

House Testimony

From: Estes [estesb001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:29 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support 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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Brandi L Estes* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Superferry will be a wonderful alternative to flying and a fun way to get around the islands. I see no problem in starting and maintaining service.

Brandi Estes

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House Testimony

From: Glen Bailey [baileyg001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:29 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Fw: FOR the SUPERFERRY

----- Original Message -----

From: Glen Bailey
To: HouseRecord@Capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:20 PM
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

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House Testimony

From: Lynn Stedge [lstedge@hawaiiintel.net]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mr. Lynn A. Stedge and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I say this as a resident of Oahu who has been fortunate to travel to the islands of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai on business and pleasure. Truly the state of Hawaii is one of the most beautiful places on Earth and deserves to be protected. I feel the state of Hawaii and the Superferry have both made tremendous efforts to ensure the Alakai and her future sister ships operate in a manner that is environmentally responsible for humans, marine wildlife, and the delicate Hawaiian environment. It is unfair and unconscionable to single out Superferry operations based simply on the agenda of special interest groups and ignorant thugs. The past is important to all of us and we should cherish it. However, as we look to the future of Hawaii we need to embrace technology such as that onboard the Superferry to ensure the islands remain a viable destination. Our future depends on it. I have experienced rush hour on Kauai and can appreciate their concerns, but the Superferry will not turn Kauai into the H1 Freeway. My children are both actively involved in soccer clubs. When you add up the cost of airfare, car rentals, and hotel rooms for a team of 20 plus their coaches and parents, the Superferry is an attractive alternative. It would be a travesty to see the Superferry dilemma prolonged. I feel Mr. Garibaldi and the entire Superferry operation have been very patient. Shame on Hawaii state politicians and the judiciary if they (continue to) succumb to the pressures of a few and the Alakai is forced to sail out of Honolulu Harbor for friendlier waters.

Respectfully,

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House Testimony

From: Ernie Kenny [ernie61@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:31 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the superferry

One issue I would like to share is that the superferry allows relatives to visit family on outer islands on a short notice. For example: I have an elderly sister on the big island and the superferry would allow me to take my car and check on her. This is a real plus for me.

Mahalo,
Ernie.

House Testimony

From: Larry Alfrey [fredwgarfield@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:31 PM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Larry Alfrey and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe it is time for our State (and I would like to emphasize the word OUR state) to step up to the plate and realize that we as citizens need to progress and not sit in the past. I am quite surprised that one Maui judge can dictate what happens to all 1.2 million citizens that reside here and our legislators seem to allow it to happen.

Personally, I chose not to have a vehicle here and depend on public transportation to move me around. The system seems to work well, but other alternatives would IMPROVE what we already have. Interestingly enough, we never heard of TheBoat having to go through any environment task force before being put into service. Do our governmental leaders here, pick and choose what does need a study and what does not? Do you, our elected officials allow one judge to stop progress? It is also disturbing to know that "the clamp" was applied to this vehicle of transportation just prior to the commencement of the Superferry service when those who were allegedly concerned had a few years to get their act together and do what they thought necessary. They chose NOT to do that (or at least, we never heard anything about it) until the Superferry indeed showed its face here in the Honolulu Harbor.

The Superferry service will also allow those who are unable to fly a means of transportation to going back to their home island. Many patients are brought to the Island of Oahu secondary to a medical need and are literally stuck here since they are medically unable to fly back home after being discharged from the hospital. This means of transportation will assist patients in returning to THEIR home where they wish to be. You can make that happen.

Sincerely,

Larry Alfrey
Honolulu, HI

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From: Kathleen Watanabe [kswat27@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathleen Watanabe and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that Hawaii Superferry provides an alternate means of transportation for the people of Hawaii. Also, I would like to state for the record that whatever restrictions you place on the Hawaii Superferry, those same restrictions should be placed on Young Brothers, Matson, Pasha, NCL-America, Aloha Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, Island Air, Go, and other shipping and airline companies.

At Kahului Harbor, Young Brothers accepts and ships vehicles covered with dirt. It's just that the people have not seen what goes on behind their fence lines.

The invasive species are here on our islands and I'm sad to say that they did not even get a chance to ride of the Superferry. Whales, Superferry is new technology and can divert faster than a cruise ship, tug & barge or container ship. Stealing our resources, it's not Superferry's job to police that, it's DLNR/DOCARE'S job! I'm sure a lot of imu rocks get shipped to Oahu via Young Brothers, just that again, we don't know what goes on behind those fence lines.

If an EIS is required for Hawaii Superferry, one should also be required for all the shipping and airline companies.

I ask that you vote to allow the Hawaii Superferry to run while an EIS is being completed by the DOT.

Thank you.

*Kathleen S. Watanabe (1833 Kaohu Street, #4; Wailuku)
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Lord, thank you for this blessed opportunity to ask for blessing over the State legislators as they are called into special session...give them wisdom and guidance to make the right decisions. Lord, I ask for peace and harmony for the people of Hawaii. Lord, bless our beautiful State and most of all, bless the people. Amen!

House Testimony

From: James McCarter [jgmccarter@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:32 PM
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Subject: Support for the Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is James G. McCarter and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. As an Athletic Director for a High School here in Oahu I see the possibilities of sports team travel being very significant throughout the year as well as the inter-island benefits of goods and services. I would hope that we could allow this to become a part of our lives here in paradise.

Mahalo,
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House Testimony

From: jti@hawaiiink.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:38 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUperry

I am a resident of Kauai, My 14 yr old son Joshua has several medical conditions which limits him to a wheelchair. We periodically must take him to Honolulu to see specialists. It is VERY difficult to transpost him, his medical equipment, to lift him out of his folding travel chair rather than his regular wheel chair, and into a seat on the plane, reverse the process when we arrive in HNL.

The superferry will make the medical visits infinitely easier and allow me to take his wheelchair in my truck.

Whales are great, but human life, my son's, is more important. Its not even close.

Dont let the tail wag the dog here.

Jim Itamura

House Testimony

From: hitesj [hitesj@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:33 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SuperFerry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jackie Hites and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

If superferry is not allowed because of the environmental issue, etc, you should stop all incoming cruiselines and Matson lines. Superferry will support Hi's economic and good for HI. Your support on this subject matter is demanded. Mahalo

Jackie Hites

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House Testimony

From: Sharon Quesnel [quesnels001@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I lived on Catalina Island for over ten years and we used ferry for travel. It was wonderful. Whales were never hit.! No one ever thought about environmental impact. It all was fine. I would hate to find out that the impact did not out weigh the Hawaii Superferry from travel. It would be a great loss for our islands.

I am tired of all of this, we need a different mode of transportation for our islands. I work of the Airlines and sometimes think what we do if we needed to evacuate the island for some reason and the airports were closed!!

All this environmental impact is important too, but we need to find some way to meet in the middle and get the Superferry going!

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House Testimony

From: Hannelarue@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:34 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Ref: Hawaii Superferry

My name is Hanne La Rue and I strongly support the Super Ferry. We have waited for it for years and need a means to go to the outer islands. If we drive our own car, it is the same car (1) as if I flew over and rented a car. I also enjoy the peace and pleasure of being on the ocean for 3 hrs or less if needed rather than the hectic way via airplane. I feel they have done enough research and will be careful with the environmental situation until you have your EIS. Let us not loose the super ferry.

Thank You,
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House Testimony

From: Ron Leinweber [rl@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:34 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Legislation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ron Leinweber and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. It is sorely needed by the people and businesses of all the islands. All the negative input is being instigated by the special interest groups. The silent majority can't take the time to attend the public hearings during working hours, and many of us don't want the confrontation from these negative, loud, obnoxious groups. Just look at the poll numbers. They are overwhelmingly in favor of the Superferry, as are most of the normal people. Please do the citizens of the state of Hawaii a service and pass the legislation to allow the Superferry to operate. The additional cruise ships and new airplanes coming here haven't had to go through the EIS procedure. The possibility of invasive species, etc. is much greater from them than from an interisland boat.

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House Testimony

From: John O'Neill [oneillj002@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *John P. O'Neill* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is good for Hawaii and for all the people of Hawaii. I urge that the Superferry be allowed to operate now.

Aloha,

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House Testimony

From: Randy Crooks [rdcrooks@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:30 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Let the Superferry operate!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Randy Crooks and I strongly support the Superferry. I live on the Mainland but I've been a recent visitor to the beautiful islands of Maui and Oahu. Had the Superferry been available, I'd have taken it to Oahu instead of flying. The Superferry would have made the trip more enjoyable for a number of reasons. To start with, the scenic views of Hawaii are better from a boat than the airline seat I had. I would have been more relaxed. I would have had a better chance to meet and talk to other people. Also, as a convenience, I could have taken my own personal transportation had I wanted to do so. These are some of the reasons I came to Hawaii.

As for the environmental concerns, I want to make three points. First, the islands of Hawaii depend on maritime services. The technology of the Superferry is on par with the best of those services. It can only enhance what Hawaii needs from its maritime services. Secondly, I believe that traffic congestion issues at the points of embarkation/debarkation can be addressed and reasonably solved. Lastly, I saw the National Geographic special on the Superferry. I was impressed with the effort the Superferry people made to make the Superferry environmentally friendly. I don't know what else they could be expected to do. The NCEO special also pointed out that the Superferry concept has been a great success and valued service in other parts of the world that have some similar issues that Hawaii has.

In closing, I believe that the Superferry is good for Hawaii. I hope that you'll allow the Superferry to operate during the period prior to the EIS completion. I believe that the Superferry people have acted in good-faith and deserve a good-faith response to their petition. I look forward to riding the Superferry in the future.

Sincerely,
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House Testimony

From: John Mihlbauer [jpmihlbauer@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John P. Mihlbauer and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As an experienced maritime professional (retired USCG Officer, Master Mariner, Marine Surveyor), small business owner and long-time resident of Hawaii (1968-1972, 1980 to present), I recognize the need for better inter-island transportation. The ballyhooed environmental issues are greatly exaggerated and do not outweigh the benefits the people will receive from the operation of this ferry.

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House Testimony

From: Stephen Palmore [palmores001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:35 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Stephen Palmore* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I urge you support the initiation and at minimum a trial of the Superferry. I have my doubts as to the likelihood of success of the Superferry, but I feel strongly that if we deny the opportunity, we may be missing a significant alternative for travel and transportation. We also place a pillow over the face of business and economic opportunities in our state, suffocating the very life of the islands.

Stephen Palmore

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House Testimony

From: rocky paiva [hollywoodroc@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:34 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Fw: I support the Superferry!

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From: [rocky paiva](mailto:rocky.paiva)
To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:55 AM
Subject: I support the Superferry!

Hello,

My name is Rocky Paiva and I support the Superferry. I feel that the Superferry is a good thing for our state. A different way of getting around from island to island where we can see the beauty of our state from a new angle. I'm not sure if Young Bros. had to do an E.I.S. but what is the difference in them delivering your vehicle, besides having someone pick you up at Y.B. when you drop off your car, then have to catch a ride to and from work for a couple of days because your car is on the barge, then catch a ride to the airport, and then a Taxi from the airport to the pier to get your car, then when your vacation is done you can do it all over again in reverse to get your car back home. What a hassle. Catch the Superferry and be on your vacation in a few hours, 2 drive on and offs and your done, plus maybe see something that you never seen before. It's time that the Majority of the tax payers get what they want! and don't get me started on the IN GOD WE TRUST issues because that little 14% Minority needs to sit down and shut the #&*@ up.

Mahalo,
Rocky Paiva
216-2949

House Testimony

From: John W Walls [jbwalls@juno.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2005 7:03 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Retating to Transportation

Dear Chairmen Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Barbara Jean Walls and have lived in Hilo for 25 + years. I respectfully request your support for the Haeaii Superferry. The Superferry is a chance for Hawaii's transportation to take a giant leap forward in our modern world. I have lived in both Alaska and Washington where ferries are known to be the lifeline for communities which it serves.

House Testimony

From: John W Walls [jbwalls@juno.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2005 7:32 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Pertaining to Transportation

I am John Anthony Walls. I have lived in Hilo for 15 or more years. I am requesting your support for the Alaska Superferry. I feel strongly that the Superferry is necessary and desirable to move Hawaii ahead. I lived in Alaska and know how much the ferry system helped the communities that it involved, economically and otherwise, when people could travel without restrictive air fares.

House Testimony

From: John W Walls [jbwalls@juno.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2005 7:21 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Chairmen Souki and Oshiro:

I am Rand Thomas Walls, a resident of Hilo and Papaikou for approximately 20 years. I would greatly appreciate your support of the Hawaii Superferry. I formerly lived in Alaska, where I was in business as I now am in Papaikou. I saw in Alaska how communities that were previously service only by air, grew and prospered when the Alaska ferry system was developed.

House Testimony

From: Nicole Felipe [nicolef@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:36 PM
To: House Record
Subject: YES!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lee Nicole Felipe* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is a good thing; it can do good things for Hawaii and its people, and will give the people of Hawaii, as well as visitors to Hawaii, another transportation option that is available in most other areas where bodies of water separate bodies of land. Additionally, it supports PROGRESS and provides jobs, in addition to providing an alternative to flying, which is not a favorite method of transportation for me.

Mahalo!

Nicole Felipe RA CHMS

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Subject: Out of Office AutoReply: Testimony for 10-25-07 Hearing on HB1

Tuesday 10/23/07

Aloha! I will be working outside the office the remainder the week; I will respond to your email as soon as I can. I look forward to speaking w/you when I return!

Thank you!

Nicole Felipe | Realtor Associate | CHMS

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House Testimony

From: Patrick Boisvert [patrick.boisvert@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:29 PM
To: House Record
Subject: BRING THE SUPERFERRY TO LIFE!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Patrick Boisvert* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is good for business, travel / vacation with family and a bond the islands can come together.

My family was intending to use the ferry this Christmas to visit friends and family.

BRING THE SUPERFERRY TO LIFE!

*Patrick Boisvert
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

We support the Hawaii Superferry.

My family and I are frequent visitors to Hawaii, and we often go from island to island via the airlines. If the superferry was in operation, we would certainly use it instead of flying between islands.

The people of Hawaii and the visitors that support the tourist industry want interisland transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by visitors, residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to the state.

It is our plan to retire to the islands in a few years, and most assuredly we want the superferry to be available to us. We don't intend to just sit and collect dust...we are active and on the go people...the ability to travel between islands via the superferry is of great importance to us.

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option and protect Hawaii's business climate.

Please don't allow a small minority representing their own special interests to keep the vast majority from having this wonderful transportation option.

Mahalo,

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House Testimony

From: shelby esteban [shelb_e67@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:10 PM
To: House Record
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To whom it may concern,

I, Shelby Bowman, am for the Hawaii Superferry because I believe that it will give the people of Hawaii more employment and business opportunities. Even though I am here in Oregon and on my way back to the islands, the pride of where I come from still remains strong which is why I support this great idea of the Superferry.

In addition to those opportunities, the Superferry will enable all citizens of Hawaii to strengthen bonds between family and friends, as well as give way to new ones. The old phrase "strength in numbers" can be shown if we have the Superferry. More unity for the people of Hawaii, more jobs, more ideas to grow, more hands to make the WHOLE state of Hawaii better for today and tomorrow.

So please, make the Hawaii Superferry a reality. Don't you want to make Hawaii better?

Sincerely,
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House Testimony

From: Kevin Miyama [KevinM@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:37 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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

My name is Kevin Miyama and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Why are we letting the few have such a control over the many? Second question is what's the difference between the Young Brothers Barge, Matson and Horizon? Instead of being pro-change and progressive I think we're sending an negative image of Aloha to the world.

Kevin Miyama

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Subject: SUPERFERRY SUPPORT

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *JELENA CLAY* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

WE NEED ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL OPTIONS. I PERSONALLY HATE TO FLY AND THE SUPERFERRY IS A WONDERFUL OPTION FOR THAT POPULATION OF PEOPLE. THERE SHOULD BE MORE OPTIONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII.

*JELENA CLAY
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House Testimony

From: alyssa cantu [samienatie@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:11 PM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Alyssa Cantu* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[My family and I have never had the chance to utilize the superferry. The superferry gives people a chance to really experience Hawaii and all her Islands. Being in the military I want my girls to take advantage of our time here. We want them to learn the culture and see all the beauty the Islands have to offer. Without the superferry we will not be able to achieve our goals. Please don't take away a once in a lifetime opportunity from my family.]

Thank you, the Cantu Family

Samson, Alyssa, Natalie, Samantha, and Brooke

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Alyssa Cantu

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House Testimony

From: David Robichaux [robichaud001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:38 PM
To: House Record
Subject: support Superferry

Please do not perpetuate the incompetence that got us in this mess. Please support the superferry.

David Robichaux

House Testimony

From: Clfong@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:39 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cynthia Fong and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I want to have alternative forms of transportation available to residents like myself here on the islands. How wonderful it would be to take my robotics club and their robots to another island without having to take it completely apart for shipping. Wow - just think, not only commerce but real networking among our residents for business or pleasure with our own vehicle or not.

I already feel the SuperFerry has addressed many environmental concerns by designing a "state of the art" vehicle. This in itself is the biggest issue that should be addressed, not closing the marketplace to future positive economic growth!

The SuperFerry has done more by improving equipment than airlines who have been asked to upgrade their planes to something less noisy and more environmental friendly, yet get grandfathered into not doing so due to costs. Further, the arguments regarding whales is completely specious and without warrant - it is just an excuse to stop commerce.

I personally feel hostage to a vocal minority of "not-in-my backyard media environmentalists" while the rest of us keep the economic engine of Hawaii operational. Please consider the rest of us who want the SuperFerry - it is far more environmentally friendly than is being suggested within the media.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Fong

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House Testimony

From: LAURA RICHMAN [laura@laurarichman.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:01 PM
To: House Record
Subject: WE WANT THE SUPER FERRY

Please get the super ferry running! Only a few are against it. What business will want to come to Hawaii after all the Super Ferry has had to go through?

If there must be an environmental impact study, then let the Super Ferry start its business while this is being done!

Mahalo & Aloha,

Laura A. Richman

Registered voter!

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House Testimony

From: Amy Bautista [BautistaE008@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:38 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Written testimony in support of the Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Amy Marie Bautista and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support of the Hawaii Superferry. I am not able to appear in person so I hope you will accept my written testimony. I would like to begin by saying that I too believe in protecting our environment, however, I simply do not see how we are to imply that a Superferry is any different from the many other vessels currently operating in our waters or would dramatically pose more detrimental harm above and beyond other vessels. Agreeing that a EIS should be done, I sense that should any environmental harm be proved, that the Superferry would make every effort to diminish it and honor and protect this place that they plan to call home. It appears that they have made most every effort to accommodate whale migrations, traffic concerns, etc.

Having a family of five, I personally look forward to the alternative option of inter island travel. Aside from the financial savings, having the ease of packing everything into the car till destination, without having to unload at the airport, carry everything through various check points (kids in tow), reload at our destination and then doing it all again on the way back, is quite enticing!! Not to mention that the ride itself would be somewhat of an adventure. Also, as a soccer parent, having the ability to take equipment, pop-up tents, coolers, etc., can only increase participation in outerisland activities, which in turn generates revenue.

Finally, if, as it has been said, this EIS is required -- WHY did opponents wait until the ship was built, located, and beginning operation to voice such a strong opposition!!! This opposition could have been done much earlier and certainly before costing the Hawaii Superferry wasted \$\$\$ and costing the jobs of so many LOCAL people. Opponents should be made to realize that they missed the opportunity to SHUT DOWN the Superferry and the Superferry SHOULD be allowed to operate while an understandably required EIS is done.

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House Testimony

From: ehrhorn@lava.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:40 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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 Jean H. Ehrhorn and I strongly support HB 1 Relating to Transportation. I believe a large super ferry will be good for Hawaii business, beneficial to local travelers and farmers and will have a LESS detrimental environmental impact than present airlines, interisland ferries, barges, ships and other commercial boating activities do. The Superferry is state of the art and its precautions to save the whales are excellent.

Jean H. Ehrhorn
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House Testimony

From: Patty Ebesu Okimura [pattyebesu@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:41 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is PATRICIA OKIMURA and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Hawaii Superferry can offer the residents of the State of Hawaii a great alternative form of intra-state transportation. This is a great way for families, teams, and individuals to travel other than the flying on the airplane. We can take our own cars to the other islands and drive around.

I do not believe that this will cause permanent traffic congestion as many are saying. We will leave the other island to come home to our own island, as will the residents of the other islands. The Superferry should be allowed to operate while the EIS is being performed. This vessel is no different from the vessels that operate to transport goods (Young Brothers barges), as well as vessels who take tourists to go and watch whales and the ones that take tourists on dinner cruises. This is a better means of transportation for many.

Please do not make the Hawaii Superferry so political. If it is not allowed to operate at all, the entire State of Hawaii will suffer consequences far more severe than not having an alternative means of transportation. The impact that it will have on the State will be irreparable. No one will want to come to Hawaii to do business, no one will invest in business in Hawaii, and Hawaii will become stagnant with no stimulation from anywhere else.

It is **IMPERATIVE** that the Hawaii Superferry be allowed to operate in Hawaii.

Patricia Okimura

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House Testimony

From: Alan Delanoza [kuaaian@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:41 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Alan T. Delanoza and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Services provided by the Superferry will benefit the local economy of Hawaii by allowing abundant opportunities to circulate products at a lower cost. Same delivery of goods and possibly services in addition to creating fair competition and employment opportunities. Growth in Hawaii is inevitable.

Thank you.

Signed,
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House Testimony

From: James c [ovphoto@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:42 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hsf

Sirs-

AS I'm a working person and dose'nt have a lot of time to waste on flying all over the islands to talk about something that is a good for the economy, I just want to say that don't listen to the unemployed and trust funders that make up the bulk of the protesters,Hawaii and the outer islands are not going to hell in a handbasket w/ the operation of the HSF,These envio-terriosts,have stopped progress way to many times,its about time to end it,case in point Kona Kailua power plant new Turbo held up- for 2 years -reason- noise,nearest nieghbor 2 miles away-,Hawaii space Port,South Point-not good for anything else,Hookilia Developement 1 billion in infrastructure settled after 2 years with a 25 million\$ pay off to the plaintffs, Puna Geothermo -Smell- pay off 20 million so how long is this going to go on,someone is going to go postal and people are going to just dissappear.

Thanks for the time,
James Carlyle Kihei Hi --
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House Testimony

From: DAVID FITHIAN [FITHIAND001@HAWAII.RR.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:42 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support the Supperferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *David Wilson Fithian* a Hilo Chamber Member and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. this ferry would give Big Island a second way to leave the island other than air. We see the agriculture industry would benefit by getting produce to other islands quicker and fresher. If a tsunami hits our island we could get outside help here quicker if FEMA was involved in helping out in a disaster. Also, large industries will come into the Hawaiian Islands because we are progressive and support free enterprise businesses.

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Mahalo,

DAvid Wilson Fithian

House Testimony

From: Marvin Oshita [marvoshita@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:43 AM
To: House Record
Subject: The Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: October 25, 2007

TIME: 9 :00am Auditorium, State Capitol

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Dear Chairs Souki And Oshiro:

My name is Marvin Oshita and my wife and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I think we are long overdue for a service such as this. With our knowledge of the shipping companies and the airline industry here in Hawaii, just from living here for 52 years (we are both born and raised here) we don't believe the rhetoric being espoused by the anti-ferry groups. We think the Superferry will be a great alternative to the status quo and will be a great benefit to the local people and will not significantly impact the islands negatively. Please do whatever is necessary to get The Hawaii Superferry in operation. Mahalo.

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House Testimony

From: Linda Young [ldyoung60@gmail.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Linda and Jefferson Young and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Having been a victim on Kauai during Hurricane Iniki in 1992, we saw firsthand how difficult it was to get needed supplies. We had 2 two children and one on the way and just getting basic essentials was very stressful due to limited supplies and barge service. Do we need to have another hurricane hit these islands for people to remember how deprived we were during those months of limited supplies? Hawaii Superferry would be another mode of shipping delivery to our islands. We are on limited income and the Superferry would of allowed us to enjoy a neighbor island trip on a cheaper budget. In addition to this , Hawaii Superferry would of provided employment opportunities for some of the kamaaina here in the islands. Yes, lets protect our enviroment, but also lets not take one step forward only to take 10 steps back.....

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House Testimony

From: Mike Aqi [mhere_2000@yahoo.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Michael Aqi* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe Hawaii deserves an alternative for interisland travel that will promote healthy competition. Ferry service is used in so many other places sucessfully and our unique environment is the perfect setting for such an operation. Hawaii Superferry in my opinion did everything according to the book but we messed-up and they are paying the price. Just another example of the unfriendly business climate in Hawaii. Please don't let this positive opportunity slip through our hands...DO THE RIGHT THING and allow them to operate even while we wait for the environmental study.

I will not be able to submit this testimony in person.

*Michael Aqi
585 Kawainui Street
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Michael Aqi* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I believe that Hawaii deserves an alternative for interisland travel that will promote healthy competition. Ferry service is used in so many other places successfully and our unique environment is the perfect setting for such an operation. Hawaii Superferry did everthing according to the book but we messed up and they are paying the price. Just another example of the unfriendly business climate in Paradise. Please, **do the right thing** and allow them to operate even while waiting for the environmental study.*

I will not be able to submit this testimony in person.

*Michael Aqi
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To: House Record
Subject: HB1 Relating to Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Edward Joseph Sutton, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My friends and I plan to use the Superferry for interisland transportation. I realize the importance of ensuring sound environmental and ecological protection during ferry operations.

There are environmental and ecological positives to consider with the Superferry. Will interisland ferry travel reduce interisland air travel and the air pollution associated with the latter? Further, my motorcycle which would be used for my ferry travel, is more fuel efficient than the rental car I would use when I fly to neighboring islands. Everyday that an individual uses his own vehicle (as opposed to buying a new one or renting one) is one less day that another vehicle is needed on the Hawaiian islands. While these days may not seem significant when considered individually, the numbers do become significant when compiled for the population. The indirect effect is a reduced number of vehicles (for rental or private ownership) shipped to this island. That means reduced fueled expended in the shipping and less energy expended in disposal of the more numerous vehicles.

While I'm used to green party members often employing faulty logic and often being noisy and unjustifiably complaining members of an unproductive portion of society, the first half of the previous paragraph makes me wonder if many of the conservationists lobbying against the Superferry are really doing so on behalf of or as supported by the local airline and rental car industries.

Thank you for your time.

Very respectfully,
Edward Sutton

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From: Laura [laurabrown@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:44 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Written Testimony only -- HB 1 Oct. 25 2007

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Written Testimony Only

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

In Support of Allowing the Superferry to Begin Inter-island Service

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

We are in support of allowing the Superferry to begin inter-island service before an environmental assessment (EA) is completed.

We support the unrestricted operation of the Superferry and the resulting benefit to Hawaii's economy.

Hawaii must move into the 21st Century and utilize all modern technology available to ensure the well-being and economic security of its residents.

Michael and Laura Brown

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House Testimony

From: Cactuscool@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:44 PM
To: House Record
Cc: Cactuscool@aol.com
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

We are very disheartened by the way the Hawaii Super Ferry has been dealt with by the State of Hawaii and view this as another reason to pick up and leave this state. My wife and I have been residents here for twenty years and have contributed greatly to our local economy. It is our belief that the Super Ferry will be a very positive addition to our residents and tourist and offer another mode to travel inter island. We are pleading that the State will allow the Super Ferry to operate during the time that an EIS is being performed. The longer they are strung out the more debt service they will incur without cash coming in and the more expensive the tickets will ultimately be should they ever get approval. We cannot do this to the Super ferry and expect any other new businesses to feel secure in coming to Hawaii and it certainly does not give any confidence to the many businesses already here to make more investments.

I would like to see this administration take a leadership role and fight for what they say they believe is the right thing. Where are you Governor Lingle?

Please can we put politics aside and follow through on the commitments we have already made. The decision made on this issue could have a negative impact on our economy and people for many years to come.

Thank you,

Howard and Donna MacNair

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House Testimony

From: Zachary Montizor [zachary@carehawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:44 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support the Superferry!

I am of HAwaiian decent and I support whatever it takes to provide what we have needed for so long. There can not be enough transportation services for our people. Please protect our environment but do not let it stop something that will allow conectivity and safety for everyone. This may not be relevant but I would like to say that the big island is READY for the Superferry. Mahalo for your time and understanding.

Zachary Montizor

Sent using BlackBerry

House Testimony

From: Valarie Nobriga [vnobriga@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:38 PM
To: House Record
Subject: ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Valarie A. L. Nobriga* and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry! I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry because we, the locals, need an alternative to the airlines and car rental companies! Competition is good! The Hawaii Superferry offers an economical alternative for neighbor island travel. Too long have we hidden behind the facade of saving our aina when in fact special interest groups cloud the real purpose and potential problems with over exaggerated fears of "our poor whales" or "don't hurt the turtles" when the real reason is money. Follow the money!!!

What will happen to the two major airlines if everyone started taking the superferry to the neighbor islands for weekend visits with family or a work week on a neighbor island? And what will happen to the Car Rental agencies if locals are able to take the superferry with their personal car, truck, or van loaded up with clothing, food, pets, and gifts for family visits on the neighbor islands?

I find it sad that none of these environmental concerns were addressed early in the process or if the concerns were waived because of similar entities utilizing our waters, why is everyone making such a shameful spectacle of themselves now??? What about Young Brothers, Matson, and cruise liners that use the same waters with the same animals swimming and at risk of being hit or killed but they are not being harrassed like the Hawaii Superferry! Why because they do not interfere with the business of airlines transportation and rental car revenues! Follow the money!!!

Anytime a good idea comes to Hawaii with the financial backing to put it into operation, an idea that will bring much needed revenue and customers to our small business owners, or products to our local and tourist shoppers, someone or some specialty group also comes along to put fear and guilt into our PTSD rich minds that our Aina will be destroyed or our culture overrun. I don't know about you but I would love to travel between the islands, take my family with me and pack everyone into my truck for a wonderful affordable vacation!

I ask the Transportation Committee to look beyond the hype and hysteria surrounding the Hawaii Superferry and allow Hawaii to come into the 21st century. I think the idea of the oversight taskforce with a representative aboard for all trips is good because it provides an avenue for accountability and responsibility that comes naturally when you know you are being watched!

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House Testimony

From: kolohe77@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:45 PM
To: House Record; House Record
Cc: demelloa001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: pro 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 Bradford DeMello and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It's easy to see in Hawaii why such a vocal minority can have such a visible impact. People from the mainland moving here sometimes mistake our lack of vocal support as indifference.

Rather it is our humble upbringing and our respect for others that prevent us from banging on elderly people cars and just general rude treatment of others in support of their own cause. This is not the mainland and that in your face attitude may work well somewhere else but it has never been a part of our culture.

Everyone has their perspective and it appears that the Superferry, along with our leaders have made some errors in judgement about this entire mess. It's time for all sides to compromise a little to reach an equitable solution that will satisfy the majority of our population that seem to be in support of Superferry, as I am.

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House Testimony

From: Kehau Torres [kehauzkrib@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:44 PM
To: House Record
Subject: testimony on Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I will not be testifying in person but here is my testimony for the record, my name is Rebecca-Ann Kehaulani Torres and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I strongly support the Superferry for several reasons, mainly because it's gives us local people alternative ways to get to the outer islands to visit family, friends, or just for a little break from Oahu. It also gives a way for many companies to save on shipping charges and for various other organizations to travel with many people and their vehicles for a much cheaper price than paying for each individual person and for renting a car. And last but not least it gives jobs to many local people and has taken a chance on our island. It is very sad to see that a group of so few can pose a threat to the thousands who are people who strongly support the Superferry. If people want to come to the outer islands, they will come, whether by plane, or by boat, it doesn't matter. The environment can take it, the Superferry supports the local people by not only bringing revenue but providing jobs, and when you look at the people who are against it, how many of them are really local, don't let a few bad apples ruin it for the bunch, the way I see is is nothing will satisfy them, it's environment this, and environment that, I am a local girl, born & raised here, and myself like so many other "local" people are in support of the ferry. I care about the environment too but why only come down on the superferry, why not all the other companies who travel through our island waters everyday. Please be fair and support the Ferry, it's good for me, you, and all the other local families and businesses. That is why i strongly support the Superferry, we need it here in the islands. Thanks for your time.

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House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bill Martin and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[Please don't just listen to a few over aggressive neh sayers, the majority of the people want an alternative means of transportation other than the status quo! As a registered voter and tax payer I would like to see you work this out. Mahalo Bill Martin, 255 Anapalau Pl., Hon. Hi. 96825 808-864-3525]

House Testimony

From: Morris Tamanaha [mft.aiea@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:46 PM
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Aloha Honorable Chair Souki and Chair Oshiro:

My name is /Morris Tamanaha/ and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

/HB 1 "Relating to Transportation" relays the spirit of the State of Hawaii's support of promoting competition in the area of inter-island transportation. The citizens of the State of Hawaii need to be given an alternative in the mode of transportation to transport themselves, their families, their products and goods. Regulatory oversight must be imposed through temporary procedures that protect the public and the environment until the Environmental Impact Statement recommendations are established and incorporated into the appropriate Department of Transportation administrative rules. The three governmental branches of the State of Hawaii have a responsibility to promote commerce and to protect the the public and the environment at the same time.

Lastly, public meeting gatherings are rarely representative of what the majority of the citizens of this great state want for themselves and their fellow citizens. The silent majority elect not to lower themselves to the level of the very rude and disrespectful behavior displayed by the opponents of the Superferry. It appeared to be more emotions than facts and truths.

And God Bless the founders of our great country that established the freedom of speech to allow each and every citizen to voice their opinions and support!

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/Aloha,
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House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Beatrice K. Lemke-Frieszell and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I do believe that Hawaii will benefit greatly for the industry the Superferry can bring. I do not believe that its operations will be a detriment to our ecology on land or sea and that responsible procedures and actions will be implemented to assure this.

Sincerely

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House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Edwin and Lisa Teves of Ewa Beach, Hawaii. We strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. It is intolerable that a small band of special interests groups have been allowed to create havoc over a situation that was settled a long time ago.

If an environmental impact statement was necessary—why was it only brought up at the last minute? Regardless of why it wasn't done and instead of blaming Governor Lingle or the Department of Transportation, why can't the legislature put politics aside for once and follow the will of the majority of citizens of Hawaii and allow the Superferry to sail without further delay.

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House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is LisaMarie Minor and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry opens up so many wonderful opportunities for us local families to explore our islands in a unique and one of a kind way. Living in hawaii we all understand how important it is to take care of our lands and ocean and no way do i see this vessel or it's passengers(us kamaaina) doing any thing to harm where we all live. Please help to bring all of our unique islands together by letting us explore with the Hawaii Superferry.

Much Aloha, Mrs. Lisa Marie Minor

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House Testimony

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Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

I am in full support of the Hawaii Superferry. The people that live here need another alternative other than flying. I would love to visit another island and have my own car with me. Some of my family members do not like or want to fly and this would solve the problem and let us explore the other islands in the comfort of our own vehicle. I do not understand why the neighbor islands are opposing the Superferry. We all live in the state of Hawaii and my kids were born and raised here, but I am feeling that if the Superferry leaves the state, then I probably won't travel to the other islands. Our state is so behind the times on progress, sometimes I wish I did not have a business here so I could leave and live in a civilized world.

I will not be at the hearing so I am emailing my support.

Thank you,
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