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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:47 PM
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Subject: PRO-SuperFerry

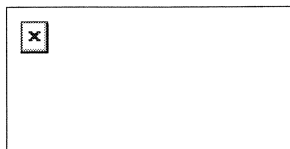
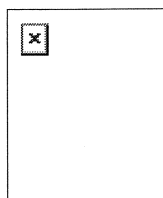
To Whom it may Concern . . .

Both my husband and I are in favor of the Super Ferry and have been since we first heard about it. We've traveled on a similar vessel traveling between the island of New Zealand. It's a fabulous idea for our islands!

In addition to opening our abilities to visit our neighboring islands, it affords us a more economical way to do business with our neighboring islands. My husband builds canoes and has had "hit or miss" luck shipping them undamaged to the outer islands, where many of his customers are. He was looking forward to the Super Ferry as a way to add a "personal" touch to his business by taking the finished canoes directly to his customers.

Environmental concerns . . . I believe the concerns one might have for the Super Ferry would be the same concerns for **any** vessel in our Hawaiian waters. Even sailors, motor boaters, surfers, and canoe paddlers have been known to come upon a whale or dolphin or turtle without warning.

Thank you for listening to your constituents,



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From: Tina Tanaka [tina@moss-engineering.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:27 PM
To: House Record
Cc: Rick Moss
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry
Attachments: 2007-10-24 Support for Hawaii Superferry.pdf

Aloha:

Please find attached, testimony letter by Richard M. Moss (President of MOSS Engineering, Inc.).
(Richard doesn't plan on testifying in person.)

Should you have any questions in regard to the aforementioned, please feel free to contact Richard M. Moss at (808) 951-6632 x11. He may also be reached via e-mail at rick@moss-engineering.net.

Mahalo,

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Richard M. Moss, P.E.

October 24, 2007

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Committee on Energy and Environment

RE: Support for Hawaii Superferry

Chairs Taniguchi, English, Menor, and Members of the Respective Committees on Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment:

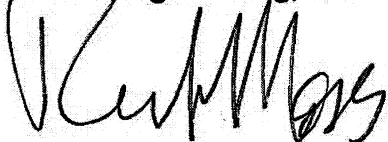
As the President of a local Electrical/Lighting Engineering firm, I, Richard M. Moss, express strong support for the Hawaii Superferry. The Hawaii Superferry is an excellent alternative means of transportation between our beautiful Hawaiian islands for individuals and businesses. Small and medium sized businesses would benefit from expanded opportunities for their goods and services on the other islands.

The Hawaii Superferry offers all of us a choice in travel modes and another way of shipping supplies to another island. Many of our clients conduct business on neighbor islands and we would all benefit from the option of transporting project teams and cars to the neighbor island job sites.

My support of the Hawaii Superferry is offered with due respect to the Legislature's ultimate decision on the requirements of the legislation.

Very truly yours,

MOSS Engineering, Inc.



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House Record

From: Diane Rozumski [rozumskid@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:22 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry Written Testimony - Rozumski

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are *Henry and Diane* Rozumski and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Testimony not to be submitted in-person.

There are three main reasons why we support the Hawaii Superferry.

Versus any interIsland flight, the Superferry is a much more comfortable and relaxing ride(especially when travelling with children), where one can carry more baggage, get to a bathroom much easier, drive on your own vehicle and feel more refreshed at your destination. Hawaii residents will want to visit their friends and relatives more frequently.

Secondly, having another mode of interIsland transportation can only spawn more competition with the three other air-mode choices. This usually translated to lower ticket prices.

Lastly, because of the Superferry water-surface design with its internal blades, this can only reduce the wake, noise and disturbance to marine life. Water animals and mammals instinctively avoid such man-made surface water craft. I (Henry) was raised in New Zealand, where they use a more intrusive boat design for their interIsland water transport system between the North and South Islands. New Zealand is the most marine and 'green' conscious country in the world. They gave a green-light to their ferry system without much political commotion and relied on common-sense and science to perform their environmental impact analysis.

//signed//

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To: House Record
Subject: No Subject

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Christine Soares* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am supporting the Hawaii Superferry because it gives the people of Hawaii another mode of transportation other than air. I would like to see the state give the Superferry a fair chance to service the islands of Oahu, Kauai and Maui and hopefully Hawaii. I have watched, listened and read the television, radio and the newspapers on issues of the superferry. I want to say that each and every person living in the state of Hawaii has a voice and a choice. I choose to use my voice to speak for the superferry. As a resident with family on four of our state's islands I would use the ferry to travel to and from. I feel that it is my choice to take my personal vehicle to drive when I arrive and not rent a vehicle. The protesters may feel strongly about the newcomer, but we have other sea transportation that have been around for tens of years.

All businesses should be checked at unannounced visits to assure that safety is a priority and that laws and procedures are followed.

What does the horrible protesting and condemnation of a new business show visitors and businesses that are thinking of coming to Hawaii? We are civilized and educated citizens who should act accordingly. Speaking up at hearings and getting involved in keeping our state a fair and equal opportunity for business is what we should focus on. Everyday citizens reach out to the elected to do their job efficiently and effectively that's why we vote. Hearings are where citizens can learn about issues that are being considered and this is where we can take the first steps.

We all need to work together, no matter what the issue or where in the state we live. The state of Hawaii is unique as we are made up of islands with no bridges to cross or tunnels. The superferry would provide another method of transportation from island to island for day to day travel as well as for emergencies and shipping of daily necessities.

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House Record

From: Jim [jim@kau-hi.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. It is a much needed form of transportation to these islands.

I grow avocados here in Kau which are hard to sell locally because the area is flooded with them. There is a good market on the other islands but shipping by Young brothers or the airlines is to expensive. The Superferry would help in solving this problem and similar problems for many small farmers on all islands.

I am in support of HB 1 that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

*Thank you.
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House Record

From: chad [chad-honuhomes@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:24 PM
To: House Record
Subject: We support the Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I Chad Nakaahiki & family SUPPORT the Superferry & FAIR business practices for all.

Chad Nakaahiki

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House Record

From: C Cardenas [cardenasc@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:25 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Support

Aloha,

My name is C Cardenas and I am not affiliated with either the Superferry nor the outspoken environmentalists. Rather I represent myself and my family. I am a single parent and so I am unable to take off of work to make in-person comments. Please accept this written testimony in lieu of my attendance.

My first issue is whether the Superferry addresses the environmental impacts while operating in Hawaiian waters. I believe the Superferry has addressed them appropriately and will not cause any more impact to the environment than other vessels coming in and out of port to include Navy ships, commercial tugs/container ships, ocean liners, or private yachts/sailboats. The Navy's High Speed Vessel (HSV) has visited our ports and is exactly the same hull as the Superferry. It's visit caused no concern, nor damage to our environment/whales, even though it brought over many cars and boats from San Diego and traversed at high speeds in the Pacific Ocean.

The second issue is whether a Constitutional change should be made to allow the Superferry to operate while an EA/EIS is being developed. I believe the Constitution needs to be remain intact and fear that exceptions weaken our Constitution.

My third issue is about the behavior of folks who tried to take material from Maui. That was wrong. But it is also wrong to blame the Superferry for that bad behavior. Was it the airlines fault that the 9/11 hijackers flew an airplane into the twin towers? We all know that all advances can be used for good or ill. It's up to us, the users, to self-monitor...to learn to behave!

The final issue is that frankly, I am embarrassed by the behavior of the folks who represent the environmental concerns of Hawaii. Many of us care about this island where we were born and raised, and while I do not agree entirely with their viewpoint on this issue, I would like to think that they would have enough class to represent themselves in an honorable manner, especially in public. People will dismiss your opinion when they see you acting in a childish manner, no matter how valid your opinion is.

Thank you for your consideration and I pray that the right decision is made for all of us.

Aloha,
C Cardenas

House Record

From: Jayne [jarmijo1@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:31 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

My name is Jayne Armijo, I live on Maui, I say shame on Linda Lingle for allowing this mess, I voted for her, I won't again in any capacity, I feel we do not need another added headache to our AINA! The traffic is already over burdened and getting from Lahaina to Kahului and back is already a mess, I am a co-owner of a shuttle company and it used to be a turned around of 1 hour 30 minutes round trip from Kaanapali to Kahului now it is 2-2 ½ hours maybe on a good day! Can you imagine what it's going to be like once this SUPER FERRY comes rolling into town, get the infrastructure in first and then think about the SUPER FERRY and th3e3 locqals who have to live her, You know how many people come here and say they'll never come back that Maui has been destroyed, to much building to much trash! What Linda did is wrong who bought her? We as a public should of had a voice, She did allow that she decided this a long time a go! MONEY TALKS and the LOCALS suffer; I say follow the laws that are put forth for a reason and not broken by the powers that we elected. Again SHAME on LINDA LINGLE.

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House Record

From: Lothar Eiserloh [hwg1@mac.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:30 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry - Please Support HB1

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Carole de Angelis Eiserloh* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

You already know the importance of the Super Ferry for agriculture, business and emergency transportation. I am writing you as a Maui grandmother who would be able to visit my 4 Oahu grandchildren more often if I could bring my own auto. Renting a car has become prohibitive for us. During the coming Holidays, we would like to spend 3 weeks with them, with Holiday car rental rates, it will cost \$1,000 for a compact car! We are both retired. We can't afford that and gifts for the family. (Unfortunately, we must have a car where my son lives because the public transportation and shopping is too far away to walk.)

Please remember the families of Hawaii and allow the Super Ferry to run while the EIS is being performed.

Mahalo,

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House Record

From: Jim Albertini [ja@interpac.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:41 PM
To: House Testimony; House Record
Subject: Testimony Against HB 1

Aloha Representatives:

I speak against HB1.

The question is NOT for or against the Superferry. The question is why would the legislature and the governor allow the Superferry to go forward without the required EA/EIS? The issue is clear. EIS FIRST before the Superferry operates. The purpose of the law is clear. You need to study the possible impacts before you impact. Superferry PR money has been used to distort the question and the issues. Don't be fooled and play into the hands of special interests. Don't vote to allow the Superferry to sail before a full EIS is complete. If you want to do something for the Superferry, work to defer payments on the Superferry Federal loan till an EIS is done.

Mahalo.

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House Record

From: Philip McCaffray [PhilipM@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:42 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Ge the Superferry going!

It is unfortunate that a fired up minority can take away the rights of the majority. Interisland transportation is important to all people of Hawaii. When the cheap airfares go away some people will literally be stranded.

Please do what is in your power to get the Superferry going soon!

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:44 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

Attn: House Committee on Transportation and 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,

and Derek Graves , voting residents of Kaua'i . We strongly support the Superferry . We believe that the people of Hawaii need and want an alternative to air travel between our islands.

We are Patricia,Darrell

Patricia, Darrell & Derek

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:42 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Blanche Niksich and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need another way to travel inter-island. Businesses will stop coming to Hawaii if they know that they will be promised something and then thwarted after they invest enormous amounts of energy and money. Some people may think this is a good thing. If we don't grow and change, we will die.

Blanche Niksich

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House Record

From: John Sullivan [keonikai@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:53 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John Sullivan and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As you know we live on an Island. I've lived here all my teen and adult life so far. Also, as you know the only way to get off the islands, even if it's from island to island is by air, we have to fly everywhere. I get tired of only being able to drive around in a circle all the time! It's time we allowed the islands to come together as one STATE and not a small collection of little islands! In the mainland you have the luxury of driving from state to state. We do not have that convenient here. The Superferry would allow everyone to get to experience the other islands. Especially when a person does not have enough money for the hotel and rent-a-car expenses while living here in Hawai'i. The cost of living is already so high here who can afford all the extra expense to really enjoy life in the State of Hawai'i. Then we would truly become one, The STATE of HAWAI'II! Allowing the Superferry to operate in Hawai'i would be a benefit to all of Hawai'i.

I thank you for your time. *Don't let the few override the wishes of the many!*

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House Record

From: Bruce Plasch [bplasch@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Superferry

Senators and Representatives,

I strongly support allowing the Superferry to operate during the environmental assessment, and with as few conditions as possible. My reasons are as follows:

- The Superferry will increase mobility to the benefit of Oahu and NI residents and businesses.
- The environmental objections are grossly overstated.
- Superferry invested heavily on advice of knowledgeable consultants, attorneys and, most importantly, the responsible government officials as they understood the law.
- The lack of a formal environmental assessment was not caused by the Superferry. Instead, it was caused by the State by some combination of (1) unclear environmental laws by the legislature, (2) a misinterpretation of these laws by the DOT and the AG's office, and/or (3) a new interpretation of these laws by our Supreme Court.
- The Superferry should not be forced to suffer enormous losses due to problems caused by the State.

In summary, the benefits of allowing the Superferry to operate far outweigh the costs. Also, allowing them to operate and generate revenues to help pay their debt is fair given that they followed the law as interpreted by the responsible government officials.

Sincerely,

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From: Ray Baltazar [aegis70@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:59 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I strongly support the Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Reynaldo Baltazar and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Ever since I migrated from the Philippines 16 years ago, I have seen how our only then two inter-island carriers controlled the industry by keeping the fare unaffordable to many travelers, both locals and visitors alike. Mahalo airlines came and attempt to compete but unsuccessful. Then GoAirlines came along and we have seen the bitterness of the pioneer carriers. Go airlines made traveling affordable once again. With the addition of sea traveling transportation to neighbor islands, we would then have choices of how we travel, when to travel, and how long our visits would be. With the superferry, we dont have to worry about renting a car not to mention if there is car available to rent. As a citizen, I think its fair to give people the option which mode of transportation we would like to utilize. No matter what mode there is, there is always impact to our environment. Why Ewa residents are not complaining about the noise? About the fumes each aircraft leaves each entry and departure? Because eventually we will accept and embrace change. We can no longer depend on what used to work. Each day we seek for better things, better ways, and sometimes we are afraid of change. We are afraid to get out of our comfort levels. For each problem, there is a solution. The superferry was built to help and move people. Preventing it from sailing does not solve anything. Its just like we are supporting the people who are afraid to face new challenges and new and better ways to improve our way of life. I strongly support the superferry.

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House Record

From: Diana Gomes [worldtraveler@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:03 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB1 Relating to Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Diana Gomes* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Allow Hawaii Superferry to sail!!! As with any new business, the clientele support will determine the company's survival. If residents want to take advantage of the service, they will; but give them that option. It is time Hawaii offers transportation alternatives to its people.

Remember that Hawaii Superferry provides job opportunities on all islands involved and gives vendors a chance to provide their goods and services. In addition, the Hawaii Superferry presents another option during times of emergency. Stop putting restrictions on cleaning and vacuuming cars, speed limits, etc. If so, then be consistent with these restrictions for cargo ships, barges, cruise ships and other vessels that use the same harbors and ocean.

Take into consideration that Alaska has a ferry system since 1948 which now has 11 boats. Its environmentally conscience residents have depended upon the "Alaska Marine Highway" for their existence. During the summer months, the waterways are shared by cruise ships of all sizes, fishing boats and tour boats in addition to ferry boats. A much larger degree of vessels sailing its waters than Hawaii sees in a year. All crafts exist among sealife including the same whales that winter in Hawaii.

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Hawaii Resident, will not be able to testify in person.

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From: Judy [yockmanj001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:06 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry
Importance: High

Joseph and Judy Yockman
Do not plan to testify in person.
We are in support of the Hawaii SuperFerry.
Our email address is: yockmanj001@hawaii.rr.com

Mahalo

House Record

From: Dawn Marie Lagmay [lagmayohana@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:10 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *withheld in fear* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please keep in mind that the majority of us who believe in the Super Ferry, and wish for it's success in Hawaii are fearful to speak out because of the radical reaction of those who oppose. We will not show up at the rallies or speak up in person, and if it gets to the point where the Super Ferry is here and the protestors are kept at bay, we would love to utilize it's services, but will not fight the rowdy crowds for fear of our lives either at that point or from that point forward.

Name withheld for fear of retaliation of protestors

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House Record

From: Wink Arnott [winkarnott@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:15 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HAWAII SUPER FERRY

i would use the ferry to transport my goods to the outer islands, i was planning on supporting organized dragracing on the outer islands with oahu drag racers with no place to race thru my synergyn racing oil distributorship in the state of hawaii . we have also spoken with the drifters as a venue on maui and kauai with the big island to follow,I SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY AS an ANOTHER SOURCE OF TRANSPORTATION IN HAWAII> I AM A SMALL BUSINESS IN HAWAII< Mahalo, William Arnott owner Arnott Distributing Co.

House Record

From: Kashi Akihito [singlefin@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:17 PM
To: House Record
Subject: support super ferries

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Akihito Kashi and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

People who oppose Super Ferry should really travel more. Ferries are safe and efficient way to travel and it's a accepted all over the world. We were hoping for the ferries because our daughter is a handicap, and traveling via air is very difficult. (She can't sit in the chair) However, with ferries, we could take our car, so we would be able to go to the neighbor islands with ease. So, give them a chance. We'll see how it goes.

thanks

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House Record

From: Wayne Dorschu, Sr. [elsbutler@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:11 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry TESTIMONY

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

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wayne Joseph Dorschu, Sr., and I strongly SUPPORT Hawaii Superferry.

I was one of the lucky people to ride the Superferry to Kauai, along with my wife and granddaughter on Sunday, August 26, 2007. What a pleasure to drive onto the Superferry in my mini van. Superferry personnel did an excellent and thorough inspection of both the exterior and interior of my vehicle. They even inspected under the hood. They also inspected the contents of various items I was transporting in my van and even inspected the contents of my cooler.

The Superferry does more to keep Hawaii safe than I have personally observed other transportation companies do for our environment.

My wife and I would like to travel by Superferry to transport our kayaks to the outer Islands. The Superferry takes the hassle out of having to go to Young Brothers Tug and Barge to transport our kayaks separately from our vehicle then leaving us to find transportation to the airport. The convenience of the Superferry also spares us having to take a taxi to Young Brothers dock to pick up our vehicle and kayaks on the outer Islands.

Please allow the Superferry to sail soon!

Mahalo

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From: Jerry Jernigan [polar131@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:14 PM
To: House Record

I as a member of the silent majority strongly support the Super Ferry as a balance against lack of competition for travel within the island area, for offering lower cost transport for residents, for making it more affordable for residents to travel to other islands to visit relatives, friends and to be able to shop in other areas and for education of area resident children by offering more affordable travel thus giving the children a view of other social and geographical exposure. Please support the SILENT MAJORITY. The opposition would have its way they would opt for the medieval ways. We must move forward or be left behind in the affairs and opportunities of the world. jj

House Record

From: Breeze Bergan [bergand001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:23 PM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I firmly believe that the Hawaii Superferry is a great asset to inter-island transportation and should be allowed to sail while an environmental assessment is conducted. How else could you know how it effects the environment. I also think that the hearings on the outer Islands was a sham, politically orchestrated by the Senate and nothing else could be expected except ranting, over zealous opponets of the Superferry. The Committee did a very poor job in controlling the hearing. I was intimidated to speak my mind by the crowd for fear of my safety when I left. I hope the House has more sense. I appreciate you taking my testimony,

sincerely,

Daniel Bergan Napili Maui

House Record

From: John [jjohnac@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:17 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

Dear chairs Souki and Oshiro,
Aloha, My name is John Cardenas and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. Hawaii needs an alternative means of transportation between the islands. Hawaii Superferry is the answer. Change is enivatable and we should embrace this change for the good. I am part of a growing majority who want the ferry to sail. Mahalo

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From: Mark Ely [ely_mark31@hotmail.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Mark Ely* and I am the Vice President of *South Seas Cycle Exchange Inc.*

We have 2 multiline motorcycle dealerships. My employees, my customers, and myself strongly support Hawaii Superferry. We were very disappointed when service was stopped. Our Oahu customers were very excited to have the opportunity to take their motorcycles to the outer islands for an enjoyable weekend. We are the only dealer in the state for BMW, Ducati, Triumph, and Yamaha Watercraft. Our outer island customers who own these brands will be able to use the ferry to bring their bikes to us for service and warranty issues.

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Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Beata Saito* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry as it will bring much needed travel alternative between the Islands.

The additional means of affordable and convenient transportation (which is lacking in Hawaii) will allow the residents as well as the tourists to experience the Islands.

The Superferry will also benefit the business community by making it easier and more affordable to ship goods and services between the Islands.

Beata Saito

House Record

From: Gina Gonsalves [gonsalveg001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:33 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gina Gonsalves* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Superferry needs to run. Hawaii needs another form of transpiration between the islands. I and my family have been looking forward to the ferry so we can travel to the other islands with our cars. The Superferry should run while an EIS is being done. Thank you

*Gina Gonsalves
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House Record

From: Tim Hawkins [timh93@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:35 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Tim Hawkins* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that it will help connect our islands. It will improve interisland trade and reduce shipping costs and times for many businesses. As a taxpayer, I believe that the state has let down its residents and the Superferry company by failing to perform a EIS at the time of harbor improvements. Please send out a positive message to us and other businesses by allowing the Superferry to operated while the mandatory EIS is being performed.

Sincerely,

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From: Melvin Morris [morrismcm@hawaiiantel.net]
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To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Brenda Morris and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an environmental study is being conducted.

A majority of the people of Hawaii want interisland transportation choices. The Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is needed by residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to our state economically and recreationally. In addition, it will be of extreme importance during a major disaster by providing an added transportation capability (rapid recovery response between the major islands) that does not now exist.

In addition to my desire to see the superferry in operations, I believe that any operating restrictions or government oversight imposed on the superferry should also be imposed on all personal watercraft and commercial transportation (of people or vehicles) within the State of Hawaii. If we are not willing to impose the same operating restrictions on all modes of transportation or recreation, than let's not place operating restrictions on **only** one mode of transportation (the superferry). As we all know, all of the environmental concerns being raised against the superferry (such as the danger to humpback whales and the spread of invasive species, etc.) are without merit. Boaters have already injured several humpback whales, and we already have and will continue to transported invasive species between the island; and it should be noted, not by the superferry. Therefore, any restrictions or oversight being imposed should cover all modes of transportation not just one.

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option and to also protect Hawaii's business climate. **The superferry will be great for Hawaii.**

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Thank You,

Brenda Morris

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House Record

From: Paula Baldwin [pbaldwin8@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Paula Baldwin and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I think the Superferry is a great way to travel between the Islands and would appreciate the availability of it. I also think it's unfair what has happened and recommend a swift correction to the problem.

I am unable to attend the hearing in person.

Thank-you
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From: olianam@aol.com
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Oliana M. Shimasaki and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I support the superferry because it provides employment opportunity to the local people of Hawaii. The superferry provides jobs to our people when they could have brought people from the mainland to work for the superferry. I also believe that the Ferry will provide alternate transportation to the outer Islands and relieve some of the traffic at the airports during the peak seasons like Thanksgiving and Christmas. It will also allow those who cannot fly for medical reasons or other reasons that prevent them from flying to travel to the other Islands. Hawaiians are going to the outer Islands to visit other Hawaiians and I feel that the SuperFerry has done and will do all that they have to in order to make things safe for the people of Hawaii and the environment. Please allow the superferry to run so we, the Hawaiian people, can be a part of this great opportunity provided by the SUPERFERRY.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gail J. Jamison* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry because it is a great alternative to the airlines for inter-island travel. I also do not believe it will harm the whales as they have the best sonar of any species. I also think it will be good for business. They need to be able to operate during the Environmental Impact process or we will lose the opportunity and Hawaii's reputation as good place to do business. Please vote for the Superferry. Mahalo!

Gail Jamison

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From: GLORIA LAROYA [galaroya@hawaiiantel.net]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gloria Laroya and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Hawaii Superferry should be allowed to continue to operate while the EIS is being performed. The vessel provides a means of transportation for the people of Hawaii to and from the beautiful islands that we all call home. It also provides the people whether it be business or pleasure to have the convenience of our own vehicle when visiting the islands. I also feel for the employees who will lose their jobs, which will contribute to other factors.

I know my testimony are things that you already know, but I ask the committee members to please consider allowing the Hawaii Superferry to continue operating.

I thank you for this opportunity to express myself as a concerned citizen.

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House Record

From: Chuck Cotton [chuckc@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:52 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

As reasonably intelligent people and with all due respect, are any of the Senators asking a couple of simple questions with regard to the protests and lawsuits against the Superferry?

Question One: If there is such potential danger to Humpback Whales anticipated by the Superferry, then why isn't there similar concern and request for similar restrictions for the many cruise ships that travel throughout the islands at speeds in excess of 20 knots? These ships are far less maneuverable and much harder to stop, yet there has been no outcry, ever; that they employ any whale avoidance procedures whatsoever. One has to wonder WHY? Why is the Superferry the only target of these groups, why?

Question Two: If there is such a grave concern that invasive species might be carried from island to island on the Superferry, even with all of the measures put into place to sanitize vehicles before they are transported. WHY, isn't there a similar outcry to sanitize the hundreds even thousands of filthy cars, trucks, tractors, busses, dump trucks and construction equipment that are carried by Young Brother on barges from island to island. Is the dirt on these vehicles different from the dirt on a car onboard the Superferry? Once again, WHY is the Superferry the only target of these groups.

Are the answers to these question just simply too revealing that no one will stand up and ask? Does it become too obvious that the reasons for the protests are purely political and that the neighbor island protests were stirred up by factions with something to gain politically?

Please ask these simple questions, reveal the truth and stop playing politics with a valuable transportation alternative that could be all too important to Kauai or Maui during a future hurricane or Tsunami.

Stop playing politics and let the Superferry sail. Mahalo

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House Record

From: Arvid Bjornton [arvidbjornton@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:35 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

The opponents of the ferry are determined to keep the Hawaiian Islands smack dab in the middle of the good old days. That's when people had to pay two to three times the current price for simple every day things.

Then Wal-Mart and Costco, Lowe's and Home Depot came on the scene. The islands haven't been destroyed and the Hawaiian culture is flourishing as never before and the every day working people can afford to buy more of the things they want and deserve.

The only people who stand to be enriched by the Super Ferry not operating are the Airlines, the outer Island Auto Dealers, (cars are less expensive in Honolulu), inter island shipping companies, car rental companies, and many other special interest greed mongers who are the same people who wanted the island residents to pay through the nose and have only limited choices for goods and services.

Kauai, Maui and Molokai vehicle traffic will not increase if people bring their own cars on the ferry.

It will only mean one less rental car on the road.

The Super Ferry's foot print on the environment between islands and on the islands harbor facilities will be considerably less than barges with tug boats, old fashion cargo ships and cruse ships.

Where are the invasive species going to come from?

The only place the Ferry goes is the Hawaiian harbors.

Mainland shipping companies seem to pose more of a threat. Where are the environmental impact reports on noise caused by loud airplanes and old rusty barges being towed with huge powerful tug boats?

Please use some logic and don't succumb to the "no change is good" we like the good old days selfish interest groups.

Sincerely; Arvid Bjornton, a Kailua Kona resident.
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Derwin Villanueva* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I was born and raised here on Oahu. Our family lives and works on ALL of the neighbor islands. We have, since childhood visited the islands via the airlines. I believe the Superferry would provide a great alternative mode of travel for those on all islands. People in Hawaii have always loved the ocean. It is a part of us. What better way to visit family in a leisurely setting surrounded by the beautiful Pacific? The impact on the environment would be as minimal as that of the airlines if not less. The people who support the ferry have, for the most part, lived here most of there lives. It would be a great asset to the greater community as well as a source of revenue for our great state.

Mahalo for you service,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lynette L. Hoffman* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Superferry will allow many residents from other islands to enjoy the activities, i.e Merrie Monarch, Family Birthdays, and get togethers easier than inter-island air transportation! It would allow others on the outer islands to enjoy the amenities and proprietors of other neighboring islands. It would allow those who may not be able to afford a airline tripcost and a rental car cost to visit an elderly parent and be able to transport that elder parent to doctor's , stores etc., by having his/her automobile with them when visiting.

I do believe that the Superferry will take the same environmental impact precautions that Young Brothers and Matson has done or continues to do by transportating supplies in the same navigational area and nautical speed/knots that the Superferry will travel!!

Finally, I believe allowing the superferry sets a precedence to other states in the U.S. that we in Hawaii do welcome new business and have the Aloha spirit to welcome them! When traveling by superferry it will allow other residents to enjoy the environment of each island, the people, and the sea between our islands!!

Lynette L. Hoffman

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I support the operation of the Hawaii Superferry during the development of an EIS as a much needed additional mode of transportation around the islands of our state. In the very recent past airfares to neighbor islands have approached those for travel to the Mainland. The current airfare wars may yield cheap fares now but they are unsustainable in the long run and the Superferry should promote a healthier competition as airfares rise to sustainable levels. I support the choice of a wide catamaran hull for the Superferry for interisland travel in the rough waters of the Central Pacific in that the ride will be smoother than comparable capacity monohulls. The enhanced speed will also shorten the passage and minimize any discomfort that may occur.

I also support interim speed restrictions for the Superferry in areas frequented by whales and dolphins. The time added to the passage should be considered as a condition for enabling the higher speeds a catamaran can achieve in the areas where the whales and dolphins are not a problem. I suggest a set of guidelines on speed restrictions be developed and monitored by agencies responsible the preservation of marine mammals and not be written into law nor promulgated by the Governor. Such guidelines could be implemented by the proposed Oversight Task Force.

Respectfully yours,
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Thomas Wood and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I do not intend to testify in person, but I am writing in support of allowing the Superferry to continue operations because I do not believe that the environmental risks posed by operation are so significant that they cannot be managed, nor do they outweigh the potential benefits to be provided by the Superferry's operation.

As a far more serious public policy point, you the legislature need to seriously consider whether you will reward the bad behavior of a vocal and violent few.

Will you set public policy based on the rule of law, or based on intimidation? I have seen the latter at close range, and it is a much shorter step than any of you probably want to believe – from damaging a few cars and scaring a few people to make your point as happened on Maui, to blowing up the convoy of a former Prime Minister to make your point as happened last week in Pakistan.

This may sound a bit alarmist, but rule by violence and intimidation is a learned behavior. In the United States we follow the rule of law, and we renounce violent coercion as a method of setting public policy. You do not want to set a precedent that the kind of behavior we all saw during the initial operation of the Superferry is acceptable. Not only was it allowed to occur without any negative consequence to the perpetrators, but if you block operation of the Superferry, that bad behavior will now be rewarded with a positive result.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Therese Tufaga* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry because it gives us, The people of Hawaii the oppertunity to travel in a differant way. It also lets us enjoy our Islands from a diiferant view. I havn't and I'm sure that many of us havn't seen our islands in this way of traveling. Please keep the Super Ferry. This is an oppertunity for our state to build its economy and also for some as an employment oppertunity. I stronglySupport the Hawaii Superferry and our Govenor, Linda Lingle in keeping it going.

Therese R.K. Tufaga

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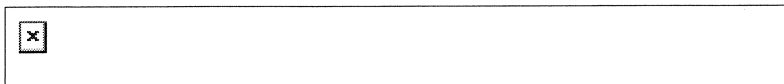
Mahalo nui loa,

Chuck Cotton

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The Superferry has invested millions of dollars to bring a new transportation alternative to Hawaii, they complied with every federal, state and local rule and regulation; they have worked with the Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council to develop a plan to avoid whales. They have a plan to avoid carrying invasive species. They should be allowed operate. Numerous polls show that a majority of our citizens want the service.

The vocal minority does not represent the majority of people at large in Hawaii. But unfortunately the media covers these groups as though they represent a large majority.

If the issue was really about avoiding whales then they would be protesting all forms of water transport, including the large cruise ships that travel between the islands.

If the issues really had anything to do with invasive species then the groups would target Young Brothers and Matson who both transport thousands of cars, trucks and construction equipment covered with dirt every year.

Those against the Superferry do not speak for a majority of Hawaii citizens.

Time is of the essence, Superferry is losing hundreds of thousands of dollars every week it sits idle.

The Governor, the House and the Senate all need to put partisan politics aside and agree on language that gets the Superferry sailing, so we don't lose this valuable transportation alternative.

Please hold a special session now, amend the law and allow Superferry to begin service, without restriction.

Mahalo

House Record

From: Rashelle Kotch [rashelle.kotch@cofedbank.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:57 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rashelle Kotch and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Options in interisland transportation are essential for our diverse economy. In Hawaii, a water alternative is a natural alternative.

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House Record

From: FRED.PENA [FRED.PENA@pruhawaii.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:46 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Alfred Pena and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This is a way we can bring the our beautiful state together. It will bring other island goods for all to share. Let's get our Super Ferry Moving.

V/R

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House Record

From: Kehau Watson [kehou@nativehawaii.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Testimony
Attachments: Kehaulani Watson (kehou@nativehawaii.org).vcf

Aloha kakou:

We are testifying in opposition to SB No 1 "Related to Transportation." Kako`o `Oiwī is a nonprofit organization that supports grassroots organizations and Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners. As such, we are adamantly opposed to a special interest project that has circumvented state laws at the expense of the environmental and precious cultural resources. We are asking you to please allow the laws and processes you swore to uphold prevail. You did not find a special session necessary when 48 million gallons of sewage went into the Ala Wai, how can you justify holding one now?

We have personally approached Superferry Hawai`i to help them work with the community to create appropriate regulations and mitigating measures to ensure minimal environmental damage. They refused our help. I would hope that in these upcoming days we can remind the community that no one is above the law. Remember: we can always recover from an economic loss. We cannot say the same thing about environmental ones.

Please vote down the bill and allow the legal process to unfold. As such, we are happy to sit on any special task force or advisory committee aimed at creating community beneficial and appropriate measures to help the Superferry sail in our waters legally and in an environmentally and culturally sound manner.

Thank you
Trisha Kehaulani Watson

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For more news about our community, including information on grants, scholarships, events and jobs, join our newsletter at <http://groups.google.com/group/Kakoo-Oiwi>

"War is a cowardly escape from the problems of peace." Thomas Mann

House Record

From: Alexis Sheldon [slp79akamai@msn.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is ALEXIS K. SHELDON and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Superferry is a viable and widely needed alternative transportation option for the Hawaii islands and its people. It supports our economy and the transportation needs of travelers, business people, residents and in times of natural disasters, an alternative means of assisting our fellow islanders with the much needed supplies or medical/disaster relief measures they may require.

I want to be counted as a strong supporter of the Hawaii Superferry.

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House Record

From: Inez Martin [InezM@cbpacific.com]
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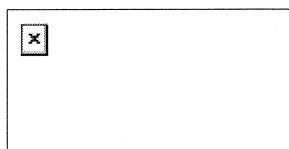
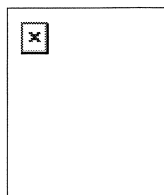
My name is Inez Martin and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

Both my husband and I are in favor of the Super Ferry and have been since we first heard about it. We've traveled on a similar vessel traveling between the island of New Zealand. It's a fabulous idea for our islands!

In addition to opening our abilities to visit our neighboring islands, it affords us a more economical way to do business with our neighboring islands. My husband builds canoes and has had "hit or miss" luck shipping them undamaged to the outer islands, where many of his customers are. He was looking forward to the Super Ferry as a way to add a "personal" touch to his business by taking the finished canoes directly to his customers.

Environmental concerns . . . I believe the concerns one might have for the Super Ferry would be the same concerns for **any** vessel in our Hawaiian waters. Even sailors, motor boaters, surfers, and canoe paddlers have been known to come upon a whale or dolphin or turtle without warning.

Thank you for listening to your constituents,



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