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House Record

From: Amanda Sagiao [siaula4458sala@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:10 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry

Dear chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Ielu Sala. My wife and I and my 3 grown kids support the Super-ferry 100%. We need the Super-ferry for our families. Do you remember when the were building the H-3 and how people were protesting, now the protester are using the H-3. Right now they are making noise. You watch they themselves will use the ferry and realize how valuable the ferry is to the islands.

LET SUPER-FERRY SAIL

Thank you for listening and reading
Ielu J. Sala

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From: MLL71@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:18 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

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

My name is *Marisa Calventas*, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to have the opportunity to visit my family on the other islands.

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House Record

From: Michael J. Kitchens [michaeljkitchens@users.easynews.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:19 PM
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Subject: ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance: Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael J. Kitchens and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly disagree with the Maui Judge's decision to halt the Super Ferry's operations while an Environmental Assessment is completed. This is a huge, backwards step for progress in Hawaii, and is a slap in the face for a business that has been very supportive in investing their monies in our local economy. What will other business take from this lesson? The protesters had YEARS to put their say in, and to come forward with their complaints. Only now, after the greenlight did they come in and stop a business that has invested millions of dollars, as well as State taxpayers that will have to foot the bill if the Super Ferry decides to leave. This will most likely end up as a very negative mark on our state governments track record, and will be an example of how maligned our legal system is.

It seems extremely strange to me that an EIS is suddenly needed for something that has been in the works for many, many years. I've even seen a documentary on the Discovery channel about it! How ridiculous is this situation? And how will the rest of the U.S., and the world view our state now? I'm a strong advocate of getting a track built here, but until it can be done, the cheapest way for us to race, on the outer islands, is the Super Ferry. Now, that isn't possible...and a temp solution for our racing woes is out the window.

This entire incident will set an example for the world about how Hawaii treats it's businesses. What type of example do we want to set?

I firmly support the Super Ferry, and I ask that you allow it to continue to operate!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Kitchens
Resident,
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From: robert wong [wongri@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert I. S. Wong and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am retired from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for more than 6 ½ years after being there for 37 years. Presently my wife and I baby-sit our two young grandsons ages 2 ½ and 5 ½ years of age. Before we started our babysitting duties, I always did the Big Islands Labor Day run for motorcycles for a period of 7 years. Now that I have other pressing duties, I can't go to the other islands because it really requires much time in shipping my motorcycle by Young Brother's Barge. It also requires a lot of coordination to get from the airport to the docks to pick-up the bike and vice versa. With the Supperferry, I would be such a breeze because we would have our mode of transportation right with us. I like the idea of riding on and riding off. I have a custom motorcycle and almost every time we use to load our bikes in a container in Hilo, it would rain. I hated that because that bike would sit in that for 6 days wet. If you knew how much time I take to clean my motorcycle, you would know what I mean.

As for invasive species. Why aren't other transporting businesses under strict scrutinized because they can transport the very things that these environmentalist are so worried about. In my opinion, what is good for Supperferry is good for everyone else.

I am all for the EIS because we need this study to protect our environment but only as a tool set rules and regulations. Things might have been done wrong in the past I don't know but we need to help who ever we are fighting for because if not, the taxpayers will suffer \$40 million that we accepted to do dock improvements. PLEASE HAVE A HEART in considering letting the Supperferry operate while doing the EIS. Remember the H-3! The environmentalist who were against it are the very ones that use it. This mode of Transportation will not only benefit residence like me but for businesses that need to market their goods. There are many more benefits like transporting equipment in case of disasters and other emergencies. Just imagine if you were on a trip with the family and a death occurred. Guess how much it would cost your family to bring a body back? I am pretty sure you could think of many more reasons so I am asking you to consider allowing the Supperferry to operate. We need it and Hawaii needs it.

Thank you for listening to my views which means a lot to me.

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House Record

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To: House Record
Subject: I support the Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marc E. Dexter and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. It is important for the State to have the ferry in operation as an alternate form of transportation between the islands, and I would personally use the Superferry.

I understand that there are environmental concerns, and am pleased that the environmental assessment will be completed over time. However, it is unfair business practice to allow other operators such as Matson or Young Brothers to continue to operate without being subjected to the exact same requirements that are being suggested for Superferry. Obviously we can't shut down the other shippers and still run the State correctly, therefore it is incumbent upon lawmakers to create a level playing field and allow Superferry to operate.

Having been a small business owner myself for many years, I know personally how poorly crafted legislation can negatively affect businesses and cost jobs. As a business owner I went from employing 20 people to closing doors due to poorly crafted business legislation. It will set a bad precedent to shut down the Superferry at this juncture, and the ripple effects could have a significant negative impact on the State's economy. Please don't allow this to occur.

Thank you,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is MS. LA VERNE LUCERO and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I was born on Oahu and raised on the Eastside of the Big Island of Hawai'i. My lineage extends to the US Continental and well beyond. Inasmuch as progress is inevitable, I have witnessed the sad truth that politics play in the lives of uninformed communities. Until it becomes a crisis, and a hinderance for beneficiaries of our State that it gets addressed. I've managed through "no child left behind", "lack-key children", and the "uninsured population".

So what does this have to do with the Super Ferry? On behalf of other family members and friends, we believe that allowing the Super Ferry to operate its' rightful and fair presense in the Hawaiian Islands can only promote growth for Hawai'i Nei. It will also be an instrumental asset in keeping our family ('ohana) ties more connected. We are so disjoined geographically and the Super Ferry will be a positive influence in keeping families united. We are already impacted by numerous cruise ships and lack the true hospitality for our visitors who are left to do their sightseeing on their own. The Hilo Port is the oldest in the Hawaiian Chain and has accomodated so many visitors from abroad.

I live on the East but had an opportunity to promote progress on the Westside. In talking with many of our visitors, they enjoy the freedom that

Hilo has to offer. If it takes the Super Ferry wake-up peoples call to action, then so be it. Why should the local economy suffer the consequences of poor research, enviornmental impact issues, or planning? What difference does it do to our health, when airports or airline carriers do not comply fully themselves. Why should I be kept away from my other family members because the cost of air travel is a game for business? By air or by ocean, isn't it all about competition and choices. Let me have a choice in the mode of transportation that our families can benefit from the most.

Let the equalizing begin...Just Make it Happen...

Thank for the opportunity in looking to a brighter future for all.

Respectfully submitted,

signed / La Verne Lucera

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *David Fati Tanuvasa* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We are located in beautiful Hawaii with a diversity that is second to none. The beauty of Hawaii permeates through the people of Hawaii with its different culture, religion, and family values. Despite the beauty of our culture, be it known, we are isolated from the rest of the world. While Hawaii enjoys the precious atmosphere we do, however, have limitations on our quality of life. The Superferry allows us at least the means to connect with our families that are located throughout our Hawaiian island chain. With the Superferry, we are provided the convenience our mainland counterpart enjoy and that is to gain appreciation of our own vehicles being used for traveling. Overall, the local people of Hawaii must stand together and seek the convenience that is afforded to us by those who create avenues that improve our quality of life. Those that oppose such interest only stand to preserve their own selfish agendas and give great disregard for the needs of the local people.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Darlene Viernes and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support Superferry because.....I believe that the superferry will bring the Hawaiian Islands another way to travel. We are much in need of this ferry because we in the Hawaiian islands has been wanting a way to travel from island to island with our automobiles. We have many large families that would be using the superferry for travel. Not due to the price but bringing our own car will be the greatest thing possible. I believe you should give the ferry a fair trial and there is more people who can't speak up because of lack of computer / phone. So please take into consideration others who are not able to speak because of unfortunate circumstances.

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To: House Record
Subject: testimony for Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Winona Ruth Carraway* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This ship does nothing more than provide another means of transportation to the neighboring islands, just like the cruise ships, which are larger, and the airlines which pollute our air. I am beginning to wonder if the airlines are afraid of the competition, along with the cruise lines and the rental car agencies. The state of Florida probably has more cruise ships and other recreational vehicles cruising their waters, and you never hear them complain. They appreciate the tourism dollar and how it helps the economy. The people of Hawaii really need to get their priorities in order and stop jumping at the chance to condemn things that are not from or made in Hawaii. I truly understand that the people of Hawaii want to preserve their heritage and their environment, but we should all be open to newness and change, especially if it can benefit many. More of our energy should be applied to Hawaii's school system, where our children do not have textbooks or proper a/c. Also, there is the issue of the traffic congestion, that needs to be resolved. I would love to see more people fighting and standing up for these important issues. Please do the environmental study to be fair, and then let's get on with more important matters. Has anyone done an environmental study on The Boat, which carries people around in Oahu?? Just asking. Thank you for your time. Hope the Superferry continues, would hate to see many people lose their jobs because of selfishness.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is James E. Lewis and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a 34 year resident of Oahu and frequent traveler to the neighbor Islands (and off Island too), I feel it should be considered a public service to be able to travel inter-Island on a ferry. Yes, I like to fish and hike and surf as most Hawaiian residents. It doesn't matter which Island you come from. You either respect the Land and the Ocean or not.

Do we tell the neighbor Island folk not to come to Oahu to see the Lion King..to enter into or to see the Triple Crown of Surfing on our pristine North Shore? No, we welcome them.

I'm an avid deep sea fisherman. Yes I see many whales between Oahu and Molokai. I'm sure if the Superferry runs over a whale, it will most likely be obvious and then steps will have to be taken.

This is a right I have as a State of Hawaii tax paying citizen to be able to go to the other Islands any way I please. It appears as though most of the protesters are transplants. They have found their corner of paradise and don't want anyone else ruining it for them. Well, the average local family wants the Superferry and I'll bet a large majority Statewide want the Superferry.

Enough bureaucratic red tape! Let them run it! It will bring jobs, give us transportation alternatives and in the end bring all of us closer together in this little Island State.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Audrey Mikami and I strongly SUPPORT the running of the Hawaii Superferry while the EIS is prepared. I take this position because:

- 1) The State Government, and not the Hawaii Superferry, is at fault when it allowed the improvements to be made to the commercial harbors without the EIS. It simply is not fair for the Superferry to absorb all the losses on its own when they were not at fault. They did nothing wrong but they are being penalized for the State's error.
- 2) I do not see the harm in letting the Superferry operate while the EIS is prepared. The negative environmental impacts are a smoke-screen. If the Superferry is not allowed to operate, then all transportation to and from the islands should be stopped as well because they present many of the same environmental issues as the Superferry does. If other modes of transportation are allowed to continue, they should not be able to use the improvements to the commercial harbors.
- 3) If the results of the EIS leads to a decision to terminate the Superferry operations, then so be it. At least the State gave the Superferry a fair shot at operating in Hawaii.
- 4) The Superferry would be good for local businesses because it would provide another avenue to transport goods between the neighbor islands. Thus, the Superferry would add competition to the commercial business world possibly reducing prices for local goods.

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- 5) The Superferry would also provide local residents another means to get to the neighbor islands, again helping the economy of the neighbor islands.

I hope the Legislature will do what is best for the State of Hawaii and not be influenced so easily by experienced lo

Sincerely,

Audrey Mikami (signed)

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House Record

From: Steven Santiago [Stevens5@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:42 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Super ferry Support

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Steven J. Santiago, and I strongly support Hawaii Supper ferry.

It's about time that Hawaii starts an alternate means of transportation between islands.

This would be a life line of support that all islands could use incase of any natural disaster.

The super ferry could transport equipment and supplies that could not be moved by air.

It would move well needed items in a shorter time that our barge service, which could save lives.....

The Super Ferry should be added into the Hawaii Natural Disaster assistance plan.

Steven J. Santiago

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House Record

From: mktv [mktv@flex.com] on behalf of Jeff Haun [jeff@outofthesea.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:58 PM
To: House Record
Subject: No to HB1

I am against HB1. I believe the Superferry should have to do an Environmental Impact Statement before operating. Common sense says that at the speed it will move it will likely hit whales. If so this is unacceptable and should not be allowed. Also, coqui frogs are known to be transported on cars on the Big Island. They are also transported in other items. It seems like the Superferry will be a conduit for moving the coqui frog between islands.

Please don't give the Superferry any special consideration. It should be required to do an EIS.

Thank you,

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House Record

From: Jason Barnhill [jib_maddog@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:20 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Save the Super Ferry!

My name is Jason Barnhill. I am writing to register my strong support for the super ferry. I want to see this service and hope the legislature will do the right thing and allow it to proceed. Thanks for your support,

Jason

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From: Cindy Shih [cshih@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:56 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Hawaii SuperFerry

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. Aside from the recreational benefit to be had from being able to travel by sea between islands, I firmly believe that ferry service would be a tremendous benefit for all those in the islands who work or conduct business on more than one island.

My husband and I came to Oahu 23 years ago, bought a home, had 2 daughters and each started our own business. Mine is a sole proprietorship, which I began in 1994, doing child development training for agencies in the State of Hawaii's Healthy Start Program on Oahu, Maui, Molokai and the Big Island. I made a career change several years later and now do graphic design and illustration.

The Hawaii SuperFerry would have been an ideal way for me to travel to the outer islands with my training materials. I was unable to bring heavy or bulky items such as flip charts, overhead projectors, VCR's and items for display due to size and weight limits of air travel. I want to emphasize that many outer island agencies did not have the equipment I needed, or it was not working when I showed up to train their staff. This made conducting a professional training more of an adventure than I would have liked. Furthermore, the Healthy Start program, like others that struggle to operate with funding that changes from year to year, was unable to pay for rental cars for their trainers, so each agency had to transport me to and from the airport. Bringing my own equipment and materials in my own car would have made my job so much easier.

As for the environmental impact of the SuperFerry, I am reminded of a similar situation where I grew up on the mainland on the Rogue River in Southern Oregon. The pristine Rogue River is one of the original eight rivers in the United States designated by Congress as Wild and Scenic, and there was a similar outcry from a minority of residents who believed the new commercial jetboat tours from Grants Pass to the Oregon Coast would harm wildlife due to their speed, and create too much noise for those living along the river. Eventually, the jetboats were allowed to operate, and they do respect the requests of residents along the river who request that the boats slow their speed in front of their properties. There are no whales in the Rogue River, but plenty of salmon, ducks and other wildlife, which have not been harmed by the specially designed jetboats (no propellers), which skim the water and are able to operate in just a few inches of water.

I believe it is important to stop assigning blame to any particular group for the current predicament of the SuperFerry and to focus on working out a win-win situation for all involved. As with most relationships, each side has contributed something to the problem, and one would hope that the two sides can compromise so that the peoples of these islands do not lose this opportunity. I, for one, would be willing to ride the SuperFerry without my vehicle until the environmental impact statement is finalized. I support alternate routes and slower speeds during whale season to ease the fears of those who believe sea creatures would be harmed. I also support inspections of vehicles and their contents to prevent transfer of unwanted critters and things from island to island. If the State can control brown tree snakes and contraband from entering Hawaii on airplanes, they surely can advise the SuperFerry folks on how to implement a monitoring program.

Mahalo for allowing me this opportunity to voice my support for the Hawaii SuperFerry.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:13 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Please!

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kimberly J. Kessler and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As has been shown by recent polls, the majority of people on ALL islands welcome and support the Superferry. I myself, have looked forward to its arrival for years. It will make life so much easier for all island residents. Local residents will be able to easily visit family and friends on outer islands, bring the car, the children, the dog, camping & recreational gear, whatever! It would make moving to another island easier. It would make working on another island easier. It is time for Hawaii to get with the program and become integrated! Ferries have been running successfully for years between islands, all I can say, is what took it so long?! We have been slow to alleviate traffic congestion and transportation problems in Hawaii thus far; let us begin with the Superferry and not let a small minority of Environmentalists single the Superferry out of many ships that travel freely, unrestricted amongst the islands.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is /Gabriel Hoeffken/ and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

/I support the super ferry as another option to travel inter island for both business and pleasure. I live on and am from Maui, but went to and worked at UH for about 10 years, and would love another option when traveling there. I also think many of my friends would enjoy bringing their cars when they visit me on Maui.

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/Aloha,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Diane Hunkele and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We visit the other islands from O'ahu a few times a year. We fly, since that is our only choice. We rent a car to get around the islands. If the SuperFerry was available for travel to the other islands, we would choose to use that mode of transportation. We would bring our own car, since it is so much easier to load a car for a week, then to pack suitcases for a plane.

The SuperFerry will not bring more cars to the other islands, but it will mean fewer cars being rented, resulting in the same number of cars on the road.

The SuperFerry will not create more pollution, since the number of planes flying into and out of the islands will decrease.

The islands already support 3 major cruise ships each day in their ports, so surely another large water craft could not pose an issue to the environment.

This resistance to the SuperFerry appears to be fueled by the airline industry and the car rental industry. If the good residents of Kauai and Maui are truly concerned about the environment, they would be picketing the cruise lines, the number of planes flying to their islands, and the number of cars being rented. But, I believe they are not willing to give up income the tourists pour into their economy every day. Surely, our lawmakers can see through this.

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House Record

From: Bill and Deb Monroe [honu@starband.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:17 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

To the Hawaii State House of Representatives:

I am a small business man and wish to make my preference known that I and my family are in support of the Hawaii Superferry and don't believe that there are any serious danger to the environment by allowing the superferry to operate during the environmental impact study.

I do support the law and believe that there can be a happy medium that will please the environmentalists as well as the those who want the ferry. I believe that, by using precautions that would prevent the spread of invasive species, the ferry would be a boon to all in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration.

***William F. Monroe
Deborah M Monroe
Mountain View, HI***

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From: Gabe and Les Hoeffken [gabeandles@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:39 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 /Leslie Hoeffken/ and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the super ferry. I work at the Maui Ocean Center and do NOT feel the super ferry will be any more harmful to the environment than all of the existing ships.
Aloha,

Leslie Shim Hoeffken/
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House Record

From: Jeffery Gonya [jeffery.gonya@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 2:11 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jeffery Gonya and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. As visitors to Hawaii as often as our schedule and finances will permit, my wife and I were quite excited that a new mode of transportation was coming to fruition for inter-island travel. Also, as a former deck hand on a Lake Erie ferry, I may have finally found my new career if I can convince my wife to move to Hawaii. Having followed all rules that were on the record at the time of its launch, it is a pity that Superferry and subsequently, its employees, are being punished for following the law while working toward the fruits of free enterprise. Those who have a problem with the rules are certainly welcome to work toward changing the rules by contacting their congressmen and women to encourage change, but it is not fair to punish a law-abiding company retro-actively. I hope that you will work to get Superferry back to being operational post haste. We are fortunate to have an opportunity to visit Hawaii again the week of Thanksgiving and hope to have the opportunity to travel from Oahu to Maui via the Superferry.

Sincerely,
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House Record

From: William Burlingame [buzzboy@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:21 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *William G. Burlingame* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

because my wife is a complete invalid and can only move by wheel chair. As such travel to an outer island to visit our sons is at best extremely difficult if not impossible.. A ferry that would carry automobiles such as the proposed SUPERFERRY would solve our problem.

I do not intend submit testimony in person.

Mahalo,

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House Record

From: harry and jan [horjimai@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:22 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Harry Imai and my wife, Janet*, and I are strongly in support of the Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry would be the most effective way for locals to visit our neighbor islands and relatives and friends who live there; especially for those who fear flying. The local custom is to bring "omiyage" for those relatives and friends. The airlines charge alot for over weighted items or excess baggage. With the Superferry we could load up the car to deliver over sized/over weighted gifts. We also could bring back those special items from the neighbor islands. Just recently my niece visited and my wife and I wanted to give several boxes of Beard Papa cream puffs for relatives and friends on the Big Island but we had to limit the amount because they couldn't put them on as baggage (fear of it getting crushed) and they couldn't hand carry too many.

My son and I do kayaking and we were thinking of shipping our kayaks over with the barge, but it is such a hassle to have it shipped. We would have to measure, weigh and strap it down on a skip. If we shipped our vehicle, we would have to schedule an extra day to ship it and that would mean a day lost for vacation. The Superferry would allow us to drive on and arrive the same time with our vehicle and kayak without inconveniencing our friends/relatives to pick them up.

We travel to Alaska every year and its ferry system is a Godsend to getting to and around those "special" places. It is also a great way to sight see the beautiful state; the same can be done in Hawaii and Hawaii is NO KA'OI.

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House Record

From: Anne Rillero [prpwf@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:53 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony: Opposed to Superferry bill

Dear Legislators,

I am strongly opposed to Governor Lingle's proposed bill to overrule the court's decision about the Hawaii Superferry.

The law is clear. The Hawaii Superferry needs to have an Environmental Assessment before it begins operation in Hawaii.

Please do not weaken our state's environmental laws to cater to one special interest and privately owned business. I urge you to stand by the court's decision. Please put Hawaii's environment first.

Sincerely,
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House Record

From: Olivia Nagashima [onagashima@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:26 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE SUPERFERRY

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

My name is *Olivia Nagashima* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Earlier this year, my husband and I were fortunate to have traveled to Tahiti and enjoy the beautiful French Polynesian Islands. We rode their ferry system to and from Papeete to Moorea, a neighboring island. Tahiti has the feel of an urban city and Moorea is like Hawaii was 50-60 years ago. The lifestyle of the people on Moorea are such that they remind me of old Hawaii AND they have the opportunity to use a ferry to go to Tahiti to work, sell their goods, buy modern necessities and goods. The people seem to have the best of both worlds with the use of the ferry system. They used the Aremiti and Aremiti IV to transport people, cars and goods. Service was very good, travel was rather short, comfortable and fares were reasonable. This company made several trips a day in both directions along with another smaller ferry company who transported only commuters.

Last month, we traveled to Victoria, BC via Seattle and rode another ferry, the Victoria Clipper. This was a smaller ferry which transported only people. I had the opportunity to ride another ferry to Victoria last year and that time, my cousin drove his car onto the ferry and we used it in Victoria. I enjoyed the trip and was amazed at the simplicity of using your personal vehicle in another country as well as transport goods we purchased from Victoria.

Both ferries were well at full capacity. While talking to other travelers, I found that many people used the ferry to take short vacations, visit friends and family and take their vehicles with them. I noticed that at our destinations, businesses and restaurants were busy. We even found some obscure locations for businesses, down alley ways; and still saw considerable traffic for the business owners.

Having the Superferry will give Hawaii the opportunity to help move visitors from one island to the next, thereby increasing business for all. This will expose our beautiful islands to visitors and give them a choice of transportation to their desired destination. I believe this will aide the many local businesses through increased visitor traffic, businesses who need to ship their products to market on a timely basis, ship/receive needed goods in a more economical form of transport and to use in emergencies; such as moving our people in case of disasters (heaven forbid!). This will also give people who are afraid of flying on an airplane an opportunity to visit the neighboring islands.

Having a ferry system is practical and logical for us as we are surrounded by water. There are other places in the world like Hawaii that have several ferries in operation that cross the paths of whales like in Victoria Canada, Tahiti and the Canary Islands.

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I believe that this has been a huge, risky venture for the Superferry company and has exposed Hawaii to the world on its business dealings. My husband and I saw the "made for television special" on the construction of the Superferry and were in awe of the special designs and engineering undertaken to complete one of the fastest ferries available for commuters and vehicles! Hawaii has the opportunity to be the first to use such an awesome engineering marvel!!

If Hawaii does not allow the Superferry to operate; we will lose a huge opportunity to have, in our service, the fastest ferry built. It will also reassure the rest of the world how Hawaii does not welcome new and innovative businesses to operate here. This will have a longer lasting detriment to our state of affairs.

I encourage the Hawaii State House of Representatives to support the Superferry in its maiden voyage and continued operations here while an EIS is performed.

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House Record

From: chy lafontaine [chyfontaine@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:30 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

In consideration of all the time and monies spent toward implementation of a superferry transportation system in our state, I urge our lawmakers to permit Hawaii's Superferry to operate even though an environmental study is underway. Seems to me, our law making body could have prevented this assanine mayhem had it practiced more efficient and thorough studies during its inception.

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House Record

From: lydia santiago [lydias@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:01 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lydia Santiago from the Big Island and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This service will benefit both the residents and the business communities. This is an alternate form of interisland transportation and use in time of emergency.

The majority of the people in Hawaii supports the SUPEFERRY!!!

If the STATE work to create rules and restrictions so that the Super Ferry doesn't harm whales, spread invasive species, create traffics on the islands the SUPERFERRY will work!!.

The Superferry was always a dream for Hawaii - Let this become a REALITY!!!

THank you for your time.

House Record

From: Lisa Long [angelsfortruth@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:26 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Relating to HB 1 Relating to Transportation - Requiring an EIS, oversight Task force, etc.

To those in BCC... please send in your testimony

Please distribute copies to the House members. Mahalo.

**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**

**FROM: Lisa Long
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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.)

And add: NO Vehicles of any kind from a Depleted Uranium Contaminated area allowed on the SuperFerry.

House Record

From: markehack@gmail.com on behalf of mark hack [markhack@honpub.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:02 PM
To: House Record
Subject: YES, I support the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mark Hack and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We are an Island State, how absurd that we do not have an option to move people and items via a ferry. The State of Hawaii needs this alternative option, not another noisy airplane screaming overhead, but a beautiful ride on the ocean like the Hawaiians of old did, albeit, at a faster pace :)

I truly believe that the Majority of people of Hawaii want this, that the people of Hawaii will support this, and if in time, they do not, then the economical alternative is to not spend our money on this form of transportation. Let the failure of the SuperFerry be business based, not Loud, Obnoxious, "I'm smarter than you" over zealous minority dictate that decision.

Mahalo,
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House Record

From: Mirahale [mirahale@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:27 PM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Mira Linhart* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like here briefly express my wholehearted support for the Hawaii Superferry. I think it is not sufficient to merely state that the superferry would be beneficent to the islands. I actually feel shame that perhaps the most famous islands anywhere are quite possibly the only ones in the developed world that don't have a long running ferry service (A fact that was already noted in newspapers around the world along with Hawaii anti business atmosphere).

I am sure You will get uncounted emails rehearsing the numerous ways the ferry can enrich the lives of local citizens and tourist alike but more to the point at hand-i.e. whether permitting the Superferry to run while the environmental impact statement is being studied **-how better to measure an environmental impact than by actually observing the ferry service in operation- but I suspect that is what its detractors fear the most-the fact that ones the actual (overwhelmingly positive) impact is known their scaremongering will fall on deaf ears.** My biggest fear is that the impact will be so small (read the traffic so low) that the ferry will be unprofitable and will close its operations even if we rolled a red carpet for them (which is what I would normally expect)

It was clear to our founding fathers that government would have to -from time to time- have to use the powers of eminent domain for the purpose of overwhelming public benefit ,such as building roads ,canals and such. Now it is really hard for me not to see that the Superferry fully fits that requirement it is basically just an extension of a road or a bridge. It is needed and the public benefit should be held above the interests of a few individuals.

I think it's time to stand up against a few ideological activists and support something that has a real potential to improve the quality and richness of life on our lonely islands. Please don't take our Ferry .

Yours Mira Linhart , Waikoloa ,Big
Island

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House Record

From: Jesse Espiritu [jespiritu@makitausa.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 12:01 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jesse Espiritu* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am a sales manager who travels interisland two to three times a month. I often send items via air cargo which is very costly. The money saved on freight as well as van rentals would be greatly alleviated by a service such as the superferry.

Jesse Espiritu

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House Record

From: Colburnohia@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 12:37 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for the Superferry

Hello, my name is Cole Ohia. I am e mailing you, Mr. Souki, my support for the Superferry I am certainly appreciative that the governor has step up to plate and initiate a request for a special session after she received an overwhelming response from the majority of the community in support for this water transportation. I am retired and have some old time friends that live on the outer islands that I have not seen in years...I mean years. We, the people of Hawaii, have long awaited for this type of sailing apparatus that finally making this dream possible so we can take our vehicle with our grandchildren to visit with some of their cousins that they have never even seen and showing them places we grew up, swim and play in the country.

We are aware of the concerns of the whales and invasive species. You see thousands of cars that travel on the road everyday and night, and not of those that return to their homes complained of carrying a bug home to their home or subdivision. Most people have pride in keeping their cars clean. What the heck these protesters are talking about. It is our right as Hawaiians, or for that matter people of this Aina to travel to any Island in the state without any fear whatsoever. After all, the Ferry can carry only a few hundred vehicles.

And the whales, I guarantee you, that people travelling on the Ferry, is one of your most trusted monitors you would ever see. Because with their eyes beaming with excitement everyone would be scanning the surface of the ocean looking for those whales, porpoises, flying fish, Honu, to take snapshots for competitive bragging rights. You know how kids are, instead of seating strapped to their seats. I am sure the crew of this ship would welcome this free service of the entourage.

Hang tough, legislatures, and we pray for your approval in support to let the Super Ferry proceed while we await EIS to takes its course for finalization.

Aloha, God bless

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From: Marji Pearson [marjitc@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 12:43 AM
To: House Record
Subject: I support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marjorie and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry because the ferry service will provide residents and businesses an alternative source of transportation between the islands. The Hawaii Superferry will allow me to bring my car over to Kauai when I visit my mom without having to inconvenience her or renting a car. The Hawaii Superferry will allow us to experience the beautiful scenery that those visiting on cruises are able to see. Having an option will also assist in keeping business costs down for those operating on multiple islands thus a possible prevention of increased consumer costs in the near future. The Hawaii Superferry can assist if a natural disaster was to hit an outer island. Many other locations around the world utilize a ferry service thus why can't Hawaii? I want to see Hawaii moving forward, not staying at status quo risking increased cost of living in Hawaii. I want to be able to live in Hawaii 50 years from now but at the rate the cost of living is increasing, I may have to leave and have some rich mainlander buy my land that I grew up on.

Mahalo for your time,
Marjorie C. Pearson

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House Record

From: RobertOShoemake@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 1:13 AM
To: House Record
Subject: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert O. Shoemake and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support Hawaii Superferry for a lot of reasons. In my travels all over the world and thru out this fine country. I have see ferries of all kinds making the lives of people better and bring them closer. I saw the super ferry and thought ,wow, what a magnificent thing. Finally, we can take a road trip on the weekend. I have closely followed the whole case of the superferry. The company has completely acted in good faith. I have ridden on the ferry. I have talked with its captains. I have seen it turn on a dime. I have been on big ships traveling in and out of the islands for years, surfaced and submerged, at high and slow speeds. the superferry has bent over backwards to meet every standard asked of them. They do everything the shipping companies do but they do it better and cheaper. They do everything the airlines do, but they offer us a more relaxing way to do it. I feel sorry for the people on the outer islands because they have obviously feel victims of some misinformation campaigns by big business. Why are the polls so different on the big island are they not in the same boat? I see no reason why the people of Hawaii should be held prisoner another day longer by the big businesses of the shipping companies and airlines. The future has come and it is here. Will we progress or regress. This is no longer a fight for one company's investment but understand that the message you send with your decision. Your decision will affect other company's decisions to do business with the state of Hawaii for years to come. You must undo two wrongs today. One that mislead a company and another that mislead the voters and taxpayers of Hawaii. The state of Hawaii and the World is watching.

Thank you

Robert O. Shoemake

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House Record

From: Gunner Mench [gunnr@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 1:17 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Allow Superferry to Operate

Aloha, House Legislators!

Please allow Superferry to operate while you do and environmental review.

It's time to get to work and fix the laws that are in conflict or unclear regarding the issues surrounding the Superferry and other inter-island commercial carriers, including aircraft.

I see no protection for the Big Island to keep infected bees from coming on board aircraft in cargo holds or elsewhere and getting to the Big Island, decimating our honey and Queen Bee production. There should be a new state law and environmental assessments statewide of all carriers which could and have spread invasive species among the islands and from around the world.

Our native Gecko is being pushed out by the invasive Madagascar Green Gecko. The Superferry did not bring it here. Miconia did not get to our island via the Superferry. The fire coral now in Kawaihae Harbor did not come here with the Superferry, in fact the Superferry by design and material will not bring invasive species interisland attached to its hull, as all the slower barges and other vessels do, either attached to their hulls or in their ballast holds. The Crown of Thorns, a powerful, invasive starfish we now see when diving the coral reefs around Kawaihae, was not brought here by the Superferry, nor would it have. The tiny wasp from China that has decimated the Wiliwili trees was not brought here by Superferry.

While on the subject, check out the lax or non-existent rules on cargo or invasive species on anything shipped with Young Brothers, Matson, or the car carriers. There is no cargo inspection of these inter-island containers or ships, as long as the paperwork is in order and the shipment is paid for.

This is my problem with the way Superferry has been singled out. No other carrier even comes close to the inspection level or requirements that Superferry has self imposed. The persons who wanted to take rocks from Maui back to Honolulu, were not able to. Why? Inspection for invasive species and the regulations independently enforced by Superferry. Yet here is no such law on the books. I can go to Maui today and load my van with rocks and plants and ship the van to Oahu with Matson or Young Brothers, no questions asked.

Fix what is broken. Let the Superferry operate while an environmental assessment is done. Then you can run a parallel assessment with the other modes of transportation which have proven over and over, year after year, to cause cross contamination of our environment on these fragile islands.

We need better controls against all invasive species, by all carriers.

Please get to work and do it right this time, and get the Superferry running, to benefit all with additional commerce, and revenue for the state as a whole.

Aloha,

Gunner Mench

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10/25/2007

House Record

From: jennifer mishima [kolohejen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:29 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

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

My name is Jennifer De Jesus and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the super ferry will be good for our economy. The Superferry should be able to run, just as any cruise ship or fishing boat operates in the islands. The Superferry brings money into our communities and provides alternative methods of transportation. Please do what you can to prevent us from losing a great opportunity for ourselves and our children.

Aloha,
Jennifer De Jesus
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House Record

From: Hess, Linda [lhess@Gafri.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 2:24 AM
To: testimony; House Record
Subject: Please protect whales and Hawaii's environment! Do NOT pass a special bill that would override the court's decision about the Hawaii Superferry!

Dear Legislators,

I am strongly opposed to Governor Lingle's proposed bill to overrule the court's decision about the Hawaii Superferry.

The law is clear. The Hawaii Superferry needs to have an Environmental Assessment before it begins operation in Hawaii.

Please do not weaken Hawaii's environmental laws to cater to one special interest and privately owned business. I urge you to stand by the court's decision. Please put Hawaii's environment first.

We love visiting your wonderful state and look forward to seeing the whales each time we visit. We'll be there again in March!

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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House Record

From: E SONNENBERG [essonn@flash.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:28 AM

To: testimony

Cc: House Record

Subject: Protect whales and the Hawaii Environment. Do not pass Hawaii Superferry override bill.

Dear Legislator,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed bill to overrule the courts decision regarding the Hawaii Superferry.

Please do not weaken our state's environmental laws to cater to one special interest and privately owned business. I urge you to stand by the court's decision.

Sincerely,

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10/25/2007

House Record

From: Belfiore david@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 2:45 AM
To: House Record
Subject: (no subject)

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David Belfiore and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am planning a vacation to Hawaii in March 2008. We are planning to spend 3 days on Oahu and 7 days on Maui. The Superferry would make our trip a lot more enjoyable as we are renting a car and could take it back and forth without having to go through the hassle of renting in both places.

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From: K.C. [p13cesof8@clearwire.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 12:55 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Green light 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 Rep. Joseph Souki and Rep. Marcus Oshiro:

My name is Gary Li and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I want to see the SuperFerry operate as soon as possible, and visit any ports and islands that the company wants.

It is my belief that the SuperFerry is a completely new seafaring technology that will revolutionize inter-island travel. I understand that it is fast, efficient, does not use propellers, and lets ordinary folks and their personal vehicles move from county to county without stressful security screenings and delays. I also strongly believe that small businesses, skilled trades (carpenters, plumbers, contractors), and the military will benefit the most from the service.

I refer to the article "Legislators push for ferry probe" published in the Oct. 14th 2007 edition of the Honolulu Advertiser: "Maui Circuit Judge Joseph Cardoza dismissed the [Sierra Club, Maui Tomorrow and Kahului Harbor Coalition] complaint on July 12, 2005, ruling the groups did not have standing in the case. The state also argued the court should defer to the DOT's judgment since proper procedures were followed in determining the harbor projects qualified for an exemption, and Cardoza agreed the exemption was in compliance with Chapter 343." Later in the same article: "Cardoza heard four weeks of testimony during the hearing, which ended Tuesday [Oct. 9] when the judge ruled that Chapter 343 clearly requires an environmental review before a project can proceed." The court transcript of that October 9th ruling does not show why Judge Cardoza ruled differently on the same law. Perhaps it had something to do with the first case dealing only with Kahului Harbor improvements, and the second hearing dealt with the environmental review.

However as far as I am concerned, the flip-flopping by His Honor is due to the fact that the law is vague on ferry operations. Prior to the HSF, I understand that Sea Flite during the mid-1970s was the only Hawaii ferry system. The SuperFerry is not only a new technology, it is also a new and unproven (in Hawaii) vessel. The Segway Human Transporter was a new technology as well, and in 2002 Hawaii law was amended to regulate it. Like the Transporter, I firmly believe that a new section of the law must be crafted to address the SuperFerry's operations and ensure safety of passengers, the crew, vehicles, and persons/objects outside the craft in the environment.

I support the bill as is, as long as there are enough oversight and accountability to protect the environment. A few representatives from environmental groups on the board would be acceptable. Still, I feel that most of those claims that the ship will destroy the environment and harm whales to be alarmist and based on ignorance of the vessel and its technology. I hope that you representatives and elected officials will not allow the uncivilized behavior of a minority stop something that has a huge potential to benefit everyone.

Please pass HB1 Relating To Transportation to allow the Hawaii SuperFerry to operate during an environmental impact statement. Also consider allowing it to run while any recommended harbor improvements or changes are constructed.

Sincerely,

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No In-person testimony.

House Record

From: Jerry Tanaka [tanakaj004@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 2:46 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Please support the Superferry to keep it in Hawaii!!

Please support the Superferry to keep it in Hawaii!!

We need this form of transportation to link the islands together,

Bringing families closer together by easier access to share resources with family on the other islands,

i.e. family luau's, parties, home projects, home care for elderly & kids, moving, etc..

your support is appreciated.

Thank you,

Jerry Tanaka

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