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House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Carol Summers* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that for this State to move forward with transportation issues the Superferry is one alternative that needs to be used. If British Columbia successfully uses a ferry system and manages not to adversely impact the environment and whales then why can we not do the same thing? We have made a commitment as a State to the Superferry and now we need you to help us meet that commitment. I am sick and tired of the loud minority talking for the silent majority. This project has been unfairly targeted, what about the influx of cruise ships and transportation vessels that have not had the scrutiny that the Superferry has had. Please do the right thing for the population of Hawaii and the business community by allowing the Superferry to operate during the EIS study.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Melvyn Tsutahara and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. The Superferry will allow us the freedom to travel between islands to visit family and friends, and the choice to select the mode of transportation. Prior to the arrival of GO Airlines, airfares by Aloha and Hawaiian Air were reaching well over \$100 for a one-way ticket. Should GO Airlines leave the islands, both airlines will again raise their rates, and we need other choices such as the Superferry to maintain a competitive market. I strongly believe that the Superferry will enhance the quality of life for the residents of Hawaii. We need the choices Hawaii Superferry gives us. I support the Hawaii Superferry and urge our elected officials to support it as well.



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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jura Landfield* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It has always amazed me that we can't travel these islands by ship (other than paying thousands of dollars to NCL, which we do often). When visiting places like Auckland and Sydney we very much enjoyed using the local ferries and always thought "why in heaven's name can't we do this in Hawaii". It's just a no-brainer, folks. I know it takes forever to get anything new going in Hawaii. Therefore I was very pleased with the EIS exemption. One of the few things I think the Governor has done right. Whales are nice but get a grip, people. Obviously the majority of residents want the Superferry, want it now, don't want it jumping through hoops for years while the lawyers get ever richer and we get Nothing.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Annette MKG Creamer, and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry with conditions.

I want to be assured that the state will do a full scope EIS and that that EIS can assure me that all precautions and measures have been taken to ensure safety of wild life (ie; whales, turtles, etc), and that our natural resources on island will not be depleted by off island sources only interested in making monies, etc

I believe the superferry can be a great way for local families as well as visitors to see our beautiful state, but we must protect our local residents as well as our delicate ecosystem, and that's where careful consideration and thought must be put to write the conditions that the superferry can operate under while the EIS is being done.

Sincerely,

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Please see attached testimony from Council Chair Riki Hokama, Maui County Council

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TO: Honorable Joseph M Souki, Chair
House Committee on Transportation
Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance
FROM: G. Riki Hokama
Council Chair
DATE: October 25, 2007
SUBJECT: **OPPOSITION TO HB 1, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to this measure. The purpose of this measure is permit the operation of an inter-island ferry service in the State of Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council. However, Resolution No. 06-78, entitled "OPPOSING THE PROPOSED COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICE OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY AT KAHULUI HARBOR", the Maui County Council unanimously resolved that it opposed Superferry operations "pending update of the Harbor Master Plan, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 343, and construction of necessary improvements to adequately accommodate current harbor users and the Hawaii Superferry". The Hawaii County Council and Kauai County Council adopted similar resolutions.

I continue to maintain that the State government should not allow the Superferry to commence operations without the benefit of an environmental assessment and a possible environmental impact statement.

Because the State Department of Transportation (DOT) had exempted the Superferry from the normal requirements of the Hawaii Environmental Protection Act (Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes), the public was excluded from participation in the environmental review process. Thus, the public meetings conducted by the Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai county councils provided the only opportunity for public comment to governmental bodies regarding the Superferry. In all three counties, the testimony was overwhelming in support of requiring normal environmental review for the Superferry.

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In an order on August 23, 2007, and a written opinion on August 31, 2007, the Supreme Court of Hawaii unanimously found that the DOT should have considered the Superferry's potential environmental impacts, concluding that the failure to do so contradicted the Legislature's stated view that public participation in the environmental review process is critical.

Public participation in the environmental review process benefits all parties, including businesses. In fact, little would need to be considered at this point had the entities involved simply made a sincere effort to complete the required studies. Rather, the public observes negotiations among the offending parties behind closed doors.

The Superferry issue raises larger questions regarding the pace of growth in our communities and the perception that government favors the needs of the visitor industry, high-end developers, and other outside interests over the needs of hard-working local people. Our people have reached their limits, but our State administration seems unaware of the polarization and division that already exist within our neighbor island communities. The State administration's way of addressing this issue exacerbates the problem. If these issues continue to be ignored by the State government, we may see a social and political revolution of the same magnitude as the 1954 revolution that swept in a new generation of political leaders.

In conclusion, there was time for the State administration and the Superferry's promoters to do the studies necessary to adequately consider the public's concerns. Yet, they chose to rely on an exemption with a questionable legal basis. To excuse the State administration for such tactics would, in the long run, undermine respect for the Legislature as well as our laws.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

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I know this is late to submit, but I didn't hear about the ability to provide testimony until late yesterday. I want to go on record in support of the Superferry and its ability to operate while the EIS is being done and beyond.

This whole process has been unbelievable and embarrassing to our state in the way this was handled. I don't see how we can expect other businesses to want to risk coming to Hawaii after reading about this. I work with lots of business executives from the mainland and I have received comments of surprise as they read the news stories.

I'm not opposed to the EIS generally speaking, but I don't understand why Superferry has to go through such an unusual and unpredictable amount of scrutiny as compared to other modes of transportation that have been approved without an EIS.

I believe the Superferry is good for the people of our state and the economy. Those who are concerned about additional traffic, invasive species, and more tourists visiting their tranquil communities should think about the other modes of transportation that exist. Should they be open to the same tough road that Superferry has had to endure? To be fair all around, the answer would be yes. But does that make sense? Of course not.

I hope that the Legislature (as well as the courts) really look at the true issues here and make the right decision. The right decision is to let the Superferry continue to operate-permanantly.

Kerri B. Van Duyne
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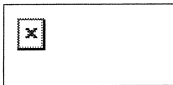
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Doug Kreul and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I do not plan to submit testimony in person, so please note my concerns below.

We are all concerned about protecting our environment and the delicate balance of our waters. Those are consistent concerns to weigh while considering new and exciting benefits to our island residents, to our economy and to our future way of life. There must be a way for us to follow through with our commitment and allow the Superferry to conduct business while an environmental study takes place. Please fulfill your duty as elected officials and make it happen without further distress to the Superferry company and our entrepreneurial spirit so essential to our state economy.



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I wish to share my opinion of the superferry. I am not completely sold on the idea of having a superferry. I am familiar with a ferry system. I have travelled on many that operate in other states and foreign countries. I see both the good advantages and the bad in having one. I would like to make sure that we have the opportunity as tax payers and citizens of our great state to make an intelligent decision about what happens to our islands.

I am a native Hawaiian (known as Kanaka Mauoli.) I did have the opportunity to tour the Superferry in Kawaihae. The staff were not equipped to answer many of my questions. My family's most precious heiau is in the water at the base of Pu'u Kohola which is known as "Pelekane". I often go to pay my due diligence to my ancestors there. I have been quite troubled in recent months on the amount of pollution in the water and the shoreline there.

I know of a group of local young men and women who have been going on their own and cleaning up the coastline of Kawaihae. They have been raising monies through various odd jobs to help provide refreshments for the many volunteers who have been coming out to help. I have donated monies to provide them with safety equipment, gloves, trashbags, etc. The county and state government were sought out to offer assistance to these young people. To my surprise they haven't wrote back or called to offer any assistance. Yet the state has been quick to offer assistance to a private company to do major renovations to the harbors to allow a superferry to come in and capitalize on our residents. So my question is that there isn't any reassurances that more pollution will not be placed in the harbors or I would say our sacred sites and deplete our living cultural resources? What will be done to make sure this doesn't grow into a bigger problem?

We have already seen an incident with the maiden voyage to Honolulu from Maui. Where our lava rocks were loaded into pickup trucks, because they are no longer available on Oahu. The question I asked to the staff was-- is there going to be screening of items being transported between islands like agriculture, illegal goods, and cars that may possibly be stolen. The answer at first was "no" and when I asked the question about the resources or illegal items they couldn't give me an intelligent answer. When I grew up on Oahu and the big island as a child and till just a few years ago, there were many resources available to us. I no longer can take my mo'opunas to our fishing grounds, due to the illegal buoys being placed in the "ko'a's" (local native fishing grounds) because it is all fished out by the diving tours, we can't go into the forests and gather our la'au, there are fences and signs. No fruits available th at were plentiful that we could eat along the way. Now we have to pack lunch whereas, we use to live off the land when we went gathering or camping. We now have to pack our opala (trash) out when we do go to practice our culture because we need to pack it in. Other people tend to rape the forests and it is becoming harder and harder to find our la'au lapa'au (herbal medicines). The big island is the last of the islands to still have some of our resources.

I'm sure if every legislator would take a moment to think about what they did as a child here in the islands and see what their children have missed out on, I'm sure they would think twice about the decisions they are making. I am demanding an "EIS" not an 'EA" for this project or any other project that might devastate our island community. We need to know what perils are and how we can prevent it from happening. I wish our legislators could go to New York City and take a ride on the ferry out to Ellis Island and you will see what has happened there. I have a true little story to share...I have a

friend in New Jersey, whose grandfather use to fish on the shoreline more than 80 years ago and his last fishing line he placed in the water was about 15years ago when he hooked up to a used tampon. Think about how many used tampons we'll be pulling up in the next few years. I hope I haven't offended anyone but, I feel we should seriously think about what we are doing. The Kanaka Council is in support of the views and also demands an EIS be completed on this issue.

Ahui hou!

Roberta Banks,
Kanaka Council

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Victoria Franco* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The State of Hawaii is comprised of 7 islands to make up one major state. Offering

another mode of transportation would be beneficial to the people of all islands in the

long run. Being able to go to see my Tutu on Maui with my children and grandchildren would be something I am waiting to do. As for mitigating invasive species, have HDOA

agents at each sail and have them oversee the loading of the vessel and as for whales, have the NOAA sail on the vessel and oversee the whale avoidance policy. Let the ferry sail already!!!! Monitor the process while it sails and you have the power to stop is if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Darlyne Inouye* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We are fortunate, to have an alternate means of transportation between our islands. Let's not let it slip away.

Rule in favor of allowing interisland ferry service in Hawai'i, while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Please support Hawaii Superferry.

Mahalo.

Darlyne Inouye

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HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert Bretschneider and I strongly support the idea that the Superferry should be able to operate while the EIS is being done.

I feel the Superferry has met all the requirements that were asked of it. Our Supreme Court did a great disservice to this community by waiting two years to make its decision, and has totally overstepped its bounds in its decision.

So you as Legislatures need to correct this error by our Supreme Court. It has been done in the past so what you are doing is not unusual.

I also do not like being intimidated by a few extreme environmentalists. They have their opinion and that is what democracy is about but they are not a majority.

If the Superferry goes elsewhere because of this it will re-enforce the idea that Hawaii is a State that know one wants to do business in.

Yours truly

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Cicero C. Bien* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe it is good for the people of HAWAII and will help the economy of our State. My family and I would ride the Superferry more often to the other islands if you just allow it to start sailing.

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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 together 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!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jeffrey Pollack, I am a resident of Hawaii, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am submitting this testimony for the record. Due to the unique nature of this state, being a state of islands, our transportation options have always been limited, compared with other places, like the mainland or Alaska. We have had to rely solely on air transportation, which creates higher costs, and limitations on to the freedom of travel for residents. A ferry system is what Hawaii has been missing, and now that we have one on hand, we should not lose this great opportunity for the residents of the state. Ferry systems have greatly helped other remote places, from Alaska, to French Polynesia. A ferry system will allow residents to bring their own vehicles inter-island, which will help families with many family members, to assisting small businesses in the transportation of their goods. The benefits of a ferry system far outway any potential costs.

In my professional career, I deal with environmental/wildlife issues, so I do have a great concern for preserving our environment, and the creatures of our neighborhood. However, we should not go overboard into the protectionist camp, at the cost of great human progress for the citizens of this state. Humpback Whales are wonderful creatures, and thankfully so, they are on a comeback, compared to the years when they were almost hunted to extinction. The number of the whales visiting Hawaii has been steadily increasing, and providing that large scale commercial hunting does not resume, their numbers will likely continue to increase. It is inevitable that more whales will be struck by vessels as time continues on, for their numbers are increasing, and there is more vessel traffic. But should this be the reason to stop human progress. The answer should be no. As long as companies take prudent measures to try to avoid collisions with whales, and act responsibly in the handling of their vessels, they should be allowed to operate in Hawaii waters, and not

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singled out for unfair, overly harsh treatment, that no one else has been subjected to. The Hawaii Superferry has a detailed whale avoidance policy, much more than other companies. But even with all their measures, it will quite definitely occur with their operating that they will eventually hit a whale, but the same will likely be true for Norwegian Cruise Lines, and the Pacific Whale Foundation. In Alaska a few years ago, a dead whale was found hooked around the bow of a large cruise vessel. That incident did not cause the end of cruise vessels in Alaska waters. If the superferry is not allowed to operate out of whale concerns, then it would only be fair to ban cruise ships, and all other ferry and larger vessels in Hawaii waters. Yes, that would be a ridiculous thing to do, and it is ridiculous to object to the superferry out of whale concerns.

In regards to invasive species, if that had been a concern in this state, then cross contamination between the islands, and other locations, has already occurred. Vehicles have been transported for a long time inter-island on Young Brother's barges, and the vehicles have not been decontaminated (if there was ever any contamination at all). Foreign vessels come to Hawaii regularly, and likely have been emptying their bilge tanks around our islands. They may have been spreading contamination for years. None of these potential contaminants have been focused on; but wait, we must focus on the superferry, bahh. This issue is a prime example of the superferry being unfairly targeted.

The positives of a superferry system far outweigh any potential negative consequences. From my talking with many people about the superferry, I feel that a large majority of citizens, and voters, do want an inter-island ferry system, and do wish that the Hawaii Superferry succeeds, and stays a viable business. Hawaii should not miss this great opportunity. Please support the Hawaii Superferry, and pass legislation that undoes bad court decisions, and allows the superferry to operate as a viable business in this state.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Teresa Salvador* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I truly believe that the Superferry Company operations and important environmental impact study issues can be resolved simultaneously. Personally, I feel this company will provide a service that will keep the "O'hana" in Hawaii where family and friends can keep in touch. Please don't make them leave - I have been waiting for this fine service for a long time.

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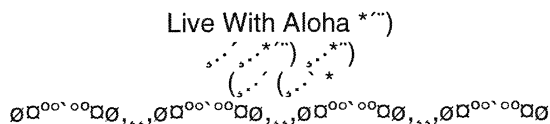
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I speak against HB1.

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: Laura Carvalho [carvalho41@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:31 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Save the Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Laura Carvalho* and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

As a kamaina of Hawaii, I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I was born & raised in Hawaii. The Hawaii Superferry is the best thing for all Kamainas. Our families stretch through out the Hawaiian Island chain. This would be the best way to visit them. Please don't push us back in time by sending the Hawaii Superferry away.

Mahalo,

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House Record

From: GodFather aka Sammy Meaole [sammeaole@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:28 PM
To: House Record
Subject: support

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sam Meaole and I am from Oahu and i strongly support the superferry. I think the superferry will benefit the locals more than the tourists as opponents claim it to be. The superferry will be a great alternate means of transportation for commuters from all communities (all islands). I understand the growing concerns for the environment, however the superferry is not the only major vessel traveling in hawaiian waters. This whole ordeal sounds like the infamous n.i.m.b.y. I am sure that respective officials will see to it that the superferry operates in accordance to state laws afforded for all major ships and vessels. Therefore, I would like to testify in support of the superferry. Thank you and looking forward to sailing on the superferry.

*Mahalo
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House Record

From: Janice Palma-Glennie [palmtree7@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:38 PM
To: House Testimony; House Record
Subject: Superferry should follow the law, be a good neighbor -- Legislators step up to plate.
Importance: High

RE: Superferry should follow the law, be a good neighbor. Legislators must step up to plate.

Hearing date: Thursday, October 25, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE:
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State Capitol
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Pending Referral to TRN/FIN

Testimony against proposal and in favor of Superferry being required to do an EIS *before* setting sail in Hawaii's waters.

Aloha:

Like many people in Hawai'i, I've always considered my job to be a pleasant one. But the last few years it's become more and more difficult to be a nurseryman -- more and more of a headache and a worry. With increasing introduction of invasive species -- from coqui frog to fire ants that can painfully blind a pet, to giant, bionic mealy bugs and white fly -- having an IPM plant nursery has become a daunting challenge. (IPM uses principles of integrated pest management which means using the lowest, most judicious use of pesticides and herbicides, focusing on using nontoxic chemicals whenever possible). How much more daunting would it be if invasive species had yet another entry point to Hawai'i Island and my plant nursery?

Of course, that's just my selfish story of how Superferry could pose a serious threat to my personal livelihood. However, I know I'm not alone in my pursuit of a safe, green, low-impact, agricultural lifestyle, and that my worries about what Superferry can do to agriculture and the balance of natural ecosystems are widespread. My contribution to my community through my work is greater than the tax dollars I generate. I live in quiet harmony (usually) with my neighbors who also follow agricultural pursuits for at least part of their living. We make up a rural neighborhood in an increasingly bustling community, and the continuation of the ag lifestyle to us is very important for future generations to follow.

I'm now I'm also not alone in my broader concerns of how our Governor and other leaders could contemplate overriding a unanimous Supreme Court decision that insists that Superferry do a proper environmental assessment before it sets sail in Hawai'i's waters.

By not requiring superferry to follow the law, our State and the waters beyond its shores are at untold risk of being altered in ways that cannot be predicted without a proper environmental review.

The gravity and clarity of the protective law which Superferry must follow is that which led to the unanimous Supreme Court decision.

The proposed legislation which will apparently come before you today or tomorrow undermines environmental law and sets a treacherous precedent regarding the protection of corporate entities over the concerns of communities and their control over

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their islands' natural, cultural, and social resources.

Indirectly, those who support this new law also support civil rights abuses by aligning with a corporate enterprise that, in order to be successful, not only requires a major, open-ended infusion of taxpayer money, but also requires the restriction of free speech, freedom of assembly, and public access to the shoreline by those who would disagree -- peacefully and lawfully -- with Superferry disobeying State law.

Mysteriously, Superferry has received more attention from Hawai'i's governor and some legislators than homelessness, educational deficits, environmental degradation, widespread infrastructural overload, affordable health care, and foreign relations (a rigorously planned trip to south korea, japan and china canceled!). And yet it remains a mystery why some people seem so hell-bent on having a ferry service that few seem to need and even less had ever asked for.

Mahalo for consideration of my views.

Best regards,
Janice Palma-Glennie

PS as far as YB or other shippers not having to go through environmental review...two wrongs have never made a right.

House Record

From: Janan Malinowski [janan.malinowski@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

My name is *Janan M. Malinowski* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As an outer island resident, I can say that we are greatly in need of a transportation alternative to the airlines. Due to limited shopping opportunities on our island, in this case, Hawaii island, I and many of my friends would like to take advantage of the more varied purchasing choices on Oahu, but space and weight limitations on airplanes limit our ability to do this. The opportunity to take our own cars and load them up which the ferry would provide would give us more choices and help the state economy at the same time. It's a much better way to move goods than shipping on a barge or shipping by parcel post which are prohibitively expensive.

As a tourist in Greece a few years ago I had a chance to experience their extensive ferry system which is used by great numbers of residents and tourists alike. It allowed us time to mingle with local residents and get to know them and to learn much more about their beautiful country, especially the Aegean islands and really enriched our visit to that country. I believe that a ferry would do the same for our islands. I should note that when I swam in Greece, even near ferry ports, the water was clear and clean. We saw many dolphins, though no whales, but never heard of any collisions.

I am a conservationist at heart and member of the several earth friendly organizations, but I do not believe this ferry will be a serious threat to our beautiful environment. Please do all you can to make the superferry a reality for our state. Thank you for your serious consideration of this issue.

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House Record

From: kwai96792@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:38 PM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Moana Kwai Sen Gaspar* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to voice my opinion on the Superferry. I think that we should have the Superferry for a number of reasons;

1. Another means of transportation from island to island
2. To further the competition of travel, which in return will keep prices down
3. Affordability for traveling to the outer islands
4. The capability of taking my car to another island
5. The money I would save not having to rent a car
6. This would result in more visits to the outer islands
7. Bringing families closer together
8. Why just target the Superferry? What about the other large ships? Young brothers?
9. Traveling with my own car has been monopolized
10. More choices for us to have
11. Convenience

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House Record

From: Google Documents [noreply@google.com] on behalf of grog808@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:44 PM
To: House Record; grog808@gmail.com
Subject: Aloha!

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Steve Arakaki* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Ever since my first trip to Seattle and Vancouver island with my parents, I've longed to be able to drive my car on Kauai, or Maui, or any of the other islands. We drive our car onto the ferry, and drove off to see the Butchart Gardens and the other sights in Victoria. Decades later, I made the same trip with my family, with an extra leg to Port Angeles. Still just as enjoyable.

Picking up a rental car on the neighbor islands is ok, but it's just not **your** car! The familiarity or your own vehicle eliminates the learning curve associated with rentals... Where are the lights, the wipers, etc. The Superferry is the embodiment of my desire to visit friends and relative on the other islands. We would pack a little differently, probably bringing more o-miyage on the way over, and more goodies on the return!

Even though I have friends working for the Superferry, I had the desire to keep up with all of the "goings-on" with the Superferry, but not the time. The only things I have heard and seen, are primarily negative, as one would expect. I guess it's human nature to emphasize the negative.

Based on the limited hearsay, third and fourth hand comments, these are my opinions. The big rub is with the EIS. I do believe that the Superferry should have done due diligence beforehand, and obtained guidance via the EIS. However, I have also heard that the State may have committed to "grease the skids" with this regard. Again, this is only what I have heard, but if this is the case, then fault does not lie solely with the Superferry. If this is true, then the Superferry should definitely be allowed to sail, perhaps with a somewhat reduced schedule, until the EIS is complete.

Traffic nightmares: The vehicular capacity of the Superferry is less than that of the various fleets in the Pacific Northwest. There many companies running multiple vessels in that market. I didn't see even the slightest hint of localized gridlock with the vehicular embarking /

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disembarking process. Granted there is far more area in the Northwest to spread the traffic, but still, not a hint of gridlock...

To me, the saddest thing about all of this, is the message that the "neighbor" islands is sending to the residents of Oahu... "Stay Home". I would expect that the lions share of ridership to the neighbor islands would be Oahu residents. Visitors to Hawaii probably wouldn't want to burn up several precious hours riding on a ferry in their rental car. Maybe I'm bringing a new computer for my dad on Kauai, or a sewing machine to a relative on the Big Island. I'm certainly not going to pack it as baggage on the plane!

Funny too, I haven't heard one peep about those travelling from the the outer islands to Oahu! Do we just not care? Are we simply welcoming everyone with open arms? Or do we just look at this as a step toward a more connected society, the shrinking of our world?

I hope the Superfierry stays. Riding the ferry system in the Pacific Northwest is fine, but there's no family there... Isn't that what it's all about? Connecting friends and family?

Sincerley,

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House Record

From: Jon Shindo [jshindo@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:45 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry legislation - Support for the Hawaii Superferry

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is /Jon M. Shindo/ and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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I have several main reasons why I support the Superferry which mainly have to do with choices and the economy:

1. The Superferry presents me with an alternative when traveling to the neighbor islands. Up until now we have been limited to taking a commercial airliner to get to the other islands. Granted taking the airliner is a faster method of travel, planning vacations usually don't involve getting to a destination in the shortest amount of time. I think I would enjoy the added benefit of relaxing on a ship along with my next vacation. We also get the added bonus of increased cargo capacity, which makes planning a camping trip to the neighbor islands that much more reasonable.

2. The Superferry would help Hawaii's economy. It provides jobs first and foremost; it is extremely unfortunate and unfair that the 200+ employees of the Superferry have to suffer through all of this.

The competition between the Superferry and our airlines bring the possibility of lower ticket prices all around. Tourism would benefit from these lower prices, which would hopefully encourage locals and visitors to travel more often.

This could all lead to increased growth on the neighbor islands as well. Realistically, Oahu can sustain only so much of the State's economy and population on its own. It makes sense then to diversify and encourage residents and businesses to make use of all of our resources by spreading out to the other islands. The Superferry would make moving to and from the neighbor islands much easier.

I see many great things coming from the Superferry if it is allowed to operate in Hawaii. I understand that the environmental issues are valid concerns, but I feel it is a complete waste to ground the Superferry while this debate continues. Either way someone will need to cover that \$40 million bill that came with the port improvements; why not let the Superferry try to earn it back?

Please support the Superferry. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jon Shindo

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House Record

From: miso22@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jane Misola and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need an alternate mode of transportation to improve the quality of living for Hawaii residents.

I speak for many silent Hawaii residents who may not have the resources to speak up for society's good. If you analyze the composition of the opponents of the superferry, the unreasonable demands and the financial backing for whatever hidden agenda they have, the silent majority of real Hawaii locals are not able to fight against the superferry opponents.

We depend on YOU, our elected legislators to speak up for the locals who have REAL ties to our state. Please be considerate of the transportation needs of the local people of Hawaii.

Thank you,
Jane Misola
a private citizen
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House Record

From: mktv [mktv@flex.com] on behalf of Wendy and Jeff Haun [media@outofthesea.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: against Superferry

To All Senators and Representatives,

I am opposed to the Superferry for the following reasons.

The EA has not been conducted and it is an essential instrument for guaranteeing the safety of our environment.

The transportation of alien species to other islands is a significant threat that can be evidenced in a night on our island where coqui call.

The residents of the ports areas have not been asked if they want the traffic and congestion in their neighborhoods.

There is much needed infrastructure at the port areas that is not being addressed.

The ocean areas in which the ferry would traverse are habitat for Humpback Whales. Around Alaska where the Humpbacks feed in the summer, cruise boats must carry a park ranger whose sole purpose is to avoid hitting a whale.

Please don't vote in favor of any special treatment for the Superferry business. Vote against the Superferry in Hawai'i !

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House Record

From: Izak Wood-Ferren [izferren@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:55 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony For the Hawaii Superferry

My name is Izak Wood-Ferren and I am a student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I don't not plan to testify in person but I would like the Superferry to become operational. And I now that there are proper steps to put into place to make that possible lawfully and with everyone's interest at heart.

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House Record

From: S. Hookano [mauiwoweegirl@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:02 PM
To: House Record
Subject: The Superferry

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

My name is *Sheri Hookano* and I support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is another avenue of transportation that is desperately needed in this monopolized system of travel in Hawaii. Providing this community with another option of travel instead of the highly stressed rush rush mode of transportation we now have to endure.

Thank you for this opportunity to be heard.

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House Record

From: Mike Tom [mtom007@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:31 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony In Favor of the Superferry
Attachments: 3230270207-Superferry.doc

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

<!--[if !supportEmptyParas]--> <!--[endif]-->My name is Michael Tom from the island of Maui and I am strongly in favor of the Bill allowing the Super Ferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. The State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Division has a contract with the Superferry because it is the only way for people like me with certain disabilities to travel inter-island for doctors and other types of appointments only offered on Oahu.

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<!--[endif]-->In addition, I own a modified vehicle that can only be serviced on Oahu. I had a reservation on the Superferry earlier this month to go to Oahu from Maui and fix the hydraulic lift on my vehicle because it is broken. Now because of the ruling by a single rogue judge I am not able to get to work indefinitely. There are no other transportation options for people in wheelchairs on the island of Maui.

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<!--[endif]-->I do not understand all the trouble being created as the arrival of the Superferry was announced for years ahead of time. We have cruise ships and barges successfully navigating our Hawaiian waters on a regular bases. Nobody wants to protest Matson or Young Brothers because everybody needs their toilet paper (including me). Maui Tomorrow's agenda is to try and put the Superferry out of business in a sneaky and unethical manner.

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<!--[endif]-->I am also very upset by these organizations that are run by outsiders dictating decisions being made in Hawaii. The people of Maui Tomorrow do not speak for me and I am outraged by these mainlanders telling me to respect my own culture. Historically, we are a sea-faring people and the Superferry is much more "Hawaiian" than flying in an airplane. Please allow people like me who have been looking forward to the coming of the Superferry as a viable means for inter-island travel for pleasure and necessity a chance to take advantage of this new technology.

Sincerely,

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House Record

From: Joan Kutzer [j_kutzer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:32 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Relating to 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: Joan Kutzer
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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.)**

Aloha, thank you for coming to listen to the people of Kauai. My name is Joan Kutzer. I have been a resident of Kauai for 25 years. My children were born and raised here. I am a Registered Nurse at our local hospital. Everyday, twice a day, Nene fly over my home. I am thrilled each time to see and hear an endangered species thriving on our

island. It is heartwarming to see Albatross nesting along the road and in peoples' yards on the North shore. We don't have populations of Mongoose or Coqui frogs established here. We need to protect our fragile island from these and other invasive species. Traffic gets worse every year as growth remains unchecked and no improvements are made to the infrastructure. An EIS should have been done prior to allowing the Superferry to begin service. The Governor erred in exempting them. This error needs to be corrected and not excused. The Superferry must not run until the EIS is complete. What will happen if they allow it and then find there is a significant impact? I imagine they will say well we're already in business so we need to continue. Kauai has seen what can happen when our environment is not protected. You do remember Kaloku damn? Kauai's people are passionate about protecting our island and are prepared to do whatever is necessary to protect our home. Please do not allow the Ferry to operate until the EIS is complete.

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House Record

From: Bennett Fung [bennett_fung@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:32 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Fwd: HB1 - Support for Super Ferry

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

Subject: Support for Super Ferry

I am writing in support for the Supper Ferry. Hawaii has so little options in terms of transportation between the islands. The Supper Ferry will open up a lot of possibilities for families and businesses.

The Super Ferry will help families and business that needs to bring large items between islands quickly and economically.

The Super Ferry will also provide compition for the airlines operating between the islands.

The Super Ferry will help Hawaii tourist business by providing new twists to experience Hawaii.

I urge you to support Supper Ferry as well.

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House Record

From: Kimberly DeYoung [oceanart75@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:02 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony in Support of the Superferry

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

My name is Von Thomas DeYoung and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Topic: Support the Superferry Now, Support Your Local Artists

Thank you for your time and please take into consideration how supporting the Superferry now, supports your local art communities. Currently it is very difficult and expensive for local artists to transport art, attend and participate in art festivals and art related events on neighboring Islands. With the introduction of the Superferry many local artists will be able to share their works at these events. There are several other benefits to consider:

Benefits

- Supports New Artists**- *Helps new artists gain greater exposure by being able to participate in Art Festivals and Events on neighbor islands and being able to afford to do so.*
- Supports Established Artists**-*Allows for more cost effective transportation of original art to galleries and festivals on other Islands. Helps reduce shipping damage.*
- Networking**- *Expanding participation at events helps artists build*

networks with other artists within their craft, who may not have been able to do so without the Superferry service.

4. **Diversity**- Allows for a greater diversity of local art at festivals and events.

5. **Tourism** -

a. Gives Tourists the option to see the art work from multiple islands even though they may only visit one island.

b. Ferry service could help increase attendance at these festivals and events, the visitor(s) may not know about the event until they arrived on the island, a day trip on the Superferry could be an inviting option as opposed to getting on another flight.

Why Now?

1. **Missed Events** - There are several events in the upcoming months that would be otherwise missed without the Superferry. The Artist could wait over a year for another opportunity.

2. **Planning** - Several festivals require advance judging and registration, knowing the Superferry will be available will allow for proper planning.

Why should Superferry be allowed to run during the EIS interim?

1. **Responsible Passage**- The articles and news reports I have seen lead me to believe that Superferry is taking environmental precautions in the interim.

2. **Not Fair to Discriminate**- There have been and are currently vessels on these water ways that travel as fast as the Superferry. There are cruise lines and shipping barges that have been taking these routes for years. It is not right to hold one group to a completely different standard than the others.

3. **Local Jobs** - Local responsible people have been hired and trained by the Superferry organization. What about the impact to them and their families?

Please take this heartfelt and sincere statement into deep consideration, for myself and the other Artists of these Islands.

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House Record

From: B Good [Pulehuguy@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:02 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Opposed to Superferry exemption. From the heart

October 24, 2007

Members of the House of Representatives

State of Hawaii

Dear Members,

I am no one special. I'm just your average local citizen whose family has lived on Maui for four generations.

It is unfortunate that you are put in this position to decide the fate of the Superferry and its effects on Hawaii. I'd like express my feelings about this.

First, I do not support a special session to exempt one party from the law. Could I have a law changed for my needs if I had enough money and influence? What about the next time someone wants and exemption?

Second, there needs to be measures in place to protect the environment before the ferry sails. I've read that there will be searches for alien species. Is it going to be like the inspections of our cars to the airport parking lots? I think we all know how ineffective that is. There needs to be agriculture inspections similar to those for outbound mainland air travel.

Third, will there be more enforcement of state laws regarding protecting cultural and natural resources? Is the state going to provide more officers to protect our plants, limu, sand... and even ROCKS? What ever happened to the bill limiting commercial sale of opihi anyway?

I am not opposed to the Superferry per se. However, wouldn't it be wiser to resolve these issues before the damage occurs?

It's very sad that over time much of our lifestyle has been eroded by "progress" and what is "good for business". Isn't there a time when saving our way of life can trump money? In Honolulu, people seem to think that we're just a bunch of outer island "crazies". We are not. All we want is to retain as much of the essence and aloha of the neighbor islands as we can.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

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House Testimony

From: Kristin Walker [walker024@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:03 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Superferry!

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My husband & I are residents of Maui and would like to voice our support for Hawaii Superferry. We would utilize this transportation mode to travel interisland and enjoy having the opportunity to have a choice in how we travel throughout this beautiful state.

We would appreciate if you would support the existence of the Superferry in representing your district.

Thank you,
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House Testimony

From: kenwei chong [kchong@eotrading.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:04 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kenwei Chong* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have been greatly anticipating the arrival of the SuperFerry since it seemed to be on track to becoming a reality a couple of years ago. I look forward to the convenience of travel, and welcome a new means of enjoying the islands. I have fond memories of when my father took me on the hydrofoil between islands when I was the age my children are now. I am anxious for them to experience something similar.

My wife is a conservationist/environmentalist and I certainly understand the environmental issues. However, there must be a happy medium in which the Ferry can operate during the time the environmental studies are conducted. Of the environmental issues, I am particularly concerned about the whale migration routes. However, the issues sited by the protestors, issues such as too many visitors and transport of invasive species are not sound arguments. Current travel, practically considered, poses the same threats. And yet, we have not ceased the businesses of interisland air travel, private boats, cruise ships, chartered flights and cargo ships.

As a business person and resident of Hawaii, I face many Hawaii-specific business challenges. The public fiasco and national exposure this issue has cast upon our state does not make doing business in Hawaii any easier. From the courts (initially), to our public departments (DOT) to our Government, this business was supported and approved. It is fair to reconsider how the business is conducted in light of the views of the minority. However, it should be done in a way that is still business friendly while balancing the practical environmental issues. As a resident, I am of the majority. I want my voice heard. I am disgusted with the way this has been handled, by all parties. I want the SuperFerry. As a company, the SuperFerry made a considerable investment in our islands and committed to bringing a service that the majority of the people want (I have no doubt about this). We owe it

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to the company to hold up our end of the bargain, let the Company conduct business and let the Company serve the island people who want the service. All businesses evolve over time. Should the environmental studies raise issues that require the SuperFerry to revise how it does business, then so be it. But don't expect to devise the perfect model before allowing the Company to function. There is no "perfect model" in this case and waiting for one will not only kill the Company, but it will kill my hope that Hawaii becomes a place of better business practices, a place of practicality before politics, a place of the majority and not the minority, and a place that I am not embarrassed to say I do business in.

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House Record

From: KMats1246@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

Hi, I strongly support the Super Ferry because we need another means of travel to the neighbor islands...there's so many good reasons how it would help outweighing the bad reasons ...I .m shocked by behavior from the other islands...I wish they would realize that the Super Ferry is for the benefit of everyone in hawaii and if we lose it because of these protest group.s hiding behind the EIS and soo concern about the whales..not even considering the many benefits..I gotta shake my head..they for some reason they feel that we on Oahu is going to Maui or Kauai on the Super Ferry and ruin the enviroment..cause traffic jam..how stupid is that? In the beginning there might be a lot of curious travelers but it'll taper off...I personally might go once in the beginning just to experience ride...but the fare is not going be cheaper than the airlines and a much longer ride to and from..I would still ride the airlines..we wouldn't be at the mercy of the current way to ship ..how's Akaka and Inouye..cant they step in ..why is voices of the protest group is the one's we hear on the news?...why is the hearings during the day when we are at work..? the Ferry makes more good sense than the mass transit that's being forced on us..I SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY!! KEN MATSUMIYA..kmats1246@aol.com

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House Record

From: camper@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPPORT FOR SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cheryl Camp and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Super Ferry provides a competitive transportation service as an alternative to airline travel. The Superferry alternative will financially benefit residents visiting their families on the outer islands and promote more affordable group travel for schools, clubs and civic organizations. As an added benefit, the Superferry may assist in leveraging competitive prices for interisland airline travel.

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House Record

From: GreeneOhana@aol.com
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To: House Record
Subject: I AM A SUPERFERRY SUPPORTER!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Patricia Louise Leimomi Greene* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to see this new Ferry business remain here in the islands. I am a small business owner here on the Big Island of Hawaii at Keahole Agricultural Park and have grown flowers and made lei for 19 years here in Kona. I am originally from Punalu'u on O'ahu and am part Native Hawaiian and white.

There are already numerous gigantic ships that sail from island to island every day here in the islands. I don't see any difference that these ships do from the Superferry except we get to be a part of that service as most of us cannot afford those ships and their tours.

I would like to be a part of the Superferry users. There are many reasons. One is we need an alternative as in the older days when the steamer ships took people and cargo from island to island. Now we can only fly. Why shouldn't we grow and try new ventures.

I noticed many local people being employed by this new business shy not give it a chance. Of course guide lines need to be followed as in all of the large vessels at sea to protect our environment.

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House Record

From: Heidi Mia [heidimia@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:07 PM
To: House Record; Mike@Hawaii2000.com
Subject: Superferry bill

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Heidi Alohalani Mia* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. *I feel that a ferry system is a much needed essential mode of transportation for our islands because of the high prices for goods and services on the outer islands compared to Oahu prices. For example, if I wanted to buy a vehicle here on the big island, I would have to pay as much as \$3000 more than on Oahu. We pay higher prices on food, gasoline, clothing, etc.*

I am not comfortable with the state of air travel today, but would feel at ease on the safety of a ship. I do not have a phobia, but this is my preference.

I am in favor of the ferry being permitted to operate while an EIS is conducted. This would enable the public to see how safe it is and its effects, good or bad on the environment and our way of life. I think it will be an improvement. This would be the next best thing to building a bridge between all the islands.

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House Record

From: Ryan Fowler [kihei@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:11 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony for Record for HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Rep. Souki and Rep. Oshiro:

My name is Ryan Fowler and I support Hawaii Superferry operation.
Please help the Superferry by allowing them to operate.

I would like Superferry operation to begin immediately, so that Hawaii will have a ferry system to bring family and friends together.

I was born and reared on Maui (Baldwin c/o '93), and I personally want the Superferry so that I can take my wife, two month old daughter, 110-lb dog, and car and visit my daughter's Tutu and Tutu Kane in Kihei, Maui this Thanksgiving and Christmas and throughout the year. I would also like to go to Maui, Kauai and the Big Island with our car stocked with my wife's nature photographs to sell at art fairs on the respective islands. I do not want the Superferry operation suspended longer, and do not want them to have no options but to leave Hawaii.

I do not intend to submit in-person comments. Thank you for your time.
Very Respectfully,
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House Record

From: kunana@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:00 PM
To: House Record
Subject: TESTIMONY: A 5 minute inspection for each of 282 cars on ferry would take a cumulative 23.5 hours. SAY NO TO SUPERFERRY

October 24, 2007

To the Hawaii State House of Representatives:

Yes, dear legislators, do the math. If 282 cars show up to sail from Oahu to Kauai, it would take a total of 23.5 hours to perform even a five minute inspection of each vehicle and its contents if one person were doing it. If 23 1/2 persons were doing it (we must not discriminate for 1/2 Persons who might be employed by HSF), it would still take one hour just to give each potential vehicle a five minute inspection.

As an organic farmer who has a beautiful flock of free-range laying hens and as a Kilauea resident who lives 4 miles from the Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, I do not trust the controls set in place by the HSF in preventing invasive species. I doubt there would be much chance of catching a pregnant mongoose or a potted plant full of fire ant eggs with such poor inspection procedures. These are two of the invasive species which pose a serious threat to our ground nesting endangered birds such as albatross, nene, and shearwater. Not to mention our laying hens. Have you ever seen fire ants attack a newborn gosling?

And one pregnant mongoose can produce upwards of 18 babies per year. Now these female babies will reach sexual maturity in a ten weeks, and then, they, too, can reproduce. Do the math!! Kaua'i has no mongoose.

Taxonomic name: *Herpestes javanicus* (E. Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1818)

Common names: beji (Bengali), Kleiner Mungo (German), mangouste (French), mangus (Hindi), mweyba (Burmese), newla (Hindi-India), small Indian mongoose (English)

Organism type: mammal

General impacts

Predator of birds, small mammals and reptiles. Ground nesting birds are at risk especially. Impact on invertebrates not known. Many snakes and iguanas are at risk from mongooses. Also is a vector of rabies, and causes economic loss to game species and poultry industry.

Notes

Mongoose threaten endemic species on tropical cane growing islands. They have caused the population demise or extinction of many endemic vertebrates, continue to cause livestock damage and pose a disease risk.

The small Indian mongoose is gregarious and diurnal, and live in small burrows. They occupy small home ranges of 0.8-1.6 km in diameter. They breed 2-3 times a year. Their young are usually weaned in 4-5 weeks, and females can breed as early as 10 weeks old. Males can produce sperm at four months old, but usually do not breed until the following spring.

This species has been nominated as among 100 of the "World's Worst" invaders Reviewed by: Dr. Sugoto Roy (Coordinator); Hebridean Mink Project. Central Science Laboratory Sand Hutton, York UK

Compiled by: Dr. Sugoto Roy (Coordinator); Hebridean Mink Project. Central Science Laboratory Sand Hutton, York UK & Invasive Species Specialist Group (ISSG).

Kauai does have Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge where we have ground nesting birds like nene, shearwater, and albatross.

Please protect them! SAY NOT TO SUPERFERRY!!

Mahalo,

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Please do not dirty your hands on the governor's
dirty legislation.