

## House Testimony

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**From:** Mary-Lynne Ludloff [ludloff@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:37 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

Aloha,

Our family, which is in the lower-income bracket, was greatly looking forward to the new ferry system because we felt it would be more affordable to go to some of the other islands if we could go with our vehicle and spend the day or one night and come back without the expense of renting a car.

It has been a great disappointment to see the actions of the people from Maui and Kauai. [My experience with trips to Kauai has never been that pleasant because the people of that island have always seemed to want everyone to stay off their island--I remember that feeling from age 16 and it hasn't changed in the three times I have been there in the past 44 years!]

I do not think the superferry will have any more impact on the environment than the cruise ships who come bringing tourists and the I believe the superferry would be used more by local people. Please help local families to enjoy the beauty of the other islands in a more economical way for our future.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Daniel Lee [leedt@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:37 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 Daniel Lee and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry because it gives people an alternative way to travel besides the airlines. Not only does it provide an alternative but it provides the ability to bring your vehicle with you. This could be as small as a bicycle or a moped, or as large as a truck and trailer. The Superferry also provides a different experience of travel, one that allows closer interaction with the outdoors.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** John W Walls [jbwalls@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 23, 2005 6:10 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Honorable Chairmen Souki and Oshiro:

I am John William Walls, a resident of Hilo for 25 years. I request your support for the Hawaii Superferry. The Superferry is an opportunity for Hawaii to move forward in a modern world, rather backwards as a third world country. I have lived in both Washington and Alaska where the ferries are the lifeline for all communities involved.

## House Testimony

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**From:** paul Koko [paul\_koko@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:38 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

I am in support of letting the superferry operate while a EA or EIS is being completed.

The draft legislation I have reviewed, I believe, addresses impacts, if any, to the environment.

The benefits far outweigh the impacts, if any.

Thank you,

Paul Koko

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Scott Oakley [scotthoakley@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:32 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** ferry

Aloha, my name is Scott Oakley. I reside at 50 Loloa St. Kapaa, Hi on Kauai. I represent myself.

I will not be at the meeting to give vocal words.

However, I AM OPPOSED to the superferry. Do not give them special permission to operate without the EIS completed.

Do not change the constitution -- it was written to protect the POPULATION, not businessmen, and I am one.

Sincerely, Scott Oakley

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**From:** Steven Schowalter [stevenschowalter@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:38 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry is essential to the State of Hawaii

The Super Ferry is essential to the State of Hawaii. My name is LTC (ret) Steve Schowalter and I am a state citizen of Hawaii. My address is 47-449 Hui Kelu St. Kanehoe Hi, 96744.

I was assigned to USARPAC Crisis Center when Hurricane Iniki ripped through Kauai in 1992. We had a very large challenge in getting Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief to Kauai from Oahu. It was also a large challenge on getting people visiting and living in Kauai to other Islands for their protection and health while the military and federal and State assistance was ongoing. The use of the super ferry, if available would have provided critical assistance in time of dire need.

Respectfully,  
Steven Schowalter

## House Testimony

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**From:** Pakala@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:39 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

I, Philip Keat, strongly support the Hawaii Superferry and urge you to quickly pass a bill whereby the Superferry can operate with over bearing restrictions while environmental studies are completed. The Superferry is the most significant improvement to inter-island transportation in our lifetimes. We must no let this important project founder. It is now in your hands.

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**From:** ghicks41@sprintpcs.com on behalf of Gary and Louise Hicks [talonsgl@kc.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:40 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION & Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Louise Hicks. My husband is Gary Hicks. We both support the Hawaii Superferry as an alternative to flying between islands. We travel to Hawaii for vacation each year, in January-February. Sometimes we spend more time clearing airport security and collecting luggage than we do in flying between islands. We understand that security is an essential fact of life, but security procedures should not be so stressful and time-consuming that they ruin a vacation.

We believe in conservation and protection of wildlife, and we LOVE watching the humpback whales. We think it is possible for the Superferry to operate without endangering the marine environment, and the Superferry COULD be used as another tool to promote awareness of marine life.

We are hopeful that the Superferry will provide a relaxing and enjoyable alternative mode of transportation between Oahu and Maui. We want to return to Kauai to again enjoy beautiful gardens, the bird sanctuary, the waterfalls, and the Na Pali coast. Our travel plans in Hawaii depend on the EASE of traveling between islands, and we truly hope the Superferry will be allowed to operate between islands.

Louise Hicks

Gary Hicks

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## **House Testimony**

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**From:** Jay Dietz [jaydietz@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:40 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** in FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry

**October 23, 2007**

**House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance**

**In FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry**

**We need an alternative in interisland travel. The superferry is an excellent alternative that will increase competition and be good for residents, good for tourism, good for business, and good for Hawaii. All of the islands will benefit.**

**Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the Environmental Impact Study is being conducted. This is extremely important to me and my family.**

**Mahalo!**

**Jay Dietz**

## House Testimony

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**From:** Jay Trennoche [invb@hawaiian.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:41 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry

Aloha Legislators, I grew up on Kauai and am a Social Security recipient already. I feel the Super Ferry is a positive thing for Hawaii. The vast majority of the Kauai protesters are new people to the island...look at the newspaper photos...there are so few local people...

Please ignore these unusually wealthy people who live in the Super Jet Age and have no need for the original and ancient interisland travel.

I could actually take my 25' fish boat to Oahu to take my Father-in Law fishing along with my wife and kids. It would be safer and sounder for us to trailer the boat on the Super Ferry to unite our family.

The problem on Kauai is rampant over development...some of our politicians have been our stewards throughout this negative multi event. Less Development means less visitors, higher rates for visitor service and higher wages for local workers.

Please allow the Super Ferry to sail during the EIS.

I fish offshore, I sometimes run at 40 knots on a smooth sea...I have no problem with the whales...and my low to the water view ahead is not as good as the tall Super Ferry's view of the sea ahead. ...however after dark I do not go that fast...will the Super Ferry have flood lights.

Sonar side scanners allow us to see ahead under water...the Super Ferry could afford that...so the whales are safe for the most part. The Super Ferry is low draft in the water...whales need to merely dive a few meters to avoid the S.F. Whales are intelligent. They can avoid most ships...they have good hearing. The S.F. does not have propellers.

Invasive species are here and the worst are the Chickens and the Feral Cats, the one disturbing the insect food chain world and the other killing the indigenous bird population.

The S.F. will raise the bar on protecting the islands' environment...and all shippers should be held to the same standards.

All negative things from Oahu already come to the outer islands by less expensive airfare.

Tell the Kauai legislators to halt rampant unchecked development...we are full already.

Thanks for your support, where's the Super Ferry GodMother when we need her.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

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**From:** Don Raymond [donraymond@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:42 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** I support the Hawaii Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Don Raymond and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*A quality Ferry transportation system in an Island state is fundamental. This should not even be a question. Stop listening to the loud vocal minority and support the general public majority who are in favor of this fine opportunity.*

*Don L. Raymond*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Jon Gomes [jon@jongomes.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:35 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

I am in support of letting the superferry operate while a EA or EIS is being completed.

I have reviewed the draft legislation and believe any impacts, if any, to the environment will be mitigated while the EA or EIS is being completed.

Thank you,

Jon Gomes

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## House Testimony

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**From:** glenn.engle [glenn.engle@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:42 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Super Ferry debockle

The State of Hawaii should be ashamed. There is clearly no environmental impact from the service that the super ferry will provide to the people of the Hawaiian Islands. The Navy has run SSP vessels at similar speeds in Hawaiian waters at similar speeds for years without incident. <http://www.swath.com/history.htm>

The laws that were meant to protect the environment are being twisted and used to stifle competition. I suspect those involved in the shipping industry have funded and encouraged the extremist element into a media frenzy. I have yet to see anyone actually state a viable environmental concern that the super ferry presents.

Any judge that overrules the authority having jurisdiction, the designated experts in a state policed system, should be held personally financially accountable for the economic impacts of his ruling. This is just another step in the ongoing travesty of judicial egotism, courts taking authority that they were never granted. This is the real travesty in this case.

May God's Will Be Done.  
Glenn Engle

## House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

**My name is *Jonathan Lau* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.**

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**From:** Heather Barth [heatherjason@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:43 PM  
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**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Heather Barth* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*We need an alternate to flying interisland. Please allow the Superferry to run!*

*Regards,  
Heather Barth*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Inge Heyer [inge\_heyer@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:16 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Inge Heyer and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

/I have been waiting for a long time to see an alternative to the current situation, where my only option to visit family and friends on Oahu is paying the airlines' asking prices (those \$19 fares are never available when you need them), and putting up with their luggage restrictions and hassles. I would like to take my car for the holidays, be able to cram it full of presents without having to pack them like raw eggs (have you seen the baggage handlers toss baggage lately?), and not have to rent a car, so I can go shopping in Honolulu for all the things I can't get on the Big Island, then pack my car full again and go back.

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/I am only planning on doing this once a year. And if I wasn't taking my own car I would have to borrow one, so either way I would contribute no more to the Honolulu traffic by using the Superferry. The only people losing here would be the car rental and/or taxi companies.

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/There are many things about this whole mess that don't make a lot of sense to me. If there were so many objections to the Superferry, why weren't those raised years ago when the service was first proposed?

In following the coverage of this debate, it seems that some groups with an agenda have chosen this critical time to sink the project. And they seem to be the same folks who oppose pretty much anything around here that anyhow relates to progress, innovation, and change. For that reason alone I find their motives suspicious.

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/Aside from that, I can't buy many of their arguments. How would the Superferry carry any more invasive species around the islands than the commercial shippers are doing already. And those are coming from the mainland as well, the Superferry will only travel interisland. And I don't believe for a minute that every shipping container going between the islands is being inspected. How did the Coqui frogs get around then?

If there are things that shouldn't be carried on the Superferry, make a list that everyone knows (just like the airlines and the Post Office are doing now). And as for my car carrying critters, I am proud to say that there has not been a single roach in my car. I do keep it squeaky clean, because I don't want any pests around my house either.

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/As for the whales, yes, the Superferry should have some reasonable speed limit, but then I'm assuming that such a speed limit already exists for ships in interisland waters. I don't see why the Superferry's should be different. Having whale spotters might not be a bad idea though.

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/I think it is time to put hysteria aside and think about this rationally.  
So many people will benefit from this alternative means of interisland  
transportation: folks like me visiting family and friends, farmers getting a wider market  
for their goods, car buyers being able to comparison shop all over the state, hopefully  
companies bringing goods in cheaper from Oahu (or bringing in items not so far available  
on the neighbor islands).

And in the end, I think I would enjoy the ride on the ocean far more than sitting in a  
cramped airline seat barely able to move. I'll even happily help whale spotting.

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PS. This is \*testimony just for the record\*, I am not planning to submit in-person  
comments (can't afford the short-notice airfare).

## House Testimony

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**From:** Bob Gould [bob.gould@stanfordalumni.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:27 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Testimony in favor of HB1

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance  
DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007  
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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert A. Gould and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We can not let a minority of misguided self described 'environmentalists' and racist local people to stop a needed transportation system in the name of saving their islands from the predations of people from Oahu or the theft of their opihi! Their attitudes are ridiculous, and they should be required to subsist only on the produce of their own islands and prohibited from traveling off their islands on anything but a canoe.

We need the superferry as a protection against the results of the bankruptcy of local airlines that will be caused by Go's predatory practices. Putting special restrictions on the Superferry that don't apply to other modes of transportation is unfair, and if the same thing were attempted in commerce between the mainland and Hawaii it would be an illegal obstruction of interstate commerce.

Don't let the cries of "the legislature should follow the law as expressed by the court, not try to change it." Such cries only illustrate their ignorance. The legislature makes the laws. The courts only interpret the laws the legislature makes and ensures that those laws are constitutional. It is your job to pass laws that encourage commerce; not inhibit it!

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Lyuba Puzakova [mauiluba@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:16 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lyubov Puzakova and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in favor of the Superferry as it will provide me and my family the ease of visiting the neighbor islands while taking our car with us. Though some think that it will encourage more traffic for the neighbor islands, I don't see the difference between bringing your own car along or renting a car on the other island. In addition, who are we to restrict or discourage visitors to our islands as it only benefits us on so many levels? Tourism aside, traveling to and from islands fosters our image as a unified Hawaiian Islands. Furthermore, many of us have relatives and/or friends on the neighbor islands so I feel confident that the Hawaii Superferry will benefit many to stay in touch through another transportation method. Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to stay, to help bring our islands together and offer another means of travel between our neighbors.

To draw a parallel, I don't think that anybody on the mainland would oppose to a proposal of building a road that connects various cities within the state. I see the same situation here and I have a strong opinion that such opposition would be unpractical and disadvantageous to everybody. Let's keep our islands unified as we're still the great same state. Furthermore, as we are a part of the United States we are entitled to be courteous and welcoming to the citizens of our county whether they are from another island or from the mainland. Many of us, Hawaii residents, go to the mainland from time to time for work or pleasure and we expect to be treated respectfully and welcomed over there as any other American. Seems like Hawaiian people are forgetting what Aloha is all about.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,

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## House Testimony

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**From:** kahu@keolahou.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:43 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hearing related to SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rennie Mau and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that it will bring economic blessings to the people of Hawaii. Let it have a one year trial run!!!!!!

Mahalo,

/s/ Rennie Mau  
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**From:** Alan Medeiros [medeirosa001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:43 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Alan D Medeiros Sr*, and I strongly support Hawaii Super.

*My family and I believe the Super Ferry will benefit the whole state of Hawaii, It will help keep inter island travel affordable. As for my self I am disabled and travel to Oahu allot for doctors appointments, arriving in Honolulu I would have to rent a car for a few days, with the ferry It would save that much more money for me. Lets face it air travel has become outrageous we need other means of affordable transportation.*

*I could go on and on why we need the ferry system, "Please let the Ferry stay afloat it will work for us".*

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

My name is David Baglow and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. 10/22/07

This type of service has long been required for efficient inter-island communications and will greatly enhance inter-island commerce as well as the ability of local residents and visiting tourists to take advantage of island travel with their vehicles or as pedestrian passengers .

I believe this new service is vital for the future development of inter-island travel and services. There are always solutions to problems and there is always far too much negativism (often violent) that greets new and important developments within the State.

This new form of transport **must** be allowed to develop.

Many thanks for your considerations on the vital subject.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Paul Lawler [paul@lawler.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:38 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Paul C. Lawler and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry has been treated very badly by a small minority of citizens of the State of Hawaii. It is clear in poll after poll that the vast majority of citizens would like to see the Superferry operational. Surely the function of the state is to allow that which provides the greatest good for the greatest number. I am appalled that the Legislature is allowing a very vocal minority to be the tail wagging the dog.

Not only would the Superferry provide an alternative to (often costly) air transportation, it would also provide cost effective bulky item transportation, cost effective transportation for the handicapped, and cost effective transportation for families.

Additionally it would provide a currently non-existent alternative to air transportation in an emergency like a hurricane or tsunami, which could easily render airports on one or more islands useless.

Most of the "testimony" I have heard opposing the Superferry deals with hypothetical problems arising from invasive species or hypothetical concerns over collisions with marine life. If these turn out to be problems, they can be dealt with, but it is unconscionable for the Legislature to allow the Superferry to be killed on the mere possibility of hypotheticals.

I strongly urge the Legislature to support HB 1, and provide choice to the citizens of Hawaii.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Steve Ellison [info@kona-realestate.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:14 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super ferry

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 Steven J. Ellison, R(S) and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Super Ferry due to the fact that we need an alternate transportation between the islands for commerce and tourism. The current house bill which dictates speed etc.. at which the Superferry can operate undermines the profitability of the company and thus will not remain in business in the islands. This will in turn deter future companies from attempting to provide various services in the ialadn due to the unfriendly like atmosphere created by a few.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Doug Arnott [ARNOTTD001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:45 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Fw: Superferry.....Testimony FOR Superferry....

Dear Sirs.

I would like to testify FOR the Superferry as a Hilo Hotel Owner and employer of 30 people.

This Email is my testimony.....

Somehow a small loud group of "against everything" protestors has been allowed to hijack a needed alternate transport form.

Operation of similar vessels in many nations around the world proceed on a daily basis without damage to whales or the environment.

Australia, a very green aware country operates many of these vessels in the area from Melbourne to Tasmania, an area richer in whales than here.....at night.....at high speed, without lookouts or restrictions.

Outer Island farmers will palletize goods and revolutionize their ability to sell on Oahu....they will not send valuable trucks !!

I had urged our lawmakers and business leaders to visit Tahiti where a scale version of what we are getting has been in operation for years, as the impact it will have is sociological, of that there is no doubt.....

But the will of the people and the embarrassment of the people of Hawaii at being made to look like fools in the international press is going to impact the next election heavily. Those lawmakers who have pandered to the lunatic fringe are going to be looking for work !!

This also mitigates for Supreme court justices being forced to retire even earlier, as it is they who waited TWO years to rule on this matter causing the current turmoil.....this is inexcusable dereliction of duty !!

Aloha.....Doug Arnott  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Merlin Helgeson [Wildmongoose@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:46 PM  
**To:** House Record

Hi my name is Merlin Helgeson, I support the Hawaii Super Ferry, to me its just another form of transportaion, I myself dont like flying and like the idea of riding a boat in comfort and having no stress or fear, I look forward to it and strongly support The Hawaii Super Ferry.....

## House Testimony

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**From:** Valerie Correa [Valerie.Correa@hawaiiantel.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:46 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Val Correa and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I feel another alternative to interisland travel is a good thing for the people of Hawaii. It will give the people choices on how they prefer to travel. .

Thank you,

Val Correa

94-971 Kaaholo Street

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Kasey L [kaseykleavitt@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:40 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kasey Leavitt and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am a life-long Hawaii resident, and currently a student at Hawaii Pacific University. I will not be able to testify in person, but I wanted to show my support of the Superferry. The Hawaii Superferry is vitally necessary to our islands. Moreover, the majority of people in Hawaii support the Superferry, and we support amending the law to allow the Superferry to run.

Many protestors are pleading with the Legislative branch to obey the law and respect the decision of the Supreme Court. What they do not understand is that as American citizens, it is our right to lobby the Legislative Branch to amend a law if we feel the desire to do so. Furthermore, we do respect the Supreme Court's decision. No one is ignoring the ruling. We understand the duty of the Supreme Court is to interpret the law, not choose sides. Please notice that supporters of the Superferry are not breaking the law and endangering our lives and the safety of others. Asking the Legislature to amend the law is not an act of disrespect, as overly dramatic protestors would have you believe, it is simply our right as citizens.

The Superferry has gone far above and beyond requirements and expectations regarding the safety of marine life and the environment. In fact, they have done more to ensure the safety of humpback whales than any other vessel in Hawaii, even the Pacific Whale Foundation, who just a year ago, nearly killed a humpback whale calf while 70 elementary school children who were on board witnessed the bloody, traumatic event. No one demanded an EIS then. No one broke the law and prevented their ship from operating. No one brought legal action against them to the Supreme Court. We are not asking for special treatment, we are asking for fair and equal treatment.

The bottom line is that many polls show that the majority of tax-paying, voting, citizens of Hawaii want the right to travel between the islands that our tax dollars support, via the Superferry, and we want that right to be realized now, not six months from now. The claims of protestors are unfounded, and several case studies from similar environmental concerns of the past have proven that. Please don't allow a few attention-hungry, uneducated, ill-informed, grandstanders to convince you otherwise.

PLEASE LET THE SUPERFERRY RUN NOW!!!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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## House Testimony

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**From:** aloha.ido@att.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:47 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** House Committee on Transportation & House Committee on Finance-support of Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

I am writing in support of the Superferry and believe it will benefit the people of Hawaii. I am in favor of the Superferry route to the various islands as they will be able to help commerce from neighboring islands. Farmers and other businesses will have another viable option to ship their products. Businesses will prosper, communities will benefit. I hope you have the courage to step forward and make the decisions that will enable the residents of Hawaii to be proud of the Legislative process.

Mahalo,

Susan O'Donnell

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Dennis Burns [DennisBurnsPFI@hawaii.biz.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:47 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dennis Burns. I am president of Pacific Focus Inc., a local (O'ahu) film and television production company. I strongly support Hawaii Superferry and urge you to make it possible for HSF to begin service ASAP.

It is vital to my company to have alternative means to travel interisland with our equipment and crew for the purpose of our filming video projects on Kauai, Maui and the Big Island. Our clients on all islands require us to provide efficient service. Hawaii Superferry will help make this possible.

Please make it possible for HSF to sail soon. Mahalo!

Dennis Burns  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Ragsac Carole [carolemarier@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:21 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY

ATTN: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND FINANCE  
DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007  
TIME: 9:00 AM AUDITORIUM, STATE CAPITOL

HB1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

DEAR CHAIRS SOUKI AND OSHIRO,

MY NAME IS DOMINADOR RAGSAC JR. MY WIFE, CAROLE, AND I ARE STRONG SUPPORTERS OF THE SUPERFERRY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN ISLANDS. WE PLAN TO USE THE SUPERFERRY'S SEFRVICES TO TRAVEL BETWEEN KAUAI AND OAHU. IT WILL BE SO CONVENIENT TO BRING OUR TRUCK OVER WITH US AND TO BE ABLE TO TRANSPORT OUR PURCHASES HOME OURSELVES.

WE HOPE OUR SUPPORT OF THE SUPERFERRY WILL BE CONSIDERED AS YOU MEET TO DECIDE THE FUTURE OF THIS VENTURE.

THANK YOU,

DOMINADOR AND CAROLE RAGSAC

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**From:** fxobert@juno.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:20 PM  
**To:** House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Francis X. Obert III and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have a family and love to travel. As a member of the US Navy, I value the ability for my family to learn about the different locations they are fortunate to live. Hawai'i has a very diverse ecosystem and a rich cultural heritage that I truly want my family to experience. Unfortunately, as Hawaii is a chain of several islands, the only way to travel between them requires going by air. This is quite an ordeal for a family with two small children. Security regulations require long lines at TSA screening checkpoints. Airline baggage restrictions, which have become more restrictive over time, limit luggage to 2 bags at 50 pounds each. Small children require the use of car seats which must also be packed along on the airplane or the extra expense must be incurred with the rental car company.

The Hawaii Superferry provides an alternative travel mode linking the Islands of Hawai'i for families. Sports teams, school groups and church groups also benefit from the easier mode of transporting personal items from one island to another. I can pack my luggage and car seats into my automobile and not struggle with the ordeal of carrying all of it through an airport. Sports teams can transport their equipment with greater ease as well.

In addition to being a member of the US Navy, I am also completing my college degree in Environmental Management so I understand the importance of protecting our fragile environment. I fully support the need to conduct the EIS required. I also feel that controls and monitoring can successfully be put in place to allow for safe operation of the Superferry while this needed study is conducted. We allow many other types of watercraft to ply the Hawaiian waters every day. We should not hold the Superferry to a different standard and restrict them from providing a much needed service to our wonderful islands.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Linda Eastwood [lindaeastwood@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:46 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HAWAII SUPERFERRY

MY NAME IS LINDA EASTWOOD AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY

THE SUPERFERRY IS NEEDED TO THAT WE FROM THE OTHER ISLANDS CAN TRAVEL TO VISIT FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITHOUT FLYING AND HAVING THE CONVIENENCE OF OUR AUTOMOBILE TO GET AROUND WITHOUT THE HIGH EXPENSES.

HAVING THE SUPERFERRY WOULD MAKE IT SO WE COULD GO AND SHOP AT THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS AT MUCH BETTER PRICES. YOU CAN ONLY TAKE SO MUCH WHEN YOU ARE FLYING.

THANK YOU,

LINDA EASTWOOD  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** John Ervin [johnaervin@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:41 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPPORT SUPERFERRY!!!!

Aloha, I am writing in support of the Superferry. The Superferry will increase inter island commerce. It will increase competition and lower prices on the outer islands. The Superferry will increase access for emergency personnel and supplies in case of a catastrophe. Please give us our inter island highway. Mahalo,

John and Kanami Ervin  
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**From:** SHEILA POLLET [polletsb@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:48 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

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

Our names are Sheila and Stanley Trueman and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry. We have actually been in support of the Superferry since its inception and do not understand all the opposition that has ensued. All modes of motorcraft and airlines travel freely between these islands carrying all kinds of "invasive species", the whales are only here a few months of the year and have been dealing with all the water vessels we already have with no problem for many many years, and as far as thousands of people invading the seclusion of the outer islands, well these same thousands can go by air and for now at very reasonable rates. The thing is we should have a choice - flying is not best for everyone. Our family includes elderly persons and children and it would be so much easier to pack up our van, hop on and off the Superferry and unpack at the relatives or hotel instead of packing up the van, going to the airport, looking forever for a place to park, unloading our items to be put on the plane, claiming items again on outer island, renting a van, packing the van and unpacking again at the relatives or hotel. Now tell me - which one would you rather do? We have been looking forward to the Superferry every since we heard of it - please keep it here!

Sheila and Stanley Trueman  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Sharon Fiesta [kalonafiesta@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:50 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sharon Fiesta and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The superferry is a great idea to attract local people and tourist to go on, it's something completely different aside from flying on a plane. I like the idea that we can also bring our cars along with us to have on the neighbor island.

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Sharon V. Fiesta

## House Testimony

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**From:** TAWNYA SKINNER [tawnyasmiles@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:49 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** I support the Superferry Tawnya Skinner 1870 Hoone Road Koloa Hawaii 8087426868

Attn: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance  
Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007  
Time : 9:00 a.m. Auditorium State Capital

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Tawnya L. Skinner and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

We need options besides the airways and the transport companies to gain access to the other islands. I would greatly help me to know that I can drive my own vehicle over to Oahu for a service and only spend a day, instead of waiting 2 to 3 weeks to receive it back from the transport company at triple the price. Long live the superferry!!

Tawnya Skinner  
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**From:** alohadean@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:51 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dean Karamehmedovic and as photographer, scubadiver and very open person, I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please just visit my article and read comment from the visitors

[http://www.aroundhawaii.com/entertainment/virtual\\_tour\\_hawaii/2007-09\\_hawaii\\_superferry\\_a\\_whole\\_new\\_way\\_to\\_get\\_around\\_the\\_islands.html](http://www.aroundhawaii.com/entertainment/virtual_tour_hawaii/2007-09_hawaii_superferry_a_whole_new_way_to_get_around_the_islands.html)

Mahalo

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## House Testimony

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**From:** webmaster [webmaster@cruzhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:45 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY FOR THE PEOPLE

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Luis Ruiz and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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

*Thank you.*

## House Testimony

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**From:** SHANE SARONITMAN [donna1203@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:50 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *LaDonna Saronitman* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I strongly support the Superferry. It provides jobs for Hawaii. Since Tourism is Hawaii's source of income, you need something like The Superferry. It is also nice to have another way of travel to the other Islands besides flying. Especially for people like me, who don't like to fly.*

*I do care for our Marine Life, I just think The Superferry should be treated like any other Cargo Ships that come to our Islands.*

It's not right that you say you will do one thing, then turn around and do something different. I trust that you will do the right thing, for the majority of the people of Hawaii.

*LaDonna Saronitman & Saronitman Family (Darryl, Colette, And Shane)  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** stephi souza [stephisouza@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:25 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support of Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Stephanie Souza* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*The Superferry will have a positive impact for all of the islands. It will provide the outer islands additional sources of income and have a positive impact on economy. It allows for other options for transportation to islands and be positive for the State as a whole.*

*Mahalo,*

*Stephanie Souza*

*P.O. Box 5071*

*Kaneohe, HI 96744*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Robert Murray [robzbiz@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:51 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

*I believe the state needs to explore other options to bring our state together. The ferry is a necessary vehicle to drive the state into the future.*

*I am a business owner here on o'ahu. I would expand my business to the neighbor islands if it were easier to do. I realize the neighbor island residents may see this as unwelcome, but I believe there will be more to offer residents, if we can simply drive our delivery vehicles over.*

*The cost to ship things on Young Brothers is currently very affordable. However, try have a truck pick up your goods and deliver to small shops in haiku or waimea and they charge hundreds of dollars. So, we don't waste our time. I think both sides lose when that happens.*

*In any case, it seems like this happens again and again. No ferry, no rail. In the meantime, prices go up, traffic gets worse. Let's embrace change.*

*I feel government needs to see beyond the emotions of today, and envision a better tomorrow. I would like to see our leaders take chances and test the waters, so to speak.*

*In regards to whales being hurt, no one wants that. I am a surfer and a diver, I love the ocean and all its creatures. Unfortunately, the modern world conflicts with nature sometimes. Should we stop driving because sometimes wild animals get hit by our vehicles?*

*Finally, I have visited and lived in other cities such as Vancouver, Seattle, and Sydney. These cities have whale populations. I also know the ferry systems are a vital part of*

*their economy. I can't imagine the cities without them.*

*When I heard the ferry was coming here, I thought finally we can embrace progress, but it seems a certain segment (I believe a small, but vocal one) is again trying to stop that.*

*They will be same ones complaining about traffic and high prices of goods. The ferry is a good thing! Please allow us visit and do business on the neighbor islands. I personally will do more business and look at the State as a marketplace, not just O'ahu.*

*The airfares will shoot up again and we will all be paying \$200 roundtrip to go to Maui. Thank God Go Airlines came here. We have all had so much fun, traveling to the neighbor islands and visiting.*

*Good Luck and God Speed on your decisions. Please do what a majority of us want!*

*A NOT SO SILENT MAJORITY MEMBER!*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Tony Stefanik [tony@pmi-llc.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:45 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Hearing Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tony Michael Stefanik and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I enjoy traveling between islands for pleasure sight seeing and shopping. I am also the project manager for a company based on the Big Island, and we do several projects State wide. It would be extremely beneficial in both instances to be able to travel inter island with my own personal or company vehicles. It would allow for more inter island commerce to happen, and I feel it would be beneficial to all islands for the ferry system to exist. We have cruise ships, tankers, military, and cargo ships that are allowed to come to all our islands, what makes the Hawaii Superferry any different.*

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Marian Solomon [drsolomon@sprintmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:50 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1

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

My name is *Dr. Marian Solomon* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*We have cruise ships. We have barges. We have tourist boats. All of these vessels create more disturbance in the ocean than a modern vessel such as the Superferry. The complaints about the Superferry are unjust in that we have the other sea traffic and the same concerns are not applied to those boats. The cruise ships cause more disturbance than a Superferry will. We see pollution left from the tourist sightseeing boats. The same restrictions for environmental impact are one-sided.*

*Thank you for consideration of my opinion. The Superferry provides a lower cost alternative to shipping with the expensive barges. It also provides an alternative to the airlines for inter-island travel. I do not believe that the interisland traffic with cars is going to be so large that a neighbor island will be overwhelmed with traffic. The Superferry provides a choice. We need to have that choice.*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Lance Fairly [fairlyl001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:52 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 Chair Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Letitia Fairly and my family and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I believe the Superferry will serve the people of Hawaii well. It not only helps the economy of Hawaii by generating 300 jobs, but also makes it possible for families to visit neighbor island families in an alternative way. The majority of the people in Hawaii do support the Superferry, so please hear our voice.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** EMIL-SalseroLoco@OchoCeroOcho [route808@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:26 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** superferry support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Emil Espiritu and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Superferry is a great addition to Hawaii via other means of transportation to the other islands. I've been hanging out on KITV's discussion forum online regarding the Superferry and I believe most of the discussion posted in favor for the Superferry are very reasonable and common sense, and the few who are using EIS as a loophole or excuse are just ruining it for the majority who wants the Superferry.

Sincerely;

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Sandy Van [sandy@prpacific.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Sandra Van*, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*As the president of Tradewinds Quarter Horses, LLC, the SuperFerry offers a very viable, cost-effective and much more humane way for me to transport livestock between islands. We show horses throughout the state and currently must rely on the slow barges, necessitating travel of a day or more each way. If you can imagine standing in a stall for a full day, I think you can appreciate how much better it will be for the horses to complete their inter-island journeys in as little as 2-3 hours rather than a full day.*

*Not only will the horses be far more comfortable traveling for just a few hours rather than over night or longer, but it will also be very cost-effective and help our company's bottom-line. It is no secret that doing business in Hawaii is more challenging (and less profitable) than in almost any other state. The SuperFerry is truly a step forward for Hawaii's commerce and should not be prevented from sailing by a very vocal minority. Please listen to the voice of the people of this state who do business here in Hawaii and generate the bulk of the tax revenues.*

*Sandra Van*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** LahainaLisa@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:53 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support FOR the Hawaii Superferry

I have no plans to testify in person but would like to send a testimony for the record.

I was born and raised in Lahaina, Maui but have been living on Oahu for the past 30 years. My husband and I plan to move back to Maui next year to take care of elderly parents. We were very excited and so looked forward to taking our cars back with us when we moved. What a great opportunity for everyone of the state of Hawaii to have the choice of traveling with their own cars in tow. I have read and listened to a lot of what the opposition is concerned about but I still only believe it to be a win-win situation. I think they are choosing to oppose the Superferry to get out other frustrations and it is just not fair to the majority who are support it. I know a lot of people on Maui and I have not met one person who oppose it.

I was amazed at how authorities deferred to the protesters on the first day on Maui & Kauai, we are a part of the United States and are governed by the same laws of Homeland Security. We reap the benefits of the protection of the laws and these people just don't get it.

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