

## House Testimony

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**From:** Ray [leanderldor@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:31 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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 Raymond J. Foldhazi, and I strongly support Hawai'i Superferry.

My wife and I recently purchased a land lot in Hawai'ian Paradise Park, in Kea'au, Hawai'i. It is our intention to construct a home there, and, to relocate from South Carolina within the next two years. One of the factors which influenced our decision to move to Hawai'i was the anticipation of reliable, convenient, and, comfortable inter-island transportation, after the Hawai'i Superferry began service to the Big Island, as well.

The Hawai'i Superferry will democratize inter-island commerce, providing anyone with a vehicle regular, reasonably-priced passage, along with their personal or commercial cargo, something air transport simply cannot offer. Allowing the Hawai'i Superferry to operate during the environmental impact assessment, assuming certain minimum conditions are met, will allow the operation to remain viable, and, to prove its value to the people of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Emily Lundblad and I support the Hawaii Superferry. I believe the Superferry can work together with Hawaii resource managers, including the Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (HWNMS) and others, to continue operations. The entire debate over the superferry has, in my opinion, been the largest awareness campaign that managers of the Humpback Whale's habitat have ever seen. Awareness is certainly heightened tremendously right now. I believe this is an opportunity for the state to work with all boat captains and resource managers to come up with a system that will benefit the economy as well as resource protection. The Superferry and other traffic should simply have seasonal speed limits within and/or restricted routes around HWNMS boundaries. If the state could agree that the EIS should be finished before the typical humpback whale migration season arrives, then the Superferry should be able to operate until that date. That being said, the whales will begin migrating within the next month or so; that leaves very little time. The Superferry should not begin operations without applying appropriate restrictions if their operations would begin at the same time that the whales tend to arrive.

I work with seafloor mapping and have personally done preliminary research with whale sightings and their proximity to seafloor features.

I can tell you, with first hand knowledge, that scientists and state partners already have scientific data (publicly available state wide (w/ some gaps) undersea elevation models & a decade of whale sighting information) that can contribute to a speedy turn around for determining where the whales would most likely "reside" during their seasonal stay around the Hawaiian Islands. Of course an official EIS would have to determine if these data are enough to make any conclusive decisions.

Mahalo,  
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All opinions stated above are solely that of the writer and are not necessarily supported by her employer or any other related affiliate.

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**From:** Ron Fleet [ronfleet@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:56 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry yes

It is so important that the Superferry be allowed to operate during the time of the EIS. Let alone the loan guarantees the state has to pay, the vast majority of Hawaii residents are in favor of the Superferry, we just can't go out in great numbers to show our support because we are busy working, raising our families and supporting the unemployed that do have the time to protest so loudly!

Thank you, Ron Fleet

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**From:** Bob Ellison [bobellison@attglobal.net]  
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My name is Robert R. Ellison and I and my family strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need this vital new form of inter-Island transportation, which is common in many other parts of the world. If we don't have the option of inter-island transport by sea, as soon as one of the three competing airlines goes bankrupt, we'll be back to business as usual with very high fares as the two surviving airlines cozily share the market.

The outer island objections to the Superferry are red herrings, and probably represent the views of only a small minority, but if the majority isn't speaking up, they they are responsible too for the current fiasco. We have invasive frogs from the Big Island on Oahu, and it didn't take a Superferry to get them here. If the Superferry is forced out of Hawaii, it will be an international level embarrassment for the State of Hawaii. I think it will also cause a major backlash of hard feelings by people on Oahu against the people of Kauai and Maui in particular. It's offensive and insulting. Maybe an Oahu boycott of products from those Islands would be in order? I would certainly observe one. If we on Oahu are not good enough to visit their Islands by boat, maybe we don't need their produce, coffee, cookies or anything else? And who would want to fly to a destination where we are not wanted?

Please stop this craziness and let the Hawaii Superferry get on with business.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** chris thornton [twowaterfalls@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:57 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** My Testimony

I would just like to put in on record that I was one of the fortunate that got to ride the first Hawaii Superferry to Kauai when stopped by the protesters in the water for about an hour. I was overwhelmed by how many Kauians on the ride were mad because their fellow Kauians would not let them get their cars and themselves off the boat. They could not believe their own would not let them go home. We had no mission ie transport drugs, plants, bugs. It's just another way of transportation to another island. We wanted to go 4 wheelin because they do not rent 4 wheelers, we took our own. We never did get to go because of the delay. It was a sad day when they shut down the ferry. It was GREAT! Listen to the public and not the hand full of radicals that call themselves environmentalist!

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**From:** david chen [qqhawaii@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:58 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Strongly support the Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David Chen, 23-year of Hawaii resident and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry can only add value to Hawaii's economy, years ago I was a sales rep. for a mainland manufacture, I had to take all my samples, took the plane, rent a car to visit my outer island customers, but imagine with the Hawaii Superferry, I just need to drive my car with all my samples to another island. Please think about the benefits Hawaii residents and tourists may get.

Mahalo!

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**To:** House Record

**Importance:** High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Richard K. Kishi and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I love the idea of an alternative mode of transportation, especially an affordable one. As a father of two small children, I wouldn't have to worry about lugging 4 large suitcases, 2 car seats, a diaper bag and a host of other travel "essentials" through the airport to spend a weekend on the neighbor island. In fact, because it's a huge hassle, we save up our vacation funds so that when we DO go on a vacation, it's for about a week or more. And if we're going to spend a week on a vacation, we normally go to the mainland where there is something to do for 10 days. When my wife and I were childless, we'd go to the neighbor islands about 2-3 times per year. Since my first child (3-1/2 years old) was born, we've been to the mainland 4 times and to the neighbor island exactly 0 times.

Mahalo,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nanci I. Wolfus and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a mainlander, I found on my recent trip to Kauai, in speaking with the Kauai islanders it was obvious that only a small percentage of them do not want the Superferry. Most felt it would be excellent for their economy, enabling the people of Kauai with more opportunity for employment, and another choice of travel.

They feel the whale problem can be addressed. During the season the Superferry should slow down and have spotters, but to stop the Superferry when you allow large cruise ships to enter your ports is ridiculous

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**From:** Mssouza@aol.com  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** (no subject)

My name is M. Sharon Souza. I live in Kona Hawaii. I feel we truly need the superferry. I personally do.

I have grandchildren on another island and every time they visit they could bring their vehicle, in which they will all fit in, instead of us taking two vehicles everywhere we go.

I'm sure accommodations could be made to ensure our environment and whales are taken care of

Please consider this carefully as I have already noticed how overwhelmingly loud and boisterous the protesters can be. Believe me, I know there are more supporters than protesters.

Much appreciation for your attention.

M. Sharon Souza

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**From:** Nadine Manset [nadinemanset@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** I support the Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nadine Manset and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I see the SuperFerry as a convenient alternative to flying to other islands. I have not always been satisfied with the local airlines' services, so the SuperFerry will offer me a choice.

I also like the fact that I can use my own car to go from one island to another. This saves a lot of money on car rental.

I will use the SuperFerry, especially when it gets to the Big Island.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Dennis Oura [ouracutflowers@clearwire.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:01 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry

We live on Maui and can't attend the meeting to give testimony in person. However, we do want to go on record in saying that we would like to see how the Hawaii Super Ferry impacts the environment before forcing them to leave the state. The ferry could prove to be an excellent alternate transportation system (something we are in desperate need of.) Why not let them operate on a temporary basis for now? Do we really want to miss out on this opportunity that may never come again?

This issue has put a dark cloud over our islands... I can now see why it is so hard to attract new business ventures to Hawaii. Many of us are saddened by the way some of the opposition have handled their disputes. The protests on Kauai put people in harms way and that should never happen. If you wonder why more people, who are either in favor of the Super Ferry or undecided, aren't showing up at the meetings, it's probably because they don't want to be a part of this 3-ring circus. We also want to go on record in saying that like most people who have lived in Hawaii all or most of their lives, we are deeply concerned about protecting the environment and we would not be taking this stand if we thought the Hawaii Super Ferry would endanger the environment in anyway.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Oura  
Lana Oura

## House Testimony

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**From:** Nicole Vance [inikiniki@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:02 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** support for the Superferry

I am writing to show my favor for the supperferry. I think that the Superferry is something that Hawaii has needed for a long time. I have lived in Hawaii since i was a small child and i remain here still not because it is an easy place to live and there arent more inexpensive places my family could have chosen to relocate to... i remain in Hawaii because i love the sense of family and community here. I truly believe that the superferry can make those family and community bonds closer. I am eagerly awaiting the day when family members can utilize the ferry for holidays, shopping, camping, cultural events, ect. together where once had been major financial endeavors to be together for such occasions due to the high airfare and rental car monopoly that these islands have been under seige by for so long... thank you for listening. thank you for hearing.

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"We are always in our own company."..... Nietzsche



## House Testimony

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**From:** Linda Anthony [lanthony@shellhi.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Linda Lee Anthony, Regional Vice President for Shell Vacations Hospitality, Hawaii* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I represent eight timeshare associations within the state of Hawaii, of which dues paying/tax paying members exceed 4,000. We also have an employee population across three islands of more than 300. On behalf of the timeshare owners that I represent, Shell Vacations Hawaii strongly feels that the Superferry would provide an excellent addition to the tourism attractions that Hawaii currently offers. It would be a wonderful experience for our owners to be able to rent a car in Oahu, stay at our resort in Waikiki, then take the Superferry to Kauai or, eventually, The Big Island. As for our 300 employees, the services offered by the Superferry would allow them and their families greater freedom in visiting friends and family members on other islands. It would also assist those who live on outer islands in being able to perhaps purchase vehicles or large appliances on Oahu that they don't have the same access to in Kona or Kauai. Shell Vacations Hospitality supports the Superferry. My testimony is just for submission as I will not be able to attend in person.*

*Linda Lee Anthony*

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**From:** Marlayna Gomes [marlayna.gomes@hawaiiintel.net]  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

I am unable to testify in person therefore I would like to submit my written testimony.

***To me, whether the Hawaii Superferry succeeds or fails is beside the point. At the very least – we, the people of Hawaii, owe them a CHANCE to try! So much of our tax dollars went this far, so why shouldn't the finished product be allowed to take it to the next level?***

***It is unfair to have let [them] come as far as they have, only to take it all away from them in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. I think most of Hawaii's people are ready and so sick and TIRED of hearing all this protest. Where were all these people when they were asking us if we WANTED the Hawaii Superferry to come to Hawaii?***

***The fact of the matter is that people are and always will be resistant to change. And like everything else we've been through, we'll get used to it! It will become a way of life, but only if the Hawaii***

***Superferry and Hawaii's people are given a good,  
solid CHANCE!***

***Our tax dollars went this far. And we aren't getting a  
refund. So DO IT! LET THEM GO!***

Aloha,

Marlayna Gomes

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Thomas Chesebro IV [thomasc@servco.com]  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Thomas Chesebro* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*The Superferry will provide Hawaii residents with a convenient transportation alternative for families, friends and businesses between the Islands. It will also provide employment opportunities for Hawaii residents and bring positive economic benefits to the Counties and the entire State. In the event that emergency assistance is needed to the other islands, the Superferry can transport people and equipment quickly and provide other needed assistance that could not be provided by an airplane.*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Caroline [caroline.kekualua@fords-online.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:13 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Caroline Kekualua and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*It provides a different means of transportation between the islands, it creates jobs and I rode one several times while I was in Seattle and it was wonderful. While you are on the water, you seem to take the time to appreciate what's in the water and the beauty. I guess I don't understand how it could be harming the animals in the sea. Is it any different from the Matson containers, speed boats, etc?*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** June Zakimi [jzakimi@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:03 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** In Support of the SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *June Zakimi* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I like the idea of traveling to the Kauai to see my family and friends in my own vehicle. I won't have to worry about the baggage limits of what I can carry with me in my luggage. It would be better for the economy of the islands also, because I would be spending more money locally, and I would probably travel less to the mainland. I see it as a positive effect for our 'ohana, in general.*

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**From:** Junji Takeshita [junji001@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:03 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Junji Takeshita* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*Hawaii desperately needs to have alternative transportation other than just planes. The grounding of all flights after 9/11 showed how vulnerable we are to one mode of transportation. Additionally competition to the airline industry is good -- the current fare war is solely due to competition. Otherwise we would still be paying 100+ dollars/ticket. Finally, it is unfair to ground the Superferry at the last minute after all other conditions were met. Let's not allow a small minority of individuals dictate what most of the residents clearly want. What is quite ironic is that many of the protesters are not even native to Kauai or Maui and selfishly want to preserve their view of paradise.*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Caroline Azelski [caroline@azelski.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:38 PM  
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**Subject:** Testimony for the record in support of Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Caroline Azelski and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that if the Hawaii Superferry service is suspended while the environmental impact statement is being conducted, they may have to ultimately raise ticket prices to cover the loss in revenue. This will not benefit the residents of Hawaii.

Sincerely,  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Craig Nakayama [cregster@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:04 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Craig T. Nakayama and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I feel that Hawaii would benefit as a state if the islands were made more accessible to inter-island travel. Inter-island travel and business has been monopolized for too many years and the time is right to take advantage of the available technologies that are here today. We are a State of the United States of America and need the Super Ferry to truly unite the Islands!

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Mike Tully [jmiketully@msn.com]  
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**Subject:** Testimony for the Record- HB 1

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

We have regularly visited the Hawaiian Islands several times over the last 15 years and, because of our love of the Islands, have invested in the Islands. We own and operate a condominium unit on the Garden Isle of Kauai, have been good and responsible neighbors, and have paid a large amount of taxes to Hawaii. We support the Hawaii Superferry and believe that HB 1 constitutes an appropriate and responsible response to the issues created by the prospect of the Superferry providing inter-island lines of commerce, transportation, and communication that have not previously been available.

Inter-island commerce is a critical component of Hawaiian economic development, and an alternative to the only current inter-island transportation, the airlines. Anybody who has spent any time on domestic airlines over the past few years knows that air travel in this country is challenged and unpredictable. When an alternative is available, it makes sense to explore it. The Hawaiian Superferry is such an alternative.

We have read that some of the opposition to the Superferry on Kauai is a fear that certain "undesireable" individuals might use it to relocate to Kauai and burden social services on the Garden Isle. Frankly, that strikes us as elitist and prejudiced. We encourage the Hawaiian legislature to reject such hysterical and unfounded arguments, and focus on the facts. Hawaii would benefit from improved inter-island commerce and the economic boost that arises whenever the lines of commerce are improved. The various islands are not separate entities, but components of one economy and government -- the State of Hawaii. Hawaii achieved greatness when Kamehameha I unified the islands. Separatism and fragmentation are nothing more than a step backwards and a surrender to the kind of parochial insulation that never benefits a society.

We understand that there are legitimate concerns over the environmental impact of the Superferry. However, those concerns are responsibly addressed in the proposed legislation. Hawaiian waters are already plowed on a regular basis by the United States military. The Superferry is unlikely to remotely approach the impact of the large vessels owned and operated by the military and should be given the same fair treatment as the United States Navy. It is difficult to understand why the Superferry is considered an environmental threat in certain quarters when the impact on the environment and Hawaiian lifestyle by the United States military far exceeds the scope and impact of this simple and necessary transportation accommodation.

What's fair is fair. The Superferry is good for Hawaii and for Hawaiians and should be given a chance to improve inter-island commerce and help the Hawaiian Islands maintain their identity as a state and political entity, as opposed to a fragmented and balkanized state of confusion and the economic distress that always follows such fragmentation.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Thomas Deponte [depontet001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:04 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Let the ferry run now wile doing an EIS

The superferry would be beneficial to all the people of Hawaii including the misguided, misinformaed, ignorant, and paid off Protestors. The superferry would improve the economy of all the Islands. It would also improve the quality of life for families, friends, and locals. It would give us the local people an alternative to flying. It would benefit the hanidcapped people, sporting teams, car racers, family reunions, parties, weddings, graduations, farmers, big business and small businesses. The superfery can take a vehicle and it's driver roundtrip to an island for under \$120.00. Young Brothers charges over \$200.00 for a roundtrip for a car plus my airfare cost of \$119.00.

Carol Deponte from Kalaheo, KAUAI, I wont be testifing in person as I work 2 jobs as most of the other ferry supporters and can't afford to take time off from work and fly to Oahu. Phone number 808 222-8578. Unlike the protestors who have no jobs and all the time in the world to protest.

## House Testimony

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**From:** Roger Encarnacion [rogerencar@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:03 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

My families and myself strongly believe in the Super Ferry. We are working people looking for options when we plan vacations. Our favorite island is Maui as all my brothers and family grew up there. My Dad, my sister and a great amount of relatives are located all over Maui. My brothers as well as myself are transplanted Mauians and it hurts us when a very few small so called environmentalist and activist are able to dictate what the majority wants. And even calls Oahuans names. It shows there immaturity and will go through great lengths to move there special agendas. As Perry and Price always say, investigate, dig deep, be strong and represent the true people of Hawaii. US! the little people who work hard to make ends meet.

Aloha,

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Jean Zee [mitstan3@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:04 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** RE: Strongly Support 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 *Jean Cheng* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I strongly support the Superferry & I honestly think that they have been treated unfairly & targeted by these special interest groups. The Superferry provided an alternative way of traveling besides flying and provided some good jobs for our local people.*

*These special interests groups' main reason is probably acting selfishly to keep everything to themselves. We are one state and one country. I guess pretty soon we need a passport to visit these islands...totally absurd arguments against the Superferry.*

*I hope all of you stop the politics and maintain some common sense here & be reasonable. It started to sound like preschoolers arguing & try to negotiate a solution here that will help both sides, and now it is just one sided...it is really ashame that such a good service is being scrutinize because of some small special interest groups.*

*I hope the silent majority will not be silenced this time!!! We elected you to represent us and voice our opinions & concerns, so please do something right this time around!*

*Jean Cheng*  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Palaka Canefield [hnl\_2005@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:58 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

### **Attn:**

**House Committee on Transportation &  
House Committee on Finance:**

**Hearing Date: Thu. Oct. 25, 2007  
Time & Location: 9:00am, Auditorium, State Capitol**

**Dear Chairs Souki & Oshiro:**

**My name is Brad Canfield. As Hawai'i residents, my wife & I offer our enthusiastic testimony in strong favor of allowing the Hawai'i Superferry to begin immediate operations pending completion of the EIS.**

**We were excited to be taking our Harley Davidson motorcycle to Maui last month on the Hawai'i Superferry. An inter-island vehicle ferry is an idea we had dreamed about for many years. I first thought of the idea when Seaflight came to Hawai'i in the 1970's. It was unfortunate that they did not offer land vehicle transport. More on them later....**

**For our Maui trip on the superferry, we had booked a condo on the beach in Ka'ana'pali. We planned to shop in Lahaina, attend a luau, do some diving & ride our bike all over the island. We had to cancel all of that, & have lost room deposit money as a result. Many business' in Maui lost even more, as we never spent any money there.**

**We had purchased actually two sets of tickets. We originally booked at full fare, & then booked a second date at the reduced 5 dollar fare. Many of our friends were also planning to avail of this exciting new service, which would for the first time, connect all of Hawai'i's counties to personal land vehicles.**

**Many Kama'ainas are tired of the inconvenience of flying inter-island, & then having to rent a car. Many will just stay home like we did. No superferry = no trip!**

**We were shocked, but hardly surprised, when all the resistance ensued as the long-awaited ferry service began. Hawai'i has a tragic history of allowing special interest groups to impose their own twisted view of the world upon the rest of this. This has happened with our own business ambitions.**

**It is well-known that Hawai'i has an unfriendly business climate. Many foreign & mainland business' that would like to open shop in Hawai'i will not do so. They know that it is often not cost effective, & that there are many seen & unforeseen roadblocks that can spring up here in Hawai'i.**

**Come now the Hawai'i Superferry; a long-overdue addition to our limited inter-island transportation choices. Back in the 1970's, Seaflight offered waterborne transportation**

between islands, but could not accommodate land vehicles. I recall that they had at least half a dozen high-speed hydrofoil-type boats traveling between the islands. I do not recall all of this resistance when Seaflight came to the islands.

The demise of Seaflight came because of their undersized hydrofoil boats always breaking down due to Hawai'i's high seas. I wonder why their EIS did not predict that? Could it be because they didn't do one?

We urge this committee not to allow a tiny minority of naysayers to impose their will on the vast majority of Hawai'i residents that support the superferry, & want to see it succeed. The naysayers have to understand that in a democracy, the majority rules, & the minority needs to sit down & shut up!

Mahalo for your kind attention,

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Benthic [benthic@flex.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:05 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Comments - HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *William Stohler*. I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. The following are my comments regarding the current Superferry situation.

1. An EA was required for certain harbor improvements made using State funds. Of the \$40M in State funds used to 'improve' the harbors, ~\$37.5M went to barges, which are not harbor improvements. This only leaves ~\$2.5M that actually went towards harbor improvements. For 4 harbors, the improvements (along with the \$) were minor, included mostly striping, barricades and traffic control and had no impact on the environment.
2. The requirement for an EA was aimed at harbor improvements. Whether or not the Superferry will harm anything has nothing to do with the requirement for an EA related to harbor improvements.
3. I am strongly in favor of letting the SF operate during the EA phase. While I care deeply about the ocean, the humpback whales, and the threat of invasive species, I firmly believe that the SF has planned to do more to prevent these problems than any other vessel using Hawaii's ports. Even the State's invasive species expert has testified that the SF will not make a significant impact on the interisland spread of invasive species.

Thank you.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** EDWARD DOUGLAS [himotor@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:05 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support for Hawaii Superferry from Big Island

Aloha

I am a local resident of the Big Island and Live in Hilo along with my wife, Leilani.

We both are in support of the Hawaii SuperFerry, as we feel that it is good for Hawaii and for our families to travel and see each other.

We support Hawaii SuperFerry and want it to sail now.....

Sincerely  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** David Boyle [Boyled001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:05 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David J Boyle and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I am a nine year resident of Hawaii and have been waiting for the promised ferry. I have medical need which make air travel most difficult and unpleasant when taking my family. I read with dismay the violent arguments against it. These ferries are used else where with no wild demonstrations or contrived "save whatever" subjects. I am tired of being laughed at by the rest of the "real world". The Politics of this issue are nauseating. Lets save sanity and the Superferry.*

*David J Boyle*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Kurt Nakamura [res041lm@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:58 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kurt T. Nakamura and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*It would be nice to have a secondary means of transportation, especially for the locals. We won't have to bother our relatives to pick us up at the airport nor do we need to rent-a-car when our relatives are not able to pick us up. It would save the locals money, and as you may know, we don't have much money to go around. Thank you for your support.*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Loren Johnson Sr. [lorensr11@webtv.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:51 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

I support the Superferry and want the legislature to pass the bill on its behalf. I am on Kauai and cannot afford to attend the hearings but want my voice to be heard. It is about time fairness and sensibility prevail in this matter. Just say yes to the Superferry and get on with your responsibility to see that the requirements of the Superferry are in line with those of other marine enterprises. Fairness please.

Loren Johnson, Kalaheo, HI

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Robert Evanston [evanston65@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:04 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support for Hawaii Superferry

**ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance**  
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**Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:**

My name is *Robert Evanston* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

With responsible beliefs for the good of Hawaii this testimony is given in support for **Hawaii Superferry**. The Superferry is like a city bus. It transports economically, safely, and with reduced impact on the environment. The Superferry (unlike the city bus) very effectively competes, with more options, with the airplane (liken to a city taxi):

- Where as the city bus and taxi services are limited to transporting humans; Superferry transports humans, vehicles, farm products, and other market items... in abundance very economically.
- It serves quality food and drink to its passengers as apposed to airline peanuts.
- Tourism is enhanced by providing main land travelers an affordable entraining experience...likens to a cruise ship.
- The Superferry is more environmentally friendly than propeller driven water vessels.
- Hawaii is beautiful. The Superferry advancements can only be seen as enhancing Hawaii's beauty.

I believe the Superferry is a treasure chest to the Hawaiian culture.

Sincerely,

Robert Evanston

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Epoxygeo@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:05 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support for Hawaii Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is George R. Norcross and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

1. *The Ferry will give residence and visitors alike another way to visit our neighbor islands.*
2. *The Supper Ferry is no more likely to bring in invasive species by cars than cars shipped by Young Brother.*
3. *The Super Ferry's whale avoidance plan will work. By avoiding the shallow waters where the whales congregate and through the use of spotters they will be able to avoid the whales. Their Bridge is very high and they can see far. It is almost like being in a spotter plane. In many cases the whale tour operators will be able to alert the ferry to the presence of whales. Remember Sea Flight? They had no problem with the whales.*
4. *Hawaii has traffic congestion on all islands. This is nothing new. The State and Counties need to find ways to deal with it. People can avoid the area during the brief unloading time if they desire. If we related everything to traffic congestion there would be no UH football or volleyball games, no games or concerts at the stadium, and no function at the Blasidale, no dinners in the Hotel ballrooms of the Waikiki, no surf contests on the North Shore or South Shore, no Honolulu Marathon, no Aloha run, etc.*
5. *Have you ever seen the North Shore of Molokai from the water. It is beautiful. During whale season you can see it from the comfort of the Super Ferry.*

*I can not see one good reason for not letting the Superferry operate.*

George R. Norcross  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Charonkat@wmconnect.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:55 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathy Charon and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I live on the Big Island, near Hilo, and I was looking forward to traveling on the Superferry. We do need other options when you live on an island. Most South Pacific countries that I have visited have ferry systems that go from island to island. Why do we have to be any different? I think it would add to Hawaii and to tourism.

Mahalo,

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Howard Bennett [howarddavidbennett@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:39 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** For the Superferry

Please don't let yet another opportunity for Hawaii's future slip through our fingers!

People who oppose the ferry say they want Hawaii to stay the same. And it will stay the same if we lose the ferry. We'll still have an economy where local people are forced to move to the mainland to make a decent living. We'll still have monopolistic or duopolistic control over interisland shipping and transportation rates, and, above all, we'll still have the worldwide reputation for being a toxic environment for business. In other words -- we'll continue our slow decline into one big resort and retirement community for rich mainlanders.

The Superferry can't change all this singlehandedly and overnight of course, but at least it will provide an important step toward a more dynamic economy -- one that isn't dependent on a junk food diet of real estate speculation, tourism and military spending like our current economy is.

Thank you,

Howard Bennett  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Marcus Tius [tius@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:07 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Marcus Tius and I very strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. Here are my reasons:

1. This is going to be a good thing for Hawaii residents. We need better alternatives to air travel so that families can visit each other.
2. The Superferry will make it much easier for handicapped people to travel to Neighbor Islands to visit family, because they can drive their cars and take their own wheelchairs.
3. The Superferry will give us a margin of safety in case of another disaster, like a hurricane. After Iniki, we couldn't get building materials to Kauai fast enough.

I really hope that the fears of the few don't derail something that will benefit so many.

Thank you for reading this. I do not plan to submit in-person comments.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Dianne Higgins [deardianne@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:05 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I strongly support the SuperFerry and want it out of the courts and in operation! Our children and grandchildren live on Oahu and we live on the Big Island. We want to be able to go over with our car and not have to rent a car. Plus, we could visit other neighbor islands for mini vacations. Concerns about the environment can be resolved, so it can be a win-win situation. I believe the majority of Hawaii residents want the SuperFerry. We have been on the ferry in British Columbia and it was a great experience. It's about time that Hawaii caught up with the rest of the modern world in this regard.

If the SuperFerry is stopped, they will probably sue the State and/or County and I don't blame them. Please hear the voices of all the people and help resolve this issue as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Mel Barroga [melhandler@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:00 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Melanio Barroga and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel it would bring an option to travel to visit our neighbor island. I pay taxes to keep our neighbor islands the way they are and I would like to enjoy their benefits. To be able to take my personal vehicle would be a plus.

Please support the Ferry. I speak on behalf of my Ohana.

There are other issues such as the Waimanalo Dump (Near Hono Kai Hale) where we can put our tax dollars on environmental survey. We need to send our trash to Kauai, Maui or the Big Island too. How is that for EIS. Can we close this Dump. We on the Leeward Coast (Oahu).

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Cindy Kim [kimcindy018@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:00 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of the Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cindy Kim and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. As a lifelong resident of Hawaii, my concerns both economically and environmentally are of utmost importance to me. From what I understand, our state government misinterpreted the law regarding the requirement of an environmental study. Even the state Supreme Court did not clearly understand the law and just recently made a firm decision that will not only affect the Hawaii Superferry, but all marine craft that enter and exit Hawaii harbors.

Since its inception, stakeholders of the Hawaii Superferry did everything in their power to develop an alternate means of transportation between the counties. This vessel was built specifically to satisfy the needs and concerns for the people and the environment. It is a shame that the protestors and environmentalists are targeting the wrong party. What these activists should concentrate on is the hundreds of personal and commercial marine craft that travel interisland without any regulation.

To deny the Superferry to operate while the environmental study is being performed is an injustice not only to them, but to the vast majority of people who put their trust in our elected officials.

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**From:** Cheri Ambard [cheri1@ambard.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:38 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Super ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Cheri Ambard* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly support the Superferry because it provides an alternative way to get to the outer islands. I feel we need another mode of transportation in our state. We are the only state made up of small islands and I feel all will benefit from the shared commerce, business opportunities, vacation opportunities. Letting the Superferry run while the EIS is done will provide a real study on the advantages and disadvantages of a different mode of inter island travel.

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## House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Elayne Man a//nd I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii needs the Superferry as an alternate mode of transportation to loved ones on other islands.

Mahalo,

Elayne Man  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Nicole Vance [inikiniki@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:08 PM  
**To:** House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *nicole vance* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I support the Superferry because it will bring Hawaii's families closer together...*

*nicole vance  
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"We are always in our own company."..... Nietzsche



## House Testimony

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**From:** Fred Verceles [fredv@bbisland.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:56 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is fred verceles and I support the Superferry. Lets just get this vessel moving forward and provide for the people what it is supposed to. All the opposing from the outer islands is ridiculous considering some of there week excuses like drugs (Kauai had a huge drug bust recently not caused by the ferry) or dirt from vehicles. Many construction workers fly everyday with dirt on there shoes. This whole thing is making not only Hawaii look bad to future business investment from the mainland but our political representatives. All of them.

Why not let the people of Hawaii have the last word with a statewide vote. I am sure the small minority of these so called groups will be outnumbered by us, the people who I strongly feel would vote for the ferry. Please let's move forward and progress. Let's not let the Superferry get away and allow another state to take advantage of Hawaii'a blunder.

Go Superferry.

Fred Verceles

## House Testimony

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**From:** David Pittman [david.pittman@acaciareg.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:08 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support for Super Ferry

As a businessman and part time resident of Hawaii I urge the Legislators to work together to craft a bill that keeps Superferry running. This endeavor is an economic benefit to Hawaii and their citizens. Please work toward this goal.  
Thank-you for your consideration.  
David B. Pittman.

## House Testimony

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**From:** Commish123123123@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:09 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sherri Giron and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY because I believe that the islands should all be accessible to all, including those that care not to fly. All the islands belong to all the people of Hawaii, and not to just those living on that island. If we weren't an island; and just a state as the rest; accessible to all by vehicles, we would have the freedom to go and go as we please. We would have access to the beaches, parks, hotels as we saw fit.*

*I personally do not feel the 'ecology' of the islands or the waters is the main concern of those protesting. It goes deeper than that. Most the folks on the outer islands that I know support the superferry. The ones that don't are the ones that are depending on a job secured by YOUNG BROTHERS and the airlines. They are afraid they will be facing cutbacks because their business will not have the Monopoly they have now on the transportation industry...especially the transport of cars to and from the islands.*

*An impact statement should be done, but let the ferry serve us. We have been asking for alternate transportation for years...here it is and it is a GOOD thing.*

*Sherri Giron*

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**From:** bart mccollough [bartm55@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:09 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** super ferry

I am FOR the superferry and look forward to making use of this interisland resource when available.

Aloha,

Bart McCollough

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Pat Fugere [patpaul@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:09 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *PATRICIA FUGERE* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaiian residents need an alternative method of transportation to other islands and the Hawaii Superferry is EXACTLY what we need. Please permit operation of the Hawaii Superferry so that we can bring our cars to the outer islands and enjoy the experience of sailing to other islands.

*PATRICIA FUGERE*  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** JohnMdavid@aol.com  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Franci Davidson and I **strongly** support Hawaii Superferry.

I have had the privilege of being among the first that Sunday in August to ride the SuperFerry to Maui--I must say it was an amazing experience. The crew was fantastic, bringing more jobs to local citizens, the scenery was fabulous--have you seen Kalaupapa from the other side--The beauty seen from aboard the SuperFerry is breathtaking. I urge you to help bring this experience to all the people of Hawaii.

The people of Hawaii want and need interisland transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to our state.

Sincerely,

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