

## House Record

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**From:** Tricia Wright [tewright@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:43 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** In Strong Support of Hawaii Superferry

**To:** Representative Mark Oshiro, Chair, House Finance Committee  
Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chair House Transportation Committee

**From:** Tricia Wright, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics,  
Gynecology & Women's Health, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine

**Re:** In strong support of Hawaii Superferry

I am writing to urge support for the Hawaii Superferry. I think this will help improve interisland medical care, communication, and commerce. I take care of many patients from neighbor islands, who currently have to fly to Honolulu for care. The Superferry would provide another option for these people during times of need to be able to bring their cars and their families if they are anticipating long stays. In addition, in times of emergency, the Superferry can be used to transport needed supplies and medical equipment between islands if air service is shut down, as happened after 9/11.

I personally would also like the option to take my family camping or kayaking on the neighbor islands. Currently our kayak club uses Manson freight to transport kayaks before anticipated trips, so this is already taking place. Superferry would just make it more convenient, pleasant, and less expensive.

I do support the environment and before this latest fiasco, did belong to the Sierra Club, but I do not believe that the opposition is all about the environment, but a NIMBY sense of entitlement that will be shown to be shortsighted. I believe this can be a safe, effective means of transportation, as long as safeguards are in place.

Mahalo for allowing me this time to testify. Please consider allowing the Superferry to run, while providing for safeguards to protect the environment.

## House Record

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**From:** Stanley Fong [stanleyfong@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:41 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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

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

We fully support the Superferry to sail as soon as possible and to have environmental assessment studies done in parallel. We are from the mainland and travel to Oahu at least 3 times a year to stay in our condo. We had planned on using this ferry service to visit the other islands such as Maui and Kauai with our vehicle. If this Super ferry is not allowed to sail, this will set a precedent and kill any hopes of any other ferry service to the islands in the future for the entire state of Hawaii.

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**From:** Bailey Wharton [bwharton@parkerranch.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:45 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** super ferry testimony

> State Senate on Ferry hearings:

> I would like to let you know that I am a supporter of allowing the  
> super ferry to operate during the period of EIS preparation, AND I am  
> an environmentalist. I am dismayed that once again, in this state, a  
> vocal minority can run rough shod over the will of the majority. And  
> I am tired of fear mongering.

>  
> The Ferry is needed. We are surrounded by water and transportation is  
> critical and a ferry system is a natural. It makes complete sense.  
> And we want to drag it down because of fears of invasive species? How  
> do we get invasive species from other islands?  
> It seems that if this were a serious threat we should ban  
> international flights and ocean voyages, no?  
> And the threat to humpback whales. I love them and I love dolphins  
> too, but I really think they can fend for themselves in their ocean  
> world.  
> Hear a boat, miles away, they can tell. I mean, do we ban cars  
> because they might hit pedestrians?

>  
> We have been waiting forever for alternative transportation and really  
> look forward to the arrival of the ferry. We need alternatives.  
> (Thank God for Go (Mesa) airlines or we would still be hostage to  
> excessive airline rates). If the Ferry leaves the State, I fear the  
> State will forever be branded as a State controlled by minorities and  
> that majority rule has no place in Hawaii politics.

>  
> The time has come, please do not let the ferry system leave or be  
> pushed out by a vocal minority.

> Please take note, I would be happy to give public testimony but quite  
> frankly, I am intimidated by facing the very vocal and often angry  
> minority who show up at the Public hearings often simply to intimidate  
> those who might disagree. Am I alone, I don't think so.

> Regards,

> Bailey Wharton

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**From:** Michelle Nakagawa [dhousewifemak@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** House Record  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Michelle Nakagawa* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*Though I understand the concerns of some of my neighbors regarding possible environmental impacts, I believe the same could be said for the Cruise Ships as well as the whale watching tours. Anyone who plays on or in the ocean runs the risk of affecting the delicate ecosystem contained therein. I don't believe we should put all the blame on one type of "ocean activity".*

*The Superferry could be a wonderful alternate means of travel for the local people of Hawaii. There are many who have never even been to the other islands because they don't like to fly! Here is their chance to visit friends and family they have not been able to see.*

*Thank you for your time and consideration.*

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**From:** Pat Meyers [patmeyers@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:39 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPER FERRY

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ALOHA REP. SOUKI & OSHIRO,

PLEASE DO NOT LISTEN TO THE VOCAL MINORITY.

WE WANT AND NEED A FERRY.

THE RIDICULOUS REASONS USED BY THE PROTESTERS SHOULD NOT BE HEARD.

TOURISM HAS RUINED MAUI & KAUAI NOT THE SUPER FERRY.

SAVE THIS STATE MONEY. DROP POLITICAL GAME PLAYING AND GET THIS FERRY RUNNING.

PAT MEYERS  
139 ALALA ROAD  
KAILUA

## House Record

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**From:** Jan Martin [jmartin\_96816@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:47 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** hawaii superferry testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Janet C. Martin* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the citizens of the state of Hawaii have a right to this mode of inter-island transportation. I believe it is in the best economic interest of the citizens of the state of Hawaii to allow the superferry to run while an environmental impact study is done. While it's unfortunate that things weren't handled properly in the first place, it would be an economic disaster for Hawaii NOT to proceed with operations. If the superferry is not allowed to operate, the state runs the risk of a major/expensive lawsuit that the citizens of the state will be charged in one form or another. Therefore, let the superferry continue running.

If an environmental impact statement is critical to the decision, in all fairness, was there an eis done on the cruise ships that land at the different island ports? Was there an eis done on the inter-island barge? What about the whale watching cruises and the risk they impose? Was there an eis study to allow them to operate?

If the superferry is not allowed to continue operation, who will pay the bill we will be stuck with?

10/24/2007

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**From:** Kelly Pomeroy [kpterra@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:54 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1

The Superferry people would have us believe that they will take steps to prevent whale collisions. Rather than arguing the point, I believe we should make them put their money where their mouth is, and fine them at least \$500,000 for every whale they hit, regardless of the outcome. That would ensure an honest attempt on their part to prevent collisions, and would demonstrate more clearly than an EIS can what the impact on whales would be.

I am representing only myself, and I will not be testifying in person.

Sincerely,

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**From:** HAMILTONT008@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:53 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

Aloha

The superferry is here because the owners went through the process given to them at that time.

Now, they are told "go home". Give me a break!!!

Do all these people against it eat from their own garden? Do they make their own clothes? Do they ride a horse or mule or do they drive a vehicle that was "shipped over"? Get real people.

LET THE SUPERFERRY STAY. LET IT START IT'S OPERATION NOW.

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## House Record

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**From:** D Chun [hnldrl@hawaii.rr.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Darrell Chun and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Life is about choices but for some, choices are limited. My best friend is a quadraplegic and cannot travel without his van. Superferry gives him the opportunity to visit the neighbor islands; a choice he does not currently have. If the Superferry is not allowed to run while the EIS is being prepared it will fail financially and then no one will have that choice. Let the Superferry run.

*Darrell Chun*

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## House Record

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**From:** Grace Tanouye [Grace.Tanouye@DTAG.Com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:29 PM

**To:** House Record

My name is [*GRACE TANOUYE*] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

IT WILL BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN VISITING THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS, USING THEIR OWN VEHICLES.

## House Record

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**From:** Jennifer Oana [mauilawgirl@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:52 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** NO SUPERFERRY

THE SUPERFERRY CANNOT OPERATE WITHOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DONE FIRST! IT IS RIDICULOUS TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF THE SUPERFERRY WITHOUT IT!

I am not against alternative transportation in the islands. It will happen. No one can fight against it. However, when it does happen, let it be done CORRECTLY! Make them do the assessment. They don't know how the Superferry will impact Maui. Because they haven't done an assessment AND they don't care. All they want is to make money. It is the people, LOCAL PEOPLE, of Maui who will suffer, who will have to clean up the mess when everyone finally realizes the detrimental impact that the Superferry will cause. The assessment will point out concerns that the Superferry people will be obligated to correct/change/fix. MAKE THE SUPERFERRY PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. DON'T PUSH IT OFF ONTO THE LOCAL PEOPLE TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH WHEN EVERYTHING GETS MESSED UP ON MAUI.

I will strongly boycott the Superferry if it is allowed to proceed and will get all family, friends, acquaintances, and strangers to do the same.

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**From:** Joel Liu [joel.liu@dhx.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:56 PM  
**To:** House Record

**Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro**

**I continue support the Hawaii Superferry because it's good for business and our economy. It provides businesses with additional venues for commerce, transportation options, and cost savings, so desperately needed by all businesses in Hawaii. I believe that this vessel should be able to operate during the environmental assessment and such operation should be allowed with reasonable regulation and environmental mitigation measures. Therefore, I support the HB 1 and the Hawaii Superferry.**

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## House Record

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**From:** OahuProperties@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:01 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** My Hawaii Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dwight "Dee-Jay" Hayes and I, along with every member of my company, strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Traveling to another island and taking my own private vehicle with the personal property I need for my trip conveniently stored inside it ... instead of in limited weight suitcases that need to be checked in at the start of my trip and waited for, claimed, and carried to someone else's vehicle on another island ... is something I want to be able to do.

Furthermore, having lived in Hawaii during Hurricanes Iwa in 1982 and Iniki in 1992, I firmly believe that relief efforts needing to be made between the islands of our state following a disaster would be enhanced by the Superferry's operation.

Discussions with my staff, which were prompted by recent attempts that have been made to thwart the Superferry's operation in Hawaii, revealed that every member of my company favors and supports the Superferry as much as I do.

Your support for and assistance in getting the Superferry into full inter-island operation will be appreciated by all of us.

Very Respectfully,

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**From:** Sandy Takishita [howards2301@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:03 PM  
**To:** House Record; All Senators; reps@Capital.hawaii.gov  
**Subject:** From A Maui Farmer

Aloha Legislators....

My husband and I have operated a flower farm on Maui for 30 years, shipping our flowers on Young Brothers several times a week.

We are adamantly against the Super Ferry service.

I believe this whole venture is a ploy by Maui Land and Pine and its owners to take control of inter-island freight.

It was too coincidental that Young Brothers announced their desire to stop all "less than container loads" to and from Maui just prior to the launching of the Super Ferry.

At the public YB hearing at Lihikai School earlier, the local farmers and small businesses voiced dismay because none of them had container loads of product and would have to use a consolidator....adding to their costs.

The Maui Pine rep jumped up and announced that Maui Pine was prepared to do the consolidations, reefer and dry.

When questioned about how Maui Land and Pine owns 35% of the stock of the Super Ferry and that in fact, the company had sold most of the cannery facility and already has turned the remaining area into freight staging.....the rep left the meeting.

I, personally, know that the area is completed for staging and is now just waiting...we think for you to allow the Super Ferry to begin operation. In 2010, YB will stop their pallet services.

The other thing to look at is that principals at ML&P have been key to the coming of Whole Foods Markets to Hawaii. The word is that they are interested in growing Whole Foods produce on both Maui and Kauai so it is really in his best interest to have control of interisland freight at least to and from those islands.

After what the current owners of have done to Maui Land and Pine, basically dismantling the company, I am worried that once they secure the Ferry and arrange for YB to leave the Maui scene, we will be in danger with too many "unknowns"

The rates are also uncomfortably high. Super Ferry quoted \$866 for a full truck to go to HNL from Maui...one way. \$400+ to return empty. That doesn't include the cost of the driver sitting on the ferry for 8 hours, 1 hour each way pre boarding. Even if the ferry left Maui at 7:00am and got to HNL at 11:00am, take the hour to get the truck off the ferry, you would have one hour to deliver before getting the 2:00pm ferry home to Maui...or you would have to pay for overnight expenses for the driver, and his overtime pay. I could never afford to do that.

Right now, Young Brothers offers a refrigerator service of \$26.00 for 2000 lbs of Island produce....around 5 pallets of flowers...now there is something to be proud of...it's the State's way, through the PUC, to support the local farmer and local produce.

Hoo-oo-oo-ray for the PUC !!!

Normally, I do not step forward but I feel like this specific vessel and company is a dangerous commodity, changing our island lifestyle forever...and not for the better.

Thanks for all your hard work. I know it must be difficult to balance all of these opinions. Good luck to you all.

Sandy Takishita

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## House Record

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**From:** judya@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:04 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of the Hawaii Superferry HB 1 /For the record Not In Person

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Judith Y. Asamoto and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry and HB1

I believe Hawaii should move forward to provide alternate means of transportation, not only for the movement of people and goods for businesses but also for the individual citizens, particularly for those for whom flying is a difficult or non viable option. We are one state as is the United States "one nation" and to submit to dividing the islands for people's personal motivations moves as backwards, rather than forwards. Hawaii and the uniqueness of each island should be available for all of us to enjoy. The superferry will make this possible.

*Judith Y. Asamoto*

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## House Record

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**From:** Julie Ann Hiramoto [juhiramo@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:07 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Julie Ann Hiramoto* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I feel it is a safe and viable alternative form of transportation between the islands. It is used in other pristine areas such as Alaska. The people of Hawaii need alternatives to the air transportation that can so easily be grounded to a halt stopping any travel between islands during an emergency. It is a faster means of travel and poses the same danger of infestations as Young Brothers. Stop the monopoly and give the people of Hawaii alternatives to a better lifestyle. Please allow the Superferry to continue business in Hawaii. We in Hilo look forward to service! I will not testify but are submitting an email of support.

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**From:** RD [roddee888@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:58 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support for the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

*I support the Superferry because it will give all the residents of Hawaii an alternate form of transportation. We will not have to rely solely on the airlines.*

*Rodney Lee*  
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**From:** Mike Rethman [rethman@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:07 PM

**To:** House Record

Please change whatever laws need changing to get the Superferry up and running without further delay. Most folks in Hawaii want it, so make it happen.

Thanks for your service,

Mike Rethman

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**From:** Jannett Fujino-Nakaahiki [jnakaahiki@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:12 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** I support the Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My friends & family all SUPPORT the Superferry. The complaints by so called environmentalist are ridiculous. Any restrictions applied to the Superferry must be applied across the board to ALL forms of transportation! (All airlines, Matson, Youngbrothers, Cruise ships, etc.)

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**From:** Frances Calvert [fcalvert@fs.fed.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:06 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Frances W Calvert and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel we need the ferry as an alternative to air transportation for both emergency, business and pleasure. I support the need for an environmental assesment, but would like the the ferry to be allowed to run while this is done with restrictions in speed for those areas where whales are likely to be as well as some inspection in place to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Fran Calvert

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## House Record

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**From:** Chibana, Tennille - HI [Tennille.Chibana@GMACM.COM]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:13 PM

**To:** House Record

**Subject:** SAVE THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY!!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Tennille Chibana* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*The Hawaii Superferry is providing the State of Hawaii another way to travel inter-island. It will help those who are afraid to fly, bigger sized people who would have to purchase (2) seats on the airplane, those who want to see the islands from the ocean but can't afford to pay for the inter-island cruises, and especially the local farmers who would like to transport their goods to outer-island markets. The prices for Matson or Young Brothers are going up and the Hawaii Superferry provides a much reasonable rate that we ALL can afford. It's also providing jobs for Hawaii and that is what we need. Providing more jobs to help keep them off the beaches or out of homeless shelters. Those who oppose the Superferry are all saying the same thing, that we (Oahu) are going to invade their land and sacred sites. HELLO??? We can still get there by plane and then rent a car!!! Are they gonna wait at the airport and stop us there too??? Who said that we are gonna invade their land or visit sacred sites anyways? It's just a convenient way to travel when you can bring your own car and you don't have to stand in line and you can also save money not renting a car. It's also useful for those with big groups like sports teams or hula halau's. The plane can only accommodate so much people per flight and sometimes the group be broken up, taking different flight times just to get to their destination. The Superferry can accommodate EVERYONE to get there TOGETHER! NCL has 2 cruise ships traveling everyday from one island to the other. What's up with that? Why do they oppose only the Superferry? SAVE THE*

10/24/2007

*SUPERFERRY! The majority of the State wants it and we need to keep it. Thank you for hearing me out.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tennille Chibana*

*"Yesterday is history...Tomorrow a mystery...Today is a gift, that's why is called the Present"*

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**From:** Jurg Munch [jurg@lahainagrill.com]  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** FW: SUPPORT THE HB 1 AND THE SUPERFERRY!  
**Importance:** High

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**Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro**

**I continue support the Hawaii Superferry because it's good for business and our economy. It provides businesses with additional venues for commerce, transportation options, and cost savings, so desperately needed by all businesses in Hawaii. I believe that this vessel should be able to operate during the environmental assessment and such operation should be allowed with reasonable regulation and environmental mitigation measures. Therefore, I support the HB 1 and the Hawaii Superferry.**

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Please feel free to add in your own comments on how this is affecting you and your business.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Corinne Huntress and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Although I am a native of California and have now made Hawaii my home. I've had the opportunity to travel abroad and live in places like Vancouver-Canada. The east and west coasts of Canada currently have large fleets of ocean vessels, similar to the Superferry, [www.bcferrries.bc.ca](http://www.bcferrries.bc.ca). These ferries have become a way of life in these areas and an important part of the economy and travel industry. They cruise in waters that are teeming with wildlife and have managed to co-exist without incident. I believe Hawaii, and the people making decisions for Hawaii's people, need to start to embrace new ideas and understand the positive impacts that the Superferry will have for years to come. We live in a democratic society and I believe that there is a majority of support for the Superferry. This government cannot continue to allow the small groups with their own agenda's the ability to inhibit something that is so widely embraced. Please do the right thing and allow the Superferry the freedom to do run its operation in Hawaii. Thank you.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tammy Norton and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am a resident of Oahu with family on each island which the Hawaii Superferry will service.

The Hawaii Superferry is a mode of transportation that my entire family has been looking forward to. It is a benefit to the Kamaaina, especially those with large families who will have the opportunity to bring their own vehicles rather than renting a vehicle on the neighbor island. I, like most other Kamaaina choose to go to a neighbor island not to rape it's lands, but to visit ohana and to give our children the opportunity to visit the different islands. It is sad when our own children don't get to visit the neighbor islands because the cost of transporation could add up to the cost of going to a further destination.

I believe that the Hawaii Superferry should be allowed to operate while the EIS is being done should it be required to have an EIS completed. The information that has been provided by the Hawaii Superferry has shown that they have looked into and will be taking all precautions. The Hawaii Superferry is a business which I believe will be very cautious and want to be successful so that their business thrives in the islands.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to present written testimony in strong support of the Hawaii Superferry.

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**From:** Cheryl Vos [cvoss6@insightbb.com]  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

We need the Hawaii Superferry. Please give us the right to use the ferry and not use planes.

Please give us the Hawaii Superferry

Thanks

Cheryl Vos

Ocean View, HI

## House Record

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**From:** skyfox [skyfox@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:19 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** We support the Superferry in North Kohala

Marjorie M Chase

Hawaii County Resident

Plan not to submit in person

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My recommendation is a 6 month trial run while the impact report is pending. I, and many other North Kohala residents support the

Superferry and many have family on other islands that they would like to visit more frequently but cant due to financial restraints by airline

offers.

I believe alternative marine transportation would be a bonus to the island more than a detriment...we have discussed that there are more

positive reasons than negative ones and support its operation. I think the ENTIRE STATEWIDE SYSTEM needs to address ALL LAWS

fairly and equitably, BEFORE singling out one law that matters more than another...shame on local prosecutors and state legal reps who have turned a blind eye to ALL corruption in courts...the Superferry should NOT be singled out until such time as ALL laws are enforceable and addressed by the legal system here, which has already failed miserably...

I am more fed up with corruption in Hawaii and othe County's and feel that even more of my personal rights and American freedom are being

stripped from me, as well as limitations by overburdened prosecutors who fail to address REPEATED violations of laws in this county and people are totally getting away with NUMEROUS crimes and horribly lenient charges as deterrents...while others in my community refuse to obey laws and prosecutors uphold violations IN WRITING, I have had to suffer immensely for being a law abiding citizens...I think that my neighbor's questionable illegal use of residence as his commecial construction base yard is

shameful as I have sent numerous complaints and told them of photo and og eveidence of that and another neighbor' violations with dog barking and trespassing statutes that are NOT being addressed by this county appropriately! And then Humane Society officers were kidnapped and threatened and NO TERRORISTIC charges against these ferocious pit bull owners were even charged agaisnt the perpetrators...and what about their poor neighbors who live in fear and terror everyday! What is happening to our country that so much injustice and legal violations are being allowed! It is our country's responsibility to help victims, and it is even worse when a nurse is intentionally trauamatizing a victim and get away with with it...what kind of messages are being sent to our communities...if the legal system cant handle the criminal activities, then I am totally against it! I think the county authorities need to consider their own adverse impact on society more than the Superferry.

I believe that NO ONE has the right to single out the Superferry legalities until ALL laws are considered for ALL people equitably...there is more

environmental adversity from barking dogs, drunk drivers, violent repeat offenders, drug problems, noise and light pollution, illegal mufflers that have more adverse impacts on our human environment and earthly environment that need to be addressed with some resolve and professional integrity that is seriously lacking in Hawaii County!...

I think that any "impact" studies should be required to be made AFTER it is up and running as to get feedback from local residents that it impacts, not the ones it doesnt! If

we get stuck out here by another 9/11 incident with grounded planes, we will have almost NO alternatives, especially average residents!

I do know that business owners need the business and have sent a sample marketing proposal to Hornblower...

Marjorie Chase



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**From:** A Mina [andy.pearl@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:20 PM  
**To:** House Record  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Roland Mina and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a military member transferred in 2005 who has decided to retire in Hawaii, I have a vested interest in the State's future, even though I do not have native Hawaiian blood and my family has not lived here for generations.

In my opinion, the Legislature must expedite every action required to put the Superferry back into operation. Further, the Judiciary should be required to take appropriate legal action against those citizens who are determined to block the Superferry through threats, intimidation, and direct actions contrary to the public safety.

My disappointment at not being able to move my family easily between the islands is not important. The fact that a few vocal residents of Maui and Kauai don't want the Superferry is not important. What is important, is that by it's current course of action, the State of Hawaii is encouraging law-breakers, denying opportunity to the less vocal/militant majority, and is revealing to the rest of the country and the world that "aloha" is more analagous to "dysfunctional" than it is to any of the more positive aspects of Hawaiian culture that we claim to embrace.

I am an engineer by trade and am very familiar with both transportation and environmental issues by training and experience. I am strongly in favor of appropriate environmental safeguards and protection. But given the totality of intra-island transportation that already exists, I can find no good reason why the Superferry should not resume it's planned operations while appropriate environmental studies (equivalent to those required of other operations with potentially the same impact) are completed.

I do not plan to submit in-person comments, as I am in final preparations for my upcoming deployment to Iraq and depart on 3 November. I may be reached until then at this e-mail address.

Sincerely,  
Roland A Mina

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Toby Ann Ruby and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I want to be able to ride a boat, not a plane to the outer islands. I used to ride the SeaFlight years ago and liked it. A 3 hour cruise would be a very relaxing way to visit another island, sort of like a mini-cruise.

Toby Ann Ruby

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**From:** Sonny C. Awai Jr. [sonny.awai@hawaiiantel.net]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Sonny C. Awai Jr.* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The pros on the sailing of the Super Ferry is the need to provide a reasonable means of transportation between the islands for people who do not want to leave the state for a vacation but travel between the islands to visit family and friends. Traveling today between the islands today is more costly than going to Vegas. Not all of us are able to afford the rental of a vehicle, hotel room, meals, and air fare which doesn't include the little on the side spending money.....by utilizing the Ferry we would be able to stretch our funds to have a nice time with family and friends. By the way how many of you could afford to spend the kind of money for a family of four?

*I know that we could ship our vehicles over to the islands via YB but have any of you tried it? You can only ship you vehicle on specific days that the barge would be sailing, No loading or unloading on week ends or holidays and this can be accomplished only between the normal work hours for YB. This would leave you without transportation for as much as 14 days on a round trip. You also would have to be there at the time of the loading and unloading.*

*I hear a lot of concerns about the Whales, but no one has printed anything about the electronics on board to aide in the navigation of the vessel. What is the lead time the pilot has to avoid any collision with a submerge body? Introducing unwanted plants.....people bring them to the islands...they don't just hitch a ride. It's like the animals. We advise people of the animals we should not introduce to the islands but they don't care and their friends could care less for the aren't turning them in to the proper offices.*

We in Hawaii is in need for an alternate means to travel between the islands and that will enable the Bussiness with their equipment, Emergency Vehicles and Personnel to move when and where needed.


***I WANT TO SEE THE FERRY GO INTO OPERATION FOR I TRAVEL BETWEEN THE ISLANDS AT A MINIMUM OF THREE TIMES A YEAR WITH A VEHICLE AND KNOW MANY MORE. WOULD LIKE TO SEE OTHERS WHO CANNOT BECAUSE OF THE COST FACTORS.***

*Sonny C. Awai Jr.*

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Miles & Chong Fujino

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## TESTIMONY ON HB 1 HAWAII SUPERFERRY

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Oahu may think it has nothing to lose and everything to gain from the operation of the Superferry, but Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island have much at stake. This was confirmed by the court rulings requiring an EA to be conducted before the Superferry is allowed to operate. What this bill is doing is ignoring the voices of those most affected by this issue, the voices that should matter most.

This bill needs to die for several reasons:

- It is wildly unethical to create a new law solely to exempt a single private corporation from its legal obligations. Doing so will set a dangerous precedent for other corporations seeking to do business in Hawai'i. Special treatment for special interests creates a precedent of uncertainty about when and if Hawai'i's laws will be applied and upheld, and for whom. Good business and economic development requires wise governance and certainty about the rules by which all businesses must play. The rule of law must be respected by all levels of government to ensure our system functions properly.
- The Hawaii Constitution guarantees everyone the "right to a clean and healthful environment" (Haw. Const. Art. 11, sec. 9). The Constitution, however, does not guarantee anyone the right to a profit. If an exemption to our environmental laws is granted, the corporations' right to profit will be placed before the public's right to a healthy environment.
- The proposed legislation to exempt the Superferry from its obligations under the law is overbroad. It exempts the Superferry from every permit requirement and public oversight requirement in existence while giving Governor Lingle, who has already proven she is willing to sacrifice the environment for business interests, an unprecedented amount of power to decide what the terms of operation will be for the Superferry. This bill fails to address exactly how the potential, irreparable environmental impacts highlighted by the Maui Court will be averted. This is not acceptable! The conditions that Maui Tomorrow has assembled must be adopted.
- Public participation is essential to a well-functioning democracy! Hawai'i's EIS law provides a rare opportunity for public hearings. This fundamental public right should not be side-stepped to serve special interests!
- A legislative decision of this magnitude cannot be made properly in the 7 days allotted for a special session called by the Governor. It does not provide a sufficient opportunity for lawmakers to hear from the communities most affected by this decision. For example, Senator Caldwell was quoted in the Advertiser (10/23/07) saying, "We...have a fair and balanced bill that doesn't need to be amended at this point", before the briefing on the Big Island had even begun. Only one briefing was held on the Big Island, in Kona, a city that is a 3 hour drive (one-way) from Hilo. Someone getting off from work at 5 pm would likely have missed the whole thing upon arrival.
- The draft bill required the Lingle administration and state to give up rights to all information regarding the DOT decision to initially exempt the Superferry from conducting an EIS in order to conduct a complete investigation as to how this erroneous decision came to be. HB No. 1 has removed this requirement. It needs to be put back. The public deserves to know the truth.
- HB No. 1 states "The operation of large capacity ferry vessels between the islands of Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii...is declared to be a required public convenience and necessity." This bill arrogantly attempts to shove ferries down everybody's throats. I am having an increasingly hard time not puking up my guts in utter disgust. This ferry is far from a necessity. We all have survived just fine without it ad infinitum.
- The task force is completely biased. First, the Department of Transportation (DOT) is charged with oversight of it and the Director of the DOT is one of the 13 members. This is the same department and the same person that illegally exempted the Superferry from the EIS process. Second, the director of DBEDT and the chairperson of the DLNR are both Lingle appointed. The attorney general helped write this bill we are presently fighting over. The president of the Superferry was ready to bulldoze the environment to turn a profit the day it sought the DOT exemption. Finally the Speaker of the House and Senate President get to appoint the remaining eight seats. They have been publicly advocating for the Superferry, for the special session, and for this bill since the beginning. One of them is an introducer of this bill. Creating such a biased task force is a waste of time and resources. The task force composition must fairly represent all interests (environmental, legal, economic).

The Maui Court decision found, after 22 days of expert testimony, that there will likely be irreparable harm from Superferry operations. Following the law as written and conducting a complete environmental review will help us to thoroughly address these harms before they happen. Allowing this exemption now will not.

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**From:** Fawn B. [breezef001@hawaii.rr.com]  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPERFERRY

I've lived in Hawaii my entire life (A LONG TIME); and have lived in House District 32 for the better part of it; even went to Radford HS with Bette Midler. I've been waiting for the Super Ferry or something akin to it, for the whole of that long life. I've always been envious of my mainland friends who can simply pack their car with kids and pets and take a road trip to another county or National Park. The Superferry is *our* chance, the Hawaiian's chance, to take "road trips".

It seems the majority of Hawaii citizens also want the Superferry but are being held hostage by a few thugs on surfboards and hand scrawled, cardboard box signs. 300 protesters denied 2,300 entrance to a state owned harbor. Majority did not rule then.

Why doesn't the Honolulu Advertiser do a front page, full color, splash about Young's Bros. barges discharging bilge water into Hawaiian waters? Bilge water that was sucked into their holes in Mexico after going through the Panama Canal. Will ALL ships have to abide by the same rules asked of the Superferry? Will Matson container and luxury cruise ships, like the Superferry, store ALL their waste and dispose of it as land based business do? Or will they continue to dump waste into the ocean that "environmentalists" claim they are protecting. I don't see any protesters at Matson or Pier 35. How long are we going to allow sensationalism to continue to run Hawaii? This last minute fight against the Superferry sure has made The Advertiser a lot of money.

And why is it always *after* the fact that protesters raise their low IQ heads? This situation smacks of the Van Cams. (The Advertiser was on that anti bandwagon too) If the speeding tickets were given to people going 25+ miles over the speed limit and not just the requisite 10; no one would have protested and the State coffers would be full to the brim. (Yes, I emailed *all* State Representatives with that suggestion.) As it is, the tax payers are still paying for that fiasco. This is simple logic. Or is that a non existent commodity in Hawaii? Logic.

What is happening with the Superferry is the very reason so many of Hawaii's best and brightest are FLEEING to the mainland. BETTER BUSINESS PRACTICES PROPAGATE MORE BUSINESS. To my woe, my son, my only child, is amongst them. It seems Hawaii also has a bad climate for movie making.

I will not be attending in person.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Pauline A. Brooks and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Hawaii Superferry would be an economic boom to the Islands in so many ways. Why have they been singled out when barges go between the Islands all the time and they carry cars to and from the Islands and yet no one is complaining about the damage they may do to the environment. What about the Cruise ships. We need an alternative way to visit friends and family rather than relying on the airlines. The Superferry complied with all their requirements and to stop them at this juncture I think it is criminal, not to mention all the money outlay by both the Superferry and the State, for which I'm sure we will all be paying. Please allow the Superferry to operate.

Pauline A. Brooks

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:12 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support the Superferry

**Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro**

**I continue support the Hawaii Superferry because it's good for business and our economy. It provides businesses with additional venues for commerce, transportation options, and cost savings, so desperately needed by all businesses in Hawaii. I believe that this vessel should be able to operate during the environmental assessment and such operation should be allowed with reasonable regulation and environmental mitigation measures. Therefore, I support the HB 1 and the Hawaii Superferry.**

**Stopping the Superferry is a step backwards. There is ferry service between islands throughout the world. It is not a new idea. There are hundreds of containers from all over the world being transported inter-island every week. There is daily ferry service to Lanai & Molokai. Hundreds of private boats including cruise ships going inter-island. Stopping the Superferry would be as crazy as stopping the airplanes.**

**Let us vote with our actions. Unless enough of us use the service, it will not continue to operate. It is a great economic system in this country, let it work!**

**Sincerely,**

**George Lindell  
President  
The Mortgage Store, Inc  
Maui**

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**From:** Diana Marshman [dianamarshman@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:29 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

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

HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Diana Marshman and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the people of Hawaii want and need an alternative to air travel between our Islands.

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**From:** Daryl Lee [makaha325@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:28 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** State House Committee on SUPERFERRY Testimony

To:  
State House Committee on SUPERFERRY  
Thursday October 25, 2007  
9:00 AM  
Auditorium  
State Capital 415 South Beretania St.

This testimony will be in writing only.

Dear Committee Members,

The first members of my family arrived in Hawaii in the late 1800's during the time of Queen Liliuokalani. Many of us can consider no other place home. After 5 generations we have become typical kamaaina in our increasingly mixed ethnic makeup. Never before have we seen a Hawaii where newcomers, let alone just plain inter-island travelers, have been so overtly unwelcome as in the protests against SuperFerry. Has Hawaii changed so much? Have we lost our aloha? I think not. These protesters have learned to manipulate the press and you, our elected representatives. Their rowdiness, disrespect and in-your-face bad behavior puts them in the spotlight. If you would please take some time to look at the polls being taken, both scientifically and informally, you will see that the majority of our people favor SuperFerry.

Time is of the essence. Please do whatever you can to give SuperFerry the chance to prove itself and to serve us - before it is forced to abandon Hawaii due to financial loss. And please, do not place impossible conditions on SuperFerry while we await the EIS and thereafter. Our inter-island air carriers, barge services and cruise lines have not had excessive and unrealistic restrictions placed upon their operations. Fair is fair.

Thank you for your work during this special session. It is much appreciated.

Mahalo and Aloha,  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:51 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Supporting 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

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 Amy Jeuck and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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## House Record

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**From:** Bob C [bobc@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:37 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Fw: Super Ferry Testimony

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

Please allow the Super Ferry inter-island service to operate while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

We need this service for Hawaii. We move cargo and people between our islands everyday, it's nothing new. The Super Ferry is not as fast as a plane, and not as slow as a barge. It travels at a rate that makes it a viable option for people who want to use its service. The whales are not here all year long, and when they are, human compassion will dictate that the Super Ferry will make accommodations. As with any new viable business, the Super Ferry will make improvements and adjustments to remain in good standing with Hawaii residents, tourist passengers, etc.

The polls indicate we, who want the Super Ferry to continue in operation, are the majority of Hawaii residents. We have the right to visit the other islands, and the Super Ferry is the most convenient way to accomplish this, unless you're in a rush.

There are too many reasons to list why the Super Ferry is needed in Hawaii, in this testimony. But, the handicapped woman who gave testimony on Kauai (and was shown in TV coverage) is a prime example, where special needs people, need the Super Ferry to travel between islands.

For years you would go to the airport and see family and friends dragging around a large cooler to take special food and goodies to their loved ones and friends. That's part of who we are here in Hawaii. It was difficult to do this with the airlines, and now the airlines have made it almost impossible. With the Super Ferry it will be some much easier, to share with family and friends.

People worry about traffic congestion. Well, for vehicles who are going to the outer islands on the ferry, there are vehicles coming back on the ferry. Maui and Kauai already have a traffic problems. The Super Ferry will bring more revenue to these islands that can be used to justify improving their road systems. Might we need less rental cars on all the islands because there are incentives to rent a car on one island and transport it by ferry when the renter visits another island, etc.?

10/24/2007

The Super Ferry is one of the best things that has come to Hawaii. Let's not loose it because of what-if thinking. The next disaster that will unfortunately hit Hawaii, will prove how indispensable the Super Ferry is to Hawaii, if we give it a chance.

Thank You for taking the time to read my testimony.

Much Aloha,

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## House Record

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**From:** RIT [rit1@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:45 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support of Hawaii Super Ferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance  
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TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

*I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry and the interisland services that it will provide. Having as additional mode of transportation between islands is an essential necessity in time of disaster.*

*Allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the Environmental Assessment and or the the Environmental Impact Statement is being conducted could be deemed as a 'trial or test period' in which the management of Hawaii Superferry could evaluate their business model.*

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:07 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION - 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  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Pono Lunn* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I feel the Hawaii Superferry is a viable means of transportation for the Kamaaina of Hawaii. I see no huge impact on the environment, no more than any other type of vehicle. It is unfair to single out this boat, when no other boat or airplane (private or military) has ever required this much attention.*

*There are many more pressing issues governing bodies should address (homelessness, health insurance, mass transit, etc.)*

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## House Record

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**From:** oramae [oramae@aloha.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:46 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** in Support of the Superferry to Kauai ...

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 *Ora Mae Barber* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*Kauai deserves to have the same transportation infrastructure that is being made to other islands and that they should not have to wait for the ferry service if they meet the minimum conditions that are needed for approval of the service.*

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## House Record

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**From:** Kawahine Toelupe [ktoelupe@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:42 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** I support the Hawaii SuperFerry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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*Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:*

*My name is Kawahinehelelani Kuuipo Toelupe, originally from Hau'ula, O'ahu and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.*

*I was born & raised in Hawaii, so I hope you can value my opinion regardless of the fact that I have lived in Utah for the last three years. My family & I come home to Hawaii every year and stay with my parents in Hau'ula, O'ahu, and have family spread out throughout the different islands. What a privilege it would be for me & my little 'ohana to be able to visit my grandmother in Waimea, Hawai'i, using my parents extra car and paying a really cheap rate as well as visit the other 'ohana on the other islands, rather than finding "great" flight rates that come and go as well as paying for a rental car.*

*Don't get me wrong, selfishly I'd love for the SuperFerry to be available for my use when I go home, but it would also be very convenient for family reunions between islands. My grandmother in Waimea could definitely benefit from more frequent visits from her children & grandchildren as well as medical treatments she gets @ Queens Hospital; my uncle and his excellent painting skills could benefit from job offers on outer-islands by*

*using his own equipment rather than renting;*

*I think you can detract (as far as money is concerned) from tourists, if this is a major issue, using the ferry by not allowing rental cars on the ferry.  
Please accept my testimony in favor of the ferry.*

*Mahalo nui loa.*

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