

House Record

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:53 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Written testimony

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 Dick Riegels and I hereby provide written testimony in support of the Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Hawaii Superferry has been unfairly and selectively scrutinized by individuals and groups whose motives and agendas are extremely divisive and ultimately damaging to our underlying and unifying spirit of aloha and community. The State Department of Transportation is being attacked for waiving the requirement for preparation of an EIS for minor harbor improvements. When has there been a call to stop Aloha or Hawaiian from flying when there have been similar minor improvements made to our airports? When has the addition of new aircraft by these carriers warranted an EIS? The same goes for Matson, Horizon, Pasha and Young Bros. When Budget, Avis or Hertz decides to add another 100 cars to their Kauai or Maui fleets, do they need to file an EIS? When Goodfellow Bros., Kiewit or Parsons barges a D-9 between islands, do they need to vacuum the cab and wash the undercarriage? Does Matson, Pasha or Young Bros. require that cars shipped from the mainland be likewise cleaned?

I read that I can't visit Maui by Superferry if I intend to camp or fish or harvest my friends' onions. Why don't we just let each of the islands become their own separate states? Except, if I remember correctly, the barriers being proposed by some of the environmental activists would most certainly run afoul of Federal laws protecting interstate commerce.

Let's allow common sense to prevail. Do what is right for all of the state's citizens. Let's not erect additional artificial impediments to trade and travel within Hawaii. Let's no longer be afraid to move forward and secure a dynamic and progressive future for our state.

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House Record

From: Doris Domingo [malahunadd@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:55 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Superferry

Attn: **The following Committees:**
Judiciary and Labor
Transportation and International Affairs
Energy and Environment
Subj: **Support Hawaii Superferry**

Dear Committee Chairs and Legislators,

My name is Doris L. Domingo and, after a lively e-mail correspondence with many of you, I am writing to you again today, Wednesday, October 24, 2007, to state simply:

THE SUPERFERRY MUST STAY!

This ferry will be an exciting and welcome enhancement to inter-island travel for islanders and visitors alike who have longed for an alternate form of transportation. This is it!

My take on the uproar over the waived Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is this:

If the mere preparation, completion and eventual submittal of the EIS **guarantees** the Superferry's operation, then why - in heaven's name - can't the Superferry run while this document is being prepared? This "probation" operation, if you will, would be an excellent chance to see how the daily ferry operation really works and how it affects us and just how good it can really be for many of us who want a change.

I feel Judge Cardoza's ruling is shortsighted and impractical!

I have real trouble with those protestors who feel they cannot give up a preferred surfing spot for just a few hours a day while the ferry is in port - any port.

And the "invasive species" issue is just ridiculous. Please tell me, just how are red dirt and ukus from Oahu different from those on Maui and Kauai?? Mainland cruise ships are much more likely to bring any unwanted marine species into these waters, yet they are permitted to operate freely in our ports and around our islands.

As in all my other correspondence which some of you may have received and some have not, I urge you once more to use your most innovative, proactive and forward-thinking approach - within the confines of the law - to make the daily Superferry operation a reality.

Mahalo for your attention.

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House Record

From: Ron Ohira [ron.ohira.b9p5@STATEFARM.COM]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:05 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Hawaii superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ronald T. Ohira and I just returned from Canada and rode the ferry from Vancouver to Victoria. I can see no environmental concerns or problems. Even the people of Canada cannot comprehend the reasons why some people are against the ferry. People from Hawaii (legislators and everyone) should experience the ferry system before making final conclusions. The ferry system does not cause any environmental problems; the only problems I see may be people smuggling illegal items over; but people probably do this on planes, trains, buses, etc. There are more good to come out of the SuperFerry than bad. Progress and change for a better future and better Hawaii. People of Hawaii, please open up your minds!

Thanks,

Ron Ohira

House Record

From: Shuguang Li [shuguang@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:57 PM
To: House Record
Subject: strong support for Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Shuguang Li* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii Superferry brings us a new way for interisland travel with competitive prices over air travel, the only option for now which may have price hike in the near future. If the small number of opponents drive out the Superferry, they take away our precious travel option and leave us a huge burden on interisland travel. More important they take away our right of choice. This is a democratic society. Majority should not be constrained to what minority wants. Plus the Superferry offers us a state-of-art technology. We should welcome such a new life! If we shut the door to this, we would be doing the same thing as those opponents against Galileo's Copernican theory did a few centuries ago.

I noticed the concern of those opponents. To me they are actually fighting for their own names, instead of for what they believe. For example, if they really believe that the Superferry could hurt whales, they should stop someone from building such ships in first place, by going to the US Supreme Court. If they succeed in our state, what they actually do is to drive the Superferry somewhere else "to hurt whales". In the waters around us, the Superferry is not the only ships that travel fast. Why should the Superferry be treated so poorly? Take a look of those opponents in Kauai, who don't care to break the law to stop operation of the Superferry. Why should we learn to such people?

Should you like more input from me, please feel free to contact me.

[Shuguang Li

supporter of Hawaii Superferry

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House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nani Leong and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Having the Super Ferry gives the people another option of transportation to the outer island. Especially with the high cost of airfare, having the Super Ferry will also allow people to take their vehicles where they could save on car rental.

This will also boost the economy on the outer islands.

Nani Leong

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:00 PM
To: House Record
Subject: For the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *LETTIE NAKAMURA* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I BELIEVE COMPETITION IS A GOOD THING AS IT STIMULATES THE ECONOMY, PROMOTES BUSINESSES, AND HELPS TO KEEP PRICES AFFORDABLE TO THE CONSUMER. THE SUPERFERRY OFFERS ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION TO THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII. IT WILL HELP FAMILIES TO REUNITE MORE OFTEN. CONSUMER GOODS WILL BE MORE ACCESSIBLE AND NOT LIMITED TO ONLY THAT ISLAND WHERE IT IS SOLD.

UNFORTUNATELY, ALTHOUGH THE MAJORITY MAY BE FOR THE SUPERFERRY, OUR VOICES MAY BE SILENT OR AT LEAST DROWNED OUT BY THE BLARING SOUNDS OF THOSE WHO ARE AGAINST IT. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE THE MINORITY FOR THEY ARE MAKING THE LOUDEST COMMOTION.

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House Record

From: TANYA NOVOA [tanyadnovo@msn.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:04 PM

To: House Record

To all whom this concerns,

I am in strong support of the Super Ferry. This amazing and cutting edge boat will offer the local people of the islands, another way to get around to visit friends and family, to provide services for each other in the human race. It will provide transportation for those who are afraid to fly. We should feel privileged that they built this boat, at a huge expense and a lot of work, to service us here in Hawaii! And I hope they can make a profit someday and not be spit at and trampled on. It is shameful.

The "warmongers" have tried very hard to instill fear from varying situations, all that seem, would be very unlikely and would be happening already from all the other boats that travel to and fro from island to island, and all the daily flights. They want the Super Ferry to OBEY this LETTER OF THE LAW, concerning the Environmental Impact. I wonder if they are law abiding citizens? They look like a lot of Pot Smokers to me and probably Drunk Drivers (which by the way kills thousands of PEOPLE every year!)

If Hawaii lets the Super Ferry leave it will be a very sad day in History. And I hope they would be able to find their place somewhere in the world. But Hawaii would be the best place!!! For we are in the middle nowhere and need this boat so we can prosper with our businesses and Not be stuck with air travel as our only option.!!

Please change the law so the Super Ferry can start their much needed service in the islands!!!! (Just trying to make it as a service will be challenging enough.. let alone with all these court battles...)

PLEASE HELP!

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House Record

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To: House Record
Subject: Against HB1 (for insertion into official record only)

From:
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For insertion into official record only.....

I would like to go on record as being in favor of having an Environmental Assessment process run its course before the Superferry is allowed to operate. There are too many questions that need to be answered. Especially on how the Superferry company is going to prevent illegal substances from going island to island. Are they going to search every vehicle with drug sniffing dogs? How are they going to prevent stolen vehicles from being transported to other islands? Are they going to screen each person so as not to have wanted felons traveling to other islands? Are they going to have the same type of security measures as is required by the airlines that are traveling island to island? I don't believe that this would be possible and still keep them on a timely schedule. Also, we all know that any type of delay will hinder traffic. Our roads are not ready to accommodate such large numbers of vehicles or delays in traffic.

The Superferry representatives, have told me at a previous meeting on the Big Island, that your pet can ride for free inside a car. Even with the windows open a few inches, it gets to be over 100 degrees inside a locked car which can cause brain damage and death within a very short time, never mind several hours. The cars will be giving off more heat from their warm engines because they would have traveled a distance to get to the port and then sit in line to get on board, making the area even hotter for pets. When I asked them if any testing was done to actually see how hot the inside of a closed and locked car would get on the Superferry, they said that no testing has been done. After the meeting, I gave them some literature on the subject that is distributed by the Humane Society of the United States. I doubt if anything has been done on this subject.

The answers that the Superferry give to the above questions are not satisfactory and no testing or investigations have been done to prove what they say is correct.

I believe nothing should have gone forward without having an Environmental Assessment (or preferably an Environmental Impact Statement) completed in the first place. The Superferry people knew of the dangers, and that is why they tried to get away without the Environmental Assessment. Shame on Governor Lingle for going along with this.

If the state government is worried about future businesses wanting to do business in Hawaii if the Superferry is made to do an Environmental Assessment, then it should have thought of that before the Superferry was

allowed to proceed. If an exception is made for the Superferry, what type of message does this send to other companies.

People are expected to abide by the laws of the government. It is now time that the people make sure the government abides by the same laws. It is not right to change the laws to allow any one group, company or person to get around the original law.

Humpback whales and Monk seals are endangered species. A person can be fined and/or imprisoned for even harassing them. To allow the Superferry to proceed as planned, at a speed in excess of 13 knots, would intentionally be putting these endangered species in harms way. Tourists come to Hawaii especially to view the endangered Humpback whales, not their carcasses.

I am all for progress, but it must be done according to law and in consideration for our environment.

Thank you for your consideration,

Madelyn R. Barrea

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From: MHanson170@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:44 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I Support the Superferry running without further EIS requirements

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mike Hanson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think this whole sordid affair has gone on long enough. All these environmental groups and political activists had two years to make their objections known. In the meantime, millions of our tax dollars were invested in bonds to support the harbor improvements and the construction of the ships as well. If the Superferry is sunk, you can expect that the company will sue the state for millions of dollars more to recoup their losses, money that will again come from the pockets of the state's residents. It's hypocritical that Matson and the Young Brothers and all the other forms of interisland transportation are not required to perform EIS'es but the Superferry is being forced to do so. I urge the state legislature to allow the ferry to operate until the EIS is completed and to further put a limit on just how much power these environmental groups have in influencing state of Hawaii affairs over the majority of residents.

Michael S. Hanson, Milliani, HI; 626-1335 (h)

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From: HOWLAYBOI@aol.com
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To: House Record
Subject: (no subject)

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro;

My name is Patrick J. Shea, I can't summit in person but, I would like to support the Hawaii Superferry, because I think it can help make the difference for the state of Hawaii going to the outer islands for vacation and for the farmers and other businesses for shipping out products. It also would be another great way to see the coastal lines of the islands. Also everyone must obey the rules.

Thank you,
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From: Sally Raisbeck [sallyraisbeck@earthlink.net]
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To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

**Relating to HB 1 Relating to Transportation
Requiring an Environmental Impact Statement, oversight Task force, etc.**

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007 **TIME:** 9:00am
PLACE: Auditorium
Please distribute copies to the House members. Mahalo.

FROM: Sally Raisbeck, 427 Liholiho Street, Wailuku HI 96793
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007**

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

MY POSITION: Please honor the Court's decision to require an Environmental Review of the HDOT Harbor project **BEFORE** allowing the Superferry to operate. **If you pass this bill, please include the 29 conditions proposed by the Maui delegation (based on the court testimony during the recent trial.)**

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PLEASE DONT FORCE ME TO JUMP INTO KAHULUI HARBOR ----

THE SHOCK COULD KILL ME!

<!--[if !supportEmptyParas]--><!--[endif]-->If the governor breaks the law, and the courts say she did, and if the legislature changes the law to accommodate one special interest, what is left for a citizen who believes in the rule of law to do? Obviously, civil disobedience is required in that case.

People on Maui and Kauai are very angry. They are very worried about the effects of the Superferry. Don't believe the spin on the polls, especially that terrible Qmark poll. The Star-Bulletin poll, done by SMS Research, showed that 70 percent of Maui respondents considered traffic, alien species, and whale strikes to be problems. Kauai was more worried about importing alien species; 74 percent thought that would be a problem. I have attached written information with the details of that poll.

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Most of my life I have been very law-abiding. HRS' 343 is a good law. When the governor and the Superferry broke the law, and persisted in their conduct, I lost all confidence in the executive branch. If the legislative branch condones that law-breaking, and rewards the governor and the Superferry for it, I will also lose all confidence in the legislature. What is a citizen to do, when those who have sworn to uphold the law, treat a good law as a nuisance and an inconvenience to be short-circuited for the benefit of certain interests?

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There's a famous saying **DON'T LOCK THE DOOR AFTER THE HORSE IS GONE.** Doing the EIS after the ferry operation starts would do that.

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As far as putting the governor in charge of so-called mitigation efforts, there's another old saying: **DON'T PUT THE FOX IN CHARGE OF THE HENHOUSE.**

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Again I say,

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Sally Raisbeck, age 77

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House Record

From: amoline@clearwire.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:57 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry

dear chairs souki and oshiro.....i am adrienne morine. I support the hawaii superferry as Hawaii needs another mode of transportation. the Molokai, lanai, and maalaea ferries operate in whale birthing waters without any trouble. why single out the superferry?? i will be unable to attend the thurs. meeting
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House Record

From: Manuheali'i Inc. [manuhealii@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:17 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION- Superferry support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Our company, Manuheali'i Inc. is looking forward to expand our business opportunities to the outer islands. We would be in favor of transporting our textile goods aboard the Superferry in the future.

Danene Lunn

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From: Kirby L. Shaw [shawk001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:24 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kirby L. Shaw and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry for the following reasons: First, I will be able to take my vehicle with me to the neighbor islands. My van is a wheelchair accessible vehicle and it will allow me, a power wheelchair user, to visit places that I would not ordinarily be able to go. To my knowledge, there are no car rental agencies that rent wheelchair accessible vehicles on Maui, Kaua'i, or Hawai'i island. Second, I'll spend money at local businesses, which would benefit the local economies. Third, traveling by sea vessel is a beautiful way to visit our islands. Fourth, it is very difficult for me to get on and off planes and my wheelchair gets damaged each trip. Fifth, I very much want to visit the neighbor islands, but I avoid doing so because of the hassle, which also means that I do not spend money in those places. Sixth, it will benefit our economy.

I am a person of Hawaiian ancestry. I respect the aina and the people of those places and would not violate their homes by staying long and leaving trash. Indeed, I also realize that we must protect the whales. Therefore, I strongly request that the legislation will call for respect of the neighbor islands and their people and provide adequate protections for the vulnerable whales.

Mahalo nui,

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House Record

From: Chris B. [emcb69@hotmail.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Chris Buell, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am a resident of the state of Illinois, and will be a possible tourist that has interest in traveling to the state of Hawaii to enjoy, and learn about the culture of the state of Hawaii, and all it has to offer.

Being a traveler to your great state, I would hope, and would only expect, that as myself being a citizen of the United States I would have the freedom to choose to travel by any mode of transportation available from Island to Island unrestricted.

I learned about the "Hawaii super ferry" many months ago, and was very impressed, and excited at the lengths this company has taken to assure, and reassure the state and country, and its citizens of the safety measures it has taken in the construction of this vessel. Not to mention the care in which the well being of the environment through this vessels unique, and advanced systems will be respected, and assured.

This vessel, as far as I have been able to research, is one of the most environmentally safe, and friendly modes of transportation afloat in the world, if not one of the safest, and most versatile vessels as well.

I do not understand why there has been such adversity over such a positive move to improve the well being, freedom of movement, and safety of individuals, while also improving the environmental impact over any other previous system currently in use.

Other systems, and companies have had no hindrances, or question as to its operations in these waters even though all other systems have a very clear and negative impact on the air, water, and environment, compared to that of the new, advanced, and updated improvements a environmentally friendly vessel like the Hawaii Super ferry will have.

As a citizen of the united states I am offended that anyone would hinder my freedom of movement around this great country by any mode of transportation available to the general public such as the Hawaii Superferry.

I and many others like me have fought, and given of my body and our lives, through our service to our country to uphold our freedom of movement throughout this country, as well as all are freedoms upheld by our constitution.

10/24/2007

Due to the fact that no other mode of transportation has ever had this much controversy as to it's operations in and around the state of Hawaii, I cannot help but think that this issue has less to do about the environment, and has more to do with special interest groups, and there private agendas.

I only see a positive change in allowing this ferry system to operate in the state of Hawaii. I see only great things ahead for the improvement of quality of life for all, that extends way beyond your borders!

The freedom of movement, increase of jobs and agricultural exchange, and this being another mode of transportation for our citizens freedom of movement is a great thing.

In closing I would hope that the citizens and the governmental body will make the right decision to allow the Hawaii super ferry to operate unhindered, and to improve the rights, freedoms, and lives of it's citizens.

Most sincerely,
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jason G. Bryant and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I live on the island of Kauai and I can only see positive things that this Superferry will bring. Hawaii needs alternative methods of travel and shipping. In my opinion Kauai is not against the Superferry. The small number of people that you see protesting are just that, a "small number of people". I have lived on Kauai my entire life and my family has been here for more than four generations. I have looked at pictures of those that are protesting here on Kauai and the majority of them don't look like they should be representing the Kauai people. Those "transplants" that you see are not the majority! You as politicians need to decide who you are for. Make your decision in the best interest of Hawaii's people. The people who have many generations under the Hawaiian sun.

If the Superferry is truthfully breaking the law then justice must be served. They have gotten the "go ahead" from the Department of Transportation and now they are road blocked when push comes to shove. If the Department of Transportation made the error then they should be held accountable. Why does the Superferry need to pay for some one's error?

Despite the out come I hope that you are able to bring the truth to the people as to what is right and wrong.

God Bless all of you as you tackle such a controversial topic.

10/24/2007

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House Record

From: Gary [gdespars@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry because it provides necessary transportation to the outer islands. My wife and I plan to take our car and explore the many sites on the outer islands.

Please allow the superferry to operate. Most Hawaii residents seem to support this cause.

Mahalo,

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House Record

From: Al Kober [akober@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:31 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Attn: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Since I will not be able to attend the hearing on the Hawaii Superferry, I would like to express my opinion on this matter by E-mail.

I am strongly in favor of the Superferry, since it will provide a much needed alternate, convenient means of transportation between the Hawaiian islands. In addition, the Superferry will provide competition for the airlines, which have had a monopoly on interisland transportation for far too long.

Sincerely,

Alfred E. Kober PhD

House Record

From: Crazyboutmaui@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:35 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

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

Hawaii is my favorite place in the world and I think that the ferry will be a great mode of transportation. The locals will be able to use it to travel from island to island even with their cars. The airlines are too expensive even for them. It is a wonderful way to travel to the islands for the visitors, also.

Mary Stanfield

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House Record

From: Steve Pratt [bigbadstevepratt@yahoo.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Stephen Pratt and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I believe that the competition for the airlines will be good for consumers. I also believe that the jobs will help to strengthen Hawaii's economy and put more money back into Hawaii through tourism. Student would have the potential to visit other islands for field trips. Also intrastate competitions between musical groups would become much more of an event.

I do not intend to submit a statement in-person.

/s

Stephen Pratt

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From: Kristy Lightfoot [lightfootkristy@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:37 PM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kristy Lightfoot* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Superferry will benefit the local people of Hawaii. It will make traveling to other islands more affordable and convenient, especially those with large families and small children. I have three children ages 8, 4 and 1 and when we travel we have to lug around in addition to our luggage, 3 booster seats, a double stroller and we need to rent a large vehicle which costs more than a compact. I also have some family members that are very afraid to fly and will not fly, we were looking forward to them being able to travel with us. If for some reason the airlines go on strike or for any reason, as remote as they may be, stop flying the Superferry would give us another option.

I that if the Superferry is eliminated then the cruise ships should also be eliminated. Besides not allowing vehicles what's the difference?

Mahalo,

*Kristy Lightfoot
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House Record

From: Bob Millslagle [bmillslagle@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:42 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SuperFerry

My wife and I are supporters of the SuperFerry. We were not able to attend the meeting on the Big Island as we both have jobs, and are not available during work hours. We feel that the majority of the ferry supporters are working when the meeting was held. After reading in West Hawaii Today, that the majority of the people attending were against the Superferry, we feel it was necessary to show our support. We are also concerned that many seem to be misinformed.....wondering why the Superferry did not perform the "required" environmental impact report. It is our understanding that report was not required but if it is now, why is it not also applicable to other interisland transporters?

Bob and Barbara Millslagle

House Record

From: Tomoko Matsumoto [tomo@dougandtomo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:42 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry
Importance: High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Tomoko Matsumoto* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need alternative ways to travel Hawaiian Islands. I have travelled in Canada using B.C. Ferries. What a great way to travel and spend time in this hectic world! I am sure that people here will enjoy and appreciate Hawaii much more by traveling on Superferry.

In addition, airline traveling is not suitable for everybody. It will be easier for handicapped people to take Superferry rather than a airplane.

Cruise ships are a whole lot more terrible environmentally. Superferry is so tiny compared with sizes of other ships and barge I see in Hawaiian Seas. And think about how much CO2 airplanes produce!

We definitely need another method of traveling inter-island.

Tomoko Matsumoto

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House Record

From: jmsmith@sonic.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:26 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry@hawaiisuperferry.com

Dear Legislators,

We are residents of Hawaii Kai, and also world travelers, and have been shocked at the reasons which have been trotted out in an attempt to stop the Superferry.

The arguments that opponents only seek to delay, not stop, are specious, because the overhead expenses of keeping the Superferry and its crew idle, or underemployed, are so heavy that the company either goes bankrupt or sells the ferry to other island nations who are eagerly waiting for more high-speed ships like this.

The environmental arguments about protecting the whales have us shaking our heads incredulously. They want to protect migrating whales, they say.

Where do the whales migrate to? Alaska. So last June we were in Alaska riding the state-operated high-speed ferry in the Alaska Marine Highway system through whale waters, zipping along at 40 mph, and no-one was shouting "slow down". Instead, the Park Service naturalist on board was inviting passengers to spot the whales and dolphins. We did, we saw a whale.

The Alaska state high-speed ferry operates on the same schedule year-round. If the captain feels there is a potential problem with marine life, he or she will sensibly slow down. They don't have Sierra Club monitors telling the captain how fast he or she may go.

Has the Sierra Club ever complained about the Alaska High-speed ferry? Have they ever given you hard data that the Alaska ferry -- which is just like the Hawaii Superferry - - is a whale-killer? Has the National Park Service ever complained to anyone about the Alaska high-speed ferry?

Please do the right thing for Hawaii and let the Superferry operate without any conditions or restrictions, and rely on the crews' common sense. That's what Alaska does at the other end of the whales' migrating path.

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House Record

From: Expertvictor@cs.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:40 PM
To: House Record
Cc: PESEPS@aol.com; richard.a.tudor@navy.mil
Subject: I am strongly in favor of the Hawaii Superferry!

Dear Mr. Souki and Mr. Oshiro:

I was a Hawaii resident for nearly 34 years and during much of that time my life depended upon, one way or another, the inter-island movement of cargoes, bulk and break bulk. I also had to make frequent inter-island trips involving sales and product promotion calls, plus management of outer island subsidiaries. To me the Superferry is akin to the internet for Hawaii, finally allowing for ease in delivery of locally produced goods directly to island markets and finally allowing local farmers and manufacturers direct access to Honolulu and other markets. We all recall SeaFlite, a gallant attempt to give an alternative means of interisland travel, but the new system is significantly different due to the march of technology over the past 20 years. The Superferry concept will revolutionize inter-island transport and travel. What need is there for and EIS? Not quite daily, there are new activities in the marine environment, new vessels calling from the far east and other new craft coming and going including Matson, Young Bros and Horizon, plus coal vessels and cruise ships (are you checking the balast water from these vessels? Not a problem for Superferry). Why is the Superferry singled out for special attention? I can only imagine how cost effective it would be for my company to deliver goods in its own trucks from Honolulu to Kahului, Hilo, Kona, and Nawiliwili customers...Big changes in transportation, internet or whatever technology come with uncertainty, but that is no reason not to move ahead...

Sincerely,

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House Record

From: Dennis Klimke [klimked001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

I attended the meeting last evening in Kona. I believe the Superferry has become the flash point for many issues that have not been addressed by local and state government. These issues render the voter with a helpless feeling that their government has failed them, so now they are able to take issue with much emotion on the Superferry to relieve this frustration.

I recommend the following:

- Let the Superferry Sail pending a EIS.
- Have all other commercial and tourist vessels submit to a EIS within two years
- Give explicit guidelines to the Superferry of what Military equipment or munitions it may carry, and alert the public via internet when the military is going to utilize the ferry
- Work with the DLNR to establish limits on reef fishing and gathering. A license system with monitoring on the ferry would evaluate what has been caught or gathered.
- More thought EIS on new developments, that would take into consideration the harm to reefs and aquatics like

Thus, I feel the Superferry issue is multi-pronged, and many issues have to be addresses in order to make this system workable

Regards
Dennis Klimke
Holualoua, Hi

House Record

From: Berg Family [twc8089666009@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Restore the Hawaii Superferry!

Esteemed Representatives:

This citizen supports action enabling the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EIS is prepared, if such a document is required.

The HSF will facilitate Hawaiian citizens to travel to other portions of the state in an affordable fashion. Businesses will find markets previously closed due to inter-island air and barge restrictions. Athletic teams and canoe hui can participate in events on other islands. The HSF unites the State of Hawaii better than the other transportation options.

Opponents to HSF will have you believe the boats are a threat to whales and transport invasive species. The EIS will address this. It seems obvious that cruise ships and cargo barges also pose the same threats (perhaps even greater since their boats are propeller driven, verses the jet boats of the HSF), yet their operations are not under the same sanctions. If the State requires HSF to provide a retro-active EIS then these other operators should be required for the same. Certainly, a lawsuit will follow that demands equal treatment for all operators.

Speak to most HSF opponents off the record and they'll reveal the true source of their opposition. HSF opponents are xenophobic: They do not want others coming over to surf their waves, catch their fish, hunt their game. Of course this opinion cannot be stated on the public record because it is narrow-minded, ugly localism. The Neighbor Islands are not owned by feudal *konoiki* who own these resources! This attitude is contrary to uniting the islands as one State.

Opponents of the HSF baffle me: this operation has been planned for years to much enthusiasm, yet at the last moment opponents appear and cease HSF operations. Where have they been? The motion to halt HSF operation should have been brought up long ago.

I could not attend the Neighbor island meetings this week. As you know from correspondence, the vast majority of citizens want the HSF. I do not have a vested interest in the success of the HSF, however I do want the option for its services. I ask you to take whatever legislative action is necessary to resume operation for the HSF.

Sincerely-

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House Record

From: Ed Ginoza [ginozae002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:02 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Superferry

My husband and I live on Maui, Our grown children and other relatives live on Oahu. The ferry offers us an alternative to visit them that is very attractive-something that people who have family on other islands can really relate to. On holidays, we can bring gifts as well as luggage instead of mailing them-when setting up our children in their college dorms, we can bring their bookshelves, computers, bedding, etc. with us instead of buying everything new on college island, and then discarding or shipping items back at the terms end. Traveling with small children would not be so hard on us and children, as one can bring diaper bags, strollers as well as regular luggage. One can now buy larger unavailable pond, pool equipment and such that is not available on outer islands, and more importantly, see the equipment-something one can not do when ordering on-line. Families of modest means can now take family vacations to other islands like we did on the mainland. IT IS OUTRAGEOUS THAT WE ARE THE ONLY STATE IN THE UNION WHERE MOST CITIZENS HAVE ONLY ONE WAY TO GO TO ANOTHER PART OF THE STATE , AND THAT IS BY AIR. RECENTLY THE ONE-WAY FARE TO MOLOKAI BY AIR WAS APPROACHING TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS! MAHALO FOR YOUR TIME. ED AND JUDY GINOZA

House Record

From: Steven & Amy Chu [chus004@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:59 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Supporting Super Ferry

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

My name is *Steven Chu* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Super Ferry for my family to travel between the Islands using my own vehicle, seeing the other islands from the ocean, a different mode of transportation. I am a retiree, have lived all my life on Oahu, have traveled back and forth to Maui, Big Island, Molokai, Lanai, and Kauai. Have rented automobile's and 4 wheel drive vehicle's and now have an option to drive aboard the super Ferry without the hassle of auto rentals. This mode of transportation will allow my family and I to travel more often between islands. See the beautiful islands by sea, easier to transport larger items by vehicle without the inconvenience of the air lines (50 lbs limit).

My friends and I have recently planned our trips to the islands a year ago before retirement and was looking forward on visiting other islands during the week days, we were very much shocked by the Super Ferry protestors on Kauai and recent news on Maui and really felt like these individual should be more respectful to our island locals that only wanted this new mode of transportation between Islands. Thank you for listing.

Steven N. Chu

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House Record

From: John & Karen Glover [jon.kauai@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:48 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Supperferry Input

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am John Glover from Kauai and the Hawaii Supperferry is a much needed service for Kauai and the rest of Hawaii.

I have not met anyone who doesn't support it. I think it is a very vocal and small minority who oppose the Supperferry. Please let the people have this invaluable service that they want.]

Aloha

John C. Glover

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House Record

From: Robert Williams [robert@realestatehawaii.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:00 PM
To: House Record
Cc: Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye; Rep. Jerry Chang; Rep. Robert Herkes; Sen. Russell Kokubun; Rep. Josh Green
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert G. Williams, President of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce and I am testifying today that the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the Superferry. We believe that the Legislature should craft legislation that allows the Superferry to operate while protecting the environment and completing the EA or EIS as needed. With the polls running approximately 80% in favor of the Superferry, it is clear that the public wants the option of another form of interisland transportation. To allow this project to fail after hundreds of millions of dollars of public and private money has been spent would be a colossal mistake that the State of Hawaii cannot afford to make.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Williams

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House Record

From: Reina Angelo-Kukar [rangelo@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:00 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Reina Angelo-Kukar and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have lived in these islands all my life, and like many others I have family on different Islands. This would be a great opportunity for our islands to see a different side of transportation and see the majestic ocean views of the Island which many of us including myself have never seen before. It seems that such a small percentage of people are opposing this people and feel that the majority are not even from here. I think of this as an opportunity to not just myself and my family but to the people of Hawaii to see the majestic beauty of the Islands from a different form of view instead of just flying over the islands. I have been waiting for this moment, I remember as a young child going to Washington state and riding on the ferries to the different islands. I enjoyed the scenery so much with my Father and Mother and would play games and see how many Jellyfish we could find in the lakes. Please do not let this opportunity fail for the people of Hawaii. I vote, I pay taxes, I want to have the Superferry so my family can go Island to Island. Please vote yes for the Superferry.

Reina Angelo-Kukar

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House Record

From: Harold Hoffman [hoffman_harold@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:07 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

Dear Sirs,

As a business owner and a resident of the Big Island (Hilo) I support the Superferry and feel that they should get a temporary permit to continue running while EIRs are being completed. I do however believe that they can work hand in hand with the discenters in coming up with a compromise that allows for the discenters to "ride along" and report their findings with the House and Senate committees when the final report is made and perhaps the Superferry can mitigate any problems found along the way with immediate corrective procedures.

Respectfully,

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House Record

From: Cyrus B Hall [hallcb@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:02 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I fully support thr Hawaii Superferry. This is the greatest means of transportation for all residents of Hawaii and vistors to Hawaii.

Impact to Hawaii? Does Young Brothers, Matson, Airlines, etc have a daily impact on the environment?

Why does the "new kid" on the block ALWAYS have a extremely hard time getting into the good ole boys territory!

WE desperately NEED this service to be a part of the Hawaiian life to bring all of us together, NOW.

Mary Ann Hall

House Record

From: Cher Mungovan [in2deep@allmaui.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:50 PM
To: House Record
Cc: All Senators; All Reps
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT the Superferry, and EMPLORE YOU to allow them to operate whilst obtaining any EIS.

I feel it was grossly unfair that hearings were held on Maui during the day, when the majority of supporters of the Superferry were working, like myself, and MOST other supporters I know. I run a business, and it was IMPOSSIBLE for me to leave my jobsite, and employees, to attend the hearing. I feel the MAJORITY of attendees at any of these hearings throughout the islands, are those who are retired, or who don't have a job, and have generally spend most of their time over the past years', objecting to ANY changes to our Islands SINCE they moved here.

I've lived here for 37 years, and I could have complained about a multitude of changes to our island, but progress is progress, and it happens in EVERY community, in EVERY country in the world.

I was here when the Hydrofoil entered the ocean marketplace, planing across the ocean with a flat ocean vehicle, at a VERY fast speed. NO-ONE required them to do an EIS statement, and they operated in and out of Maalaea Harbor, Maui where the MAJORITY of whales congregate yearly.

- 1) I have two disabled people in my household who cannot fly and need medical attention on Oahu. I have to take boats. I want to drive them to Oahu, using the Superferry.
- 2) I have clients on other islands who want me to complete jobs. I have to ship equipment I need on Maui via Young Brothers, taking nearly 2 WEEKS with loading and off-loading, when I need that equipment up until the day I need to work on the other islands. I want to move equipment on trailers via the Superferry.
- 3) I have a house on the Big Island, and want to use the Superferry to drive my truck there so I can pick up materials and make repairs for my in-laws when service is available there.

There will always be those who take advantage of a new opportunity.

Require the State to have a Drug Dog to check vehicles/tires/luggage.

There are a lot of things that CAN be implemented to protect us, WITHOUT sending the Superferry back to the mainland.

PLEASE do the RIGHT THING for the majority of us who WANT the Superferry.

Sincerely

Cher Mungovan

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House Record

From: Cyrus B Hall [hallcb@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:07 PM
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Subject: RE: Hawaii Superferry

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:02 PM
To: 'HouseRecord@Capitol.hawaii.gov'
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House Record

From: Rozalyn K. Teixeira [kaleitex@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:07 PM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Rozalyn K. Teixeira* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly feel that this is another and more convenient mode of travel, especially for those who have special needs. By this I mean for citizens who are wheelchair bound, air flight is very hard and use of bathroom situation has not been provided by the airlines.

Rozalyn K. Teixeira

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:14 PM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Richard Philip Wallett* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

In my particular case, I am retired, and live on my retirement income only. In order to travel at all, I NEED the Superferry. Flying is too expensive. The Superferry will allow me access to better medical care (off island) and in the Superferry case, a more relaxed mode of travel.

In the larger view, the Superferry will unite all the islands of Hawaii into the one Ohana it is supposed to be, Right now, we have basically five mini-states fighting and not trusting one another. The families will be drawn closer, and that is what we need.

Richard P. Wallett

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House Record

From: russ moeai [russmoeai01 @hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:14 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry !

Aloha !

My name is Russell Moeai and I am in favor of the superferry ! I feel it's a great way to have more than one choice to visit the other islands. Also, being a home care nurse it's a great way for physically challenged individuals to travel interisland. As some of the people tthat i work with have a hard time to get on an airplane. It actually is a nightmare for quadraplegics who really have a hard time getting off a wheelchair and getting into an airplane seat. Also they can take their own transportation which is modified for them. Also, with the past accidents we've had with the air-medical service this is a great alternative. With this alternative mode of interisland travel it'll keep money in the state. If you have any questions regarding my statement feel free to contact me! Mahalo, Russ Moeai

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House Record

From: Barbara Poor [tasteofhanalei@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:18 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Pro Superferry

TO: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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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 Barbara Poor, my company is Taste of Hanalei and I strongly support HB 1 and Hawaii Superferry.

I have a business that is trying VERY HARD to get off the ground and The SuperFerry has ordered and paid for my product. I would very much like more orders from this company so my Kauai business can continue to thrive and grow. Please let the SuperFerry continue to run while the necessary EIS permitting is take place. This is an opportunity for small business to grow along with a chance for people to choose an alternative interisland route.

Sincerely

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