

## House Testimony

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:36 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

My name is Norma Soll and I strongly support Hawaii superferry.

I wanted you to know how very happy we were to hear that there would be a ferry to help us go from Island to Island when we visit our family in Honolulu. There is much to do on Oahu, but we would love to see the outer islands and the only transportation has been by air. We are not able to fly on those small planes, and so this wonderful new adventure on the water is just what we needed. I want to say "thank you" and hope that it will not be too long before we are able to comfortably cruise the beautiful seas and stop at those places that we have long wanted to visit.

Thank you from two old folks in California.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** KonaBryan@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:14 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY!!

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

*I believe that the citizens of Hawaii will benefit from the Superferry providing an important alternative to air travel.*

*I recently read that the Canary Islands have had a similar ferry system for years, and it is reported that not a single whale has been harmed.*

Hawaii needs the SuperFerry!!

*Bryan Lord*

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**From:** Rod Seibel [rodseibel@fqb.biz]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:11 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rodney Seibel and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have been a small business owner for over 22 years in Hawaii. The cost of doing business in Hawaii is so high. (Taxes and insurance and taxes and insurance and more taxes.) That is because the cost of living in Hawaii is high. Just look at the cost of fuel for instance. There is little or no competition when it comes to manufacturing it so the price stays high. The Superferry is a perfect way to add competition to the way we travel between islands. It not only adds another choice but a whole new way of doing it. I am all in favor of the Superferry and I hope that our representatives in the House and Senate will be able to see thru the few special interest groups and do for the people that which the majority is in favor of.

Thank you for calling this special session.

*Mahalo,*

*Rod Seibel*

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**From:** Emily Larocque [larocquee@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:15 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance Testimony

Attn: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance  
Date: Thursday, October 25 2007  
Time: 9:00 am Auditorium, State Capitol

HB 1 Relating to Transportation

As you are considering your contributions on the Superferry draft bill debate, I would like to provide you with my thoughts. My request, supported below, is that the Superferry be allowed to conduct service to outer islands while an EIS is being conducted, and without restrictions that would impact such service.

1. Most of the strong opinions being voiced on Kauai have been by those opposed only. This does not mean that Kauai is mostly against the superferry. It only means that those against it are loud. Many who are for it are the quiet type that are not likely to be loud in their support by writing letters to the editor, gathering with signs, etc. Many are also afraid of what can be characterized as an angry mob. I was at the public forum on Kauai in which the governor and others came to talk and to listen. I was honestly concerned that a riot would ensue. From what I've seen of the Kauai polls (do not know, however, their scientific validity), there is not a strong consensus either way. And, there is an overwhelming consensus on Oahu for the Superferry.

2. Consider what message this sends to the world as to Hawaii's receptiveness to business. I work in the high technology sector, and in my recent business activities, I've seen negative evidence of outside investors willingness to do business in Hawaii. For instance, I had a recent meeting with a local high tech startup company (my company was looking for promising companies to team with) in which the President of that company has been seeking funds from venture capitalists. This person has been unable to capture investment from any mainland venture capitalists. Several had gone so far to tell this company's president that if the company moved to the mainland they would invest because they saw significant promise in the product, but they saw it as too much of a risk to invest in a Hawaii-based company. The Superferry story has been all over worldwide news, and the recent court rulings as to Go Airlines had also been cited as contributors toward the risk assessment.

3. Whether or not the Superferry stays or goes, we as taxpayers (federal and state) will be paying for it. What a waste of our money if the Superferry leaves and we pay for something we don't even receive the benefit for. Too often we forget that this is our hard-earned money being squandered, not monopoly money.

4. Think about what the real issues are. Wade through the hidden agendas. I believe the root of this issue has less to do with impacts on the environment and more to do with the outer islands seeking to keep Oahu's ills on Oahu. Do we have a right to exclude? Even if we all agree that it is a good thing to keep Kauai pristine and rural, do we have the right to exclude?

5. I challenge you to name to me one instance in which an EIS really accomplished its goal, and at a reasonable expense. Again, remember you will be spending our hard-earned money, not monopoly money. My high tech line of work is related to the department of defense. In this work, I have been exposed to many environmental assessment and impact statement processes. My experience has found them to be very wasteful (time and money) endeavors and the results have typically been so watered down that any useful output was dubious at best. Much of the reason for this in my mind is that the impacts are often somewhat speculative, therefore no hard conclusions can be drawn. Even if you disagree with my economic thread through this email, please think whether an EIS will actually accomplish anything tangible, other than making everyone in the process feel good because we followed a process. How will you measure whether whales are killed or not?

Thank you for your time. Please be wise.  
Emily

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Edwina Suzuki [esuzuki07@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Edwina Suzuki and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. It should be allowed to get started NOW!

The Superferry will give the State of Hawaii another option to travel to the outer islands as the ferry system in Washington State gives their residents. It gives the farmers and local businesses another avenue to ship their goods to another venue. It gives my aunty who does not like airplanes, a chance to see the other islands.

I've ridden the ferries in Washington State and the English Channel. I've ridden the sightseeing boats in Keehi Lagoon out to Diamond Head and back. They are just another type of sailing vessel to take people or things from one place to another. I don't see how the Superferry is any different from these types of vessels. We will be behind the times if the Superferry is not allowed to proceed. Let's not make this another H-3 where it took over 20 years to finally get going.

I believe that an environmental impact statement will also need to be done on a periodic basis to report on changes to the environment. Maybe not every year but at least every 5 years to get an update. Change is inevitable.

*Sincerely,*

*Edwina Suzuki*

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**From:** JOHN MEDEIROS [IBJJ@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:14 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** (no subject)

I am for the Super Ferry. We need this for all Island and The Big Island..  
This will bring jobs and help with the small farmers and small buisness.  
I cannot be in Honolulu,so this is my testimonie.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** GNMatsuda@aol.com  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Enough already. The majority of the people want the superferry. The environmentalist are not really sincere about the issues they're bringing forward about the superferry. It's obvious that these people are selective environmentalist (I use this term loosely), because the same arguments that they use against the superferry and are deliberately overlooked for other activities.

Their own authority hit a whale calf and did so at the so called safe speed that they said the superferry should be traveling at. It just a whole lot of nonsense.

The legislators should stop wasting time and money with these people. It's obvious they have no argument at all.

I support and superferry and want it given the opportunity to perform on its own merit..

You know they're having a triathlon at one of the islands this week. Did this environmentalist required their bicycles to be steam cleaned and/or vacuum. What about their uniforms. Think about all the micro-organisms in their clothes and on their person, not to mentioned their smelly shoes. Oh god!!!!  
What are we to do???????

Gregory N. Matsuda

I guess the only sure way to protect these islands is to isolate them and restrict inter island travel all together.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** RUBY RICHARDSON [rubyrichardsonrealtor@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:50 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Aloha,

I am a local business woman, and Oahu is my home. This Super Ferry is almost put Hawaii in an embarrassing position in the "modern" business world. There are boats, sail, motor, speed and jet ski's in our waters daily. The Matson and Young Brothers lines carrying our goods to and from the outside world. Cruise ships taking our tourists inter-island weekly.

No Problem ! I haven't heard of a one hitting a whale! Have you? I always understood that whales have keen senses...they must be avoiding these water vehicles, or how about we avoid their known areas...or tread slowly if we come across a group of them? The world is 3/4 water...my god ! What if the REST of the world thought like these FEW here ? Where would progress go?

Limit the number of cars that can sail each day,if that's an issue !

Hey, more business for the outer islands...all the way around ! Super Ferry will enhance the outer island's businesses...I mean they are in business..right?

I never knew Kauai and Maui to be private islands... did you? If a FEW want to stunt growth..there are a lot of caves and out of the way places that they can hide in. STOP letting the airlines monopolize our travels choices and leaving us mercy to their rates!

WE deserve choices...wake up outerislands..get rid of the ignorant small island mentality.....CATCH UP..... WITH THE MODERN WORLD !

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**From:** LYONBYTE@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:17 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HAWAII SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *William Lyon* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*THE Hawaii Superferry is a much needed option of travel for local residents. It is a shame to allow the ferry to be allowed to proceed and right as it starts, a selfish minority is pushing its will on the silent majority who would like the ferry to proceed. As an owner of a small business, I find it disgusting that this problem has even arisen. The people who oppose the Superferry have a right to speak their minds, but just because they selfishly don't want us to INVADE their island, doesn't give them the right to prevent us from inter island travel. AIR travel is probably more harmful to the environment (noisy, smelly, gas guzzling, carbon spewing) than boat traffic, but I hear nothing about that. Why is that Young Brothers is allowed to continue without an EIS? Just because they may have been here longer should have no bearing on their escaping this non-sense (EIS). I say if the Superferry has to have an EIS, then Young Brothers most certainly does too. I have shipped vehicles inter island numerous times for subsurface investigations and quite frequently return with soil specimens in sample containers along with mud covering the vehicle after sample collection. Young Brothers was the shipper and no one says a word. This goes on all of the time. I have done it for years. All of a sudden its a problem, hmm. LET THE SUPERFERRY DO WHAT IT CAME HERE TO DO AND STOP THESE FEW, LOUD MOUTHED SELFISH FOOLS FROM TAKING CONTROL!! ENOUGH ALREADY!!!*

WILLIAM LYON

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Linda Nako [lindanako@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:17 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** I Support the Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Linda H. Nako* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I urge you to do the right thing and allow the Super Ferry to operate immediately. Hawaii's government is to blame for the current dilemma and the Hawaii Superferry should not have to suffer the consequences of our failure. They followed the rules and were given the green light. We all knew what was happening. The news followed the progress of the ship building and delivery with so much anticipation. What a slap in their face when our government all of a sudden turns on them.

This is just so ridiculous to stop the ferry after the company invested all that money to build the ships, hire employees and start operations based on our government's approval. I just can't believe that you would allow this to happen. It's not their fault and they are the ones to suffer the financial consequences of believing in our government.

Besides all of the above, the Superferry will benefit the State of Hawaii's economy and provide an alternate method of transportation between the islands. I was looking forward to the opportunity to traveling interisland without the hassle of airport security and belted to a chair during travel. What a wonderful, relaxing way to travel interisland – better than going to see a movie. So many people hate to fly and this will give them the chance to see the other islands.

I would encourage everyone I know to pay attention to the voting record of the legislators and do not support anyone who votes against the Superferry. I don't want to hear any excuses why you did not support the Superferry. It's too late for excuses. If you don't let them sail, you can kiss the ferry goodbye and kiss your job as a legislator goodbye also.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** stephenchoy@att.net  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support for the Superferry

**Importance:** High

October 24, 2007

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 *Stephen Choy* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.**

My mother, Esther, was born in Honolulu, and left for the mainland when she was 32 in 1947. She married in NYC in 1948 and I was born in 1949. We frequently traveled back to Hawaii when I was younger to visit with my 7 aunts and uncles and my 11 first cousins. After mom, passed away in 2005, I have been spending winters in beautiful Honolulu. Although my aunts and uncles are no longer with us, I spend alot of my time with my cousins and their children. During my last 2006/2007 winter visit, I read about the advent of the Superferry and was extremely enthusiastic regarding its plans. I was looking forward to visiting the other islands via the Superferry during my annual winter escape to Paradise. If traveling via air is the only option available to the other islands, I do not believe I would go out of my way because traveling 12-13 hours by air to Honolulu and 12-13 hours back to Boston is enough air travel for the winter. Having the ability to travel by sea to the other islands is a welcomed change of pace which I am sure other visitors (especially those from the mainland) would more than consider and prefer.

I will not be present during the public testimony, consequently my views are for the record, and may used during the testimony, if deemed worthy by you.

**Thank you for taking the time to listen to my support of the Superferry.**

Very Truly Yours,

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Joanne Hiramatsu [jhiramatsu@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:18 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Testimony FOR Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joanne Hiramatsu and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry because I felt it would be a great opportunity for me to visit my aging Mom on Maui more often and would have been able to drive onto the Superferry without having to rent a car or have them pick me up at the airport. I also wanted to get her a new car and give it to her since her car broke down. This would have also been a great opportunity to visit other friends and relatives on the neighbor islands and be able to load your car up with gifts or your golf clubs and patronize the establishments to increase the economics of our beautiful neighbor islands.

I do understand that we have valuable marine species, such as the humpback whales in the waters during the winter season. Not sure how close to the island chain these species forage. However, I'm sure there are many studies on their behavior and the ferry could traverse away from these areas or move at slower speeds to avoid impacts on our precious marine life during the winter season. With technological advances, doesn't the ferry have sonar instruments that can detect these things and steer away from them?

In any event we need to keep up with the times and make the superferry a vehicle to provide the opportunity for the residents of Hawaii to visit our friends and family on neighbor islands and for our most viable visitor industry an alternative means of visiting and patronizing our sister islands.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** TDowl5757@aol.com  
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**Subject:** I Support the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Thomas Dowling and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I strongly support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Thirty years ago we shipped our car to Maui to camp and explore the island, since then thousands of jets have landed there, fleets of rental vehicles sit waiting and barges and cruise ships dock. I believe the Superferry is being unfairly targeted and should be allowed to operate.

Not only will the Superferry provide income to locals, assist local vendors move goods, but will allow both locals and visitors to enjoy visiting the neighbor islands.

I urge the Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment to support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Thank you. Tom Dowling

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:21 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** FOR the SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Glen Bailey, and together with my wife Loren, we stongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

We have read and are satisfied with the Superferry's commitments and actions to address environmental concerns. We are aware that they have abided by the requirements asked of them.

We believe that the Superferry will be an asset to Hawaii. It is a more affordable travel option for us. We feel the concerns of a few have been addressed in July 2005 by Judge Cardoza and by Judge Gillmor. It is now time to give what the majority wants--and that is to LET THE ALAKAI SAIL.

Truly yours-

Glen and Loren Bailey



## House Testimony

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**From:** Sacha Van De Putte [sacha@rogersgems.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:20 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sacha van de Putte and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will be another means of inter-island transportation for Hawaii residents and tourists. It will also provide jobs.  
Economically it will be so much cheaper to travel inter-island with the Superferry if one has to spend several days on one of the other islands and has to rent a car. Renting cars are becoming more expensive and being able to bring your own car would be a great savings. For tourists it would be a wonderful way to visit another island and go by way of a beautiful scenic route with the Superferry.  
Also, it would absolutely be a savings for certain merchants to go with the Superferry and sell their merchandise/produce on one of the outer islands.

I don't see why Hawaii residents and tourists have to be at the mercy of a handful of residents who not only oppose the Superferry sailing without an environmental impact statement but who just oppose having a Superferry render transportation services to the people of Hawaii.

I do believe that the State should clearly define the rules as to what is required before one can operate a transportation business or any other business in the State of Hawaii. This could prevent situations like what happened to the operation of the Superferry. Why wasn't the environmental impact statement required before the Superferry started its inter-island service? What about all the cruise ships, Young Brothers and Matson, did they have to obtain an environmental impact statement?

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Dave, Owners Title Service [dave@ownerstitlehawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:15 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HAWAII SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David E. Thompson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We could give you ten thousand reasons why the Superferry will be a valuable asset to Hawaii, but we are sure you have heard them all by this time. Mainly, from our viewpoint, the Superferry will provide another alternative for visiting our many friends on the other islands and we look forward to using it regularly.

Thank you for allowing our comments.

*David E. Thompson and Yan Thompson*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Barb VanDerKamp [rainbobarb@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:22 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** I support the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Barb VanDerKamp and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Hawaii needs to make growing industry here a higher priority and supporting Hawaii Superferry shows we do, and will for other businesses thinking of making a home in our islands. My family has been excited about the prospect of a ferry trip to an outerisland on our own but also for various sports teams outings. Taking the ferry will add to the adventure of these activities and bring teams, organizations and families closer in doing so.

I believe the environmental impact of this "business" on our paradise is important but I would hope that those issues were covered in the initial investigation/application to do business here in Hawaii. Where were all the protesters when the exploratory neighborhood meetings and such were conducted?

I am hopeful that the welfare of our marine life has been taken into consideration in planning this venture and that employees will continue to consider, and protect, that as operation begins. What I've heard from the very concerned Superferry leader gives me faith that it has been done and Hawaii's overall best interest is at heart.

*Thank your for your consideration of this opinion.*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Kenneth Benoit [kbenoit1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:17 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** WE SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kenneth Benoit* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It's about time for Hawaii to join the rest of the world and it's your job not to hold up this process any longer. Hawaii is not a third world country yet some of the legal processes are pre-historic. It's nonsense that Hawaii doesn't have alternate interisland transportation offered and this option is long past due. We have a company that has stepped up to the plate with a MUCH NEEDED viable alternative to the good old boy network and you are listening to a minority complain while the MAJORITY is pro-superferry. PLEASE SHOW THE MAJORITY THAT YOU CAN TAKE CONTROL OF THIS PROCESS AND MAKE THE SUPER FERRY HAPPEN FAST.

*Kenneth Benoit*

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:23 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Russell K. and Kathy T. Nishimoto strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*We are both born and raised in Hawaii and have seen and experienced the tremendous growth of our great state and the many opportunities it's residents have had to prosper from this growth. In order to continue with the growth of our state, it is important for innovative ideas and services like the Superferry to have a chance and see what it can do to benefit the people of Hawaii.*

*The SuperFerry is a concept and a service that has taken way too long to service the wants of the state population. Please do whatever it takes to get the ferry moving.*

*Russell K. and Kathy T. Nishimoto  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Tom&Susan [sutosi@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:25 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** super ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Tom Siebler* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*We need to have another choice in inter island transportation. I have lived in Kona since 1980 and have seen airfares more expensive to fly inter island than to the mainland. We need to do the right thing and the right thing is to have a choice. Matson and the airlines control out movement and it need to stop.*

*Tom Siebler*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Geri Randall [gerirandall@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:22 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Geraldine Randall, a resident of Hilo. I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It will be a boon to Hawaii's small businesses and farmers, and will provide residents with not only a delightful alternative to air travel, but also greatly increased ability to shop on other islands.

I believe the doomsayers have grossly distorted the facts and exaggerated the ferry's potential for negative impacts, which I expect will be minimal.

Please act to put the ferry into operation ASAP.

Geraldine Randall

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Kupke [Kupke@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 PM  
**To:** House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kathleen Kupke* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I live in a remote area of the Big Island and my family is looking forward to having an option to visit the outer-islands and bring our truck. I have traveled to many parts of the world that use similar means of transportation and there has been no problems. Let Hawaii have the use of the water as a way of travel.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kathleen Kupke  
2095 Awapuhi Street Hilo, HI 96720*

*808-959-5013*



## House Testimony

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**From:** Albert Yuen [albertwhatever@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:23 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY

We support the SUPERFERRY for Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Albert & Audrey Yuen

## House Testimony

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**From:** EARL FROMAN JR [FROMANE001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

Aloha

I would like to see the Super ferry operating in Hawaii. It would make interisland traveling so much better. The other way to get your vehicle interisland takes days. I have lived here since 1973. We need this for our state. Any ? please feel free to contact me at. E-mail [Oldglass52@aim.com](mailto:Oldglass52@aim.com) Home Address Earl Froman Jr  
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Waialua, HI 96791

## House Testimony

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**From:** alison [alinjason@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:23 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY

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### HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

As a registered voter on the island of Oahu (District: Mililani Mauka), I ask that you support a special session to allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the EIS is completed.

I have faith that you and your counterparts in the legislature WILL allow the Superferry to operate under "logical and fair" conditions that any company similar in nature must also follow. The ridiculous list of 29 conditions set forth by the "environmentalists" is laughable at best and it would disappoint me if any legislator would even entertain any of the ideas proposed. Listen to the majority of your constituents who choose to support the Superferry as an alternative means of transportation for leisure, for business or for government use (if required in emergency).

We need to treat ALL businesses fairly, making sure the conditions set forth do not single out the Superferry, as we are setting an example to the rest of the world of how difficult it is to do business in Hawaii.

Make a logical decision, the right decision and support the decision you all made two years ago in support of the Superferry.

Respectfully,  
Alison Okumura  
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Mililani, HI 96789  
Represented by Senator Robert Bunda and Representative Marilyn Lee

## House Testimony

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**From:** Klmik@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:25 PM  
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**Subject:** Support the SuperFerry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kimberly Mikolajczak and I *strongly* support Hawaii Superferry.

The SuperFerry is vital to the future of Hawaii, especially it's residents. It is a reasonably priced way to travel inter-island for local families and friends. It will promote travel to other islands and help sustain future income for them. Why is it perfectly okay for super-sized cruise liners, filled with deep-pocketed tourists, to travel from island to island, but when something truly geared towards helping the local island communities people are outraged? It seems blatantly hypocritical of "environmentalists" to be concerned now!

Kimberly Mikolajczak

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**From:** CDR [cdrhi5150@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:25 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Charles Rosehill and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I support ensuing the environment is maintained within reasonable guidelines. I believe the conditions being imposed on the SuperFerry are arbitrary and not evenly applied to all organizations and businesses. A number that come to mind are the interisland shipping, airlines and even airline travelers. If the legislature wishes to impose such onerous restrictions than do it for all as required by our US Constituion.*

*Charles D. Rosehill*

*PO Box 4562 Honolulu, HI 96812*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** pamharima@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:25 PM  
**To:** House Record; "<HouseRecord@Capitol.hawaii.gov <HouseRecord">@Capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Subject:** Supper of the Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Pam Harima and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*Hawaii needs an additional mode of transportation between the islands. The 2 airlines Aloha and Hawaiian have had a monopoly within Hawaii for many years. Finally, a third airline, Go Airlines entered the Hawaii market and since then we have been able to enjoy reasonable airfares. The destiny of Go appears bleak with the impending lawsuit by Hawaiian Airlines. When this happens we again will be at the mercy of the 2 airlines paying outrageously high fares. We desperately need an additional interisland transportation option which could be the Super Ferry.*

*I do not understand why there is so much opposition of the Super Ferry. How different is it from the cruise ships or interisland sea carriers such as Young Brothers or Matson. They should be treated in the same manner. Whatever restrictions that apply to the Super Ferry should also apply here as well.*

We need the Super Ferry

*Pam Harima*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Rey Nivera [rnivera25@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:20 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Reynard Nivera and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I believe that the Superferry will be beneficial to our society because it gives the people of Hawaii another option of travel when traveling to the other island. I also believe that the Superferry will help our state's economy by promoting a healthy competition in our travel industry. Again, I am writing in support of the Superferry.

Mahalo,  
Reynard Nivera  
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**From:** Tawna Chun [tawnac@hotmail.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tawna E.Chun --I strongly support the Superferry. I am unable to testify in person, but I want to express my support for a bill allowing the super ferry to operate while the environmental impact statement is being conducted. It has my support for the following reasons.

\*An alternative to air and containerized shipping is needed

\*The ferry would be especially valuable for performance and sports teams, as well as camping like scouts

\* the ferry has been unfairly singled out for regulations and restrictions not imposed on cruise or container ships

\*the state and the ferry company have both invested heavily in this project--I not only don't want to see that money wasted, I would think that the ferry would have every right to sue the state for misrepresentation.

\*There is no place else in the US where the residents of one county or state have been allowed to restrict the friendly transportation and commerce of other residents.

\*this whole issue has put an ugly blot on the unity and a spirit of aloha of our state.

Thank you-Tawna E. Chun 47-483 Pakai Pl. Kaneohe HI 96744 808-239-7249

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Patricia Dorsey and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*It unites all the Islands for all Po'e to transport their wares to all Islands for commerce, fellowship of sport and spirit. It is a good thing that all will have the availability to travel from Island to Island and discover their home Hawaii all over again.*

*Patricia Dorsey*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Laura Kubiak [laura.kubiak@hawaiimoves.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:27 PM  
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**Subject:** In Support of Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Laura Kubiak and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I support the Superferry as I believe it is a great transportation alternative between islands and allows me to drive my own car to visit friends and family and also to seek medical care that is not offered on Kauai.*

*I think that the Superferry should be allowed to operate while obtaining the EIS.*

**Laura Kubiak RA,GRI**

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**Princeville, HI 96722**

## House Testimony

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**From:** Stan Holt [stanley.holt@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:19 PM  
**To:** House Record  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Stanley Holt and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

*With all the negative things that have been said about the Super Ferry, I fail to see the reasoning as to why the Ferry cannot sail while an Environmental Study is conducted. I believe more pedestrians will be hurt or killed by careless automobile drivers than what one, two or three ships can do to the whale population.*

*Another factor to consider is the Livelihood of the employees of the Super Ferry. I feel they are getting a bum deal....*

Stanley Holt

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Duke DuPonte [dukeduponte@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Duke DuPonte and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*There should be alternate venues to travel interisland. The Superferry is more for the local people, not the tourist. Those who protest, are protesting against us local people on having options of interisland travel.*

*Mahalo,  
Duke DuPonte  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Daniel Meier [dani@danielmeier.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:21 PM  
**To:** House Record  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Daniel Meier, Psy.D. and I strongly support the superferry.

- We need an energy-saving alternative to flying between the island. The superferry is more energy-efficient and thus more climate-friendly than planes.
- We need to support local agriculture and small business by giving them an efficient way to transport goods between the islands.
- Hawaii needs to avoid further negative national and international media attention about a business-friendly place.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Daniel Meier, Psy.D.

(808) 741-4832

## House Testimony

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**From:** Robert M. Teague [robert@visionlandscapes.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:26 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Now is the time for the Hawaii State Senate to act on behalf of the citizens of Hawaii to support the future of the Hawaii Superferry. The Hawaii Superferry not only represents the future of environmentally friendly businesses within the State of Hawaii, it also represents a future where barriers of sea and transportation between the islands can be broken. Those opposing the Hawaii Superferry, while they may be acting on what they believe is the best for their particular island, are not acting according to the needs of the state as a whole; needs which should supersede the "not in my backyard" mentality.

The Hawaii Superferry has developed a vessel that is more environmentally friendly than any vessel currently in use within the state. They have shown this repeatedly; the executives of the Hawaii Superferry have made known their desire to protect the waters and sea life surrounding the islands. They have repeatedly asked for feedback from residents of the state on their plans, and have incorporated their concerns into the design and building of this vessel.

Give the Hawaii Superferry a chance to show that it has all our welfare and our concerns at heart. This bill is vital to override a flawed ruling by a flawed court. The legislature is tasked with the responsibility to make law, not the courts.

Robert M. Teague

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

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

Remotely located as we are, opportunity is something that does not come often to our Hawaiian shores. The super ferry is giving us an opportunity to unite the islands into a closer knit community. Families, businesses and tourists alike will be able to freely travel our beautiful state. This should create a stronger and more prosperous state. United we stand, divided we fall. Words that seem especially appropriate given the situation at hand.

*Peter Tsukamoto and family*

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**From:** Marcia Kohler [malakia01@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:28 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii SuperFerry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Gary Smith and *Marcia Kohler* and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*It is time for local residents to have a viable alternative to inter-island flights in order to visit family living on the outer islands. Not everyone likes to fly. Just because cars are allowed on the ferry, this doesn't mean everyone would be taking theirs. Family members would frequently be picking up passengers. Tourists are welcomed to the islands with open arms as long as they fly over and rent cars. How is this any different from arriving on a ship??? And the reverse is true for outer island residents who come to Oahu.*

*It seems to us that those most opposed to the SuperFerry are likely backed by industry such as Young Brothers, Hawaiian and Aloha Airlines and the rental car companies. These are the ones most threatened by the SuperFerry. We have not seen an EIS for the latest water activity in Oahu waters -- the Screamer -- which is much more likely to be a hazard to our whales than the SuperFerry. But, no one is crying foul on that one. Why? Because it doesn't threaten Young Brothers, etc., who just purchased a brand new car barge.*

*And we have all noticed that the most vocal protestors (and the only people shown by the media) are not Hawaiians concerned about their islands, but rather those who have nothing better to do than voice opposition to a company that has bent over backwards to satisfy the law in starting their business. Te SuperFerry provides over 300 jobs to local people on all the islands, not just Oahu.*

*It's time to allow the Ferry to commence operations, while following the rules and regulations intended to protect our environment. Obviously, no one wants harm to come to the whales and the islands, but the Ferry is not the evil force the protestors are making it out to be.*

*To those who say all the criminals and drug dealers will invade their islands from Oahu, I would remind you, they can just as easily fly over or use fishing boats, and there are more drug dealers on the outer islands than on Oahu.*

*Reason must prevail in this very serious matter.*

*Thank you.*



*Gary Smith*  
*Marcia Kohler*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Linda [linaka\_t@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:28 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Linda Tomyl* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*The Superferry would be an excellent alternative for families who can't afford to fly to other islands to visit families, shop or seek medical treatment and for merchants and farmers to sell their products and purchase supplies for their businesses.*

*Linda Tomyl*

*73-4103 Lapaau Place*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** rscx4@hawaiiantel.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:29 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert Scott Carroll and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

In the spirit of Kamehameha the Great, the people of the Hawaiian Islands should be a united people. Unfortunately, the elitists and special interest groups feel that the land and sea are there for their own self-serving interests. This debate is not about the environment, but rather about the exclusionists and corporate transportation monopolies which would rather keep the common people from enjoying what the dollars of the rich and powerful can afford. The Hawaiians were once a great seafaring people; this art had been lost, but the Hawaii Superferry is a start in our return to the seas. The Hawaiian people can once again be reunited, ohana and friends can more easily come together, and craftsmen and farmers can broaden the sharing of their fruits and labor if the Superferry is allowed to sail. Please consider the people when making your decision and deny victory to those who have no regard for the people.

Mahalo,

Robert S. Carroll  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Hnlhaw@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:29 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** hello sirs and madam's

even though i am in denver colorado i support the start of superferry service.

i am on the mainland but i fully support the superferry its a vital and low cost link that the islands need. if not for passenger transportation for commercial products and getting cars from island to island. how can you look the other way when looking at the potential to transport goods from oahu to the outer islands that may need transported in a quick and timely manner the same day they may be needed, my family lives there and given the proper regulation this is service no different than cruise ships. please remember if people buy a same day round trip by air it can cost up to \$ 216.00 before taxes interisland that's a cost that is not really realistic. thank you for your time and submitting this for consideration on approval of superferry service. mahalo ralph m. smith denver colorado

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Bill Beadle [bilniceguy@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:24 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry Legislation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

Unfortunately, I have a business commitment that will prevent my attendance at Thursday's hearing. However, I want to have my opinion placed upon the record.

I believe the time is long overdue for Hawaii to have inter island ferry service....again! Let us not forget that for many hundreds of years the only way to travel inter island was by canoe, sailboat and, finally, steamboat. Today, only those lucky enough to have a private sailboat or powerboat capable of channel crossings, or those wealthy enough to afford a week long cruise are able to travel interisland via water.

My reasons for supporting the Superferry are multi faceted. First of all, as a small business owner who has had projects on all of the islands, the option of traveling with my vehicle is a tremendous improvement. Currently I have to ship via barge, fly interisland and rent a vehicle. All of those extra charges are, of course, passed onto my inter island customers. Secondly, I travel to other state and countries where ferry service is a common and efficient way of traveling over water. Recently, I spent three weeks in Alaska and viewed many humpback whales from the decks of ferries traveling between different cities and park venues. Ferry service and marine life can co-exist and add a fulfilling experience for the traveler. Finally, I believe that additional travel options are necessary to enhance the lifestyle and business opportunities for all of Hawaii's citizens.

The hypocrisy involved in the Superferry debate is obvious, if the transfer of "invasive species" is such a concern, why hasn't Young Brtothers been subject to additional regulation? If collisions with Humpback Whales are a concern, why haven't the cruise lines been subject to additional regulation? If influx of off island visitors is a concern, why haven't the airlines and rental car agencies been regulated? The truth is that the Superferry does nothing new, it just offers new option.

Aloha, Bill Beadle  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** doug105@hawaiiantel.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:36 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SuperFerry Support

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

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Douglas Sheehan and I **strongly** support The Hawaii Superferry. I was born and raised on Oahu and have lived on Maui since 1980, I used to paddle canoes in the Kahului Harbor when first moving here and still attend regattas from time to time. I am married, have three grown children, and five grandchildren--all of which presently live and work on Maui. I am very familiar with the Harbor Waterfront--having been the Operations Manager and Vice President of the local stevedoring company from 1983 through 1991. I feel that the Superferry will be a great addition to transportation for our state. Please seriously consider letting the ferry operate while it seeks an environmental impact statement. I used to travel by way of SeaFlite, and I don't really see much difference with this "new" operation. People have been traveling interisland for hundreds of years and I honestly feel that this mode of transportation is a much needed alternative to what is available now.

Thank you for hearing my concerns,

Douglas Sheehan  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** brenda [kiyunab001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:29 PM  
**To:** House Record

I would like the SuperFerry, because it would benefit all of the people who want to travel to the neighbor islands for business and pleasure.

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