

House Testimony

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:27 PM
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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 Katherine Phillips and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the business standards of the SuperFerry company meet and exceed the current environmental restrictions. Its whale avoidance policy is stricter than federal law in Hawaii and its procedures to prevent the transportation of invasive species exceed standards established by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Their due diligence was extensive enough to convince the Senate and will most likely be sufficient throughout their business lifespan. The EA and EIS are more like formalities at this point and are being used as political tools by an extreme group of people. I am so embarrassed by our state and our lawmakers at this point that they would cave in to such a small, non-representative minority.

Please support this special legislation that enables Hawaii to save face in the eyes of the nation.

Sincerely,

Katherine Phillips
Registered and Regular Voter

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From: Jocqueline Kowrach [sunkow@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:54 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

I support the Superferry and believe that it is a “good” thing for the Big Island.

Please take into consideration the following concerns:

- Pollution of the airwill the ferry's NOT pollute
- Boat bottom ...will chemicals be used to keep it clean...and NOT kill things in the water
- Pollution of the water ...will waste NOT be put into our water from this boat

Mahalo,

Jocqueline Kowrach

Big Island – Kailua-Kona

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I think Hawaiians and tourists should be given an alternative travel option as provided by the Hawaii Superferry.

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From: Beverly Leong [bggirl58@yahoo.com]
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To: House Record

Dear Chris Souki & Oshiro,

Our names are Beverly Leong & Joseph Leong III and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry. We both think the Superferry would be profitable for the State and would bring more revenue for our islands and its businesses small and large. It is more affordable for our local, & tourist people. This is our opinion and we stand on it.

Mahalo,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Melanie Ito* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I belong to a state junior golf organization that conducts tournaments and events on Maui, Oahu, Kauai and the Big Island. Transportation on the ferry would enable more families to participate in events on all islands as the cost would not be as prohibitive as if they were to travel by air:

- 1) They would be able to take their car and not have to worry about an additional cost for car rentals
- 2) Charges for excess or overweight luggage would be nonexistent.

The above reasons for the ferry also applies to families visiting relatives on other islands.

I feel that the ferry offers no more danger in transporting insect and plant pests than air travel:

- 1) Currently there is not even an inspection for baggage and cargo going interisland by air and
- 2) The spread of pests and diseases between islands are greater with air travel due to the greater frequency of the flights than the ferry's trips and due to the fact that there are more airports per island than there are harbors that the ferry will be docking at.

I feel comfortable that the ferry has taken all precautions necessary in its construction so that its impact on the environment is minimal. The Superferry is good for the people and businesses of Hawaii and should be allowed to operate.

There are more who support than object to its operation and it's unfortunate that they are the silent majority.

Thank you for your time.

Melanie Ito

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House Testimony

From: Wendy [wendy@tylerpottenger.com]
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Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wendy Concepcion and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Superferry would be a positive way of transportation between the islands. Sure, because it is something new more people will flood to the ferry to see what it is all about, but it will taper off and the serious riders will continue to use the ferry. The argument that there will be too many cars on the road, that people will rape the lands and sea or that it will bring in more drugs and crime, does not fly with me. All of those arguments are not valid. We have how many flights a day to each of the islands with people renting cars, going to the beaches and other cultural sites and they still have their drug problems already on the islands. These are local people that will mostly be using the Superferry, families will be able to take their cars and drive to see family on the neighbor islands that otherwise could not afford to pay for air, car and hotel, Hula Halaus will be able to go together in cars to visit other island cultural sites and learn more about that island to incorporate into their dances, etc., drug dealers are going to get drugs to and from the islands whatever way they can not matter what. How do you think they are getting it now? I think we can combat some of the issues by full car searches at the docks, maybe even drug dogs, fewer trips during whale season or different routes and maybe arrival times during non-traffic hours. Just a few suggestions. I think that this can be a very positive thing for the islanders if we are conscious of the environmental concerns.

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House Testimony

From: Lon Ibaraki [libaraki@gmail.com]
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Subject: Do the right thing!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lon Ibaraki and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Please do the right thing. Keep the Superferry operating while completing the EIS. We need an alternative mode of transportation.

Lon and Diane Ibaraki
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House Testimony

From: Annalisa Bos [lisabos@myhokua.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is **Lisa Bos** and I strongly support **Hawaii Superferry**.

I have a small Interior Design company and would greatly benefit from being able to take my car on the Hawaii SuperFerry to visit my outer Island clients. Not only that but I would be more apt to travel more often to the other Islands, rather than going elsewhere on vacation, if I were able to bring my car on the SuperFerry.

Having lived in Hawaii for 36 years, I think it is high time that we had this kind of service available to our residents as well as visitors to our islands.

If they are able to have ferry service to the San Juan Islands as well as other island communities on the Mainland, why can't we have the same thing here in Hawaii??

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From: G Everett [geverett@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gary Everett and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need the competition in transportation to level the field and create an opportunity for all to unite in Hawaii. Give us a chance to bring our Ohana together. Let's celebrate our grand life here in Hawaii. Let us let the world know that we are intelligent and responsible citizen of these United States and the World. To destroy our opportunity to add the Super Ferry to Hawaii will do little to hold the respect to the world. With all the restriction now imposed on moderations and expanding our opportunities to invite business will suffer for years to come. Please do not allow the few prevent our Hawaii from being all it can be. To allow the few to impose a load of unneeded conditions, inspections and interference is unfounded. If adopted, then all forms of transportation between these island should be treated the same. All should comply.

Respectfully,

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House Testimony

From: Richard Sasaoka [rtsasaoka@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:57 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

I whole heartly support the superferry Hope to visit my family on Maui when the superferry is back in service.

Mahalo,

Richard Sasaoka

House Testimony

From: Tom Burnett [tcburnett@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:58 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry YES

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Every time Hawaii begins to modernize and join the rest of the world, special interests out of their holes and begin acting crazy. We need this mode of transportation very badly and it must be approved for ALL of the ports on ALL of the islands. Even Micronesia had old LSTs servicing it's islands. I would use it at least monthly between the Big Island and Oahu!

Thomas C. Burnett

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House Testimony

From: Krisla DuPonte [kwduponte@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:52 PM
To: House Record
Subject: "SUPERFERRY" Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Krisla and DuPonte* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is not fair how a small group of people have made such a huge deal about another interisland transportation. Any form of travel brings risk of carrying foreign substance from island to island, including airline travel. Also there are so many other boats, including military vessels that travel between islands at high speeds. So why so much controversy against the Superferry?

In a personal matter, I have four small children, including 1 1/2 yr old triplets, that make traveling very difficult. The Superferry would have allowed my family to finally visit family on the outer islands with the ease of taking our car and packing all the necessities that are needed to travel w/ sml children. Please allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being done. Once it is in operation, people will then see the convenience and need for alternate interisland travel.

Thank you for your time. Please feel free to contact me at Cell (808)722-1295 or email kwduponte@yahoo.com.

Mahalo,
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To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Inter-island Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Nino Toscano* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I do have only one question that I would like to ask to the Power People and the good intended people rallying against the Ferry service.

Why we need an Environmental Impact Study for the ferry when we have hundreds of flights landing on our islands every day, barges (Matson, Young) coming to our ports with unchecked goods few times a week, and cruise ships with thousands of visitors and crew members crisscrossing the state. And they do not need a Environmental Impact Study?

Maybe it's because we, the Little people, use and need the Superferry. The BIG corporations don't need to be bothered by the scrutiny of any EI Study.

I hope that this matter will be resolved soon and in a fair way.

Aloha,

Nino Toscano

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From: Paul A. Lemke [lemkel001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:59 PM
To: House Record
Subject: In Support of the Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Paul A. Lemke and I am in total support of the Super Ferry. We need an alternate source of transportation. Right now we only have the airlines as a means of travel. Airlines fares will not be low too much longer. Once one of the carriers leaves airfares will skyrocket. I have two children boarding on Oahu and family on the other Islands. I look at the Super Ferry as an alternate service for inter Island travel that will serve the people of Hawaii and it's visitors. Please support the Super Ferry.

Mahalo,

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House Testimony

From: Lizz Pena [lizz_pena@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:33 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Laura L. Pena and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have just returned from the Big island of Hawaii and have been a frequent visitor. If there was the possibility of conveniently visiting other islands I would certainly have taken advantage of that.

I have familiarized myself with the issues of islanders that do not support the super ferry and I hope that a solution which benefits all involved can be found.

Please keep me informed of any further developments.

Laura L. Pena
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Terry Nii* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am a horse owner and want to be able to ship my horse, truck and trailer to the other islands to compete. Right now I have to send them on Young Brothers and it takes a whole day to get there plus I have to rent a truck on the other island which is very expensive. When I go to outer island rodeos I spend money on hotel, restaurants etc. which supports the local economy. I believe that the Super Ferry would be very beneficial to all horse as well as dog owners who wish to show their dogs, take their grooming implements etc.

Terry Nii

Terry Nii Design

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House Testimony

From: Susan Kuszajewski [suskus2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:33 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshira,

Please know that my husband and I support the Hawaii Superferry.
It is our feeling that we should have the opportunity to make a choice when traveling interisland.
We are restricted presently to commuting by air only.

Respectfully,
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From: Pat Sensano [psensano@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:00 PM
To: House Record
Subject: support the Super Ferry! We cannot let this opportunity pass us by without giving the super ferry a chance.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Patricio M. Sensano Jr. and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support what the super ferry is planning for the citizens, communities, organizations and businesses of Hawaii and feel that the majority of Hawaii's people are saying the same. One reason is that it gives me and my family another option besides the airline companies to travel inter-island, with the convenience to bring our own vehicles. Our primary use of the Ferry would be to visit our families or attend outer island events that we wouldn't normally attend. I would also assume that it would tremendously benefit organizations around the state. For example high schools, colleges, church groups, businesses and other organizations.

I fully understand what the opposition of the super ferry are saying and agree that an EIS is needed, but in the meantime we cannot let this opportunity pass us by without giving the super ferry a chance.

Sincerely,

Patricio M. Sensano Jr.

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House Testimony

From: NORMAN R AND BONITA SWIFT [nswift9005@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:58 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Norman Swift* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am 5th generation in Hawaii and I have family on all islands and would like to visit them with my personal vehicle, my family in those islands also support the superferry. Car races can be sent and returned the next day and canoe races would open up an other era. I am a fisherman and would rather travel by boat vs. airplane.

Norman Swift

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House Testimony

From: Michelle [michelle@pmi-llc.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michelle Renee Kirkpatrick and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I enjoy traveling between islands for pleasure sight seeing and shopping. By being able to travel inter-island via the Superferry I would be able to take my car with me thus eliminating the need to rent a vehicle when I'm on various other islands.

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

My name is Richard von Hagen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

When I first heard about the Hawaii Superferry I was thrilled that the islands were going to finally enjoy interisland ferry service. Having traveled around the world I have seen the benefits of this kind of service (please visit the Greek Islands to really understand how convenient and positive ferry service can be!). The benefits of ferry service accrue to island residents, businesses and tourists who want to safely travel between the islands in order to enjoy the beauty of this place. Please take a positive step forward and find a creative way to make this service a reality.

Kind Regards
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House Testimony

From: Randy Rees [rrees@prem-hi.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Randal B. Rees* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think it is important to support free enterprise in the State of Hawaii and to offer an alternative mode of transportation to and from the Neighbor Islands. It will improve our standard of living socially and economically.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Timothy Solis* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii SuperFerry because it offers the citizens and communities with another avenue of transportation and method for interisland travel. In a time of peace or unrest, it is a viable option to rapidly mobilize necessary equipment and personnel between the islands. Other coastal communities and States with coastlines offer ferry services that are accepted and appreciated. We are an island State which should have a this wonderful ferry service. Cutting edge technology, exceptional safeguards, a wonderful means of transportation and a great showcase for the rest of the nation to admire... it is good for the Ina and the people.

Large Hula Halau can easily transport their entire crew to the Big Island during the annual Hula dance festival; our growing number of motorcycle riders who love to travel our island roads would appreciate getting onboard the ferry service knowing that their precious motorcycles are secure and safe below their feet; surfers and other folks that travel with multiple large luggage items would appreciate the ferry for its ability to accommodate them.

Frankly, I believe the "silent majority" is being overlooked once again. It is unfortunate that the rather verbous and vocal "minority" is getting too much attention.... it is a sad state of affairs.

Please do everything in your power to go forward with the approval of the Hawaii SuperFerry service. I look forward to enjoying, still another aspect of our beautiful islands though a different elevation.

Timothy K. Solis

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Our names are Charles and Marsha Tripp and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We both think an alternative to leaving the island by air is needed and absolutely necessary. We also think that the Superferry will not create as much pollution and danger to sea creatures as the myriad of cruise ships traveling between the islands.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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House Testimony

From: David Collison [davidc@penshurstcl.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:57 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are *David Collison and Lynette Collison* and we strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that it is imperative that for the sake of our beloved State that some testimony be heard from the "silent majority". There is now so much emotion, particularly from those who are apposed, that it is not surprising that at the last meeting there were only 300 or so who attended on Kauai and 95 percent were in opposition.

- 1. Those of us who support the Superferry are mainly those who either are in full time employment or own their own businesses.*
- 2. There are currently too many instances where physical violence has been threatened upon residents who take an active role in support and many of us have equipment that would be susceptible to vandalism in some areas of Kauai. As our family, businesses and homes are not directly affected if we choose to simply keep out of the "limelight", most of us unfortunately find it much easier to do so.*
- 3. We have many years of experience with boats and the rhetoric regarding whales is just inflammatory emotionalism. 90% of any injuries to whales are caused by propellers and the Superferry doesn't have any propellers. In the worse case scenario either whales would be brushed aside by the hull "wash" or given a glancing blow. If whales were this stupid they would never have survived generations of shark attacks.*
- 4. Given the often brutal physical attacks by those who wish to preserve their "surf spots" from outsiders we believe that much of the opposition comes from those who wish to prevent anyone other than those who were born on particular areas of Kauai from ever sharing these amenities. Invasive species to them are Hawaiians from other Islands - A priority of doubtful legal or moral justification.*
- 5. We are in far greater danger environmentally from species, animals and snakes etc that are introduced by containers - 90% of which are transported from the mainland or countries where such harmful creatures are endemic.*

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House Testimony

From: Johnny Yu [yuj1112@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:57 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony :Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Johnny Yu* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I beleive with this operation of the Hawaii Superferry, both travel and mobilization between interislands will be more convenient and affordable to the general public, and will promote business in Hawaii to run in a more low costing way.

Johnny Yu

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House Testimony

From: Rowena Ednilao [rowena.ednilao@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:01 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is ROWENA N. EDNILAO and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe it is a good addition to the Hawaii transportation industry. It will provide a needed service to the people of Hawaii, and an alternative to existing inter-island transportation. I also believe that the loud voices of a vocal minority should never be the justification for any decisions. Please consider those of us who have an opinion, but chose not to threaten or court media coverage to make it appear a majority effort.

I will not be submitting my testimony in person, however, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below.

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House Testimony

From: EkeNuiFarm@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:04 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry supporter

*To our Wisest and Most Dedicated Leaders,
I would like to voice my support for establishing the Superferry as another option for travelers, businesses, and residents here in the state of Hawaii. What a wasted opportunity for economic development and added incentive for travel interisland if this vessel is turned back to the mainland.*

As I look at it, I believe more will be gained than what will be lost in building a strong ferry operation here. We will have the jobs to offer folks that no one can foresee from this point in time, with the increased need for restaurants, reporters, etc., who would keep folks aware of ferry travel, weather, etc., purchases of produce and goods and services that otherwise would not occur, social network development for residents of Hawaii, alternate employment interisland, and finally, just another option for the unforeseen needs.

Disasters of all kinds can occur and having this option for disaster planning is a progressive and smart way to go. Who wants to think, "If only we had had another way to travel between islands...."? We have it here and it is ready to go to work. Let's not be penny wise and pound foolish.

We will have more tourist and resident travel interisland due to the "uniqueness" of the Superferry, but also to accommodate those who would not travel on an airplane for various safety reasons...real or imagined.

If the whales are in danger, why were they not in danger before the Superferry arrived? The ocean vessels in the waters around Hawaii are numerous and fast and were they not a threat as well? It seems disingenuous to predict disaster for whales at this point in time. I was on a whale watching vessel, skippered by a naturalist about 12 years ago in Monterey Bay off the coast of California. That skipper told us then that whales hear an engine start from miles away and that approaching them was very carefully done, if one was to see them. The whales, according to the skipper, would not be near the boats that approached the area going too fast...by choice. What is the threat to the whales here? I want to hear from a marine biologist who studies whales to confirm these claims that whales would be hit by the Superferry. And, how often does the Navy or the tourist cruise ships hit whales?

Environmental impact studies should have been done before the Superferry ever left the mainland, perhaps before it was even built. Why Why Why is this just now becoming an issue? I believe in the EPA and its efforts to preserve our environment. I would not want to see it used as a political tool, as it has already been used, regarding other issues in the news. This is something that can be done while the Superferry is online and going about the business of establishing a reputation for itself here. We need to give it a chance to do this business the best

way it can.

I will not be able to attend and testify in person. I hope I have helped to persuade those who will decide the outcome to give the Superferry an opportunity to prove itself as a positive addition to our state's assets.

May the Best for All be considered.

Aloha,

Marla Hunter

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House Testimony

From: robie [robie@maui.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:04 PM
To: House Record
Subject: No Super Ferry

Hi Senators

I attended the Maui meeting but you never got to my name. I was #119.

Here is my statement:

I am Robie Price, I live in Haiku.

I am against the Super Ferry.

This whole thing makes me furious!!!

The fact that it has gone as far as it has is disgusting.

I want you the legislator to stop this super ferry now.

Stand up to Lingle, Big money and the Military and put a stop to this now.

Even if all you care about is to be reelected you need to stop the ferry, because this one issue is going to stop the careers of anyone who doesn't fight against it with full force.

Robie Price

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House Testimony

From: Michael Freedman [sharksight2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:38 PM
To: House Record
Subject: NEED FOR SUPERFERRY

PLEASE ALLOW THE SUPERFERRY TO TRAVEL TO OUTER ISLANDS IF NOT FOR THE TOURIST THEN FOR THE ISLANDERS THAT WOULD HAVE QUICK AND EFFICIENT EMERGENCY NEED FOR TRANSPORT TO OTHER ISLANDS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. THEY NEED TO THINK ABOUT THAT SITUATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH .

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House Testimony

From: David Glover [gloverd006@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Attn: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David Daniel Glover and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to believe that our fine state will continue to pursue the practice of open waters to those who bring progress and prosperity to our state and its people by giving a choice for Inter-island travel to residents, businesses, the military, and others

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Respectfully submitted,

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House Testimony

From: mitzi.kadohiro@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:05 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mitzi and Melvin Kadohiro and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We support the Hawaii Superferry because it will give residents of Hawaii alternatives to traveling and also for those who commute interisland, to be able to bring their cars/trucks to conduct business on the other islands.

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House Testimony

From: JBUNZEY [BUNZEYJ001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Ferry system

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

I am writing you to tell you my support for Hawaii Superferry.

I work for Hamakua Mushrooms on the big island. We are getting new accounts on other islands at an ever increasing amount and could really use the services of the ferry to get our product to them fresh. We now use Young Bros. but they are slow and our mushrooms do not arrive as fresh as they might.

Please do not listen to the minority of protesters. The polls have spoken. We need the Ferry.

Jim Bunzey
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House Testimony

From: Bruce and Linda Frashure [lfras@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:26 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

My daughter and son in-law live and work on Maui, so my wife and I visit her from California several times a year. Since we like to visit other islands as well, we would find it convenient to use an alternate form of transportation other than flying. We would appreciate the availability of the ferry for that purpose. I don't see how its environmental impact would be less than the constant stream of jet aircraft between the islands.

Thank You,
Bruce Frashure
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House Testimony

From: GerryChing@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:06 PM
To: House Record
Subject: (no subject)

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *[GERALD K.S. CHING]* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[THE SIZE OF OUR POPULATION DEMANDS THAT WE POSSESS MANY DIFFERENT MEANS OF TRANSPORTING OURSELVES AROUND OUR MUTIPLE ISLAND STATE. WE SIMPLY NEED TO ADAPT TO OUR MODERN WORLD WITH EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES.]

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House Testimony

From: carolramie@clearwire.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:27 PM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Carol Lee Ramie* and I strongly support *Hawaii Superferry*.

My husband and I own and operate Island Investigative Services, one of Hawaii's longest practicing private investigative agencies. We conduct insurance investigations throughout the State of Hawaii and often have to travel on a moment's notice. Often, there are no rental cars available for us to conduct surveillance and frequently, we are only able to rent a vehicle that is non conducive to our work needs. The ferry will benefit our business tremendously. We can use our own vehicles which are customized for our investigations.

On a personal note, I try at all possible, to not fly on the same plane as my husband, a personal choice I've made for years. We have 3 children and I've known other couples who have implemented this practice into their lives, for their children's sake.

With the ferry, I'd be able to work cases on the outer islands with my husband, as I desire. I was **overjoyed** when the SuperFerry started up, and disheartened when it was stopped. Those of us who are reluctant to fly, deserve the right to be able to travel by water.

Let **we, the people**, decide what is best for us. It's about time we utilize our island's greatest asset, **the WATER**, as a means of transportation. It is absurd that cruise ships and Matson is allowed to enter the islands with no resistance, yet the Ferry is being forced to stop. **LET THE SUPER FERRY SAIL.**

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House Testimony

From: James Namnath [info@okmaui.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:38 PM
To: House Record
Subject: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

We are Hawaii property owners and one of us is a Hawaii resident.

We would like to testify in support of a special session to allow the operation of Interisland ferry service.

As Hawaii vacation property renters and business people we testify that:

- our customers who have rented our vacation properties have indicated they would use the ferry and extend their stay on the islands if it was available
- Our customers have expressed dismay that the Ferry was not in operation in the recent past. The guests have indicated they specifically wanted to use the ferry and now will spend less time and money touring the islands.

As experienced users of ferries in other locations we testify that we have seen ferries that operate at speeds of up to 45 miles per hour are fully capable of operating safely and with minimal environmental impact. We have seen ferry service operate in same waters as whales and in many decades of experience have never heard of a single collision between ferries and whales.

As educated people with advanced science degrees and experience in Environmental Impact reporting we testify that the addition of one or two ferry ships in Hawaii will be found to have negligible impact especially in perspective to hundreds of daily ship transits now in place in commercial and military operations. Numerous civil and military ships have operated for decades at or above the expected maximum speed of the ferry and no impact on whales has been noted.

As educated Environmental Studies professional and educator it is our opinion that the operation of sea based transport will emit less carbon dioxide per passenger and cargo weight than air transport. The spread of invasive species between islands is not an issue since the islands are close enough that natural transport of interisland species does occur constantly and the presence of a ferry will not impact that.

For environmental and economic reasons we support interisland ferry service

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House Testimony

From: SSorian@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:08 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Steven Soriano Testimony on HB 1, Relating to Transportation

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

Our names are STEVEN AND ELIZABETH SORIANO and WE strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We are property owners and tax payers on Maui. Our address on the island is 6 Kai Alai, Lahaina, Maui.

Please allow the Superferry to operate. We feel that they have been more than cooperative in addressing environmental, traffic, marine and possible effects of the ferry service.

We feel that there would be tremendous social, cultural, economic and tourism benefits to an operating fast shuttle between islands.

I have no economic, employment or other interest in the ferry service, other than all of the good I feel it will bring the islands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steven Soriano

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House Testimony

From: chris clothier [casc@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:08 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Superferry Support

Dear Representatives,

I am writing as an individual, tax paying citizen of Oahu Hawaii. I support the Superferry and want you to support the Superferry with the appropriate legislation in HB 1. Let the Superferry run/ sail while the eis or ea if performed. DO NOT include egregious limitations on the Superferry that will make it impossible for them to operate. I am tired of a vocal group of hooligans standing in the way of better transportation options for these islands.

PASS THE LEGISLATION THAT IS NEEDED AND LETS GET ON WITH THIS!

A VOCAL MINORITY IS HODLING UP PROGRESS.

THE MAJORITY (VOTERS) WANT THE SUPERFERRY

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House Testimony

From: Jo Ann Moe [joannmoe@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:02 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

This is just an online testimony in favor of supporting the SuperFerry. From the polls I have seen so far, the majority of people voting, want the boat and alternate means of transportation to the outer islands. It 's so sad when the minority win because they have time to demonstrate and go to the meetings. Most of us don't have the time to take off work for issues such as this. I don't even have time to write this testimony but just want you to know I am one of the residents in favor of the boat and think all the excuses for prohibiting it are slanted.

Sincerely,
Jo Ann Moe
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House Testimony

From: KIT ELLISON [ladysqueak2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:02 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for the Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Floyd A. Ellison, Judy A. Ellison, Dean L. Rogers, Rebecca L. Rogers, Garry W. Russell, Rachel. L. Rogers & Matthew A. Rogers and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is time we all, on the Islands of Hawaii, look forward to something that will aid these Islands and not back into the stone age where we "hope" there will be no changes and we will have our wonderful laid back life style we once enjoyed. Let us face facts.

1. With the Super Ferry gone and Go! chased off the Islands the air craft carriers have declared the prices to fly inter island will raise to the level they once were or higher. This will make travel inaccessible for people with fixed incomes.

2. People who are afraid to fly or people with health concerns would love to have the Ferry. I have a nephew on oxygen who would love to visit without the hassle of air port security as well as getting on and off the plane.

3. If the Ferry is made to do the EIS statement then Young Brothers, Matson and all other carriers, including whale watching boats, should have to do the same as they are doing the exact same services but in a different levels. Cruise ships travel as fast in open waters as the ferry so should be held to the same high standard as the Ferry.

4. It is quite evident there are more people wanting the Ferry than there are those who do not so therefore the majority should have the right to have what we need instead of having to buckle down to those who throw tantrums and are more heard. We would love to attend meetings but are concerned for our safety so have had to stay away. It is one thing to be "Booed" but when people who do not agree with those who wish to have things their way state there will be violence if they are opposed, it is within our best interest to support the ferry as best as we can. Please listen to the majority on this issue.

I could go on and would love to speak with you if a cooler head and one with the inclination to research instead of emotion is of interest to you. My phone number is 808-645-1806. Thank you for listening.

Floyd A. Ellison
Judy A. Ellison
Dean L. Rogers
Rebecca L. Rogers
Garry W. Russell
Rachel. L. Rogers
Matthew A. Rogers

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House Testimony

From: Jennifer Leinhos [jennifer@accurate-books.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:03 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I will not be submitting in person comments

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jennifer Leinhos* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I love visiting Hawaii and would not spend as much time on the different islands if I had to fly. The Superferry changed the way I planned my next vacation, making it much longer and visiting several islands. Now we can't do that. Please bring it back.

Jennifer Leinhos

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House Testimony

From: William Hicks [hicksw001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I would like the following testimony to be considered at the House Committee on Transportation and the House Committee on Finance hearing to be held Thursday, October 25th at 9:00 at the State Capitol Auditorium:

Dear Chairman Souki and Chairman Oshiro,

I believe the ongoing turmoil surrounding the Hawaii Superferry has become an absolute embarrassment to our state.

With clear support provided over a period of several years by the legislature, the administration, and the overwhelming majority of our citizens, investors have made an enormous investment to provide this efficient transportation option that most directly benefits kama'aina.

I urge you to identify and support a fair, practical, and viable solution that will enable the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

It's regrettable that such extraordinary action is needed at this late stage, and I'm sure there's plenty of blame to go around, nonetheless your prompt action really is needed to preserve the Hawaii Superferry for the benefit of the overwhelming majority of Hawaii's citizens.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Bill Hicks

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House Testimony

From: Bryan Dohrn [bdohrn@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 PM
To: House Record
Cc: Sen. Carol Fukunaga; Rep. Sylvia Luke
Subject: Written Testimony in Support of the Hawaii Superferry for Inclusion in the Oct 25 Committee Session

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

aloha, my name is Bryan Dohrn and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Further, I emphatically advocate prompt Hawaii State Legislature action to identify a solution that will enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental impact assessment is being conducted.

The people of Hawaii want interisland transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by the overwhelming majority of Hawaii residents and businesses - from all islands and counties - and will bring many, many benefits to our state.

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option for the people of Hawaii, and to support and enhance Hawaii's unique and complex business climate.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to miss work and attend the Thursday session; accordingly, I do not intend to submit in-person testimony. But, I will definitely be there in spirit, and can be contacted at my email and phone numbers, below. Mahalo nui loa for your efforts to make this dream a reality for the people of Hawaii.

With respectful aloha,

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House Testimony

From: Ric Noyle [ric@ricnoyle.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:54 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ric Noyle and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am all for civil protest; I teach my children to stand up for their rights and to be passionate about life. However, I give the Superferry protesters a dismal failing grade for their behavior – to the company, to the State and to the good people of Hawaii. It is unfortunate that the words and actions of so few have cast our state in such a bad light, when in fact the situation reflects poorly on the protestors themselves.

So, Mr Chairman, I respectfully ask you to voice your opinion, to publicly express your desire to enjoy the many benefits of this long-awaited inter-island transportation service. Take a stand now to make sure that a small minority of protestors doesn't wrangle the Superferry away from the rest of us.

Sincerely,

Ric Noyle
737-2885

House Testimony

From: Daysha Mendes [drmlm@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:11 PM
To: House Record
Subject: WE SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Daysha-Rae Mendes, my husband is David Mendes and we strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

We were not able to attend the hearing that was held here on the Big Island because it was on the Kona side and we are on the Hilo side. However, I am hoping that this email will at least be sufficient to know that we strongly support the Superferry. The main reason is that we have family on the outer islands and how wonderful that we finally have another option to use to go and visit them. A cheaper option for us who have been paying so much for years to just fly over to the outer islands and rent a car. We both were born and raised on the Big Island, so we KNOW first-hand how much of a benefit having the superferry will be.

Of course strict searches should be done on vehicles for invasive species like the coqui frogs. As far as whales, I'm convinced after reading about the how the superferry runs that they will not be in danger. An environmental study can still be done, but it's too late to have the superferry stopped. I am not willing to help pay for loans that were already granted for the Superferry's operations.

I will not let the other islands determine the fate of us here on the east side of the Big Island. I can easily rally enough support FOR the superferry if need be.

Please consider us here on the Big Island who support the Superferry. If you decide that you need more support from us, do not hesitate to contact us.

Aloha,
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House Testimony

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Subject: I support the Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Michael French* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. It is only fair that you let them proceed in the business that was approved by the State process in the beginning. It is unfair to wait until the last minute after thwe Superferry and the State has invested millions of dollars to have one Judge stop them at the very last minute. Were was the outcry when this process started three years ago?

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House Testimony

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Subject: Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lawrence Denis III* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii needs this mode of transportation for numerous reasons, of which I'm sure you already are aware of. I feel that the Superferry should be able to operate even while an EIS is being conducted. Hawaii Superferry has already been through so much, and to expect them to wait any longer is completely unacceptable. We cannot afford to have this company leave our State. It would send a wrong message to any future businesses interested in operating here in Hawaii.

Please do not let scare and smear tactics prevail in this important decision making process.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Denis III

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House Testimony

From: AJ Gieringer [lonemountaindevelopment@cox.net]
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To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

1% of the people are making the rest 99% of us suffer . Lets get real and let progress and convenience prevail over the radical simple minded boobs trying to stop this venture. The Judge has a responsibility to the greater cause not the small percentage of hippie throw backs from the 60s.

Get a life and let the Ferry run.

AJ Gieringer