

House Testimony

From: Rachel Aquino [rachel.aquino@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:37 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

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 *Rachel J. Aquino* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am currently employed by the Hawaii Superferry. I was one of the few employees retained while many others were put on furlough. I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry because the Hawaiian Islands need another choice to travel and see family throughout our island chain. Hawaii Superferry has given the people of Hawaii another option. I believe that the Superferry has gone above and beyond what is expected of any marine craft to operate in regards to protecting our environment. Please do not let the Superferry leave the islands as it is something that people will look back on and wish that had this all not happened families could be closer together and people could really enjoy the ride and the spirit of all islands in a safe, more scenic, and more environmentally aware mode of transportation.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Charlie Hazelton* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The ferry personally could have helped me in my recent move from Oahu to the Big Island (if it was running here already). To get here, I had to turn in my vehicle 4 days prior to my departure. Which left me with no vehicle during a very difficult period. I had no ride back from the harbor and no ride to the airport (4 days later). When I arrived on the big Island I had no vehicle So I got a taxi to a rental agency. Had that car for 2 days. Then had to hassle with returning the car and getting to the harbor. If there had been ferry service, I could have kept my car until the day I left, had my car when I arrived and I could have packed pillows and an air mattress, since my cargo container didn't arrive until 5 days after I arrived on the Big Island. Why should we be forced to jump through so many hoops when there is an easy solution. We need this ferry.

I moved to Hawaii 2 years ago and I am already disappointed with the inaccessibility of this state. Hawaii is not 8 different states, it is one state and I should be able to travel across it and explore it with more ease. The Superferry will give me that opportunity. Hawaii is full of tourists but it also has millions of American voters that should have the same rights and advantages as other Americans living in other states. Imagine if the people living on Staten Island in New York had there bridges and the ferry taken away. They would be stuck on that island, isolated from the rest of the state with flight being their only way off. Or imagine if you live in Southern California and you want to explore Northern California but you are told you have to fly there because the roads can not be traveled, lets say for environmental reasons. The people in those states and all states have had roads and bridges built at taxpayers expense to connect them to the rest of their state. If the state is not going to build bridges in Hawaii then we should be given an alternative. The government should have provided the state of Hawaii with bridges or a ferry many years ago. With that said, as a minimum, the government should be behind this company which is providing us the opportunities that was the governments obligation.

I am sure environmental issued could have been raised with the building of every bridge in America and yet the bridges were built. The Superferry is Hawaii's bridge. We need a bridge so please don't take it away. Helping the superferry isn't helping one company, it is helping millions of Americans.

Sincerely,

Charlie Hazelton

House Testimony

From: Wendy Anderson [WAA120977@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:45 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Wendy Anderson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I was born and raised on the island of Maui, and now for the past 12 years ahve lived on the island of Oahu. Traveling interisland by air has become such a hassle an inconvinience especially while traveling with young children. I strogly support the Hawaii Super Ferry, because traveling home to visit my family would be so much easier to drive up onto the ferry, unload everyone, enjoy the ride nad get back into your own car to travel on my own with no need for renting or bortrowing a car. So many people do not travel interisland due to a fear of flying, especially since Sept. 11th, this would open up a way for so many Hawaii families to travel back and forth. My grandfather has not been to Oahu from Maui in over 30 years becaue of flying, give him a boat to ride on and he'd be here in a heart beat. I cannot stress how important this ferry is to so many Hawaii residents. The way I look at it, I grew up on Maui and people are so concerned about the island growing and what the impact would be, but really the ferry is a means of roud trip transportation. It would be the same everyday as all the flights coming in and out of Maui. It sits a a pier just over from a huge cruise ship which brings thousands of visitors every week to Maui. This ferry is a means for us local people to travel in a way we normally cant, an affordable crusie ship if you will.

I would love to be able to come down and testify in person in support of Hawaii super ferry, but unfortunately I am not able to. I hope that

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House Testimony

From: Dinah Rodgers [dinah_96740@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:39 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Save the Superferry!

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

My name is *Dinah Rodgers* and I strongly support the Superferry. Hawaii is in need of an alternative mode of interisland travel. Many families, including my own, are looking forward to the convenience and affordable fares the Superferry will offer. No, I am not worried about whales, invasive species, or any other weak argument because one only has to look at the hundreds of other similar ferrys operating around the world, without ill-effect to the environment, to know that the superferry would be a positive addition to Hawaii.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John Klein and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please do everything you can to get the Superferry up and running as soon as possible. The state has committed our taxpayer funds to make this project go. We the taxpayer cannot absorb the effects of more bungling by the government. The superferry investors acted in good faith on our governments word that they could operate and then the rug is pulled out from under them at the last moment. This is bad for business in this state. Operating the superferry during the EA is a good idea because we will have real data over an eight month period versus just a bunch of assumptions that can be spun one way or the other. The whale population is up 10% the last two years and thus the whales are not an issue but merely a tool for the obstructionists among the population.

Hawaii needs to cut taxes, cut spending and reduce red tape or we will remain a backward tourist destination. Close down the EBT(welfare) program and put the protestors back to work. Thank you, John Klein, Kauai - a tax payer and citizen.

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House Testimony

From: NTANABEM@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:46 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Dear Honorable Representatives of the Hawaii House of Representatives,

We respectfully ask that you consider allowing the Hawaii Super Ferry to operate during the period of time when an Environmental Impact Study is conducted. We believe the Hawaii Super Ferry will be an asset to the communities here on Kauai and elsewhere throughout the State of Hawaii.

The ferry system will allow my daughter who has a fear of flying to visit her Dad here on Kauai. The system will also allow me and my wife to visit our ailing aging parents in Honolulu with our vehicle. I am sure that there are many other residents in Hawaii who are not able to fly or need specially equipped handicap vehicles.

Although there have been some very vocal and disrespectful protesters on Kauai, I can assure you that there are many more law abiding and decent local people on Kauai who are much in favor of seeing the Hawaii Super Ferry offer an alternative means of transportation to and from Oahu.

Yours truly,

Miles and Nancy Tanabe
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House Testimony

From: Sunny Crowley [sunny@globalnaturals.biz]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:00 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Small business owner needs the ferry

Aloha! I am a small business owner here in Hawaii. I have lived here for 33 years. As a Natural Products Broker, my job is to visit my store buyers each month, on most of the islands. With all the high security and airline restrictions, my work has been forced to change.

It takes excessive time and process, to fly. I cannot take more than 50 lbs per bag in weight, which often limits my work load. I have to take samples, some being liquids: juices, oils, etc, and just packing those to be thrown around by baggage takes a long time, and occasional accidents occur.

I need the Super Ferry to be able to drive my samples and heavy paperwork, to my accounts, each month.

Hawaii should support us tax payers who vote and participate, and not be pressured by surfers on Kauai, or those on outer Islands that are not doing their research, but rather causing delays for emotional reasons.

I consider myself an environmentalist, but clearly have a difference of opinion on the Super Ferry, as do many others.

Please support the Super Ferry!

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House Testimony

From: karlandlulu@hawaii.rr.com
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Mary Louise Zingalie-Adams* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel this ferry will greatly benefit Hawaii and it's residents. What difference is there in this ferry and the barges, cruise lines and tankers that go back and forth between islands? We as Hawaii residents should have a choice as to how to travel back and forth. Why should Young Brothers and the other companies that transport automobiles have the monopoly?

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House Testimony

From: Gaugee@aol.com
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To: House Record; hawaiiisuperferry@hawaiiisuperferry.com
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Support the Hawaii Super Ferry ... another means of transportation for the people of Hawaii Nei.

Did **Young Brothers, Aloha/Hawaiian Airlines** have all this scrutiny that the Hawaii Super Ferry is endeavoring?

Sincerely,
Ron Souza

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House Testimony

From: Mike Curtis [mcurtis@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I Support the Hawaii Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mike Curtis and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Superferry will benefit the state in terms of improving the quality of life for residents and local businesses.

I support the completion of an EIS but I do not believe that the Superferry should be prevented from operating while the EIS is completed.

While some restrictions on Superferry operations may be necessary during the time while the EIS is conducted, I urge you to ensure that these restrictions are reasonable and do not create an undue burden on operations.

Respectfully,

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House Testimony

From: Cindy "TAZ" Buan-Sugai [buansugai@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Sper Ferry

Aloha,

I am writing to comment on the Super Ferry Bill. I will not be able to testify in person as I am in Hilo. I would like to express that I am in strong SUPPORT of the Super Ferry and for the state- We need the Super Ferry to be allowed to operate while the environmental impact studies are done. The Super Ferry is a great alternative means of travel. If the Super Ferry pulls out of Hawaii, we will lose millions; not just in the Super Ferry, but for world wide investors who will undoubtedly be very gun shy about investing in Hawaii.

If the protesters need to wake up! Although they have a valid argument about protecting the environment - if they would stop shouting long enough to listen, they would realize that the Super Ferry is just as concerned and will comply to the guidelines set forth in this legislation. They also need to realize how damaging not letting the Super Ferry run would have on Hawaii now and long term. This is not about saving a company it's about saving the STATE'S POCKETBOOK which is really OUR POCKETBOOK!!! When the state pays, WE ALL PAY. Please, Please allow the super Ferry to run during the study. The protesters had their say, it's OUR turn., Give the Super Ferry a chance to prove how valuable an asset it will be to Hawaii.

Aloha,

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House Testimony

From: Sharon M. Madsen [sharmad@fastnethi.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I strongly support the Super Ferry. I have personally seen what a difference it can make. I was living in Juneau, Alaska when the Alaska State ferry System was established. It united all of Southeast Alaska. We were able to get fresh produce for the first time from Haines, without costing a fortune to fly it to Juneau. We took family vacations to Haines and Skagway and motor trips through Canada. We could transport livestock between the different towns. The schools took the kids on field trips to the other towns, the high schools had basketball and football tournaments, which they could not afford the travel costs before. It bettered our lives. Hawaii has the chance to better itself. We already have a bad reputation of being impossible to start new industries here. This is something that will help all of the State. If people could open their minds instead of their mouths we might be able to reach some sort of compromise that will suit almost everyone. The waiting time for the environmental study would be a good time to test the Super Ferry and get a real feel of its impact. Then if it is as harmful as they seem to think it is, we'll know for sure. It is stupid to crush the whole thing with out giving it an honest chance.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Darrin Wong* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the super ferry should be allowed to operate. They have complied with all the requirements and secured the permits to operate. To add requirements after they have received the okay to proceed is wrong.

I believe they should be able to operate as the EIS is being done. If the EIS requires added improvements to harbors and changes to procedure they should be implemented. They should not be required to fulfill requirements on pure speculation of what might be needed. They should be allowed to operate as they would have before these hearings. Only after the EIS is complete should they be required to do the added improvements to facilities and changes to procedure of any dictated by the EIS.

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House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kel S. Kado and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

From what I've seen, people that moved to Hawaii from somewhere else and now want to keep the outer islands to themselves are generating most opposition. Their arguments are hypocritical and self-serving. Where were they earlier in the process? How would they feel if circumstances were reversed and they had invested millions of dollars and years of their life only to have a minority of selfish hypocrites block them at the last minute?

Their claim that more people will come and deplete their resources is bogus because those people can already fly there at less cost.

Their concerns about an EIS being done should also be applied to Young Brothers barges and cruise ships. Let's see how they like having those services cut off to do an EIS!

Thank you,

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House Testimony

From: Lopes [kats17@hawaiiantel.net]
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To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I support the Hawaii Superferry.
thank you,
Sandra Lopes

House Testimony

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To: House Record
Cc: hawaiiisuperferry@hawaiiisuperferry.com
Subject: house bill or any bill for that matter

Importance: High

re superferry--

I and my partner support the superferry for immediate sailing while environmental study is completed. that actual experience is a lot more valuable than emotionally loaded hypotheticals!

I lived in washington state 10 years where a ferry system is part of the transportation network--fun and practical.

don't let an emotional minority force you into the wrong decision. i am a strong environmentalist--outing club officer in college, large hiking club in washington, but i no longer support the sierra club because their views and actions are too extreme.

please go with the majority opinion, and let the superferry sail--a good compromise seems to have been worked out between 3 parties with plenty of safeguads. its a tragedy that the opponents of superferry refuse to give an inch. lets be practical, and let the boat speak for itself!

Written with sincerity-- ron chadwick hi resident since 1980 and sandra smiley born and raised in hawaii

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Marcus Bender* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry as it will offer local people and tourists an opportunity to visit the outer islands and experience the ocean which is a big part of the Hawaiian Experience. I also feel it is imperative to have a free and open society where a business can operate and not allow a minority dictate the ability of a business to operate, especially when the State Government invited and blessed this business to move ahead.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Alfred DeMalteris* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry system because :

**cleaner than airtravel for the environment and the ocean.*

**the people need a choice and an affordable choice to travel inter-island.*

**opens up the Hawaiian Islands for tourists and local people.*

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House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Ron Kawahara* and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I believe that the this new mode of transportation will be a boon to Hawaii. I am a small business person. In my meetings with a number of clients, I have not come across a single person that is against the Superferry. I guess that I am one of the silent majority that only speaks out when an important issue such as this comes before the public. I support the operation of the Superferry while an EIS is being performed.

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House Testimony

From: Kate Tongg [ktongg@smls-hawaii.org]
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To: House Record
Subject: Support of Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

The Superferry should be allowed to run interisland. It is simply another ship making trips between the islands. The people on Kauai/Maui are not complaining about the cargo ships that regularly visit their ports to bring goods from Oahu and the mainlands like food, lumber, other supplies. The environmental impact is no different from the cruise ships and the other vessels that enter these same waters.

The Superferry would be no different from these other ships that enter their ports. Except, that it would bring more tourist dollars to the local economies. And, it would allow other Hawaii residents the option to bring their own vehicles and supplies (camping equipment/surfboards/etc) without having to worry about the lack of damage control claimed by the airlines or excessive fees.

We live on islands. Shouldn't we be able to access them by water? It is not only an attractive way to travel for locals, but also for tourists visiting our islands. Criminals are not going to pay the fees to travel outer island – that is an absurd excuse.

The state should really start making plans before they import new projects (ie: purchasing and dispersing trash receptacles for recycling prior to any program, no environmental impact statement prior to the launch of the Superferry). It is now the obligation of the state to see to it that their latest venture is a positive dividend to the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely with Aloha,

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House Testimony

From: Henrietta Yee [henrietta.yee@gmail.com]
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Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Henrietta Yee and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

In August, I was one of the fortunate ones who took part in the one and only complete voyage to Kahului Harbor. We participated with friends who have homes in Hawaii and California and wanted to share a part of history with us. Little did we know how pivotal that voyage would be. None of us expected things to come to this point.

I am born and raised in Hawaii, and have been a University employee for most of my working career. A program I worked in brought the sea to young people in Hawaii by teaching them navigational skills, marine biology and afforded them hands-on sea time. Most of these students had never experienced looking at their homes from the ocean. At that time, I thought the concept was significant - I still do. Most of us never get to see the other islands up close, from the ocean. Now we have an opportunity with Superferry. The scenery on the way over to Maui was absolutely breathtaking. I cannot describe how special it was to see the islands unfold as we headed toward Maui. The return trip around the northern end of Molokai was thrilling. During the voyage, I saw so many people with smiles and wonderment on their faces - our time for a ferry has finally come.

When the controversy over the EIS and EA for the Superferry arose, it seems that those protesting were not really as interested in the technicality of getting those statements or assessment completed but wanted to bar others - their fellow Hawaii residents - from invading 'their' land. Does this mean that they will stay where they are and not travel to our other islands in turn? Why did I not see many local-looking residents in the protests? I believe it's because most of them support Superferry but comprise the silent majority. Why is it okay to travel there by airplane but not the Superferry? Have the barges that have traveled back and forth for years submitted to an EIS? Will they be made to? The passion that those protesting demonstrated on tv could certainly be felt - but they were NOT the majority. The acts they performed amounted to mere strong-arm tactics and were an embarrassment to many of us. I firmly believe that even if the judge had ruled in favor of Superferry, they would still be protesting - it has little to do with the EA but is more about change.

Please, enough already - stop this ridiculousness and allow the Superferry to run!

Thank you,

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(I will not be testifying in person.)

House Testimony

From: Mike Solomon [MikeSolomon@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: In Support of Hawai'i Superferry

Aloha, Members of Congress:

My name is Michael Solomon, and I am a voter from Aiea. I am a frequent inter-island traveller, both for pleasure and for business. Hawai'i in the 21st Century **needs** the Superferry as an absolutely essential alternative to airline travel between islands. One of my full time jobs is associate faculty for University of Phoenix in Hawai'i. On September 11th, 2001, I was teaching on Maui and unable to return to my family or my other full-time consulting job for the government for a week, due to grounding of all non-military air traffic. My absence took its toll.

We all pray that another 9/11 emergency will never occur, but reality indicates we'll face other disasters that disrupt air service -- our only inter-island life-line. The Superferry provides vital alternative transportation for those times of crisis, but it will not be there **only** to respond in times of crisis. We must grow and sustain the Superferry in good times, so we can rely on its service in times of disaster, whether hurricane, tsunami, earthquake, outrageous airfare hikes due to rising oil prices . . . or an overflow of tourists for another UH Warriors stupendous season! The Superferry is an **absolute requirement** for alternative inter-island transportation, and we need it **now!**

Rental car dealers are likely lobbying you strongly to oppose the Superferry, projecting big losses from the inter-island rental crowd. I project the loss to be negligible and State Commerce revenue increases from the Superferry will more than offset minor individual losses for rental car dealers.

I share the mana of local protesters, wishing we could return to primitive ways and days of less care. Modernization brings great value to the aina and to the kupa. The kuleana is for all of us to balance modernization with respect for the land and na pua o Hawai'i. "Superferry" is a new name, but it's the same way Hawai'ians have traditionally travelled inter-island!

Please support the Superferry -- in the best interest of all Hawai'ians. If you have questions or would like to hear more, I can arrange to testify before a Congressional session. You may reach me at this e-mail address, or on my cell phone: 292-2089.

Respectfully,
Michael Solomon
Aiea Resident

House Testimony

From: John M. Palazzotto, CPP, CLSD [jpalazzotto@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:45 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY

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 *John M. Palazzotto, CPP, CLSD* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

First let me state, as a small business owner, (Gold-Shield Security Services LLC) based on Maui, the Superferry would only enhance and promote my business throughout the State. This is commonly accomplished between small businesses to compete with major companies. I see this happening with many other businesses as well. Something that is now only done by a limited means of moving your equipment and personnel from island to island via the airlines.

Secondly, since when does the minority govern how we get things done? Yes, it is their right to voice their concerns and be heard. No, it is not right that they represent the majority regarding this issue.

*Third, the Superferry is **right** and it is **good** for most of the people within this State.*

Have there been mistakes made regarding the planning of this project? Most likely so. But to stop this venture from providing the people of Hawaii another means to travel and do so safely, would be an injustice to the people.

Please vote to keep the Hawaii Superferry operational and to have safeguards in place to build the infrastructure to support its growth.

Sincerely

JOHN M. PALAZZOTTO

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House Testimony

From: ETGerum@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Patricia Gerum* and I strongly support Hawaii Super Ferry.

I am currently an Oahu resident. I moved from Kauai in 1994. We have family still living there and the Hawaii Super Ferry would allow my family and I to visit our Kauai Ohana more frequently. The trip would be fun for my three children who were born on Kauai and love to return. The ship would allow our family to move freely and relax during the voyage. We would also like the opportunity to camp on the Big Island, a dream we have had for many years. As I speak to family and friends here and on Kauai it seems most support the ferry and the right of the company to pursue they business here.

Aloha,

Patricia Gerum

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House Testimony

From: Spencer Lau [slau0073@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Spencer W.H. Lau and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry because there has been too much money invested by the state and it provides another mode of transportation for everyone. Why should we pay more money for something that may not exist? There's only a small percentage of people that are against the Superferry and the majority is for the Superferry. Why should we the majority get penalized?

Spencer W.H. Lau

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House Testimony

From: Pbtoki@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:52 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimonial for the Super Ferry

Thank you; our elected officials for the new definition of Aloha. It now means keep out, we don't want you and if you come we will make sure you are treated miserably. I'm in favor of the ferry. I'm aware of the misgivings of the opponents. Unfortunately, instead of working to make the ferry a reality you all have done your best to make it a political issue to strut your power and make it the fault of your opposition.

The ferry is the first real thing that would have a positive benefit for the state. offering an added alternative to the travel and commerce within the state. A relative affordable way to expand the economic fortunes of local communities. allowing a relative affordable way to travel between islands to see family and friends. A Chance to see the state that relatively few can see.

Everybody is complaining about the ecology. What better way to realize Hawaii is a special place by seeing how small the islands actually are when seen from the deck of a ship. How dependent we are on the health of the enviroment when we are confronted by the fact that if anything bad happens there is no where else to go. No one else to turn to. We cannot packup and drive to another state to get out of the way of a natural or man made disaster.

Yes there are issues that must be dealt with. Nothing in this state cannot be solved if those that make the decisions on our behalf will sit down and work them out nonpartisan. But this is an impossibility. Your only agenda is to maintain your power, continue your influence and the good of the state must be considered a non concern.

So farewell to the Super Ferry. On the whole you all did what was right to get the ship and try to offer the PEOPLE of Hawaii a new way of enjoying and appreciate this state. You may have done some things wrong but considering the what you could have done they were minor. May you have success where ever you may go and recover from the disaster in Hawaii.

To our State government, executive, legislative and judicial. Thank you for buisness as usual. selfish self interest and the ignoring of the people who you no longer serve.

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House Testimony

From: JAMES HOBAN [jhoban@prodigy.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:26 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPER FERRY

I strongly support the operation of the Super Ferry in the State of Hawaii. The people of this state deserve transportation alternatives. I am a resident of Kaneohe for 34 years **AND I VOTE!** To single out this form of transportation for environmental reasons is **DISCRIMINATORY, UNFAIR AND UNWARRENTED.**

This entire situation is the result of a minority which has shown that they are not above breaking the laws in order to get their way. That, my friends is anarchy. If the legislature recognizes the will of this violent minority it will be giving in to domestic terrorists!

James Hoban
Kaneohe

House Testimony

From: Vanessa [vanessa88@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:53 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii superferry support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Vanessa Louise Lawson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This is a much needed mode of transportation that will benefit all Hawaii residents. It will greatly expedite vehicles, food and much needed supplies quickly to outer islands. With the ability to transport a families vehicle on outer island trips, it will save money . I ask you how many injuries have we had to whales with all the cruise ships already operating in our waters? Please vote favorably to allow the hawaii Superferry to operate.

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House Testimony

From: Linda Soll [lsoll@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:06 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Please support the Superferry

House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
Hearing Date and Time: Thursday, October 25, 2007, 9:00 am

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to ask you to find a way for the Superferry to be available as a travel option to the people of Hawaii.

I have been looking forward to traveling outer island with my family by ferry for years. Please give the people of Hawaii access to this option for interisland travel.

My father-in-law is afraid to fly in airplanes. We hope to be able to travel with him to the Big Island that he loves by ferry one day. I understand concerns about spreading invasive species and harming whales. Can't the Superferry be held to the same standards as airlines, cargo ships, whale watching tour boats, parasailing boats and others who now travel between islands without the restrictions proposed for the Superferry?

Ferries are used safely all over the mainland. Please allow the people of Hawaii to use this travel option as well.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Soll

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House Testimony

From: Bob Badham [badhamr001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:54 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Support

From Robert Badham
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I write to support the launch of regular, inter-island ferry service with the Superferry.

It is the right thing to do. It provides the residents of this island state an OPTION for travel between islands. We can visit relatives, and friends, make deliveries or purchases, and spend more affordable vacation time if we choose.

It is also right to do the EIS. But, now that we (the taxpayers) are already committed to the repayment of monies to support the ferry we must begin service while doing the environmental impact necessities AT THE SAME TIME.

GET ON WITH IT!!

I do not plan to submit in-person comments.

Thanks!

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House Testimony

From: Cindy Inoue [cindykondo@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:53 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Transportation Testimony

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Cynthia Inoue* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am a retiree living in Hilo with my husband, son, sister and ex-hubby. We are on limited (retirement) income and see the Superferry as a reasonably priced means to commute from one island to another with our vehicle.

My husband has 6 brothers and sisters in Honolulu and we'd welcome the opportunity to visit them more often. We would spread our retirement income on services and goods in those areas that could benefit from our mini-trips.

We have been waiting patiently for Superferry to come to Big Island in 2008. Now, we don't know if this will become a reality. I will not be able to appear to make public comment at an upcoming meeting but do urge you to consider our request for this much needed service.

I admit I have not been following the news closely but ask this question: if Matson and Young Brothers can transport goods from one port to another why can't Superferry do the same?

Also, consider that many residents may support Superferry but have not made their positions known. I used to be a Training Manager in Los Angeles for a large 8,000 employee public transportation organization. Oftentimes when training and employee satisfaction surveys were issued to staff only 8-14% of the workforce population responded. It was those individuals who wanted their positions known what spoke out; but they did not necessarily represent the majority. Consider that there are many more citizens like me that hope others will speak on their behalf but don't.

Furthermore, more and more of us baby-boomers are moving into retirement mode and need this cost effective means to commute around the island.

Again, consideration of my request for this service would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time.

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House Testimony

From: Ray Carpenter [rrcarp@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:54 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ray Carpenter and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think the Hawaii ferry should be given a chance, the people of Hawaii need all modes on transportation as fuel prices rise. They should be under same rules as airlines & container ships & cruise ships.

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House Testimony

From: Lauren Luis [lluis@dwyerlaw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:54 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony in Support of Superferry (Hearing Date: Thursday, October 25, 9:00 a.m.)

Dear House Transportation and Finance Committees:

My husband and I BOUGHT A HONDA ELEMENT based upon our anticipated use of the Superferry to travel inter-island, and go camping. As residents of Oahu, my husband and I find it next to impossible to travel inter-island due to the high cost of doing so. Once you factor in round trip flights, hotel, car rental, gas, three meals a day out at restaurants, and pet care/boarding while we are gone, a short weekend getaway snowballs into a \$1,000 trip! Inter-island travel should be an option available to Hawaii's residents, but unless you make an unusually high income, inter-island travel is a rare and special occasion for Hawaii's residents. With the Superferry, we can put a cooler full of food, the dog and camping equipment in the car and have a great weekend camping on an outer island without breaking the bank!

I have traveled all over the world, and can say with a high degree of certainty that Hawaii is the only collection of islands I have been to for which there is NO ferry service. In fact, all other similar destinations have multiple ferry trips between the islands each day. Hawaii is IMMENSELY behind the times in this department, and now that we have the opportunity to make a improve and catch up - we turn it down! If the Superferry does not work out - there is no way that another investor will be willing to bring inter-island ferry service to Hawaii.

Finally, the most important reason to permit the Superferry to continue service throughout the completion of the environmental impact statement is that our economy NEEDS IT! The Superferry will: (i) permit workers such as carpenters, plumbers, etc. to travel and work inter-island, and (ii) permit farmers, artists, and other local producers on the outer islands to bring their goods to market on the other islands, without the added cost of shipping their product - which will increase competition, lower prices, and add to the variety of goods available to Hawaii residents on all the islands!

Please do not allow a very vocal MINORITY overcome the wants of the majority! Legislators who vote against the Superferry also vote against increased competition, lower prices, and an increase in the variety of goods available to Hawaii residents on all the islands - and is therefore, NOT INTERESTED IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF HAWAII'S RESIDENTS!!!!

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To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Manuel Eduardo Millan* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support hawaii superferry because it's gonna give our state more options to travel interisland

Eduardo Millan

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House Testimony

From: James Giffard [GIFFARDJ001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:55 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *James Giffard Jr* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry, cause its good for the people of Hawaii theres jobs and another way of travel between islands.

James Giffard Jr

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House Testimony

From: Doug Schilling [mailto:schillingconstruction.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:28 PM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Douglas Schilling, family and friends*] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We believe we should have the choice to use an interisland ferry instead of being limited to air travel only.

We believe that the island group that is our home and our state can only benefit by an available ferry system.

We support the care of our land and ocean environment and do not believe that the negative effects outweigh the benefits to us.

We believe that both our personal lives and our ability to do business would benefit by a ferry system.

We want businesses that have invested in Hawaii to be treated with fairness and equality.

We will note and support those in public office who display intelligence, logic and support for the greater public good in dealing with this issue.

Douglas Schilling

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House Testimony

From: Garrett Wilson [gwil8@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:48 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony for Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Garrett Wilson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I support the Super Ferry because it is a means for cheap, easy transportation and also for commerce between the islands. I believe it will bring the islands closer as a state.

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From: Kevin Cotton [kcotton222@gmail.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kevin Cotton and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry because it will enhance the quality of life for Hawaii residents. Seagoing travel between the islands will benefit our local communities, allowing schools, sports teams, and local residents to freely visit a neighboring island to attend community activities, visit family and buy and sell goods. Its affordable, convenient and gives local businesses and farmers a choice. We need the choices Hawaii Superferry gives us. This mode of transportation is not a new concept. It works and it is needed. I cannot attend the hearing and intend for this email to be placed on the record.

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House Testimony

From: Kalani Pagan [kalanipagan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:29 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Hawaii Supperferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kevin Kalani Pagan* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Especially due to the fact that I live on Molokai and it would have been a great asset to our people, or at least some of us. If the SuperFerry were in operation a lot of our people would benefit from its services. I support the superferry. Thank you, very much

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From: hailani valle [hylani@msn.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Hailani Valle and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Supporting this venture, would be a job opportunity and on the other hand, not taking job away from the air or car rental transportation. Numbers in air and car rental may decrease, but they will always be there for others who may choose to fly and get a car rental. I suggest to give it a try and if it fails, try again. Please support the request of the people in favor of the superferry. Mahalo

Hailani Valle
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House Testimony

From: island princess [sassylady3128@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:29 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Yes Allow HSF To Run During EA/EIS

I can't testify in person, however I strongly support letting the HSF run. We need more and diverse ways to travel around the state. It will benefit the economy and enable disabled persons an easier way to go interisland. They have a very difficult time with air travel (wheelchairs, oxygen, and other special medical items are bulky.) I have lived here for 28 years, but grew up on Cape Cod, where ferries that transport cars are a big part of travel to and from Boston, Nantucket, and Martha's Vineyard. They now have what they call the Fast Ferry from Provincetown to Boston. It goes about the same speed as the HSF, and runs through a whale breeding and feeding ground with Humpback, Sperm, and Right whales. A whale protection group conducted a 5 year study on collision mitigation on that ferry and found (with observers like the HSF will have) NOT ONE COLLISION occurred during the 5 year study! See link:

http://www.iwcoffice.org/documents/sci_com/SC59docs/SC-59-BC11.pdf

I also see no need to investigate the governor or her administration on the exemption. They followed Chapter 343 and the exemptions under 2000's administrative rules....

Thank you.

Lisa Reed
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House Testimony

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To: House Record
Subject: ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance, HB1

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DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joanne Ebesu and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. The Hawaii Superferry will benefit the State of Hawaii in the following ways:

- 1) provide transportation of people, goods, and vehicles during emergencies
- 2) provide an alternative means of transportation for residents and tourists
- 3) increase interisland commerce
- 4) increase interisland travel
- 5) provide a new way to see the Hawaiian islands
- 6) provide evidence of Hawaii's continuing efforts to support high tech industries to the State
- 7) provide a clean, environmentally friendly means of transportation
- 8) provide many jobs
- 9) support the notion of Hawaii as a state that supports small businesses

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are James & Jacqueline Helton and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry. We live on an island (Maui) and therefore should have a ferry service. Air travel used to be fun. It is now a painful ordeal from beginning to end. Also, the small business community of the neighbor islands needs the flexibility of being able to use sea travel. This is the 21st century; let's move ahead!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lisa-Anne Raney-Izak and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I believe that the Hawaiian public deserves another choice for interisland transportation. Additionally, I feel that our government was negligent in allowing the company to spend millions of dollars for the betterment of our transportation issues without having them complete the requirements and therefore should not be allowed now to fault Hawaii Superferry for not having met the requirements. Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate during the EIS.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jared Au and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I live in Honolulu and would like all Hawaii residents to have the ability to have another option of interisland travel, which will also increase interstate commerce and potentially keep more dollars in the state of Hawaii (as opposed to dollars being spent on out of state vacations by Hawaii residents). I also think this entire process has been unfair to the Superferry and has tarnished our state's already weak image in the global business community. Although opponents of the Superferry have been more vocal at the meetings held thus far, which have mainly been on the neighbor islands, I firmly believe that the 'silent majority' of people of the state want the Superferry to proceed. Unfortunately, I am not going to be able to attend this upcoming session, but I wanted to at least voice my opinion, which is shared by both my family and friends, to you.

Thank you for your time.

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House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Peter S Hwu* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is in the interest of the people of the State of Hawaii and its economy to have a viable transportation option other than air. Being an isolated state thousands of miles away from the mainland, it is to our interest and survival to build a closer link among our island communities to foster a stronger economic, cultural and social bond and larger economic base among us. Our islands lack an alternative way of transportation. Super Ferry provides this alternative as well as an artery to link our island economies together. The present and future of our islands, our families, our economies, our opportunities as an island state depend on the success of this most viable ocean highway. Our present and future economy as an island state cannot be solely dependent on air but rather by land and by sea. We are about the only island metropolis in the world without an interisland ferry service. We cannot afford to make another mistake. This is our future and the future of our children.

Why inter-island ferry service is needed and why we cannot afford to lose

1. Hawaii is an island metropolis surrounded from all sides by water. Ferry is the most logical transportation to get people, goods and services around. Not air or car can substitute.
2. Ferry service will jump start our stagnant tourist industry. It will provide a vital and attractive option to tourists with the least environmental impact on land
3. We needed interisland ferry service 50 years ago. It is overdue to the islands and our economy
4. Inter-island ferry service provides an alternate evacuation route in event of a major disaster
5. Our economy as an island metropolis depends on water to link our economies together, not air

6. Super tankers, cargo containers, aircraft carriers, nuclear submarines frequent our harbors and surrounding waters for centuries without complaints from environmental groups and without incident. Their complaints are without ground.
7. Ferry service provides jobs and opportunities to our economy as the only state isolated by water
8. We are about the last island metropolis in the world without an interisland ferry service
9. Let's not make another mistake. Let's make a wise decision that will benefit our present and future generations.

Respectfully,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kyle Guerrero* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Below is a list of my reasons:

1. Convenience for all Public School Events; Athletic Events and Equipment; Weekend Excursions; Project Grad etc.

A possibility of Superferry creating "special" rates for Dept. of Education students, staff and employees.

2. Shipping of purchased vehicles to relatives on outer islands can be scheduled in a more timely and efficient

manner at a lesser cost. Don't have to wait one or two weeks for a barge to transport. One is also able to go

over with the shipped items to ensure it gets there "safely" without damage or anything missing, etc.

3. Visiting relatives on the outer islands for summer, holidays, or when on school breaks. Allows for entire families

to go with their own transportation; allows for camping on outer islands w/o having

to "fly" or a need to "purchase"

additional items during their vacation. It's nice to be able to drive from your home and upon returning from your trip, drive straight home without having to deal with security at airports, baggage handling, delays and long lines.

4. Island "pig" hunters can travel with vehicle and dogs to hunt on neighbor islands at a lesser cost. Fisherman can go fishing while taking all required gear in their own transportation.

5. A definite alternative to flying and having a more scenic route for enjoying the islands on water vs. in the air.

6. I feel SF will be much safer on Hawaii's environment than what we already have visiting the other ports at this time.

We are more apt to have dumping of "items" from these others: Cruise ships, military ships, barges, Matson etc.

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