

House Testimony

From: jovette nahoopii [jnahoopii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:52 PM
To: House Record
Subject: my superferry testimony

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 *Jovette Nahoopii* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have been living in Colorado for the past 2 years, my husband is in the U.S Army and we will be returning to Oahu soon and we were really looking forward to having the Superferry. We feel that it would be wonderful to have a fast and affordable way to visit neighboring islands and the luxury of taking our own car. We would be really disappointed if the Superferry stoped running before we had the chance to use it and if it stopped running period! I really think the Superferry is a great idea and a very good way to visit family and friends on other islands. I also feel that alot of money would be wasted so please keep the Superferry running.

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From: Seldmscene@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:19 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Superferry

My name is Lawrence Dolan. I strongly approve of and support the Hawaii Superferry and it's service to our islands. I will not be able to be present for the hearing. I live on Kauai and do not have enough time to fly to Oahu.

sincerely,

Lawrence R. Dolan

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From: Muffy Miller [muffyus@yahoo.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: SuperFerry

I am writing in support of any legislation that will allow the SuperFerry to operate WHILE an environmental assessment is taking place. Please vote according to the voice of the majority of the voters, not the vocal minority.

Mahalo,

The Miller Family (6 adults and 1 child)

Kahren Miller

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rupali Hofmann and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think it would benefit travel in Hawaii. We come to Hawaii each year and choose to stay on one Island. Having the Superferry would give us many choices to see the other Islands. I look forward to visiting Hawaii and enjoying the Islands more!

Rupali Hofmann
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dick Riegels and I hereby provide written testimony in support of the Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Hawaii Superferry is being unfairly and selectively scrutinized by individuals and groups whose motives and agendas are extremely divisive and ultimately damaging to our underlying and unifying spirit of aloha and community. The State Department of Transportation is being attacked for waiving the requirement for preparation of an EIS for minor harbor improvements. When has there been a call to stop Aloha or Hawaiian from flying when there have been similar minor improvements made to our airports? When has the addition of new aircraft by these carriers warranted an EIS? The same goes for Matson, Horizon, Pasha and Young Bros. When Budget, Avis or Hertz decides to add another 100 cars to their Kauai or Maui fleets, do they need to file an EIS? When Goodfellow Bros., Kiewit or Parsons barges a D-9 between islands, do they need to vacuum the cab and wash the undercarriage? Does Matson, Pasha or Young Bros. require that cars shipped from the mainland be likewise cleaned?

I read that I can't visit Maui by Superferry if I intend to camp or fish or harvest my friends' onions. Why don't we just let each of the islands become their own separate states? Except, if I remember correctly, the barriers being proposed by some of the environmental activists would most certainly run afoul of Federal laws protecting interstate commerce.

Let's allow common sense to prevail. Do what is right for all of the state's citizens. Let's not erect additional artificial impediments to trade and travel within Hawaii. Let's no longer be afraid to move forward and secure a dynamic and progressive future for our state.

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From: Mary L. Ridlon [itsap@attglobal.net]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mary L. Ridlon and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have owned International Tours, a retail travel agency, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, since 1979 and have been a certified Hawaii Specialist for years. Over the past 28 years, I have planned hundreds of trips every year to Hawaii for Tulsans and Oklahomans. I have noted many inquiries about the Hawaii Superferry ever since the news was made public that the first ferry was being built and would start service this year. I believe that the Hawaiian Superferry would be a plus for Hawaii tourism.

I personally spend two months in Hawaii every January and February and know and understand how many residents on Maui and Kauai feel about the Superferry. Even though I can identify with these residents' feelings, I do believe, as Iz said, that you can't stop progress. That's what the Hawaii Superferry is: Progress.

I can't appear in person to submit testimony, but respectfully request that the House record my comments. Thank you!

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House Testimony

From: Kathy Chang [kaleicteresa@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:20 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

The Superferry has in its environmental statement has clearly indicated that the company has studied the local environment and the waters in which it will be operating and has assured that the integrity of the environment has been preserved.

In addition, it will allow the people of Hawaii alternate routes of transportation to the neighbor islands and allow them the opportunity to take their cars along thereby providing them transportation once they have arrived at their destination. Ferry systems have successfully supported the tourist industry throughout the country .. the Bay Area of California, Seattle, Washington to name a few.

I am not a resident of Hawaii, but all of my family still resides in the islands and would be utilizing the Superferry to visit the other islands.

Kathy Chang
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House Testimony

From: visionary712@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:21 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony for HB 1

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Tricia Malloy* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Superferry would bring more business to the islands which means more money in the local economy. I know many people who would love to visit the neighbor islands and of course they would be spending money there too.

Tricia Malloy

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House Testimony

From: Clyde Doi [cwedoi@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:23 PM
To: House Record

Quit wasting time listening to the loud minority and approve the ferry.

House Testimony

From: Don Holloway [holloway@fastnethi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:04 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Don Holloway* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I live on the Big Island, I would enjoy shopping more on Oahu with the ability to buy a used car and get it back home cheaply and quickly. I would also enjoy a comfortable/affordable "sea voyage" every now and then.

Don E. Holloway

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House Testimony

From: Nellie Lam [nelam@ksbe.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:22 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry- Support Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nellie R. Eugenio Lam and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. It will be more convenient and less expensive for me to have my vehicle on board with me when I travel to the outer islands:

- I will be able to save time in picking up and turning in a rental vehicle
- It would save me from having to park at the airport where parking is a premium not only in trying to find parking, but the cost of leaving my car there
- Since I live in Ewa Beach and I would be travelling to Kawaihae on the Big Island, it would be travelling from harbor to harbor, and more convenient for me
- I would arrive at the Superferry dock sooner than being on the freeway to the airport
- There would be more employment opportunities especially for the residents of Kawaihae and Kohala if the Superferry existed.

Mahalo,
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House Testimony

From: Betty Berni [betty.berni@hotmail.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Betty Berni* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. This new alternate method of transportation will benefit all Hawaii. The opposition makes no sense in that there are many other similar types of ships traveling around the islands and the superferry is being singled out for extra study.

i do not plan to testify in person.

Betty Berni
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

We, James and Gwendolyn Garber, strongly support Hawaii Superferry. We are in our 50's, both born and raised in Hawaii, one of us on Oahu, the other in Kona. Growing up, we both wished for a means of transportation such as an inter-island ferry that would allow our families to pack up the family vehicle and "drive" across the ocean to another of the islands in what was then the Territory of Hawaii. We still desire that option for ourselves, our children and grandchildren.

The Hawaii Superferry committed to building the Alakai based on the assurances given to them by our State. It would be unethical at this point to create impediments to their operation. Is the State prepared to reimburse them the millions of dollars they have invested in good faith?

While an EIS has value, considering the investment made with the blessings of our State Government, the Hawaii Superferry has earned the right to operate.

The operations of the Superferry are not remarkably different than those of other inter-island transportation companies. Are we going to suspend operations of Young Brothers, Horizon, Matson, NCL and the rest of the cruise ship industry, Hawaiian Air, Aloha Air, Go Airlines and the commuter airlines while we wait for an EIS to be prepared for each of them. Let's be fair, and not single our Hawaii Superferry for selective persecution.

Mahalo,

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House Testimony

From: cynthia clefisch [crclefisch@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:15 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support the Hawaii Super ferry!

To Whom It May Concern:

Aloha, I'm submitting testimony in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I do not plan to submit in-person so I wanted to let you know that, as a Hawaii resident, I do support the new ferry and the contributions it will make to the Hawaiian economy and community it will benefit. The Super ferry should be able to operate in lieu of attaining its Environmental Impact Statement. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,
Cynthia R. Clefisch

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From: Julia Paschoal [juliapaschoal@gmail.com]
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Subject: hawaii Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Julia Paschoal* and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

I have a large family, 2 of my children are under 3yrs.old. traveling by way of super ferry would simplify things tremendously. It would be a huge convenience not having to drag them through airport security and then to and from car rental agencies. I have always admired the drive-on ferries in the Mainland and Europe, and was thrilled when I found out Hawaii could finally enjoy this kind of service.

I would love a chance to be there in person to give testimony in support of the Ferry, but I have to work. Like many of my fellow hard working Hawaii citizens it is the local residents that will benefit from this service. Maybe that's why you don't see so many supporters at the meetings. We all have jobs, and are the back bone of this economy. When we do show up the terroristic minority show extreme disrespect to us by slinging obscenities, insults and even threats at anyone who dares to differ with their opinion. This is not right.

Every poll, survey and questionnaire I have seen in the last few weeks shows an overwhelming support for the Ferry. It is my understanding that the Senate should work for and represent the majority of its citizens.

So I ask you as a member of the majority, and a harding working, taxpaying voter to represent me. Hear my voice, as it respectfully asks for this senate to find a way to keep the Supper Ferry in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Julia Paschoal

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House Testimony

From: Curtis Pruder [cpruder@pruderandassociates.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Support the Superferry - HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Curtis J. Pruder and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I'm a small business owner that will possibly benefit from the operation of the Superferry. The islands need another viable option of travel to the neighbor islands other than flying. As a resident of Oahu, I don't think we'll benefit from the operation of the Super Ferry as much as the neighbor island residents. The ferry allows for faster transit of produce to local markets at a more economical rate which translates to savings to all residents, especially the neighbor island residents. The ferry also provides another source of transportation of equipment and supplies to support the islands in the event of a natural disaster. Again, it will be the residents of Maui and Kauai that will need the Super Ferry more than residents of Oahu. We can't allow the small population of vocal people to stop an operation that will obviously benefit the majority of the population of the islands. It just doesn't make any sense.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Paul Dominic Macri and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have been waiting for this service a long time. The singling out of this form of transportation is not fair. Does Young's Brothers need an EIS? What would be fair is to either stop ALL transportation, including the airlines until a new EIS is done for ALL, or allow the Superferry to operate alongside all the other maritime transportation vehicles without discrimination.

I was looking forward to being able to take my car and go camping. It would be difficult to do this by air. I could, but it would never be as easy and cost effective as the ferry. I think I can go on and on about the benefits, but the Superferry does not have any unique negatives. Any downside discussed can occur with another form of transportation. It does have unique positive aspects.

Please do all in your power to keep Superferry from leaving Hawaii. We have been "discussing" this issue for years now, and it gets stopped on the 11th hour. Thanks in advance for your support.

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House Testimony

From: Ruth Weiss [rufusbubby@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:24 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPER FERRY

Aloha from two seniors who have grandchildren on the Big Island. Living in Hawaii for 20 years has been a much welcome part of retirement for both of us. When we heard about the SUPER FERRY we were ecstatic. After going on board for a short tour we could not believe how lucky we were to live ALOHA.

What a big disappointment was in store when some irate fellow islanders decided they alone could halt the dream of many of us.

My name is Milton Weiss and we now live in Waikiki. My wife and I consider Hawaii our home and most of our dreams of life here have come true for us.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY AND MAKE SOO MANY OF US WISH A BIG MAHALO TO THOSE WHO AGREE WITH US.

MAHALO
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House Testimony

From: Maile Ostrem [maileo@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:29 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Please Please Please

Please be sure to register my husband and myself as pro-progress and positive change. Yes, we know we want to be sure environmental concerns are met....Yet we know we need this alternate form of transportation for all the good reasons. Let the company prove their good merits and concern for making Hawaii ready for the next century!

Maile and Doug Ostrem
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House Testimony

From: Francis Wandell [vhfaloha@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:26 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Ferry Needed NOW!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Frank Wandell and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the protesters are in an extreme minority but they have made many ferry system supporters afraid to testify or comment with their rude and threatening behavior. Thus they seem to be greater in number than they actually are.

I also believe that most of their objections are based on fear and misinformation without substantial factual merit. Please do not let this very vocal radical minority deprive the people of Hawaii with this important service.

Any major alternative transportation and freight service should be welcomed because it gives all Hawaii residents more options to travel between islands.

It should also be a huge boon to economic development and job creation. Hawaii needs this vital service NOW. Please have the fortitude to assist us, the majority, in getting it going ASAP.

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House Testimony

From: Douglas Teeple [doug@dougandtomo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:18 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Douglas Teeple* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that enough environmental studies have already been done to the extent necessary and that special interests are simply holding up the service for their own benefit. The service is a benefit to the islands, and reduces current negative environmental impacts of everyone having to take airplanes between the islands. The negative environmental impact of airplane travel far outweighs the impact of the ferry service. This ferry is a relatively small inter-island service, smaller than the cruise ships that already travel the islands and has far less impact, but far greater benefit to the local residents. I think ferry service must start as soon as possible.

Douglas Teeple

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House Testimony

From: Christopher Richardson [cr@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Christopher Richardson, president of Richardson Electric and I support the Superferry.

I am an electrician and work on television towers. I live on Oahu and regularly have to fly to outer islands to do work. The problem is that as an electrician I carry mountains of specialized tools and rigging gear around and am not able to bring these on my outer island jobs. The Superferry would help me get these jobs done by allowing me to just drive my truck on and drive it home when I'm done. Please allow it to sail as the environmental impact statement is being completed. I'm all about making sure this is environmentally sound. I also think that a balance can be found in the interim.

Aloha!

Christopher Richardson

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House Testimony

From: John Texeira [john@teixeirachihuahua.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:17 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support

I support the superferry 100% My name is John Texeira in kurtistown Hawaii My phone is Home 808-756-9401 My cell is 808-389-9884

House Testimony

From: Ken Nagai [ken@knconsultingservices.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: In support of the SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kenneth O. Nagai* and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry for personally reasons. I believe the ferry is an excellent alternative to the airlines. I was (will) planning to use the ferry on occasions and was planning to take my car for trips of longer duration. I normally rent a car.

I believe the Ferry should be allowed to operate in the interim while the EIS is being processed because I do not believe it's operations will have adverse impact to our lovely environment and the real impacts of not allowing the Ferry to operate (cost and possible lost of the Ferry) will be significant to Hawaii as a whole.

Your favorable consideration will be greatly appreciated. Mahalo!

Kenneth O .Nagai

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PS: I have not heard much protest from Oahuan about people from Maui and Kauai coming to visit our fair island. I wonder why.

House Testimony

From: Randy Roth [randy.roth.hawaii@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:26 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for the Superferry

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ALOHA Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am a full-time member of the University of Hawaii School of Law faculty, but am writing to you solely as a concerned citizen, and not on behalf of my employer or any other organization. **I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.** I believe it is good for the people of Hawaii and for the environment. I also believe that we run the risk of losing it. Time is of the essence. Please pass the proposed bill so the Superferry can get back in service and benefit the people of Hawaii. Mahalo.

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House Testimony

From: Jana Bryan [jana.b@tfp-hi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:09 PM
To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jana A Bryan* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaiian islands have been hostage to a limited number of options for transportation of both people and goods for too long. This means that the cost of going interisland is disproportionately high.

This situation is echoing throughout the world and helping to cement Hawaii's reputation as a backwards place hostile to new business. At some point in time a new business should be able to rely on the government's assurance that it meets regulations and may proceed to do business. As part owner of a new business in Hawaii, I have seen and heard first-hand the reaction of investors to this mess. It took 8 years of hard work for us to find a group of investors who were willing to take the risk of trying to start a new business in Hawaii. If the rules are to be adhered to, they must be consistently adhered to by everyone, not just controversial projects. Millions of dollars of private investments and state finances have been committed to the Ferry. 80% of the Hawaiian population sees the benefit to having an alternative to barges and airplanes to get from one island to another. The only parties which will prosper as a result of the Ferry's permanent departure are the barge companies and the airlines, who have already made it clear that their charges are going up again.

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House Testimony

From: ODA, GINA [GinaOda@allstate.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:26 PM
To: House Record
Subject: In Support of the Superferry

Aloha!

My name is Gina Oda and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think it will be an incredible benefit to the people of Hawaii. The cost of living in Hawaii has forced many people to move to outer islands and the mainland, and finally we have a possibility of allowing people to visit family members at a more economical price.

I believe that both parties can be satisfied, just look at the ferries in Canada for example. They have an ecosystem full of whales, much more than Hawaii, and they manage just fine without hitting any of them.

Please don't let this valuable asset to the people of Hawaii leave.

Mahalo for your time!

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From: Rehagstrom@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:27 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Richard Hagstrom and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. Ferries have been operating among islands all over the world, and I have never seen one that was required to provide an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment. High-speed ferries and other vessels have operated in the Pacific Northwest in Washington and Canada for many years in whale-populated waters without incident. The San Juan and Canadian islands have retained their pristine beauty without being damaged by Seattle and Vancouver's big city dwellers. On the contrary, the ferries have provided an opportunity for island dwellers to reach the big cities at a reasonable price. Please pass this bill.

Richard Hagstrom

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House Testimony

From: lisa.zakar@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:29 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is LISA ZAKAR and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It's already tough for the small business owner to do business in this state. Businesses like myself have planned and budgeted for the SuperFerry to accomplish specific business plans with the use of the Ferry. Another viable alternative is necessary for interisland travel and cargo.

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House Testimony

From: Melanie Villanueva [shortcakes808@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:28 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPERFERRY!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Melanie Villanueva and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is what our state needs. It helps to unite us through way of transportation. It's an alternative to airline travel. On the continental U.S., you can jump in your car and drive to different states. They can explore different places, and expose their children to new sites. It's not as easy to that down here, even with our interisland airline travel. It will pour money into the local economy. What better way to "buy Hawaii" than to actually drive to different islands, check their items out for yourself, and take it right back home.

We are a state, made up of islands. Why is it such a problem for a ferry to transport people and vehicles to outer islands, but not a problem for huge ships to transport all other items to the outer islands? Well, thanks for your time...

Melanie Villanueva
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~Melanie Villanueva

House Testimony

From: Diane Brule [dianebrule@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:28 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony Comments for the Hawaii Superferry

I will not be presenting these comments in person. Please accept the following comments for the special session:

Diane C. Brule

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October 23, 2007

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Diane Brule and I am writing to demonstrate my strong support for the Hawaii Superferry.

I believe an alternative form of inter-island transportation is long overdue. I am extremely disappointed and disillusioned at how our legislature handled this issue. As taxpayers, we are obligated to repay the debts regardless of whether or not the Superferry stays in service or not. In my opinion, this is an extremely embarrassing moment for the state of Hawaii. As our legislators you are obligated to do the right thing. If you had handled this issue correctly in the first place the tax payers and owners of the Superferry would not be in the predicament they are in. It's time to do the right thing and let the Superferry go into service.

To close, it is my hope you learn a valuable lesson from this debacle. Please don't let it happen again. One time is too many.

Best regards,

Diane C. Brule

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House Testimony

From: edward appleby [eracgn@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:29 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Use in Disaster Planning

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Edward R. Appleby and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*It occurs to that, as we watch events unfolding in Southern California, that we would do **all of Hawaii a service** to consider that the Superferry could be a tremendous asset to use in natural disaster responses such as fires, floods, and earthquakes. It has the at-the-ready feature of being **able to transport multiple emergency vehicles (fire trucks, ambulances, etc.) that would be needed to support many conceivable threats to property, life, infrastructure, and coveted historical and sacred sites**. It's one more piece in the arsenal to combat the unexpected. **We have to expect the unexpected and prepare for the worst.***

/s/

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House Testimony

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To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Sasha Springer Asato* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawai'i Super Ferry is a much-needed mode of transportation for the people of Kauai, Maui, the Big Island, and the rest of our State. Not just for the benefits of commerce, but to help your constituents to realize the advantages of trustworthy transportation to be able to travel between the islands. This provides an advantage to many outside islanders the ability to travel conveniently and without the expense of renting cars when they get to their destination. For those who are disabled, this will help them get to and from the medical facilities that can accommodate the needs they cannot access on their own islands.

I thoroughly sympathize with the opponents regarding invasive species and the damage to the calving grounds of whales. Do we really believe that invasive species only travel in or on our cars? Do we get on an airplane after cleaning our shoes, luggage and boxes or ice chests? I think not. Young Brothers barges and what they carry are just as capable to carry an invasive species.

Can we prevent harm or damage to whales anymore than the other modes of travel over our ocean? Are we so sure that whales cannot be trusted to be smart enough to get out of the way of a boat, ship, Boston whaler or any other ocean going vessel?

I don't believe that the "snow birds" [people who own our land and come so seldom to voice their opinions] have the majority voice. Nor do I believe that they speak for me or the rest of the permanent residents of our `aina.

Please pay attention to the voice of the People who live here. The quiet majority who do not have a computer to give testimony. Who cannot afford to travel for the hearings. Hear us. We vote for you.

Sasha Springer Asato

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House Testimony

From: Tomas Hintnaus [hkd@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:30 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Strongly support the Superferry

My name is Tomas Valdemar Hintnaus and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to bring my car to the outer Islands for work and for play. And having an alternative to air travel is great because sometimes the flights are booked or some people are afraid to flight.

If there is an emergence I think that the Superferry would be a good thing to have around to help. I do not see a negative to having the Superferry!

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House Testimony

From: Kaau Abraham [kaau@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:29 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony to HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Aloha mai Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is **Ka`au Abraham** and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry as a PASSENGER ferry system in the Hawaiian Islands have been a service long awaited for. The main reason I support the Hawaii Superferry is for the simple reason of: ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION.

My grandmother is 85 years old and lives on the island of O`ahu. She does not use air transportation any longer. As a farewell to a place she loved dearly- Lahaina, Maui, I would like to bring her over to the island of Maui one last time before she is no longer with us.

The Hawaii Superferry would GUARANTEE me doing this for her and our `ohana.

Please support the efforts to keep the Hawaii Superferry operating while an EA is worked on.

Mahalo nui loa in advance for your support,

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From: Frank James [surfswell2@yahoo.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Frank James and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

With airlines prices so high for inter-island travel alone, the ferry is a blessing for the residents of the Hawaiian Islands let alone the economy.
Please wake up! This is 2007 not 1959.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:27 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for the Superferry

My name is John Carroll and I own property in Maui. Please realize the importance of having the Superferry operate between the Islands. I strongly support it! I know you already know why it is so important. John Carroll

House Testimony

From: Tasmin McCoy [charnart@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:29 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Tasmin McCoy* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think the ferry will keep Hawaii from an economic depression, as the housing market is in fact slowing considerably. We need all the help we can get to attract mainland visitors, and the ferry would be one more reason to visit Hawaii. Many people will not fly to outer islands, but will take a ferry. I would really like to be able to take my motorcycle to other islands too, with my husband, so we can ride the outer islands like we do here on Oahu. I am really bummed that the whole thing came to a screeching halt.

Tasmin McCoy
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House Testimony

From: ronnette berinobis [dymondb@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:31 PM
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Subject: super ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ronnette Berinobis and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It would be alot easier and cost efficent for me to visit my family in the outer Islands.

PLEASE Keep the super ferry running!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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House Testimony

From: Sina Pruder [slsteffany@pruderandassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for HB1 to allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sina L. Pruder and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. This is my testimony and I support the bill to allow the Superferry to operate in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. Being familiar with the environmental planning process, I personally do not believe that the construction of the Kahului Harbor would have an adverse effect on the environment. If an Environmental Assessment was conducted for this project, I believe a Findings of No Significant Findings would have been issued for this project. The people opposing the operation of the Super Ferry are environmentalist who are addressing the impacts that the ferry will have in operation. They are NOT addressing the issue at hand. They will do anything to block the Superferry from operating, and this is wrong.

As a resident of Oahu, I don't think we'll benefit from the operation of the Superferry as much as the neighbor island residents. The ferry allows for faster transit of produce to local markets at a more economical rate which translates to savings to all residents, especially the neighbor island residents. The ferry also provides another source of transportation of equipment and supplies to support the islands in the event of a natural disaster. Again, it will be the residents of Maui and Kauai that will need the Super Ferry more than residents of Oahu. We can't allow the small population of vocal people to stop an operation that will obviously benefit the majority of the population of the islands. It just doesn't make any sense.

Sincerely,

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House Testimony

From: VELLA ROSE SMITH [vellasvacations@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:31 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

Importance: High

I LOVE HAWAII A LOT AND VISIT THE ISLANDS ALL THE TIME. IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR ME AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE JUST LIKE ME TO HAVE ANOTHER WAY TO TRAVEL FROM ONE ISLAND TO THE OTHER . THE SUPER FERRY WOULD MAKE THIS DREAM POSSIBLE, AN ALTERNATIVE TO FLYING.

KEEP THE SUPER FERRY GOING!!!! I AM A TRAVEL AGENT AND I LIKE TO GIVE MY CLIENTS CHOICES OF TRAVEL AND THE SUPER FERRY IS THE ANSWER.

THANKS,
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lori A. Lopez* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am from Oahu and have Ohana on Kauai, Maui and the Big Island. I would Love to see the Super Ferry up and Running to & from all 4 Islands. The Minority people against the Ferry is very Ignorant in the things they have been protesting about. I take serious offense in them accusing the "OAHUains" to come over to their Island "Kauai" with disrespect. How rude. I hope you don't listen to that KaKa. We no need go over there to Steal anything. We ask, and our Ohana gladly gives. There is just a little too much power going on over there. I cannot believe how the people from Kauai disrespected the people from the first voyage and how they totally disrespected the Govoner when she went over for a meeting. Terrible. What is unreal about the whole thing is the minority grumbling is almost all Transplants from the Mainland. Unbeleivable!!!! Auwe, shame on those Lolo Malihini's. Let the Majority RULE..... Do EIS, but let the Ferry sail.

Much Aloha & Mahalo for your time

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From: Joyce Everett [joyce.everett@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:33 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are *Irving and Joyce Everett* and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We would use the Superferry for both recreation and for business and feel it would be a great asset to the Hawaiian Islands.

*Irving & Joyce Everett
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House Testimony

From: Daniel Page Sr [danpagesr@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:12 PM
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Subject: Superferry

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<>Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A Page Sr. and we strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. We would very much appreciate having the services of an inter island ferry to enable us to "explore" the joys of the other islands with our own car.

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It would also afford us the chance to visit with our various friends living on those other islands. In many ways it will bring us all closer together.

Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Page Sr.
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House Testimony

From: ANGIE DREW [aradrew001@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:08 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Angie Drew and I support the Superferry.

Hawaii is a beautiful paradise and respect for the environment is important. However extreme measures that hinder progress and providing more efficient ways to bring the islands closer and connected is wrong. Hawaii needs to step it up and enter the 21st Century. The Superferry adds another dimension for a better way to do business, travel, explore, educate, and enjoy and appreciate the entire State of ours. Hawaii belongs to all who live here and should not restrict access by certain means that is only approved by the minority. Listen to the majority of the people of Hawaii. It's not about the environmentalists. It's not just about the people of Kauai, nor about the people of Maui. We are the State. We are Hawaii. Listen to the people and judge by the overall benefits that Superferry can bring. Be visionaries. Do not react but be proactive. Hawaii needs this.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:36 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Denis Swenson and I wish to voice my support for the ferry system, before coming here seven years ago, I lived for 25 years on Whidbey Island in Washington State which was serviced by the Washington State Ferry System.

Whidbey Island is serviced by 100 car ferrys that run each way every half hour so I know what "ferry traffic" is and I know that 200 cars once a day is not going to be a hardship for the big Island.

On the whale issue, the whales either have incredible underwater hearing and sense of direction, claimed by the opponets of navy sonar testing, or are dumb animals with lousy hearing and no sense of underwater direction as claimed by the opponents of the ferry.

High speed catamarans have been operating in Washington for the last 30 years without incident so I am not concerned with the whales ability to track and avoid a very clear underwater noise as the ferry will create.

On the issue of changing a law when we discover a major flaw in wording and intent, that is a sacred trust that our legislators should make their highest priority. Far too many laws are on the books that have unintended consequences when twisted to be used as a weapon for one purpose or another.

I would like to see a continuous special session dedicated to cleaning up all our laws, restoring freedoms and common sense. Band aid legislation and complicated, stupid work-arounds of some poorly written laws just doesn't work anymore. There are simply too many of them and they run smack dab into each other causing gridlock at every corner.

Please fix our state.

Sincerely,

Denis Swenson

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House Testimony

From: Nathan Rhinesmith [rhino_104@hotmail.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nathan Rhinesmith and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Hawaii SuperFerry would be a great commodity for the state of Hawaii to have. Not only would it give Hawaii residents the opportunity to travel to neighboring islands but also tourists, and at a good price. It would be very convenient to travel with your own vehicle instead of always renting one. the bottom line is that Hawaii residents need more than just one way to travel to the neighboring islands. Who wants to fly when they have the option to cruise across the open ocean.

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House Testimony

From: Dabeachnut@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:36 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Superferry

Please accept this e-mail as my wish to support the Hawaii Superferry. We need this new mode of transportation desperately. There is no intelligent reason for people to protest this service. They have done everything possible to protect the environment. Much, much more than any of the cargo ships, cruise ships or the airlines. Let's walk into the 21st century and give us the right to decide, not a few screaming protesters on surfboards that really have no knowledge of the situation other than the negative information they are told and people in fear of change which is inevitable. My name is Darlene Dolan and I approve of the Hawaii Superferry. I will not be able to attend the hearing. I live and work here on Kauai.

my phone number is 808-332-0581. My e-mail address is:

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sincerely,

Darlene Ann Dolan

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House Testimony

From: janet [jlandwehr@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:36 PM
To: House Record

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 [Janet Landwehr] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[The Superferry will allow people and their cars to go between islands. You will not be at the mercy of the airlines or rental cars. Also, we are islands. We should have a marine way of transportation.]

[Janet Landwehr
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House Testimony

From: bkreski Kreski [bkreski@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:39 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry EIS

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 Bill Kreski and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Unfortunately I am not a resident of Hawaii but I am a frequent traveler to Kauai where visit and stay with a friend. We were looking forward to taking the Superferry to Maui after it went into regular service. We were extremely disappointed in the postponement of the Superferry's service to Oahu and Maui. We (my friend and I) strongly urge that the House Transportation and Finance committee pass the draft legislation to allow the Superferry to operate during the period the EIS is being developed.

Bill Kreski

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