

House Testimony

From: Vito Makauskas [alohavito@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:34 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry 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 Vito N. Makauskas and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I wish to have more options when traveling inter-island. It seems so unfair to punish the Superferry while giving the world such a bad impression of Hawaii. As a small business person I am proud to conduct business here in Hawaii while being ashamed of the grief the Superferry is having to endure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

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House Testimony

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Subject: THIS IS JUST TO REGISTER MY SUPPORT OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY

THIS IS JUST TO REGISTER MY SUPPORT OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY AND TO LET YOU KNOW I BELIEVE IT CAN BE A REAL ASSET TO OUR STATE. AS A VERY ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE PERSON MYSELF I THINK THE ISSUES CAN BE MADE REASONABLE.

MY VOTES FOR THE FUTURE ELECTIONS WILL ALSO BE REFELCTED TO HOW OUR REPRESENTIVES HANDLED THE FERRY ISSUE.

THANK YOU JAMES R. EDERER 808 969-6845 jimederer@msn.com Hilo,
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From: leo odegard [odegard001@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:28 PM
To: House Record

the ferry is a good option, why give the airlines, young bros or matson a monopoly. the odegard family, big island.

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From: Jason T. Okuhama [jokuhama@hawaiilendingspecialists.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:34 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Out-of-office-reply

Today is Tuesday October 23rd, I will be out of the office most of the day. However I will be checking my emails via PDA. If you need to reach me right away, please call me on my cell phone at 228-6536. I apologize for the inconvenience.
Jason

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Mary Marasovich* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry because of the benefits to local transportation, business, and tourism. As a member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee I also want this additional way to evacuate people and to send needed supplies when the next hurricane strikes Kauai or Maui. The majority of the voters in this state, including Kauai and Maui want the Superferry. Environmental safeguards are in effect and others can be added if deemed necessary after completion of an EIS. Don't let this set a precedent such that Young Brothers, Matson, inter island airlines, fishing boats, etc will be put out of business too. Meanwhile, let the ferry run. Honor our state's commitment for them to do business here. The state had plenty of time to renege before the Superferry spent millions only to be told "oh woops, not in our backyard" by a minority of residents. Do not let this become yet another "Stay out of Hawaii" message to the rest of the world. How embarrassing.

Sincerely,

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House Testimony

From: Kathy Hammes [kathy.hi@hawaiiantel.net]
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To: House Record
Subject: Free the Superferry--Let It Sail

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David L. Hammes and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I will be unable to testify in person, I am hoping that my e-mail will count in your decision-making.

As a 19+ year resident of the Big Island it is my opinion that we need alternative and multiple modes of transportation to and from the various islands in the state. At the moment many residents of the islands are unable to travel, unable to ship their goods (e.g. agricultural produce) due to high costs and lack of available means. I humbly urge that you pass HB 1 in order to facilitate the easier passage of the people of Hawai`i among their islands.

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House Testimony

From: Carrie Elliott [carrielliott@sc.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Carrie Elliott* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As I feel that we must be environmentally aware, I also think that it is important to take into consideration the economic benefits that the Superferry will have to Hawaii. It is a viable option for people to travel within the islands. There must be a way to make this a "win-win" situation for those involved.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Please provide the Super Ferry to sail as soon as possible.

I have always being in favor of the Super Ferry to provide an alternative way of travel.

My daughter lives on the island of Oahu and has traveled by herself with a teen-age daughter and her 2-year-old son in the month of March. Having the ability to take the Super Ferry she would have been able to travel with her own car and not worry about a car seat, toys and the necessities.

The Super Ferry would also provide travel for handicapped persons requiring oxygen, wheel chairs, etc.

Having the Super Ferry would have benefited the economy by employing staff and the residents of the islands, which the passengers are traveling to. Everyone would have benefited economy wise the restaurants, movie theater, hotels, etc.

I am in favor of the Super Ferry and have always being in favor of the ship sailing. I believe having the Public Testimony in the middle of the day in not fair, reason being most of the people that are in favor of the Super Ferry are residents that cannot take off in the middle of the day to attend these hearings. If you were to make it at night I believe more residents that are in favor of the Super Ferry would have come out in favor and then you would actually see who was in control.

I could never see the difference of someone coming of the plane and renting a car and someone coming of the Ferry and bringing there own vehicle.

At closing I would like to state why are the malahini's making it so hard for the kamaainas the live here and provide an alternative way of travel. I hope no one ever regrets his or her decision just give the Super Ferry a chance to sail.

Charis Wilson

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House Testimony

From: Shea, Cathy L (TSG Marketing) [cathy.shea@hp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:26 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for the Hawaii Super ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cathy Shea and I am writing in support of the Hawaii Super ferry.

Why? The Super ferry provides an alternative way to get to one island from another than just air travel. By being able to drive aboard my own car, with all my belongings in the trunk, it makes it much easier and more affordable to venture out beyond the Big Island to the other neighboring islands. My family and I are more apt to visit the other islands with the addition of the Super ferry.

Warmest aloha,

Cathy L. Shea

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From: Elaine [ElaineA@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:35 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

Name: Elaine Yamashita

I strongly feel that the Super Ferry will benefit the entire community in Hawaii. Please vote to have the Super Ferry remain in Hawaii.

Thank you.

House Testimony

From: Frank Lopes [babooze2u@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:28 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Let it go...

I like to see the super ferry make a go of it, Hawaii needs it and it is a change of pace thats for the good for the people of hawaii, It's to bad it has so much b/s it has to go thought, But thats always been hawaii s way of doing something thats new and make it better for hawaii, They don't want it, They like the old way of life, I like to think it has something to do wit Young bro's and others,

I like to one long weekend, take my car, Drive it on the super ferry and go to another island and just have a good time, No plane ride, No rent a car B/S Is that asking to much?

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From: Roberta Lutjen [AlohaRoberta@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Roberta Lutjen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel it will benefit our economy by providing much needed jobs and a great mode of transportation between the islands for many residents and visitors.

Thank you for your consideration to my opinion.

Sincerely,

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House Testimony

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Subject: testimony

I support the Hawaii Superferry its good for the economy of Hawaii!
Jim Deinzer

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mark House and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have spent 3 working years dedicated to the HSF, and know the history of the project intimately. I really feel for the people of Hawaii, as the HSF shall dramatically improve their lives once in service, based on my experience with similar operations in Europe. I have grave concerns for the High Speed Ferry Industry in North America, based on failures of the CATS Service on Lake Ontario, and of the Pacificat (Fastcat) fiasco in past years. Alakai is a fine vessel, and shall have no environmental impact to the waters of Hawaii, in my personal opinion.

Best Regards,

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House Testimony

From: Lord, Wade @ Honolulu [Wade.Lord@cbre.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wade Lord and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am a resident of Kauai and have watched with interest and a certain amount of sadness as this saga has played out publically. I support the Superferry based on the following rationale: 1) It proceeded with an investment of enormous scale in good faith based upon a prior court ruling and with State DOT assurances. 2) Never before has an EIS been required for harbor users. I don't have a problem with the requirement as I'm confident that the findings will be favorable, especially in comparison to current harbor users such as cruise ships, barges, and military vessels. What bothers me is the timing. This should have been required long before the maiden voyage. It's patently unfair for the requirement to come after the fact. 3) Whale avoidance measures are much greater than those found on other commercial vessels. In fact, friends that live in Juneau Alaska are mystified by this argument, as they currently have three high speed ferries servicing their coastal communities for several years, without incident. The waters around Juneau and surrounding communities in Alaska are home to the humpback whales, killer whales, etc. 4) Concerns about traffic impacts are not based in analysis. The total number of added cars to any one island between voyages is negligible as a percentage of the total resident cars of a given island. Numbers banded about do not factor in the net difference of cars leaving a particular island on each voyage. 5) With no program to inspect other interisland barge and ship service from unintentionally carrying pests between islands, it is unfair to single out the Superferry for additional requirements beyond the inspections systems that they have already put in place, which I am guessing are greater than any other commercial harbor user. In an effort to keep this testimony concise, I will stop here and I request that you look favorably and fairly upon this entity as it relates to the above noted house bill. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this testimony further. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ronna McGuire and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. It is my belief that we residents of Hawaii need and deserve some options in travel. To be 100% dependent upon the airlines in the event of an emergency--- or even just for interisland travel for businesss or pleasure-- is foolhardy. The more options we have, the better. In addition, it would be wonderful for families to be able to take their cars and perhaps camping supplies, etc. between the islands. Not all of us can afford high hotel costs and rental cars. We'd like to be able to show our children all of our beautiful islands, visit friends and relatives more economically and frequently, etc. While I am also extremely concerned about preserving our environment and the oceans, I believe rules and regulations could be set in place that would allow the ferry to navigate safely for the environment. It seems to me many of the objections are comgin from people sho just want to preserve certain portions of Hawaii for themselves--- not allowing the rest of us to enjoy the same spectacular places. Since the ferry would mostly benefit the actual residents of Hawaii as opposed to tourists, who these same people seem to welcome due to the dollars they bring, it seems unfair to me that these few people should control this thing that so many others who live here were looking foreward to. Shutting them down is bad for Hawaii's people --what to speak of the message it sends to others who may want to invest in business ventures here in Hawaii and see what has happened with this company. Bring the Ferry to the Big Island, if Kauai and Maui don't want it! I, for one, would love to have it here.

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House Testimony

From: Leslie O'Connor [leslieo54@hotmail.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Leslie O'Connor and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I will not be available to submit in-person comments; however, I would like to speak out in support of the Hawaii Superferry, which I believe will offer a competitively priced alternative for inter-island travel. Especially in light of the recent allegations made against the carrier driving down inter-island flight prices, I am worried that those deeply discounted prices we are now enjoying will disappear and prices for flights will increase to beyond where they were before the fare wars. As a single professional traveler, I would be able to pay those prices, but what is to say that lower-income travelers and those with families would be able to as well? Higher prices could keep them from visiting family and loved ones on our neighbor islands, and that would be a shame.

I also feel that a large portion of the protesters of the Superferry are doing it not based on an informed position, but by preying on people's concerns for the environment in these Al Gore, Nobel Peace Prize times. If there is an environmental reason for the Superferry not to run, then don't let it run. But if we are *imagining* that there is an environmental reason for it not to run and stopping it before we know, doesn't that violate some very basic American tenets? I realize we're talking about an entity rather than an individual, but I'd like to think that the presumption of innocence is pretty universal.

Thanks for your consideration,

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House Testimony

From: Susan Rubin [suerainbowskies@yahoo.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: I Support The Superferry

I am unable to attend the Public Testimony Hearing; therefore, I am submitting one now:

I can see no reason why we should not have an alternative form of transportation such as the Superferry. We have all these big oceanliners coming in our ports who did not have to do an environment assessment ~ so much smaller boats like the Superferry should not pose a threat to our environment. I believe that the airlines are behind much of the undeserved protest, so as to protect their revenues. Moreover, airline travel these days is such a hassle, that a nice leasurely boatride would be a much needed change.

Please allow the Superferry to operate and give us citizens a nice and much needed alternative.

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Subject: Support Hawaii Super ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *James Henry Holloman II* and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

I feel that the State of Hawaii needs the Hawaii Super Ferry. The Hawaii Super Ferry can provide an alternative means of transportation between the Islands of Hawaii.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Aloha my name is Theo Garcia and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I believe it will provide an alternative to Air Travel, help the economy tremendously and attract more tourism.

The Hawaii Superferry is a solution for many residence and is important to the is Islands development...This can be very successful similar to the Olympic Island in the Pacific Northwest.

**OUR BUSINESS CLIMATE AND THE ECONOMY NEEDS THIS ALTERNATIVE
TRANSPORTATION AND SOLUTION!**

Cheers and with Much Aloha,

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House Testimony

From: Boots, Ann (CXR-Hawaii) [Ann.Boots@CoxRadio.com]
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Subject: written testimony in support of the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ann Boots and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is vital to our state's economy. Another inter-island transportation source allows business to be competitive and offer the lowest prices and best service to our residents and visitors. When we allow Matson and Young Brothers to maintain a monopoly on shipping goods within our state, consumers and businesses lose. We cannot block progress and expect to have a prosperous economy.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

The blessings of the technology that has come about to allow us to travel inter island via the ocean is a blessing that we can't just let it slip through our fingers. What a great way to allow our youth to have there first experience of traveling on the ocean. There is no other means of commercial travel by ocean for us in Hawaii that allows you the freedom to stay more than 12 hours in any port other than the Super Ferry.

Yahetay - From My Heart

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From: Ddocvjm@aol.com
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Subject: Maui medical community supports Superferry

I am a physician practicing on Maui and I, along with the majority of the medical community here on Maui, support the Superferry.
The Superferry would provide much needed transportation for my patients, that cannot travel by air, to receive medical care off island.
The Superferry would be valuable in times of emergency or disaster.

Thank you for your time.

Dr. Vincent Mirarchi
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *John Betz* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Superferry will benefit all Hawaii given the opportunity to operate as proposed by ownership. All guidelines for operation have been challenged without just cause. Any vessel could potentially dangerous to not only to sea life but also to humanity. Proper guidelines must continue to be followed by Superferry management. F

From What we have witnessed of the brief operation of the Superferry there is no reason to believe there will be reason for this panic we see today. Proactive screening of vehicles and patrons will produce a safe and productive venture for patrons and Superferry management.

John Betz

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House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Richard J Moniz Jr* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is being unfairly singled out, and can bring a stronger economy to the State Of Hawaii. It could also boost tourism that Hawaii strongly bases it's economy on. To have an alternate way to travel to the neighbor islands and visit family and friends is something I totally support. Also the Superferry can help with local buisness. This company already went to federal court and had three different court decisions in favor of sailing and doing buisness in Hawaii. Already, 90 percent of Hawaii supports the Superferry, and the last thing Hawaii needs is another black eye on buisness. To also have state sanctions on the Superferry is unfair while other shipping company's can ship to other neighbor islands without an EIS and other provisions is very unfair. I feel that the Superferry should do buisness while having an EIS report done. In closing I like to say having the freedom to choose on how to travel, weather by land or sea should be the choice of every citizen of this state.

Thank You

Richard J Moniz Jr

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House Testimony

From: Naholowaa, Charlene L CIV PHNSY & IMF, 200/C260 [charlene.naholowaa@navy.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:39 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I SUPPORT HAWAII 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 Charlene Naholowaa and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry. Let them operate while they are awaiting their environmental impact statement. They need generate income to stay in business so let them. They could around the island field trips to schools or organization to see the island from another view, OCEAN view for a nominal fee. I believe in giving the consumers choices. Having the Superferry in business here would give us that opportunity to travel from island to island. Just like flying on an airplane, we have choices. Having the Superferry gives us another choice. When GO airlines came to Hawaii, where were the protestors? How about Molokai Shuttle, they went out of business because GO gave us a choice. So I say let Hawaii Superferry stay here in the islands to give us another choice of transportation. I would ride it to Maui and the Big Island.

*/s/ Charlene Naholowaa,
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House Testimony

From: Tammi [tammi.oneha@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:39 PM
To: House Record
Subject: In Support of the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tammi Oneha-Collins and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am an O'ahu resident who would very much like to utilize the Superferry services in order to visit family and friends on the neighboring islands and to be able to transport my own vehicle for vacation and recreational purposes. While I understand the environmental concerns, I do feel that every effort should be made to allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. Those in support of the Superferry have waited far too long for its arrival in the Islands and all these delays have been a great inconvenience. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tammi K. Oneha-Collins

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House Testimony

From: Stephen Soares [stevesoares@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:37 PM
To: House Record
Cc: Stephen Soares

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Stephen Soares and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly support the Superferry for several reasons. For one, the ferry will facilitate inter-island travel for local families and businesses. I personally would like to travel from Honolulu to Lihue, Kauai and Hawaii with my own car. This would make it easier to visit family and see parts of the islands I haven't had to time to revisit for years. Also the ferry itself would be an entertaining experience for my wife and children. I want my children to connect with the islands and the HSF will help with that.

Secondly, and provided reasonable procedures (the ones that the HSF has already agreed to) are incorporated in to their operation, the people of Hawaii should determine whether or not the HSF stays by their use of the ferry. Thirdly, I believe their treatment by the courts has been unfair. I believe the courts improperly applied the Environmental Assessment requirement and this has penalized us by delaying the use of the ferry.

Finally, I believe it sends the wrong message to the business world that you can't open an operation in Hawaii without significant legal challenges. This prevents us from seeing investment from the mainland and elsewhere and reinforces the belief that Hawaii is an anti-business state. If this measure doesn't pass, it's likely we will see very little more than real estate investment. This punishes medical and technology companies and stresses our relationship with China.

Please enable the HSF and send the message that Hawaii is for the people and for competition.

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House Testimony

From: Jerry Vares [jmvares@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:40 PM
To: House Record
Cc: jmvares@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation - Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is **Gerald S. Vares** and **I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.**

The Superferry will enable me to visit family & friends on the neighbor islands.

I have a fear of flying!

The Superferry will only help the lagging economy and create jobs in all areas.

Gerald S. Vares

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House Testimony

From: Wayne and Kari Evans [waynekari@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:14 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

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This note shall serve as support in favor of the Super Ferry. It just seems ludicrous to stop progress in the 21st century ---- progress that the overwhelming residents of our 50th state can be a part of and want to be a part of. A few hundred residents on surfboards should not stop what is in the best interest of the whole.

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BRIH (Born and raised in Hawaii)

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House Testimony

From: Lee Ann Matsumoto [lmats@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:41 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lee Ann Matsumoto* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I believe that the Super Ferry should be allowed to operate while the EIS is being conducted. The Super Ferry provides an alternative means of transportation for Hawaii's residents as well as it visitors. It allows us to choose how we would like to travel between our beautiful islands. I don't believe that it poses any more or any additional danger to our environment or our oceans as any other large vessel that is currently operating.

I strongly urge you to pass this above bill and allow the Super Ferry to operate during the EIS phase. Mahalo.

Sincerely,
Lee Ann Matsumoto

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Lee

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House Testimony

From: Ray Chan [raywkchan@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:41 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry testimony...

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Ray Chan* and I support Hawai'i Superferry here and now in our Islands.

As I've studied higher economics – I see this as THE single biggest concept that will bring economic cohesiveness to all of our major islands since the beginning of inter-island air travel. The end result will be the economic wellbeing of all Hawaii citizens.

The many positive aspects are self-evident – ease of transport and travel, choice of options to consumer citizens and visitors, etc.

What's not evident is this -- as are many regions in this world, we are surrounded by a great body of water. We

are privileged by this, and we should leverage it as an opportunity. During my recent trips to Hong Kong, I personally saw the ferry transports serving as an economic multiplier to the exponential growth of the region.

I believe the environmental concerns and growth related issues for the neighbor island are real. These, when properly managed, can be minimal.

Please do your best to keep the Superferry here in Hawai'i – it would be a shame on all of us to see this opportunity sail away now.

Thanks you for your considerations.

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House Testimony

From: Hilo Art & Glass Supply [hiloart@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:41 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Eva K. Anderson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry's operation in Hawaii. I also am a proponent of responsible growth and environmental management. This new mode of transportation would be a huge boon to the island economies, and specialized services and products flowing back and forth would provide opportunity and raise the standard of living for people on all islands. I would be able to bring my specialized art classes to islands with no access to the art forms I teach. Driving the equipment over would make it fast enough and affordable enough. I would also bring specialized art supplies that are only available at Hilo Art & Glass Supply, my full service art supply store in Hilo. This would also be wonderful for the art community at large because and artists can more safely transport their artwork to other islands for exhibits, that way the artists get more exposure, and the public benefits from more cultural richness. This is the same for every cultural activity including riding Harleys, hot rods, or horses. When I think of what it will do for the Aloha Festivals and Merrie Monarch, I get so excited imagining the cultural products and people that will be brought to my town!

Thank you for making this difficult decision on behalf of the people of Hawaii, the employees and owners of the Superferry, and the plants and animals of Hawaii. I feel that with the right choices, all will benefit.

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House Testimony

From: Dick and Arlene [arndi@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:41 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry YES!!!

Sorry I can't be in Honolulu to make public oral testimony. Please do whatever is available in your power to make this wonderful service available to the citizens of Hawaii as soon as possible. Thank you!

George R. Hershberger Ocean View, Ka'u Hawai'i ALWAYS AT YOUR SERVICE!

Dick Hershberger

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House Testimony

From: Lepage96822@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:42 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Relating to transportation (Super Ferry)

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Arthur R. Lepage* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Harbors are for boats. The Superferry is a boat. It will deliver people and vehicles to our islands. Something that's been going on separately for decades.

If you stop the Superferry, don't forget to stop Young Bros. and the Airlines.

Arthur R. Lepage

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House Testimony

From: Bob and Carole Crist [chorse@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:41 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

I am writing this in support of the Superferry. I am amazed how a small group of protesters can overrule the majority of people that desire to have the Superferry operate. It is time that you, our legislators get in touch with the silent majority of the people who do want to have the Superferry operate and are anxious for the Hawaiian/Aloha hostage situation to end.

Other than the groups seen, usually showing disrespect for both the Governor and supporters of the Superferry, I have not spoken to anyone that does not want the Superferry to operate.

While I do support the democratic process, at some point the wishes of silent majority need to outweigh the wishes of the vocal few.

I also hope you will not allow partisan politics play a role in how this turns out in an attempt to discredit the Governor or any other republican supporters.

The Superferry will not place the outer islands in any more danger from invasive species than the barges do, the ship won't damage any more whales than the Pacific Whale Foundation has, and the ship won't pollute anymore than NCL and the other cruise liners already do.

Please do the right thing and allow the Superferry to operate.

Bob Crist

Makakilo

House Testimony

From: doc-flyboy [doc-flyboy@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:42 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Please save our Superferry!

Aloha,

We are writing to encourage you to vote **in favor** of allowing the Superferry to operate while the environmental review is being done.

Our kama aina cannot afford to be without this effective and safe method of transportation and emergency aid.

Mahalo,

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House Testimony

From: Joanne Lim [jjjj]@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:42 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joanne O. N. Lim, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I do not plan to appear in person to submit my comments and I thank you for receiving my testimony by e-mail.

My family appreciates another option for transportation in between the islands of our State.

The thing that is most perplexing to us is; exactly who are the ultra vocal parties against the Superferry? Our large group of family, friends and work acquaintances represent a wide variety of ages, races and economic diversity, yet NOT ONE OF THEM IS AGAINST THE SUPERFERRY. We know the environmental issues will be addressed. We hope you will represent those of us who do not have any big business or protectionist agendas.

Thank you.

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House Testimony

From: Ron Barranco [ron@stereolithography.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:34 PM
To: House Record
Subject: About the Superferry issue.

My name is Ron Barranco

About the Superferry issue which I strongly support. Here is my testimony and I will not be able to attend in person.

I strongly support the Superferry for many reasons. Mostly it makes since to vist relatives and friends and being able to take the things we need like our Pickup or our Harley and then we don't have to be like "Tourists in our own State". The superferry is essentially an equivalent to a "Highway" on the mainland. It is the same as saying in California lets build a Highway down the middle of the State, in California you wouldn't say no to that and you wouldn't say no here either if there was land to do it but we don't have that we only have water.

The Superferry is here, 99% of the work has been accomplished and now there is a decision point? It is a boat not a nuke plant so let it survive please. I have spent 8 years in the ship building industry on the Mainland, there are no major environmental issues created by the Superferry.

Business-wise we could look very bad. Our state says we want High tech or high pay jobs but the loose cannon people want to deny us basic transportation which should be considered our infrastructure. Hawaii will have a black eye permanently from this issue if the lawmakers handle this wrong from this point on. It is as if someone set you guys up to pass a test, pass or fail and I wouldn't want to be you after the Superferry fails. The radicals will sink back into the trees and beaches because they are not mainstream Hawaii.

I am a "High Tech" businessman who has been in front of the Hawaii Investors group a couple of times to bring High Tech industry to Hawaii, I will paying very close attention to how this turns out and I will likely not encourage the investors either way now that I have seen this lack of control with our government.

Hawaii is 20 years back in time and desperately need to get up to speed with our ways. Radicals should not be steering Hawaii.

Hawaii Superferry was the largest step I have seen in Hawaii in the 8 years I have lived on Maui and radicals are going to push our politicians around? My Grandparents immigrated here in 1919, I have 2 adult children and 3 grandchildren I care about living their lives here in Hawaii and do not see Superferry as a environmentally negative thing here but only a necessity as infrastructure.

Ron & Rhonda Barranco

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Maui

House Testimony

From: Akeo, Dana Y.N. [Dana.Akeo@ggp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:42 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Dana Akeo* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. *I think it's time for Hawaii to be more open-minded about different means of transportation and how to link the islands. Yes, kamaaina might be "comfortable" in their static environments, but if we don't keep up with the rest of the world and think outside of our boxes, our economy and livelihoods will be adversely impacted. Why do we keep losing smart/valuable residents to the rest of the country/world? The availability of opportunities to provide and allow for forward thinking.*

Dana Akeo

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House Testimony

From: Victor V. VIERRA [vvierra@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:42 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Victor V. Vierra and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly believe that the quality of life of our island state can be enhanced with an alternate form of interisland transportation. I also strongly believe that we should do whatever is necessary to help the Hawaii Super Ferry survive. Surely there is room for compromise.

As our elected representatives, I would hope that you would balance the wants and needs of the silent majority and not let the vocal minority rule the day.

signed
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House Testimony

From: Mary Iaea [mary.iaea@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:44 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *MARY IAEA* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry gave my husband a job, after being unemployed for several months. I remember the day he came home after his interview. He said, "Wow, this is going to be BIG!" We were both so excited. For one, he was no longer unemployed. Secondly, he was joining a company that would provide a worthwhile, innovative mode of transportation for the people across the State. He was just so proud to be a part of it! Also, I found out that he was doing something he had always dreamed of doing, working near the port. All in all, the Hawaii Superferry has given my family an answer to prayer. We hope it stays that way. Mahalo!

Mary Iaea

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House Testimony

From: Valerie Painter [mauibabbe@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:17 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Valerie Painter and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry for a few of the following reasons.

The economic stability of the islands depends on the Super Ferry, it will create jobs for all involved and make transport of fresh fruits and vegetables quicker and less expensive than carrying by plane.

I believe that it will enhance tourism for all and make a delightful day for day trippers.

*Valerie Painter
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House Testimony

From: b.kahakui@hawaiiintel.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:44 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bonnie Kahakui and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii needs an alternative mode of transportation to travel interisland. The Superferry is the answer. Please support the Superferry.

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House Testimony

From: WstCoast03@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:44 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Supporter of Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Linda S. Cooney* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a frequent visitor to Hawaii, I looked forward to ferry travel to and from the out islands. With other ships in and out of the harbor, I cannot see what negative impact Hawaii Superferry would make. Surely a study had already been completed when the other ship companies, like NCL, had decided to use Oahu as a home port. I see Hawaii Superferry as a plus for locals and tourists alike, in addition to being a revenue maker for the State of Hawaii. I am a supporter of allowing Hawaii Superferry to operate now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Cooney

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House Testimony

From: Paul M Trevithick [pmtrevithick@juno.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mary Katherine Trevithick and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is an exciting new option in interisland travel, and my family and I have been looking forward to its arrival for the last two years. Every major island chain in the United States is served by a ferry system, and Hawaii should be no exception. We believe the impacts will be negligible compared to the benefits of increased recreational options, business and agriculture bonuses in interisland trade. In the twenty years we have lived on the Big Island, there seems to be a vocal minority that wants to keep our islands from moving forward in exciting new ways. The majority wants and has been eagerly anticipating the ferry's commencement of travel. Please allow the Superferry to move forward; it will be a sad day to watch yet another business leave for more favorable business environment.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mary Katherine Trevithick

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House Testimony

From: Michael Kraft [mckraft@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:43 PM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Michael Charles Kraft* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would come in person, but like many supporters of the Super Ferry work and am unable to attend . I am appalled at the display the opponents to the Super Ferry have presented to the world. It is apparent few of these protestors are gainfully employed and their protests have little scientific merit. Though I am not native to Hawaii I am sympathetic to their love of the islands. In viewing these protestors it is apparent that the majority are outsiders and am saddened when I see a native Hawaiian booed when they indicate support for the ferry. I have traveled all over the world and my observations tell me the environmental impact is minimal and certainly not near what the freighters, Matson and airlines bring to the outer islands. The super ferry will undoubtedly enhance commerce to Hawaii and make accessible to the world the beauty Hawaii has to offer.

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House Testimony

From: Ott [patriciaott@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:44 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Re: SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY

My name is Donald Ott. I live on Oahu. FIRST-DO NOT PASS ANY SPECIAL LEGISLATION. WE NEED TO WAIT TILL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT IS COMPLETED. I am in favor of having the Superferry for our Islands, but it is just plain WRONG to pass legislation to override our environmental laws. It really is that simple.

Thank you.

Donald Ott