House Testimony

From: Jay Paulson [Jay@hoaka.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

My name is Jay Paulson. I've lived on the Big Island since 1975. Please encourage the operation of the Superferry. Low cost travel will be a favor to many of us in the state. 10/23/07

Jay Paulson

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House Testimony

From: MarkD808 [markd808@gmail.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Testimony for the hawaii Superferry

Aloha.

I would like to submit this testimony in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. I am originally from the pacific northwest and ferry service is and has been a way of life for decades. In my lifetime I have never heard of a whale or dolphin being hit by a ferry. The area is full of orcas and dolphins. This type of vessel has been used all around the world with no such incidents. Please allow the superferry to serve the people of hawaii. Dont let a minority of protesters and extremests win and give the Hawaii Buisness reputation a black eye. If you stop the ferry you should also stop all other marine vessels as well until the IES is done.

Mahalo

Mark Danielson

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House Testimony

From: Charles Ying [cying22@gmail.com] on behalf of Charles Ying [charles@ying.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony in support of the SuperFerry

Hawaii State Legislators,

I cannot believe how a few vocal folks in Kauai whose protests do not even make sense, can bring a basic mode of transportation between Islands funded by risk-taking citizens and the Hawaii and Federal Governments to a standstill. The Abuse of Process is shameful. Hopefully, you will find the wisdom and guts to fix this injustice and allow the SuperFerry to begin service. The State has waited too long. Even TheBus has a ferry between WestOahu and Honolulu. What is the big deal?

Charles Ying
Kailua

House Testimony

From: Ruth Powell [powellg003@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:04 PM
To: House Record
Subject: support

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [Ruth Powell] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I want to state my support for the Hawaii Superferry.

It is hoped that the Senate committees involved in allowing the ferry to operate while the environmental impact statement is being conducted will move ahead in allowing the company to continue the service which they attempted a few weeks ago.

This is an important decision. To keep the operation of the ferry in limbo for a long period of time while endless debates go on will obviously bring dire results for the future of the service. Since the hearing regarding this decision is to be on October 24th, at 10:30 a.m., there is no time to waste in reaching a decision.

Ruth E. Powell

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House Testimony

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:57 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry Support

To whom it may concern: This is very simple, I as do thousands of residents in Hawaii feel that the Superferry is a quality and needed service. I am a teacher and to be able to take sports teams and clubs to outer Islands without the air fare is a huge benefit to our DOE schools. There are many many other benefits and I feel that the super ferry has and will go more procedures that will determine it's practices to be safe for our state, ocean community and environment. We need the options that the super ferry provides.

Mahalo
Arnold Martinez

House Testimony

From: AValdez5@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Superferry

To whom it may concern,

I am writing with strong support of the Hawaii Super ferry. I was just there in DEC 2006 and July 2007. I wanted to book an intrerisland trip with the super ferry but found out it was not going to be open on time. I had a family of six with me and wanted them to experience the beauty Hawaii has to offer from eye level. I would love to go back again in DEC 2007 or FEB 2008 and enjoy the spectacular views of Hawaii from this amazing boat.

Thanks,

Adrian Valdez

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House Testimony

From: Brianne Ornellas [brianne.leolani@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Fwd: In Support of the SuperFerry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is BRIANNE L. ORNELLAS and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. (I DO NOT plan to submit inperson testimony at the hearing). 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.

Brianne Ornellas 524-7030 (work number)

House Testimony

From: dianne lewis [maikailoa@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:06 PM
To: House Record
Subject: FERRY

WE REALLY NEED THE FERRY AND IT WOULD VERY GOOD FOR ALL US LOCALS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
ALOHA

House Testimony

From: Linda Posto [lpost@aloha.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:06 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry HB 1

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Linda J. Posto and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

By now you have heard all the considerations on each side of this debate. Therefore I will not provide a rehash of reasons.

I encourage you to **vote in favor of letting the Superferry travel to our neighbor islands while the Environmental Assessment is in progress** for the sake of our people, our commerce, and to encourage free enterprise here in our state.

Thank you,
Linda J. Posto
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House Testimony

From: Randy Morgan [RandyM@leisinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:03 PM
To: House Record
Subject: my testimony

I have eye problems which need to be treated in Oahu, I have been waiting for the super ferry to travel because I cannot fly with this condition, without the super ferry I am destined to go blind. Please put the whole issue up for a popular vote and let the people decide.

House Testimony

From: Whalen, Sharon [Sharon.Whalen@twtelecom.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:06 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Sharon Whalen* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am emailing in support of the SuperFerry as I believe it will be of great benefit to the majority of people in Hawaii as another means of inter-island travel, especially for families, sports groups, special needs persons (handicapped equipped vans, etc) not to mention the chance to sail between the islands and enjoy the beauty of the islands from the ocean.

Thank you,
Sharon Whalen
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House Testimony

From: Altencon@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:06 PM
To: House Record
Subject: YES TO THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY!!

Aloha my friends,

Aside from its obvious benefits, the Hawaii Superferry (HSF), in the event of a catastrophic event occurring on one or more of the islands, would serve as an island of safety as well as deployment of men and material. It would also reduce pollution, as fewer people would fly between the islands. Is it possible that those who have a financial interest in the local airlines are making life difficult for the HSF?

Our family has been visiting Oahu for many years and has looked forward to having the enjoyment and flexibility of visiting other islands by ferry as we have done in other states and countries.

Raising a bogus issue such as "environmental" concerns is patently absurd. During our visits, we witness countless cruise ships, commercial merchant ships, tankers, fish boats, military boats and submarines plying the waters of the Hawaiian Islands and especially around Oahu.

By not allowing a modern ferry such as the HSF to service the islands is sheer madness and indicative of the rampant incompetence not unlike that afflicting those Congressmen and Senators in our nations Capitol.

Stop the nonsense and free the HSF. Just do it!

Mahalo.

Best regards,

Fred Shepherd

"The world is too dangerous to live in - not because of the people who do evil, but because of the people who sit and let it happen."

Albert Einstein

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House Testimony

From: vickie [FONGN004@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:07 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry support

To Whom It May Concern:

On this day, Oct. 23, 2007 @ 5:05 pm, I, Victoria H. Fong would like you to know as a taxpaying citizen I fully **support** the Hawaii Superferry. Not only does the Superferry offer another form of transportation between the islands, it should help the small businesses of our state or any new business in transporting merchandise to showcase to prospective buyers. As a future rider I would love to have the option to drive my car in Kauai or Maui, fill up with their gasoline and purchase goodies to bring home and not worry about too much luggage or if it will meet the airplane requirements. What a wonderful way for me to see my home state and share the aloha with my neighbors.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria H. Fong

House Testimony

From: Shipman, James C. @ Honolulu [James.Shipman@cbre.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:07 PM
To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is James C. Shipman and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry and this measure.

I support the ferry as an additional means of transportation for the residents and visitors of our state, for inter-island commerce, and for emergencies.

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753-3091

House Testimony

From: Kelly Moulson [kmoulson@diamondheadtheatre.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:07 PM
To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kelly Ann Moulson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry so that we can start to behave like the state that we truly can be instead of a third world country. What better way to have tourists see other parts of our beautiful islands' and spend their beautiful money to help our economy. What better way to help the other islands have the advantages that we on Oahu have. Won't it be great to have competitive bids on services. And just think if one of the other islands ever needs aid following a hurricane how many we could send from Oahu to the other islands and with enough warning we might be able to keep people safe. It's time to get rid of backwards thinking and to stop having the rest of the United States laugh at us.

Kelly A. Moulson

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House Testimony

From: Jay Paulson [Jay@hoaka.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:09 PM
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Subject: superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jay Paulson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Low cost inter-island travel would be so exciting!

Jay Paulson

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House Testimony

From: Christine Huffman [tchuffman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:07 PM
To: House Record

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Christine L Huffman* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. *Currently there is only one mode of transportation for Inter Island travel, air travel. This is not always the most convient mode of transportation for many Islanders. Many local people are part of organizations that need to ship vehicles to the outter islands, for instance, church groups, canoe paddling crews, educational groups and many more than I can list. The Supperferry will be a huge benefit to the local people.*

*Christine L Huffman
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From: Carl Mullen [carl@drfortress.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:11 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Reply: Urgent: Testimony Needed for House Bill

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Carl W Mullen* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in favor of the interisland ferry (Super Ferry) in Hawaii

Being a father of one teenager and three younger sons, this upcoming Super ferry Service would be most beneficial for family fun and travel. I say **YES** to Super Ferry Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Signed,

Carl Mullen

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House Testimony

From: CINDI.WHITE [CINDI.WHITE@pruhawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:07 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Importance: High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *CINDI WHITE* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry offers more than just trips back and forth to and from the islands. It opens up many jobs to the local community. Their priority has clearly been the community and how this will benefit the community not their business. There will be issues whether the HSF stays or goes, and since we have (the government) put so much money into the additions to the harbors, as well as money into the awareness to the general public, we should let it try out for itself. HSF complied with all regulations beyond any cruise liner or freight ship has, and the business and the general public or looked forward to this, are suffering. The EIS is important to the community, however, this should have been done for also the freight ships and cruise liners who come here. The freight ships spill oil as they tug through the channels, and the cruise liners may be slower than the Superferry, but they are much bigger. If there has been any research done, it will be known that many animals such as the highly concerned about whales can hear from a distance a ship is near, and are pretty smart to stay away. Please consider this as it will be very important to our community and will benefit economically as well.

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House Testimony

From: Marc Fuchigami [surfport@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION (Please SUPPORT Hawaii SuperFerry)

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Marc Fuchigami* and I strongly SUPPORT Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii SuperFerry is what the MAJORITY of the people of Hawaii want. I hope the State of Hawaii will allow Hawaii Superferry to resume service immediately while an EIS is performed.

Mahalo,

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House Testimony

From: Irene Croft, Jr. [journeys@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Re: Let the SuperFerry Sail!

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How blatantly unfair that our judiciary would suspend the Hawaii Superferry from performing the very service for which it was granted official permits through proper channels. After expenditure of millions of startup dollars, the Superferry company is being penalized, and possibly permanently crippled, because a tiny but vocal minority of no-lives have developed a recent and unfounded concern for the disruption of whale habitats. Huh? Where are the protests when interisland cruise ships or Young Brothers barges regularly traverse the same waters? Hawaii is notorious for being an anti-business state, and I guess, yessirree, we're really gonna prove it this time. Bah, humbug. Let this vessel sail!

Irene Croft, Jr., private citizen
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
808-322-9595

House Testimony

From: Tang, Kevin [Kevin.Tang@axa-advisors.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:06 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kevin Tang and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

"The greatest compliment a client can give is the referral of their family and friends."

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House Testimony

From: JGood5083@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:10 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Hawaii inter island ferry

We live on the Big Island, we want the ferry to come to our island, we want the ferry to take us to all four of the islands, Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the Big Island. Why the heavy politics in this???? We are shocked that Young bros. or whomever is afraid of this venture. Jacqueline Goodman Dunn and Lester Dunn Big Island

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House Testimony

From: NANCY.OGRADYCOOK [NANCY.OGRADYCOOK@pruhawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nancy O'Grady Cook and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would love the opportunity to visit friends on other Islands without going to the airport and renting a car. This would enable us to bring our children and grandchildren on trips. My husband works on other islands from time to time. He is a General Contractor and again has to rent vehicles and ship equipment by other means. How convenient for our inter-island commuters to have tools and personal belongings all together when they disembark. I think this would actually relieve some of the airport congestion. This serves local people as well as visitors.

Nancy O'Grady Cook
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House Testimony

From: EdSheehan [EdSheehan@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 2:12 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Why does the Super Ferry rate special treatment with a special legislative session?

The law is the law and it's not right to change it for one special entity. Campaign money or not!

What if you allow it to proceed while doing the Impact study and it comes back (as it will) negative?

Then for six months or so the environment is that much more damaged.

Who's doing the study? The same clowns from DOT that let it fly before? That's scary. and who is their boss? Lingle??
What's wrong with this picture?

If the Super Ferry goes bellyup so be it, that's business.

I suggest putting the special session on the back burner and find out why with an investigation it was allowed to proceed in the first place. That's the priority here!

I'm not for or against the ferry but I am concerned it will take out a few whales for sure.

Actually it's not cost effective to use the ferry anyway.....It's far too expensive.
If it's allowed to run during the testing it will eventually fold financially.

I booked a hypothetical trip for my wife and myself to take our Corvette to Oahu for a few days on the ferry....\$450.00. Not cost effective at all. Go Airlines \$39.00 or less each way and a rental car from Enterprise \$30.00.....You do the math!

I repeat....I can take it or leave it....but their not entitled to special treatment!!

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House Testimony

From: Maelyn Uyehara [maelyn.uyehara@us.rlb.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:14 PM
To: House Record

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Maelyn Uyehara* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the SuperFerry is good for tourism, our largest source of income in the islands. I also see it as an opportunity to reduce shipping costs for the neighbor island folks. I also believe that it will open the market for more competitive bidding in construction.

Maelyn Uyehara

Email: maelyn.uyehara@us.rlb.com

House Testimony

From: Larry Tucker [laht@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:11 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super-ferry yes!!!

I would like to respond in favor of the Super-ferry being allowed to operate in Hawaii while the EIS is being completed. I have lived in Hawaii, this time, for the past ten years. I believe the Super-ferry operating now will be beneficial for a variety of good reasons, ease of transporting fresh produce, alternate ways of travel between islands, and civil-defense, just to name a few. The negative impact most people complain about can be minimized with careful planning.

I remember when I lived here many years ago there was a proposal to start an inter-island ferry system but it never went anywhere, at the time, I thought it was a good idea. Now I still think a inter-island ferry's good benefits far outweigh the possible problems, problems that can be solved anyway. The only aspect of this whole EIS issue that I am uncomfortable with is that it should have been resolved when the Super-ferry idea was first proposed in Hawaii. Thank you.
and again I support the Super-ferry being allowed to operate as soon as it is able.

Sincerely, Lawrence Tucker, North Kohala, Big Island

House Testimony

From: David Patterson [davidjhpatterson@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:12 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Keep the super ferry!!!!!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *David Patterson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It's simple.... One state separated by water. Citizens should have the right to travel to other counties. Environmental impact studies should be done on all ships if the superferry is to be put on the stand. Ships such as cargo ships that supply the outer islands food and needs to survive. The outer islanders tend to forget everything come through Oahu first. Without us they would have nothing. They would be living here too. I believe that any ship in any ocean poses a threat to ocean wildlife. It would be good for the local small business's as well. Mainlanders that move here and want nothing to do with Oahu are so stubborn. We support everything they love. The local people want a superferry to see relatives on outer islands. I'm sure they want to come to Oahu too. Every time my Aunty and Uncle come the first thing they love to do is go shop. All in all, I think it's a great thing and that it would be like turning away free food. Such a great thing and you turn it down. Please let the superferry run.

David Patterson

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House Testimony

From: Wally [wparcels@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:11 PM
To: House Record
Cc: vern
Subject: SuperFerry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *WALLACE PARCELS* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Aloha: The direct results of having the multiple SuperFerry's will positively impact the quality of living in our Island State. The ability to transfer products, services, and people on a same day basis will expand, inspire new tax paying business and help create new jobs and opportunity. This liquid highway should unite the Islands in a way that all the aircraft, the barges, the tour ships cannot duplicate. Please encourage this business to operate as soon as possible. Let free enterprise work! The market place should determine their future... not the opinions of a few self-serving individuals. Thank you.

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House Testimony

From: Almony Margaret [almonyj001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:12 PM
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TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

It is time for the state of Hawaii to recognize that we are a part of the 21st century. We should no longer allow certain segments of the population to "bully" us into believing that the legislature does not have the best interests of the state in mind when they make decisions. My reasons for asking you to support the Superferry are the following

1. Hawaii is a state. There are no other states in the United states or countries in the world that do not allow people to drive their own car to wherever they would like to travel (in fact people travel to other countries and back in their cars).
2. Hawaii is a state. Other states allow ferry travel from one coast to other parts of the state eg. California to the Catalina Islands, Washington to the islands between Washington and Canada, Alaska to other islands, Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, and Maine have ferries. Why can't Hawaii have a ferry?
3. Hawaii is a state, there should not be some rules that apply to some islands and not to other islands within a state.
4. Hawaii is a state, residents of Hawaii should have equal access to resources, vacation spots, parks, recreation, and business throughout the state just as there is equal access in other states.
5. Hawaii is a state, businesses within the state should have the ability to provide services (transportation of people and goods) and not have it be a monopoly by just a couple of shipping and air companies.
6. Hawaii is a state, people need to respect the fact that others in the state and the United States have the right to have access to all areas of the country not just the residents of that particular area.

I encourage you as Hawaii state senators and representatives to do what's right, fair and just in allowing the Superferry to run as a business. Allow the residents of this state of Hawaii the right to travel freely by sea to another island within the state and enjoy the beauty of the islands from a different perspective, enjoy the ability of families to travel in comfort with room for children to roam freely and adults to interact positively, and provide access to cheaper, more efficient shipping for small local business people. We need to connect our state population in a positive way so the stereotypes that exist now change to a better understanding and aloha between the population of Hawaii. I truly believe that the Superferry will bring about positive change in Hawaii if given the chance.

Please put forth the effort to move our state ahead in a positive way by supporting the Superferry.

Thank you and Aloha,
Margaret Almony