



KAUA'I

Chamber
of
Commerce

October 24, 2007

House of Representatives, State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Honorable Representatives:

Rep., Joseph M. Souki, Chair, Committee on Transportation
Rep., Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, Committee on Finance
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

RE: HB1: Relating to Transportation

Dear Representatives:

Mahalo Nui Loa for taking the time to hear concerns of residents of the State of Hawaii.

On behalf of the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce, which comprises of 87% small business, 421 member businesses and organizations and, over 650 representatives, we are submitting our support for this legislation that will allow an Inter-island Ferry to operate while an Environmental Impact State is performed by the Department of Transportation.

We also offer to have 2 members from the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce to serve voluntarily on the Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force to ensure that the intent of this legislation is met and, provide the business input and oversight as will be required. Furthermore, as many of our members and even non-members from the business community will benefit such as farmers and especially small businesses, as a chamber, we strongly believe that this is an important and historic time for the business community to continue to take an active and leadership role in ensuring that businesses not only continue to remain and be successful on Kaua'i but, throughout the state. A key role is by this chamber being involved in the dialogue, process and oversight of this important legislation that is intended to not only protect our physical environment but, also support and encourage our business environment.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with constituents from throughout the state.

Sincerely yours,

Randall Francisco
President



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House Testimony

From: deepa [deepa@konajoe.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Super ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is deepa Tiare Alban and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry I am the owner of one of the fastest growing coffee Companies in state of Hawaii.

As a small business owner I know very well Hawaii is the most difficult state to do business in.

As a native and resident of Hawaii, I am shamed at the behavior of the citizens opposing the super ferry operation, All those opposing super-ferry based on environmental concern are such hypocrites, what happen to their concern regarding the barges that are bringing their daily foods, the cars they drive, toilet paper they use, surf boards they use in protesting ...

Such hypocrites in expressing their concern for the environment should not be using ANY things that is NOT 100 % made in Hawaii.

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Reply-To: hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.com

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House Testimony

From: Real-Layos, Ruby [RubyR@kapiolani.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:18 PM
To: House Record
Subject: re: Superferry

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the Superferry.

The reason I support the Superferry is because it gives us another means of transportation to and from each Island, it also gives us a chance of the convince of bringing the whole family with our cars and not having someone pick up and waiting for you to come in. I know people would settle for the Superferry going to each Island at least once a week on a set schedule we this would also help businesses the option of shipping items for employees with cargo to move at once instead of having to ship things separately. This would also be a big factor in getting emergency help to each Island who need emergency help from a disaster or weather related emergency. You see we do need the Superferry and we could use this to our islands advantage. Thank you for your time and have a great day:-)

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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 Gerri Lynn Kahili and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I am a resident of Hawaii, born and raised here in the Islands. I have seen and heard the "**Vocal minority**" speak loudly...who say they speak for the people of Hawaii. I am one of the people of Hawaii and they certainly don't speak for me. We need an alternative to the high priced airfares that we were paying and certainly the opportunity to be able to bring along our own vehicles if we choose to. The Superferry has employed our local people, have stocked our local products and provided the people of the State of Hawaii the opportunity to visit our friends and ohana in a very cost friendly manner. Where were these opponents when the Superferry was being built, where were they when the Superferry was making it's way to Hawai'i. All of this was very well publicized. Now the "vocal minority" wants to make noise AFTER the ferry is here and ready to service the island people!!*

Let the Superferry run and service and help the people and businesses of these Islands. Please do not let the "vocal minority" speak for those of us who are NOT afraid of change...but embrace it.

Please do not allow the minority to speak for the majority.

Gerri L. Kahili

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House Testimony

From: Peter Cannon [peter@hawaiianresources.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:46 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Additional Superferry Testamony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Peter W. Cannon and I very very strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii desperately needs additional methods for moving people, vehicles and products between the islands of our state. The attached email from Young Brothers will make this point very clear.

My business, Hawaiian Resources Co. Ltd., strongly supports the Superferry and all 15 of our employees agree that they support this alternative method of transportation.

I just within this hour sent earlier personal testimony in support of the Superferry. Since then an email has arrived from Young Brothers that will reinforce the point that business and individuals need alternative methods for moving cargo and automobiles between the islands.

Please read the attached announcement from Young Brothers. It announces that from now on, all cargo going to Kauai will only be received in by Young Brothers on two days of the week (Monday and Thursday) and for only three and a half hours per day. All cargo for Lanai can only be shipped on one different day of the week (Wednesday) and for only three hours of that day.

Have any of you ever sat in line to send interisland cargo out on Young Brothers? Do you realize how many hours of your day is wasted by sitting in these lines? Are you aware of the calibre of "service" that a customer receives when dealing with Young Brothers? By limiting the days and times, these lines will only be longer. So now if a shipper has cargo for Maui, Lanai and Kauai this means that we must go and sit in these lines on three different days of the week instead of making a drop off and standing in a Young Brothers line only one time for all islands. Look at the time wasted and the number of times a week that a shipper has to send trucks on to the roads and into traffic to sit in lines and deal only with Young Brothers.

Young Brothers desperately needs some competition for cargo between the islands for them to clean up their service act. Businesses in Hawaii desperately need some alternatives to dealing with Young Brothers. Interisland freight competition is desperately needed.

Please. please, please support the Superferry and set the parameters for her to sail profitably between the islands.

Peter Cannon
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Wednesday October 24, 2007

Re: Port of Nawiliwili and Lanai

Dear Valued Customer,

To maintain safe and efficient operations in the Port of Honolulu, we will accept Nawiliwili and Lanai bound cargo as follows, **effective Wednesday November 7, 2007:**

Cargo Destined for the Port of Nawiliwili
Hours: Monday and Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
All Cargo Types

Cargo Destined for the Port of Lanai
Hours: Wednesday 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
All Cargo Types

Please note that beginning Wednesday, November 7, and Thursday, November 8, after 11:00 a.m. at the port of Honolulu, Young Brothers will not accept any cargo bound for Nawiliwili and Lanai on each of these respective and all future sailing days. All general cargo is shipped on a space available basis. Pick-up times for Nawiliwili and Lanai cargo will not be affected.

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matt Humphrey
Matt Humphrey
Vice President and General Manager

House Testimony

From: Tom Caltrider [caltrider@vrhi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:55 PM
To: House Record
Cc: Rep. Lyla B. Berg; Sen. Roz Baker
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

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

I also believe that it will significantly help all of the people of Hawaii by providing a new low cost ability for families to travel around the state and to become better connected with their extended families on other islands.

I believe in a united Hawaii, not a divided Hawaii.

Therefore, I support the HB 1 and the Hawaii Superferry.

Tom

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House Testimony

From: John Murphy [murphy1951@shaw.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:21 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for superferries

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

My name is Sandra Murphy and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the superferry as a means to see other islands in Hawaii without having to fly. We love Hawaii and would like the opportunity to visit other islands by way of ferry when we come to visit in November. We have had four vacations in one year to Maui and Honolulu it is our favorite place to visit.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Raulette Lee Carson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. We have waited for a ferry system in Hawaii for many years. We would like to be able to load up our car and take it over to another island for a vacation, or to purchase a car on one island and move it to another – it increases our options. I do not believe that the restrictions being discussed are fair or relevant. If the ferry has to insure that unwanted insects, etc. do not go from island to island, shouldn't all the other carriers traveling from island to island follow the same rules? Why single out the superferry? Hawaii should have a ferry system to relax the stranglehold the airlines and Young Brothers has on travel/shipping.

Raulette Lee Carson

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House Testimony

From: Stuart Oda [stuartoda@stuoda.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:14 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Stuart Oda and I am a practicing attorney here in Hilo, Hawaii, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have read and listened to almost all of the arguments both pro and con on the superferry issue. Most of the opposition appears to be highly emotional arguments that do not really address the key question of whether the legislature has the authority to pass any legislation to permit the superferry to operate before the environmental assessment is completed. I am not an expert on environmental laws. However, I believe that the legislature does have the authority to pass legislation to permit the sailing while the assessment is ongoing.

The arguments regarding invasive species and harm to marine animals are interesting but not very convincing. Every marine vessel sailing between the islands has the potential of harming marine animals by its very existence and every means of transport between the islands has the same ability or potential of transporting invasive species between the islands. The superferry is no different.

There appears to be a hidden agenda by the opponents to stop the superferry in its tracks. They do state that they are not against the superferry per se, but merely seek compliance with the law. That may not be the true reason for their opposition.

I have visited San Francisco, New York, Seattle and British Columbia, and was impressed with the ferry system in those areas, especially in San Francisco and British Columbia where automobiles are permitted on the ferries together with passengers. I remember asking myself why Hawaii doesn't have something like that.

I do hope that the legislature will find just cause to permit the superferry to operate while the assessment is ongoing because I believe it is in the public's best interest to do so.

Thank you.

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House Testimony

From: Lee Tepley [leetepley@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:24 PM
To: House Record
Subject: My testimony against HB 1

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 all House members. Mahalo.

FROM:

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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.)

10/24/2007

My testimony is to point out the following 3 separate items.

I. The administration's bill is immoral, unethical and probably illegal.

For those of you intend to vote for the administration's cynical bill to bypass the court system, you should be reminded that your vote would be in violation of the Hawaii State constitution which is modeled after the US constitution. Your vote would, in fact, support the administration's effort to get around the separation of powers between the 3 branches of the Hawaii government and would relegate the court system to an inferior and secondary role to the other two branches. Your vote in favor of the administrations bill would be immoral, unethical and illegal.

I realize that you believe that the majority of Hawaii's citizens - who live in Honolulu - favor the Superferry and could care less about things like the separation of powers and the supposed equality of the 3 branches of government. They are far more interested in temporarily escaping Honolulu, visiting their families on the outer islands, etc.

You may also believe that getting around restrictions on the Superferry would improve the climate for big business investing in Hawaii. You are probably correct in that all big business will have to do is make big payoffs to the right politicians and the laws will be bent in their favor.

You may also believe that the proposed law to get around the court decisions is just plain clever. I agree - but I respectfully ask you to consider that the concept of the separation of powers between the 3 branches is far more important than the small number of jobs gained by your catering to a single corrupt company like HSF –or even to a legitimate company.

Your passing this outrageous and cynical legislation would go a long way into turning Hawaii into a full-fledged banana republic.

And finally, I have been told that, if the administration manages to get this cynical bill passed, there will be all kinds of legal challenges and the accompanying publicity will make Hawaii look more and more like a banana republic - and those of you who vote for this legislation will be held at fault

Superferry is different than any other vessel that has ever sailed in Hawaiian waters

Several people testified at the Kailua-Kona meeting that it was discriminatory to require the Superferry to do an Environmental assessment and to not require an environmental assessment from cruise ships, vessels run by Young Brothers, etc. These people do not realize that the Superferry is an entirely different type of vessel than any that has ever sailed before in Hawaiian waters and should be treated as such because of its two bows and extremely high speed. The Superferry is a far greater threat to whales and other marine mammals than cruise ships, freighters, etc

III. Fast ferries - like the Superferry – have already killed lots of whales.

A lady testified at the Kailua-Kona meeting that she had done research and could find no evidence that fast ferries had ever killed a whale.

This is totally wrong. Fast ferries have killed lots of whales and there is eye-witness evidence to prove it.

- A. From a paper by Panigada, et al. published in 2006 about fin whales killed by fast ferries in the Mediterranean sea:

“High speed ferries were introduced into the area in 1996. In the six years following that period they accounted for almost 50% of the total collisions.”

- B. From a paper by Weinrich submitted to the International Whaling Comision in 2004.

24 collisions were witnessed during a 10 year period. 11 of these were with fast ferries.

C. Many collisions were witnessed in the waters between Japan and Korea between Jet-foils and whales. Jet foils are lighter and even faster than the Superferry: Collisions with whales have lead to injuries and death to both whales and passengers and lots of newspaper articles.

D. After the Introduction of fast ferries to the Canary Islands in 1989, death and strandings of sperm whales went up drastically. There were no witnesses but lots of bloody corpses at the water's edge.

I can provide detailed evidence on the above 4 items.

Lee Tepley, PhD Physics

House Testimony

From: DERKINE@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:27 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

We would like to place our names as supporters for the ferry. It would be a great benefit for all of us in Hawaii. It's a shame that a small handful of mostly non-hawaiians could stop one of the greatest means of transportation to come along for the Islands. Just the commercial aspect alone could and would be a boon to each Island. We support the Hawaii Superferry and pray that you folks will let it resume service to our outer islands.

Mahalo,

Roy and Sandy Ryan
Honolulu, HI

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House Testimony

From: Kelalakimo@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:28 PM
To: House Record
Subject: ATTN: House Committee on Transportation & House Comm. on Finance (10/25/07) 9am

***State Capitol**

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro;

Our names are, Geraldine Edmondson and James Ziccardi, Jr. We would like to give our full support to the Hawaii Superferry.

We have traveled by both plane and boat inter Island and now to be able to have our own car with us would be the best means that this Ferry could provide for our family since one of us is in a wheelchair. In traveling to the outer Islands in the past we realized there was no Handi-van or public transportation as we have here on Oahu. This then limited us to the Hotel area on the Big Island on one visit and to stay on the Cruise ship when we did do another "Island" tour trip.

We feel that, as the tourist add to the economy of the outer Islands, so too can we Local people add to our own economy by this new venture with the Hawaii Superferry.

**Thank you.
Sincerely,
Geraldine Edmondson
James Ziccardi, Jr.
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House Testimony

From: Anika Glass [anika.nui@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:28 PM
To: House Record
Cc: Rep. Cindy Evans; Tommie Sukanuma
Subject: Against HR1, Special Session, Relating to Transportation

I urge you not to approve HR1 Relating to Transportation.

Adequate assessments of Kawaihae and Hawai'i Island State and County infrastructure have not been made, nor have there been adequate assessments of the impact to the marine environment, to include noise and air.

Proper process was not followed and should not now be excused by the legislature.

I will not be attending.

Respectfully,

Anika Glass
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House Testimony

From: Capt. Hugh Conroy [sportsafloat@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:24 PM
To: House Record
Cc: Conroy, Hugh
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Honorable Representatives

For the record:

My Full name is Capt. Hugh Conroy;
I am unable to attend the meeting as scheduled;
I can be contacted at the following:
- (808) 695-1315 Land line;
- (808) 224-6413 Cellular;
- E-mail to: sportsafloat@att.net

"I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPER FERRY SYSTEM".

Unfortunately the memories of 9/11/1992, have been mis-placed by some island residents, and rightly so, as this was, and will continue to be a catastrophic event. Such events are the very occurrences wherein the presence of the Hawaii Super Ferry System indicate the need for such a transportation system to provide quick response, which could have been available too assist Hurricane Iniki relief.

I personally would have valued such a system at the time of Hurricane Iniki. Were it possible at that time, I would have been provided the transportation system to ship electrical generators to Kauai. As it turned out, the shipment was delayed for several weeks.

This is but one example, for which the Hawaii Super Ferry could provide emergency assistance to our islands.

I respectfully request your vote to support the Hawaii Super Ferry System.

ALOHA & MAHALO
Capt. Hugh Conroy

10/24/2007

House Testimony

From: JON HAIG [jonphaig@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:28 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

Speakers of the House,

I am in **favor** of the Super Ferry (SF) and would like to get it back on schedule. My name's Jon Haig and I am the Governor of the York Rite College (a division of the Masonic Lodge) in Hawaii. We look forward to the SF being in business as we can then put on degree work for the York Rite masons on the outer islands. We do this as a free service for our sister lodges. Using the airlines and barge service would cost us too much money to ship about thirty people and their costumes. We also have eight ten foot tall pillars, curtains, swords, steels rods, alters, large pillows, hammers, saws and other props necessary to put on several degree's. Before the SF we could only service lodges on Oahu but once the SF is in business we can also do our work for the lodges on Kauai, Maui and Hawaii.

I can be contacted at 255-9005 or 946-0481. My addresses are 2333 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 513, Honolulu, HI 96826 and P.O.Box 88321, Honolulu, HI 96830-8321. Email: jhaig@hawaii.rr.com and jonphaig@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Jon P. Haig, Governor
York Rite College Hawaii

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10/24/2007

House Testimony

From: Anne Shigeta [shigeta.anne@gene.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:39 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry Should go to Maui and Kauai!!

To Whom It May Concern:

As public officials please make the decision to support Super Ferry. As a citizen who wants choices in travel and that can be affordable, this is our right. A silent majority wants the ferry on Oahu and Maui and Kauai. Please don't just listen to a few vocal people. I am working and cannot take time off to come and support the ferry.

I just returned from a 10-day vacation in the San Juan Islands. This ferry system is just celebrating it's 80th anniversary. Does it hurt the Orca whales and dolphins? NO! Do whales have brains and can they avoid large objects like the Super Ferry? YES! Please stick to the pertinent facts that the majority of folks want the ferry and not the voices of a few people who have a lot of time on their hands to come and protest. If there is any ships they should be monitoring for environmental effects it's the cruise ships!

Please support the Super Ferry. These people should have protested it last year when it was in planning stages, not now.

- Anne Shigeta-Koch

House Testimony

From: Dennis T. Nishiguchi [dcn@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:31 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dennis Nishiguchi and my wife's name is Claire and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry. As business owners ourselves, we can empathize with the Superferry's owners who have done everything they have been asked of up until now but are now faced with mounting expenses and no income to offset them.

Everyone that I have spoken with about this subject are in favor of the Superferry. The opposition seems to be a minority.

We as a state also need to think about the message that we are sending to other businesses that are considering "opening up shop" in Hawaii. Do we want it to be "Not Welcome Here"? I don't think so.

Thank you.

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10/24/2007

House Testimony

From: JDean83189@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:34 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPPORT THE HB 1 AND THE SUPERFERRY!

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

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

Sincerely,

John W. Dean, Jr.

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House Testimony

From: Bob Hampton [bob@waikikibeachactivities.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:39 AM
To: Housetestimony@Capital.hawaii.gov
Subject: Protect the taxpayer let the Superferry operate now

Aloha House Committees:

If Superferry shareholders are to see the return of their investment, pay operational overhead, and maybe make a profit, the Superferry will have to do so according to its own business plan. Any more obstacles put in its way by the legislature will only increase the damages that may have to be paid by the state of Hawaii (taxpayers) if there is a law suit or a settlement.

Why would the Superferry folks even bother trying to make it work if they have to submit to unreasonable demands. It appears to many that Superferry already has a slam dunk case against the state of Hawaii for 'detrimental reliance.'

If the Superferry sees to many obstructions created by Hawaii's government then it can move its \$300 Million asset to another state where the ferry is wanted and needed. After that move, the Superferry will probably seek repayment of its losses (damages) from Hawaii's taxpayers. Past experience proves that this form of law suit will most likely succeed or lead to a hefty settlement.

To prevent this catastrophe from getting worse, the legislature should immediately back the governor's efforts to make Superferry whole by getting them into business now, unfettered by business killing obstacles and let Superferry prove themselves as environmentally sound.

The legislators should work together for a soft landing for Superferry and cut out the rhetoric. If that task is impossible and it appears to be, then it may be time to consider a financial settlement with the Superferry before their losses are even greater. It is time to think of the taxpayers and the potential damage to us.

Aloha,

Bob Hampton

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House Testimony

From: Barry L. Rice, Jr. [Barry@ViewHawaiiHomes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: 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 Barry Rice, Jr. and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I believe it is vital to the economic growth of these islands, allowing everyone an alternative mode of travel between the islands. It's hard to believe that a small minority of the State can ruin it for the rest of us that support the Superferry. No matter the changes that are introduced to these islands, people will always tend to buck change. Like the old Hawaiian saying, 'We're like a'ama crabs in a small bucket, if they just worked together they would escape, instead they always tend to pull each other down, remaining there and eventually on a luau plate.

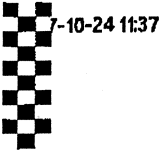
Please allow the Superferry to sail soon.

Aloha,

Barry

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Michael M. ...

October 22, 2007

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Clayton Hee, Vice chair

RE: Relating to transportation

Dear ~~Senators~~ ^{*and*} Representatives:
Mahalo Nui Loa for taking the time to hear the concerns of the residence of the State of Hawaii prior to the convening of the special session of 2007 on Wednesday, October 24, 2007

First of all, let me say that I'm for the super ferry. Please let the super ferry sail while the EIS is being conducted. My reasoning for this is:

1- Whale collisions have occurred in Hawaiian waters due to the fact that tour companies were chasing and going towards the whales. The super ferry will be doing the opposite, they will be avoiding any whales, not going towards the whales.

2-Washing vehicles. Young brother and Matson and other vehicle transportation companies are not required to wash or even inspect any of the vehicles it accepts

for transporting to any outer Islands. FAIR! is FAIR!

I have seen many vehicles and some heavy equipment off loaded(roll on roll off) that were in fact dirty with mud and grass on the undercarriage and also on the tires.

3-The ban which Judge Cardoza ruled on only applies to Maui's kahului harbor. Not Kauai or the Island of Hawaii. He did not make the ruling for all the other Islands.

If you require a full EIS for the super ferry, with conditions, than, please apply the same conditions for all companies which had harbor improvements done to accommodate their vessels. Again, FAIR is FAIR.

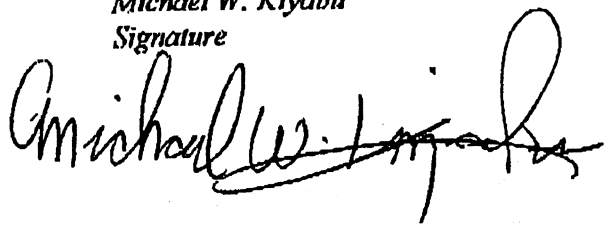
Senators, please understand that there are a lot of people and businesses who are willing to use the super ferry, many, many of these people didn't come forth to testify because they felt uncomfortable or afraid that they are going to be heckled and booed by these so called legal protestors.

Senators, please understand that these people only represents less than 1 6th of the people on Kauai, the other 50 plus thousand want the super ferry.

In closing, let me just state that we are one State divided by water. Please make the right decision for all of the people in our State of Hawaii.

Aloha and Mahalo Nui Loa

*Sincerely,
Michael W. Kiyabu
Signature*



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House Testimony

From: Rey Nivera [rnivera25@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:09 PM
To: House Testimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

#28

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 Reynard Nivera and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I believe that the Superferry will be beneficial to our society because it gives the people of Hawaii another option of travel when traveling to the other island. I also believe that the Superferry will help our state's economy by promoting a healthy competition in our travel industry. Again, I am writing in support of the Superferry.

Mahalo,
Reynard Nivera
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RE: HB 1 Relating to Transportation
**Requiring an Environmental Impact Statement, Oversight Task Force,
etc.**

Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007
Time: 10:30 am
Place: Auditorium

Please distribute copies to House members.

~Mahalo

From: Marcia Godinez 
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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 Nishimoto, Vice-Chair

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice-Chair

Please honor the Court's decision to require an Environmental Review of
the HDOT Harbor Project BEFORE allowing the Superferry to operate.

Please DO NOT allow this Administration's illegal policy of entitlement to
proceed. Please DO NOT violate our State Laws and the Court's rulings.

Written testimony only

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

My name is J. "Lehua" Kala'i and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Not only is this another great way of transportation, but it is a personal choice how you want to travel, by air or sea. The whole experience by sea can be very leisurely, but mostly an economical way to take your whole 'ohana to visit 'ohana on the neighbor islands.

Another added touch to the Superferry is, taking your own vehicle. This option is another great choice to pack items in your car, or air freight it over, which can be quite costly.

Please consider another choice for transportation.

J. Lehua Kala'i

J. "Lehua" Kala'i
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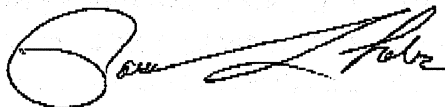
Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Patti Laba and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I'm a public school teacher. My colleagues and I discussed the controversy regarding the Superferry. None of my colleagues nor family members are against the Superferry. Several hundred people are on my email list and none of them are against the Superferry either. I don't understand how a minority of loud voices gets priority over the silent majority.

My relatives on the Big Island and Kauai are in favor of the Superferry. They can visualize how the Superferry can benefit the people on neighbor islands in times of hurricanes, fires, and other emergency situations. They would personally benefit when their children attend the University of Hawaii and can drive their vehicles to Oahu when they dorm. Granted, my ethnic culture has been engrained in me to not make a big fuss or noise about issues but I feel I need to make my voice heard because I represent many people who don't speak up.

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House Testimony

From: Norm Stahl [nstahl@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 3:59 PM
To: House Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Superferry

#21

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House:

As a citizen who is both professionally and personally interested in the growth of private enterprise and occupational opportunities throughout the State, I urge you to enact legislation that will permit the Superferry to operate without impediment during the period that the EIS is being conducted.

I understand from the summary of the legislation the House is considering that the operation of the Superferry would be contingent "upon meeting certain minimum conditions". I urge the members of the House to limit those "conditions" to only those absolutely essential to ensuring the safe operation of the ferry and its passengers and to prevent *major and irreversible* damage to the environment. Given a choice between loosing the Superferry or loosing a marine mammal or two, I would choose to keep the Superferry.

Failure to enact corrective legislation would result in a strengthening of the impression that the State of Hawaii has an "Anti-Business" climate and damage future job growth. Given the Supreme Court's interpretation of the current law, only the Legislature can prevent the demise of the Superferry, subsequent damage to our business reputation and a loss of current and future jobs.

Recent polls indicate that more than 75% of the State's voters support legislation to permit the Superferry to resume and continue operation. For the sake of our future, I urge you to adopt such legislation without delay.

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House Testimony

From: Shannon Davis [Daviss041@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:58 PM

To: House Testimony

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:

Our names are *Steve and Shannon Davis* and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We believe that Hawaii needs alternative methods of transport between the islands and different and affordable ways for ohana to travel and visit. We also believe in freedom of choice. We think the Superferry will bring families and friends together as well as the opportunities to shop and take in sports events and cultural events.

Steve and Shannon Davis

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House Testimony

From: isellkauai@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:07 PM
To: House Testimony
Subject: Fwd: Super Ferry YES!!!

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To: Housetestimony@Hawaiiicapitol.gov
Sent: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 6:03 pm
Subject: Super Ferry YES!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:
My name is Val Pilaria and I strongly support the Super Ferry and would like to see it up and running for the residents of Hawaii.
I think the majority of those against it have another agenda as there are many changes on our island that some cannot do anything about. When they heard the controversy about the Super Ferry, some of these folks jumped on the band wagon and carried on against it to have a voice.
I feel that all the cruise ships who come to the island throughout the week have a much larger impact on us than the super ferry.
If you are going to have an EI on the Super Ferry than do it for all the other ships and the barges as well.
The fear of more cars on the island seems groundless as if 200 cars come in on the Ferry then there are probably going to be 200 cars leaving Kauai for Oahu so it is a wash.
It will enable those of us who have cars where there are no factory authorized repair people on the island, including my own VW Toureq, to get the service on the cars in Oahu and use the car for getting around the island.
thank you for listening,

Val Pilaria

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House Testimony

From: Lila Parong [lilapsalm100@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:46 PM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #42 Testimony-I'm for the Super Ferry

Aloha.

My name is Lila Parong and I am a very loud voice "FOR" the super ferry. As a mother of eight children I would like to see my relatives and get my kids over to the outer islands to get to know them. With the rising air fare and other costs, the Super Ferry can make a way for me to take the whole family at a feasible rate.

Other than that I am an educator and many children would not be able to fly to another island due to the same costs. If we want our children of Hawaii to grow in their minds to the great transportation vehicles that are out there we need to expose them to it and also allow them to have affordable ways to get to know their AINA and more. That's the LEAST we can do to foster their education. Many many more parents would take the kids to the outer island if it were affordable. Let's think about our future...and the pros to having this wonderful blessing. There will be more jobs, more interest in our island the tourist company will pick up and boy do we need it. Thank you.

lila



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House Testimony

From: Kekoa [kekoais@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:34 PM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0067 Hawaii Super Ferry

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

My name is *Kekoa Ornellas* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry provides the people of Hawaii with an alternative means to explore their beautiful state. As the father of two children I want to be able to take them to various Islands to enjoy the beauty Hawaii has to offer. Taking that into consideration the Hawaii Superferry also provides both kama'aina and visitor alike the opportunity to view Hawaii in a whole new way. There are so many places in the world that use ferries for commuting. I personally used the one in Seattle, Washington and can honestly say that traveling through their islands via ferry was probably the most memorable part of my trip. I feel the Hawaii Superferry has acted admirably in the face of opposition and they deserve to operate while the EIS is conducted.

Sincerely,

Kekoa Ornellas

Honolulu, HI

House Testimony**#158**

From: Annette & Paul [hilojensen@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:52 PM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0158 HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am for the ferry for all the logical reasons : Optional way to travel between islands; Open new options to ship freight ; Create jobs and stimulate a whole new area and environment for business and commerce; Bring Hawaii together as one state, not eight separate islands unto themselves.

I have not found in all the news coverage any evidence presented by the opposition to support their concerns. Where is the evidence to support their claims? It is obvious to me that by letting the ferry operate under close observation can factual data be gathered by actual observations. This will contribute more to an objective EIS than anything else. As it stands now, I can only hear loud, unsubstantiated, emotional appeals by a small vocal group of (from all the pictures) haoles who probably haven't been here for much more than ten years and wont be here in another ten years.

It appears to me there are a lot of people who have recently come to Hawaii with the idea that each island is a "gated community". We are one state, one people who have the right to travel, live and contribute to the benefit of the whole. These protesters are not the people who will set the course into the future for Hawaii. They are interested only in serving their own personal desires by using the environment to block progress rather than using a good law to move ahead and not damage the environment while we do.

There is risk in that, but we can manage the risk, by weighing what might happen against a reasonable standard we can live with; and proceed in such a manner that will not damage our environment. i.e. a few dead whales wont contribute a wit to the extinction of the species so should be a determining factor ?

Yes, there is risk, and that is why, hopefully, we have elected "leaders" who are more than politicians, to to be bold at time like these.

I have read the fifty page bill and in my opinion it is excellent. Thank you for working as hard as you have on this very important issue. I was born on Oahu in 1933 and when my family came to Hilo in 1941 we came by boat, on the Hualalai. It was the only way to travel between islands, or anywhere else for that matter. There was a team that spent the trip on the fan tail. I remember that they were having a real good time, a party, singing and laughing all night long as the islands passed by. We lost that part of our way of life for all these years. I pray that now some semblance of an important part of the good old days may now be restored. Imagine the good times that will be had on the ferry - ho'olaulea!

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10/24/2007

House Testimony

From: Annette & Paul [hilojensen@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:12 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0111 Superferry

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As I see it, there are a lot of people who have come to Hawaii with the idea that each island is a "gated community". We are one state, one people who have the right to travel, live and contribute to the benefit of the whole. These protesters are not the people who will set the course into the future for Hawaii. They are interested only in serving their own personal desires by using the environment to block progress rather than using a good law to move ahead and not damage the environment while we do. There is risk in that, but we must weigh the risk against the gains. i.e a few dead whales wont contribute a wit to the extinction of the species.

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Paul Jensen

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Hearing: Thursday, October 25, 2007, 9:00am Auditorium, State
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Honorable Representatives Joseph M Souki, Chair, Scott Y
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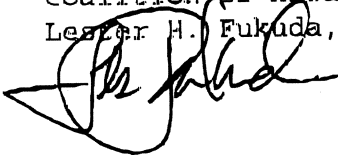
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organizations including American Council of Engineering Companies
Hawaii; American Institute of Architects; Hawaii Chapter of the
American Society of Civil Engineers; American Public Works Association
Hawaii Chapter; Structural Engineering Association of Hawaii; and the
Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers.

We Strongly Support HB 1 Relating to Transportation. Clearly our
State needs alternative means of transportation between the
islands. The Super Ferry provides another means of transporting
our work vehicles, equipment and personnel to the various islands
on a timely basis. This is critical to our profession. The
current system of shipping or air cargo is not efficient for our
needs and very costly in terms of down time to ship equipment and
materials in advance and the actual cost of freight. We
understand the need to protect our environment and hope that the
Super Ferry and that State can come to an agreement on the
environmental issue. But like all businesses, if we do not allow
the Super Ferry to operate they will probably close and leave our
islands and we lose a valuable alternative to transportation in
Hawaii.

We urge you to support HB 1 - Relating to Transportation.
Mahalo, for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

Coalition of Hawaii Engineering & Architectural Professionals
Lester H. Fukuda, P.E., FACEC



Committee On Transportation and Committee On Finance

Hawaii Superferry, Inc. is asking the Hawaii State Legislature, one (1) branch of State Government, to overrule another branch of our State Government, the Judiciary; the Supreme Court. This is wrong! This could be dangerous! This could set a dangerous precedent! If this happens, it should only happen once in my lifetime. Our system of Government works, and has worked well for over 231 years, because of our three (3) branches of Government. Each one, the Legislative, the Judiciary and Executive branch of our state government. Each one not ever overruling the other. Unless it is on appeal and with a court order. This is not. And it has to be constitutional. This is not, and will be appealed!!! And this issue was, is now and will be in court for years. Not might never ever be settled.

We are a country of laws. Not a country of men. Once lawmakers start writing, or re-writing laws to suit ourselves, someone else, or one business, or one over another, after another branch has made their wishes know, with a court order, with the will of law, we are only asking for trouble. Our system of government works and works well because of our separation of powers.

The four fathers of this country wrote that into the constitution. One branch of government is not suppose to be more powerful than the other!!! They are supposed to work separately, individually, but together.

One problem for sure we will run into is what about the people or businesses that lawmakers can not write, or re-write the law for? What happens to them? Government is supposed to be there for all of us, equally. Without favoritism. This is not healthy!!! At

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the same time, the lawmakers should stay out of the fare wars between the three (3) airlines, Hawaiian, Aloha and go! Which have stayed out of.

There should be survival of the fittest. Supposed one of these airlines goes out of business? Than that was meant to happen. The strongest should survive. The weakest shall go out of business. As well it should be. Once we start this kind of favoritism, when does it end? Will it end?

What happens if the environment impact statement goes against the Hawaii Superferry, Inc? Will the leave quietly? Or will they get lawyers, and lobbyists and fight the law?

Some island people on some islands will jump, never mind the danger, into the ocean and play tag with a 350 feet, multi-ton catamaran! I do not want anyone getting hurt, or killed. This not a game! Someone could get seriously hurt! Someone could even die!

Even if the lawmakers get into this private business affair, which the should not, and the Supperferry does sail, some island people will jump into the ocean trying to stop them. I am sure it is not a good idea to force the will of any business on to anyone.

My understanding is that they want no conditions put upon them. They want to be able to break and make-up the law to suite themselves. What would happen if all businesses do this to suit themselves? The system would be out of control!

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

PRESENTATION TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE
ADJUTANT GENERAL
October 25, 2007

Chair Souki, Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

I am Major General Robert G. F. Lee, State Adjutant General. I am testifying on House Bill 1. This bill requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

We strongly support House Bill 1. Passage of this bill will allow the operation of large capacity ferry vessels prior to the completion of an EIS. Operation of large capacity ferry vessels would provide a tremendous transport capability to mitigate a disaster. This large capacity ferry vessel would have the capacity to transport military units, equipment, supplies and be operational immediately upon arrival at a disaster area.

Chairs Souki and Oshiro, this concludes my testimony. Are there any questions?

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Emil Roy Gomez and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am a Vietnam Veteran and currently employed by Pearl Harbor Shipyard as a Marine Machinery Supervisor. I have traveled to all the neighbor islands and have enjoyed these vacations/visits with my friends and family and hope to continue to do so. Most of the time when we travel we take along our motorcycles as we feel most comfortable traveling in them then vehicles which are cumbersome, gas guzzling and hard to find parking most times.

In order to get our motorcycles to the neighbor islands we either fly through one Aloha Airlines which is very pricey, load in container with Young Brothers which is very time consuming and requires many friends to pitch in, trailer bikes to the container at least 1 week ahead of the vacation. then we need to ensure someone will drive us home from the pier after we load our motorcycles, then when we get to our designated island someone has to pick us up at the airport and drive us to the young brothers pier to pickup our bikes. As we leave all this in reverse order.

If the Superferry were in operation we could just drive on with our motorcycles and drive off, no one to bother to help us out, no need to catch a ride to the pier. When we are done visiting we'll just leave the

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same way. The business we bring to the hotels, restaurants, parts stores, and other businesses have never been unhappy we came to spend money as we always do when we travel.

I know some people are concerned with the environment but are they really concerned or are they just using this issue to ensure their little island is kept private for themselves and not allow outsiders from other islands to enjoy what we consider OUR state. Just how devoted are these environmentalists? Certainly these are not the same ones that drive up to protest in their GAS GUZZLING SUV's, Pickup's or cadillacs all with their airconditionedrs going full blast? If they are really environmentalists they should all be living in caves and walk to where ever they are going, but are they really?

Thank you for allowing me to testify in Support of the Superferry and hope that you can thread through the real issues. Please feel free to contact me for any questions regarding this issue.

Emil R. Gomez

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Trisha Calamayan* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I really think that it is time for change and also a way where you can bring your own car to other islands. I think also the superferry is way more safe for the environment then any other ship, fishing boat, barge, and even airplanes. There should be no concern with marine life, because the whales that people worry about, I'm really sure they are allot smarter than you think with moving out of the way for miles before the superferry comes near them.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kanoa Taylor from Waikapu Maui and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I was born and raised on Maui and started my professional maritime career on the waters surrounding Maui. I left for the mainland partially because of the competition for the small number of quality, decent paying, local maritime jobs. The Hawaii Superferry has provided me with the opportunity to return home after 9 years on the mainland. This job is a good job with advancement possibilities that stay locally in the islands allowing me to be close to friends and family.

I believe the Hawaii Superferry is being held to a standard that has not applied to the other inter-island transportation systems. As a crew member of the on board marine staff I can state that the HSV Alakai is the most environmentally friendly vessel I have served on.

I also would like to remind everybody that the vessel is at all times being navigated by 2 licenced officers. These officers along with their lookouts are professionals. They are charged with safely navigating the Alakai through the water and take this seriously. Although I am not an officer on this ship, I have been on many others including high speed catamarans. Any object animal, vessel, or otherwise detected ahead of any vessel is tracked by all available means including visual and instrument tracking to determine if there is risk of collision. If it is determined that there may be risk of collision the crew will usually slow down and make a course change

until the risk has passed.

Everybody seems to focus on the ferry's speed but its strength is in its maneuverability and ability to quickly change course slow down, stop. You will not find another vessel of comparable size traversing hawaiian waters that can match the ferrys maneuverability.

I am not against the environmental process but to be fair it needs to be applied equally across the board not to just one company. This ferry poses no greater risk than the many other vessels foreign and domestic that sail through hawaiian waters.

Please let the ferry sail while the review process is conducted.

We on crew of the Alakai have and will continue to operate in a safe, environmentally conscious manner.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Stephanie Bates and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Stephanie Bates
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