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From:Sidney Gurtiza [sidgurtiza@yahoo.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 2:59 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Superferry Support

First, I believe it is my right as a Hawaii citizen to have an alternate mode of transportation between the islands.

I also believe the ferry would benefit local farmers tremendously -- they could finally have a cheaper way to ship their produce and other items, including fresh milk!

Did you know that only Big Island children can have fresh milk now? With the Superferry, Big Island dairies can supply Oahu school children with fresh milk and at the same time **survive as a business**.

Also, Hawaii produce farmers would be able to compete with foreign imports if transportation costs were cheaper, via the Superferry.

Sid Gurtiza

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From:Elizabeth Frank [bethefrank@yahoo.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 3:06 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Superferry Support

As a registered nurse, I believe the Superferry would benefit families needing to bring sick family members from the neighbor islands to Oahu for medical care, especially patients requiring medical equipment such as oxygen, IVs, ventilators, wheelchairs and other medical equipment. Their trip would be more comfortable since they could ride onboard in the car and not go through TSA security or obtain other clearances to take medical equipment on a plane.

Beth R. Frank, R.N.

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From: Ssencie Torres [chapa2003@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 4:46 AM

To: House Record

Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

ATTN: House committee on Transportation and house committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, Oct 25, 2007

TIME: 9:00am, Auditorium, State Capitol

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Sencie Tesoro Torres, a retired state employee. Twice a year, my six lady friends and I travel to the other islands. Dragging our luggages to check in, and out of the terminal, to load them in a rental van in a span of two hours or less is just too tiring for women of our ages. We were looking forward to just loading up my van, drive to the ferry. Once there, we planned to seat down and relax while enjoying the vastness of the ocean. We will have time to catch up on the news about our families, and maybe take a nap so we will have more energy when we get to our destination. Our ebbing strenghts in handling our luggages, and the time spent relaxing in the ferry is the main reason why I support the ferry. My six lady friends do too, but they are not into computers.

Sencie Tesoro Torres 92-958 Panana St. #23 Kapolei, HI 96707 Home phone 672-021/cell 226-3516 e'mail address <u>chapa2003@hotmail.com</u> Boo! Scare away worms, viruses and so much more! Try Windows Live OneCare! Try now!

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From:P and C Chun [pchunc@yahoo.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 3:57 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Support Hawaii Superferry

Attn: House Committee of Transportation & House Committee on Finance Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007 Time: 9:00 A.M. Auditorium, State Capitol

HB 1 Relating To Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I, Carolyn Chun, strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I'm taking the time out from my busy schedule in saying that we need another means of transportation. We have ridden this type of transportation between Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. and it affords the comfort and pleasure of a leisurely means of transportation from one place to another and upon arrival, driving around in your own car of which we are familiar with. Since our islands are fairly located in close proximity like in British Columbia, if it works there., it should work here. Let not a few dictate and take this opportunity from us. Why target only the superferry of which we the locals of our many islands overwhelmingly want? There are many more boats and ships arriving to our islands with food commodities and they seem to go unchecked. This to me will especially help the disabled people who need more assistance in getting around, also in consideration for this fast growing aged community of ours. Aloha. That is the motto we should keep in mind to work on kindly among our islands.

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Subject: (no subject)

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I will be vacationing in Hawaii early next year, and will be splitting my time between Oahu (first time there) and Maui. I am excited at the convenience of being able to transport my rental vehicle and luggage at one time and not having to deal with more airports. I am also looking forward to the ride between the islands.

Joyce Belfiore

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From:Yale, Eric [eyale@boh.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 5:49 AMTo:House RecordSubject: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 Eric Yale and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Those who oppose the Superferry have NEVER opposed cruise ships, daily runs by Young Brother or other carriers AND none of these mentioned entities have had to file an environmental impact study – NEVER!

Further, this is not about the Superferry and the possible damage it may cause, as it uses the exact same entrance procedures and path as do existing barrages and ships schedule for local commerce, this is a typical to Hawaii about local politics gone wild...

Anything coming out of Oahu must be bad and those who oppose the Superferry are out of touch with reality.

Support it or not, this is more a test of a very weak government and who will rule in the future. I for one believe the Superferry will add a tremendous value to the islands...young brothers and others who will loose their leverage when they go on strike feel differently. Eric Yale

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No phone number at this time – I don't want to be hounded by phone calls.

Please consider the environment before printing this email.

From:	dean flanders [dfland1138@msn.com]	
Sent:	Thursday, October 25, 2007 5:10 AM	
To:	House Record	
Subject: Ferry-us citizen fire fighter's union		

Yes,

The ferry is probably the best thing that has happened in Hawaii since the founding of the place ---- transportation --- o really !!!!!!

If the union is holding this up---- at the expense of the rest of the people of Hawaii---- then it ought to be changed. Dean

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From: Makahasun@aol.com Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 5:56 AM

To: House Record

Subject: Superferry Testimony

Aloha,

I support the Hawaii Superferry because it has raised the bar in inter-island travel for passengers and vehicles. In short, there is a preponderance of ignorance driving the emotional outcries we keep hearing in opposition. Please raise the bar and approach this situation with facts, logic and common sense. Move forward from the line that has already been drawn and cease beating the dead horse.

In considering my support, you may refer to the following reasons:

1. From what I can determine, it is the most environmentally designed ship that sails in Hawaiian waters.

a. It is a zero eject ship, discharging NOTHING into the ocean. (If you've ever been to sea and observed the "standards" in reality of most ocean-going vessels, you would be amazed at their lack of environmental concern in terms of actual practice.)

i. Since it is a **NO SMOKING** vessel, not even cigarette butts go into the ocean. It may be the only ship on the Hawaiian seas to accomplish that. "Cigarette butts are the most common form of plastic litter on the beaches of the U.S. and world-wide. Toxic chemicals can leach out of the cigarette filters." (http://www.longwood.edu/cleanva/ciglitterarticle.htm)

b. Its hulls are treated with a special coating of non-toxic silicone so as not to accumulate detritus that could be transported between island environments.

# 2. The Hawaii Superferry (unlike other ocean transporters or inter-island air carriers) practices the following to restrict the transport of invasive species:

- a. Most thorough screening of cars to be transported.
- b. Conducts agricultural screening of every inter-island passenger.
- c. Opens vehicles' and looks into the wheel wells and under the bumpers and other compartments.
- d. Rejects muddy vehicles.
- e. The crew of the ship & port staff have received extensive training on invasive species.

# 3. The Hawaii Superferry is conscious and aware of the potential impact of vehicular traffic embarking and disembarking from the ferry. They have:

- a. Implemented a vehicle and management plan based on traffic studies
- b. Revised arrival and departure schedules to avoid the busiest traffic times to minimize impacts.
- c. Allows for early arrival, lessening short-term traffic impact.

# 4. For residents pointing to the vehicular traffic increase on their respective islands, they need to get the facts before they make an issue of it:

a. What has the percentage increase in vehicular traffic since Go! Airlines came to the islands bringing an airfare war, creating a marked increase in inter-island travel? That needs to be factored in.

b. In addition, the number of vehicles traveling on the ferry, embarking and disembarking, will include residents of the respective islands – the vehicles will not just be "interlopers". The number of vehicles daily

impacting each island is a combination of outer island travelers and Oahu travelers. The outer islands are not being "invaded" by vehicles from Oahu. Vehicles will be traveling FROM the outer islands to Oahu also. It is not just a one-way path from Oahu to the outer islands.

c. The ferry will also be carrying vehicles a number of the vehicles traveling will be for the transport of goods and services. These incoming vehicles potentially will be offset by less vehicular delivery traffic carrying goods from other ocean-going vessels or freight carried by the airlines offloaded to trucks for delivery.

5. The Hawaii Superferry is a service for local people – to travel personally, and for their business use. The company also employs local people and if the ferry sails, and grows as its business plan projects, many jobs will be provided. Additionally, the ferry provides cost-effective transport for interisland businesses and their products. The airfare war cannot continue indefinitely.

6. Finally, this business needs to be acknowledged as the environmental bar to which all existing transport businesses should be held. If people are really concerned about their environment, restrictions need to be imposed on the airlines and all ocean-going vessels, transporting passengers, goods and vehicles:

a. Are those cars transported by other modes clean and inspected?

b. Are the crew and passengers on the other forms of transportation questioned as to their potential detrimental impact on our environment?

- i. Have they been hiking, where they might have picked up invasive species?
- ii. Have they been fishing and cleaned their gear?
- iii. Have their backpacks been inspected?

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide input.

Ann Cosson, Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007 6:00 AM

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From: honey katsarsky [honeyjean@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:01 AM

To: House Record

Subject: super ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Honey Jean Katsarsky and I support the Super Ferry, please vote yes to allow the Ferry to operate during the EIS. Its operation will help the farmers and give us and the tourist that visit our islands an opportunity to enjoy a short trip on the ocean with scenic views and to take our car or the visitors can take advantage of a weekly rate on their rental cars and take them to the others islands. We did this in New Zealand between the North and South Islands and it was great. They had a video explaining the culture and history of their country and the sites we were viewing.

I can not understand Kauai's view of not wanting their neighbors to visit. It's like China's great wall, again. I was told last night that many of the protestors were flown in from the Mainland.

Thank you for a yes vote.

Honey Jean Katsarsky

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Danae Rumple [dmrumple@charter.net] Thursday, October 25, 2007 2:53 AM House Record Fwd: Please protect whales and Hawaii's environment! Do not pass a special bill that would override the court's decision about the Hawaii Superferry!
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<pre>&gt; From: Danae Ru &gt; To: testimony@ &gt; Subject: Pleas special bill th &gt;</pre>	Oct 2007 8:51:47 -0400 mple <dmrumple@charter.net> capitol.hawaii.gov, houserecord@capitol.gov e protect whales and Hawaii's environment! Do not pass a at would override the court's decision about the Hawaii Superferry!</dmrumple@charter.net>
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<pre>&gt; Sincerely, &gt; Danae Rumple &gt; 10593 Michael &gt; Pinckney MI 48 &gt; &gt;</pre>	
> Whales have no	voices but you do. On behalf of all of us at Pacific Whale Foundation, speaking up at this critical time.
> > Danae Rumple	

From:Skycam Hawaii [skycam@hawaii.rr.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 5:56 AMTo:House RecordSubject:HB ! 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:

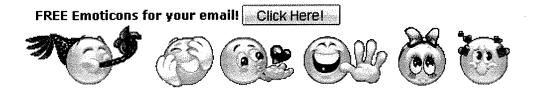
My name is Urban Lindhe and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please let the Super Ferry operate, I believe it would be a great asset to Hawaii, I was looking forward to taking the family on a ferry ride to Maui or Kauai, it just makes great sense to be able to travel with your own car, we have used ferry systems in Europe and it has worked great, also being a small business owner it would be great to solicit business on the other Islands. **Please let the Superferry operate, we need it and want it.** 

Thank You, Urban Lindhe 41-022 Hihimanu St Waimanlo, HI 96795

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From:	Tamara-SKCDS [tamara@skcds.com]	
Sent:	Thursday, October 25, 2007 5:50 AM	
To:	testimony	
Cc:	House Record	
Subject:	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!	
Importance: High		

#### 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,

*Tamara Bennett* 4225 NE 124<sup>th</sup> St Seattle WA 98125 206-361-7972

From: Linda Silva [rlscrs@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:20 AM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Linda L. Silva and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need choices and competition to lower prices. The Hawaii Superferry provides choices and employment for many.

Linda L. Silva

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From:AppleDTP@aol.comSent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:26 AMTo:House Record

Subject: Statement against the Superferry

Honorable Representatives and Senators:

I am with the group Uranium Free Hawaii. I am opposed to the operation of the Superferry in the islands of Hawaii. Not only is the environmental impact on marine life unacceptable, it is not acceptable to exempt any entity from a thorough EIS with specific prohibition on operations should the environmental impact be deemed destructive to our fragile ecosystem.

It is also clear that the Superferry is a transport vehicle for Strykers which are not wanted in the state either. It has already been revealed in response to civilian pressure that radioactive contamination by depleted uranium exists on Oahu and the Big Island. We cannot aggravate the situation any further, and need remediation, not more military buildup. Citizens are monitoring radioactivity on the Big Island and this will not stop as our health and our children's health and our environment is at stake. It is the integrity of our environment that is needed for our survival and not more destructive industry and militarism.

If your true goal is to provide an alternative to air travel for citizens as you say, it would make sense to have a SLOW ferry, one that travels at the speed of cruise ships or slower, and much smaller, one that does not have the capability of transporting military vehicles. Historically, military presence brings pollution, toxins and destruction. Look at the Bikini islands, the Marshall islands, Hookolave. This is unacceptable!

It is hard to muster compassion for the financial loss that the Superferry corporation has experienced. As you know, many minor legal infractions are fined so heavily in our nation that a private citizen can easily be fined half a year's salary for something as minor as posting a flyer in an unauthorized location! Therefore, I cannot muster compassion for a private corporation that tries to purchase or skirt the law at the expense of our ecosystem and the health of Hawaii's citizens.

No Superferry! Krisztina Samu Urainium Free Hawaii Kalahelo, Kauai

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From:yuu [kumayuu@hawaiiantel.net]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:04 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Fw: Support for the Hawaii SuperferryImportance:High

----- Original Message -----From: <u>yuu</u> Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:01 AM Subject: Support for the Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our family James, Alicia, Christine, Darlene and Darren Yuu strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. It is a unique vessel that an provide multiple services that is long overdue and deserving of the people of Hawaii. As a island we are completely remote from the continental United States and too dependent on imports to thrive independently. The Hawaii Superferry will allow us to revitalize our precious resources - the people of Hawaii. The majority of our once thriving agriculture land will be productive again with job creations, better, healthier and fresh produce, and more alternative energy resources. The Hawaii Superferry can transport farming and business equipment and supplies faster and more cost effectively than any other method currently in place. This will encourage more jobs and travel between the islands to get this done. The locals will be encourged to buy Hawaii first because the savings will be passed on to the consumers. Currently our farmers and business can only provide a two day supply of produce to the entire state of Hawaii. We must protect our rich, fertile lands and utilize it to sustain ourselves and our economy once again. The Hawaii Superferry and accomplish this.

The Hawaii Superferry can encourage more travel among the the locals to support our communities rather than pouring it into other destinations such as Las Vegas. Travel will be more affordable for families, schools and businesses as they will also be able to transport their vehicles and supplies. The Hawaii Superferry can allow us to keep our money in Hawaii without having to rely on tourist industry to support our economy. We should be able to support our local economy with everday travel services by the Hawaii Superferry to accomplish all of this.

The way we live and travel can be greatly enhanced by the unique services of the Hawaii Superferry. We will be able to maintain our livelihood and emergency responses which makes us sensitive as an island. We will no longer be dependent of outside services. We will be more dependent on our precious resources - the people of Hawaii - to sustain ourselves, our communities, and our local economy. The Hawaii Superferry will make living in Hawaii affordable and enjoyable for the locals - something no other entity has ever thought to do successfully for the benefit and encouragement FIRST for the hardworking and deserving people of Hawaii. WE, the local

community of Hawaii are deserving of the Hawaii Superferry. WE, are the majority voicing our support of the Hawaii Superferry.

We need the Hawaii Superferry. The Hawaii Superferry needs us.

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Darren Yuu & Family 95-1032 Hoalumi Street Mililani, Hawaii 96789 (808) 221-4832

From: Sent: To: Subject: joan parsons [joanparsons1515@msn.com] Thursday, October 25, 2007 5:25 AM House Record FW: SuperFerry

>From: "joan parsons" <joanparsons1515@msn.com> >To: joanparsons1515@msn.com >Subject: SuperFerry >Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 10:01:55 -1000 >I would like this testimony to be heard in all three Senate review >committees: >Judiciary and Labor; Transportation and Int'l Affairs; and Energy and >Environment >As a strong supporter of the SuperFerry, I am truly and utterly >dismayed that this issue has so unfairly become a lightning rod for >environmental concerns in our beautiful state of Hawaii. >Every single commercial vessel whether cruise ship, Matson, Young >Brothers, US Navy, or any other sea going transport poses similar risks to Hawaii. >Every air passenger delivered to the outer islands or Honolulu, can >possess undeclared illegal or harmful substances. The price we pay for >living on a group of islands in the middle of the Pacific is that we >are dependent upon public sea and air vessels to deliver us and all we >consume to where ever we wish to go. But that surely does not give a >MINORITY of residence the right to determine who can go and how they can get there! >It is of course vital that we understand and mitigate harmful >disruptions to our environment. Our environment is precious and we >must honor and protect the land and sea. But we must exist here also. >It is irresponsible and unbelievably biased to single out one business, >one transport out of all that exist, and restrict that operation on the >basis of 'environmental' issues. Where were the minority group of >protesters when the enormous cruise ships were allowed to dock in Nawiliwili Harbor? >Tell me Maui residents don't immeasurable benefit from the hundreds of >thousands of tourists that sail into Kahului Harbor and anchor off Lahaina. > Even the potential sonar damage to the whale population by the US >Navy hasn't aroused as much fury as the 'enironmentalist' that oppose >the SuperFerry. >It is my belief that the 'real' protest is well beyond the environment >issues that make the front page. The SuperFerry seems to have released >an eruption of underlying bias and prejudice against our own people. >Outer islands want tourists in vast numbers, but not locals. That sure >sounds like prejudice to me! Under no circumstances can that prejudice >be allowed to operate in a free and democratic state of the union. >Outer island protesters (I used to live in Maui also) don't think the >throngs of tourists that fill their pockets cause environmental compromise? >The truth is that we are all environmentalists that live in Hawaii. >all care deeply and passionately about the preservation of our islands >and our whales, and all other species God placed within our midsts.

>You, our governing body, must act responsibly and responsively as you >are doing, and for this I applaud you. But you MUST NOT allow >yourselves to be held hostage by a minority group of protesters and >questionable interpretations of the law. YOU determine law in this >state. If the intent of the vast majority of the population of Hawaii

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>is to embrace the SuperFerry, then you must find a way to make that happen.
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Sincerely,
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The Parsons Family,
Joan, Ron and Brett
Hawaii Kai
Honolulu
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From:Dave [dhimes1@gmail.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:36 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Super Ferry HB 1

This letter is in reference to HB 1 as it affects the Super Ferry and should be passed on to the House Committees on Transportation and Finance meeting Oct. 25 at 9AM at the State Capitol.

The recent activities surrounding the Super Ferry should be an embarassment to all Hawaii residents. This state is taking on the appearance of a banana republic when it comes to business. I have no financial interest in the Super Ferry and have no opinion as to its chances of financial success. As an Oahu resident I would use it to visit other islands as it offers the convenience of taking my own car. The owners have long ago completed the byzantine state government approval process to conduct their business. There is no change in the proposed operation and what was approved. A key point that seems to have been lost is that that approval process provides for ample public comment. The absence of significant public opposition to the Super Ferry during the approval process seems to have had no impact on our judiciary- which has taken on the appearance of a kangaroo court. To add insult to injury, a self-appointed vigilante group successfully stopped by threat of violence that portion of the operation unaffected by the judiciary. As I said, this should embarass the entire state.

On a larger scale this Super Ferry fiasco poses a significant threat to economic development in Hawaii. Sadly, there seems to be a continuing stream of similar soap operas. If a proposed business poses a threat to our health and/or welfare, it clearly should not proceed. The state already has well established processes- that keep a small army of lawyers busy- to make that determination. After the fact challenges by small special interest groups should succeed only in the rarest of cases.

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From:	Laurie I. Kimura [lauriekimura@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:17 AM
То:	House Record
Subject:	Support Hawaii Super Ferry letter

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 Laurie I. Kimura and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in full support of the Hawaii Super Ferry as well as all of my friends, relatives and co-workers.

Sensitive to the environment, I feel strongly that there are other vessels that are operating in Hawaii currently that have more of an adverse or negative impact on our waters and environment. There are commercial fishing boats that came from California and have been netting all our local fish, scraping our ocean's bottoms, and are constantly leaving debris of shredded fishing nets along all our coastal beaches which I have seen on Oahu and Kauai.

I also feel that the Hawaii Super Ferry is a welcome addition to Hawaii for tourism, to be a benefit for local resident's to travel from one island to another for work and pleasure, and can be an amenity that the State of Hawaii could value from immediately and in the long run.

I have worked on the neighbor islands and currently go to the neighbor islands frequently for work. The ability to take my own car to take all the tools, drawings, supplies, etc., I need would be quite a benefit. I work with a lot of Contractors who work on the neighbor islands, also neighbor island workers that come to Honolulu, that can benefit by bringing their tools and supplies back and forth effortlessly. The workers on the neighbor islands should realize that if the work is slow where they live, they can bring their tools to the other islands quicker by using the Hawaii Super Ferry to get work on other islands.

When Hurricane Iniki occurred, it would have been nice to have the Hawaii Super Ferry to aide in bringing generators, water, clothes, and supplies quickly to Kauai to help those in need.

Everyone I have spoken to is in favor of the Hawaii Super Ferry and we all truly hope that the State of Hawaii's legislator's hear our voices and do not let us down.

Sincerely,

Laurie I. Kimura

501 Koko Isle Circle

Honolulu, Hawaii 96825 PHONE NUMBER]

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From: Diane Ho [dho@royalaa.com]

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

To: House Record

Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki & Oshiro,

HB-1 Relating to Transportation.

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I feel this is a great way for families, organizations, and tourist to travel between the islands. It's another mode of transportation besides the airlines. Please do what is best for the majority in favor of the Superferry.

Thanks,

Díane

Please note my new address as of 9/1/07: Diane L.S. Ho Royal Alliance Associates, Inc. 615 Piikoi Street, Suite 810 Honolulu, HI 96814 main line: 808.593.9923 direct line: 808.593.9927 fax: 808.593.9920

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From:Paula [hapapafarm@earthlink.net]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:41 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Superferry

October 25, 2007

Honorable House Representatives,

The Superferry is the best thing to come along to help farmers on the neighbor island get their perishable produce to the Honolulu market in faster, cheaper way. The air freight prices have gotten way too high to give us a chance to compete with even aging mainland produce.

The invasive species argument is sadly misrepresented. If you meet with the Department of Agriculture you would know that the majority of the invasive species are flooding in on mainland and foreign produce because there are not enough inspectors. The State of Hawaii needs to step up the inspections of the flood gate rather than the manini number between islands. If the foreign and mainland imports were inspected this would not be such an issue.

I remember 9/11, Iniki, and barge strikes when interisland transportation was cut or reduced. Hawaii needs an alternative way to get aid and resources between islands especially for disaster relief.

I will not be travelling to Honolulu to testify.

Paula Holroyde 592 Hapapa Road Kula, Maui, Hawaii 96790

From: David Dickson [daviddickson69@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:43 AM

To: House Record

Subject: I Support Hawaii Superferry.

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

As a registered voter in the state of Hawaii and a staunch supporter of the Hawaii Superferry I am compelled to voice my opinion that a special session is imperative, and to inform you that an alternative mode of transportation is not all that will be lost in the event this company is forced out of business. I will not support those who deliver the taxpayers of this state an enormous debt that could be avoided by allowing this business to continue operations. My vote will go to those who stand behind the people of our island communities and our belief that this is for the betterment of our lives and the future health of our economy.

Planed development and environmental impact does need to be regulated and to that I agree, but for the people of Hawaii and the workers that have suffered from the recent furloughs there is a need for the state to step up and take action and prevent further damage to our economy and the reputation of our state as a whole. As the world watches this event unfold there is still time to redeem our qualities and make a statement that Hawaii is a progressive and vital business environment. Concerns voiced by those in opposition to the ferries services will pale in comparison to the financial fallout from loosing this company. There is no price that can be placed on preserving our island paradise, your part in protecting our islands sustainability both financially and environmentally is priceless. I vote yes to Hawaii Superferry.

Sincerely,

David Dickson

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From:Kuulei [kuulei2002@yahoo.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:12 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Envionmental Impact Statement

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

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

FROM:	My Name	Kuulei Johnson
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My Address

Tel 509 465-0101

kuulei2002@yahoo.com\_\_\_\_

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From:Blen J Hinton [blenhinton@trebmaui.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:20 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Superferry support

# **Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro**

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.

The Real Estate Book Maui Blen Hinton 808-878-8732 blenhinton@trebmaui.com www.trebmaui.com The Best LITTLE Book in the Islands 28 Mano Drive Kula, HI 96790

From: Mylene's Floral Wholesale [mylenes@aloha.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:01 AM

To: House Record

Subject: Superferry

TTN: 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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Oversight Task Force. Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mylene Hinkle and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It will boost the economy .

The Superferry will allow business to be able to take their own vechiles instead of renting them to do there work on outer islands instead of shipping tools and renting a car. If they have anything big going on cars can be all rented out on an outer island.

This will allow us to receive more agriculture in the way of the Superferry between islands . .

From:Thomas Pickett [bluh2o@aloha.net]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:51 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Superferry

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

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

> FROM: Thomas Pickett P.O. Box 630 Kilauea, Hi, 96754

Tel 808-828-1019

Email <u>bluh2o@aloha.net</u>

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

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

Please don't subvert hard fought and hard won environmental law in the interest of power and profit.

From:kehau [kehau.upnaway@hawaiiantel.net]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:57 AMTo:House RecordSubject:in favor of the Superferry

Give the Superferry a chance. The Majority rules here.

Johannah Gerona Life-time "Hawaii" Resident

From:Sal Ambrocio [ambrocios@hotmail.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:58 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Hawaii Superferry TestimonyImportance:High

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 Salvador Ambrocio Jr. and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I fully support the Hawaii Superferry, because I believe it will improve the overall quality of life for the State of Hawaii as a whole. It will bring more revenue into the other islands it service and it will bring another way to travel between our islands. It will also benefit our families and our future for the years to come. I humbly ask that our leadership consider the positive things the Superferry has to offer our State.

Sincerely,

Salvador Ambrocio Jr.

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From: Garry Forsberg [gforsberg@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:08 AM

To: House Record

Subject: hawaii superferry

Dear chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Garry Forsberg and I fully support the hawaii superferry because I think we need an to be able to have choices on ways to travel inter island and have options besides young bros to ship our cars produce and freight and I am tired of a small but vocal minority decideing what is right for everybody.

Mahalo for listening Garry Forsberg 1502 Koene PL Wailuku,HI 96793 (808)870-2942

From: tiger6 [tiger6@pnrwatertaxi.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:03 AM

To: House Record

Subject: SUPPORT FOR H.S.F.

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007 HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is FRANK PIRES and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

BECAUSE THE **STATE FINANCED** THE BARGES ( RAMPS NEEDED FOR CARGO LOADING AND UNLOADING ) ,

IS **THE ONLY REASON FOR AN E.I.S.** OTHERWISE THIS WOULD NOT BE AN ISSUE. THE FERRY IS A 3rd VERSION

ON DESIGN OF WHICH THE OTHER TWO (2) HAD THERE OWN RAMPS DESIGN ON BOARD , ADDED TO MUCH WEIGHT

AND WOULD ADD THE ADDITION TO FUEL COST AND LESS CARGO SPACE. IF THE CONCERNS WHICH WERE BROUGHT

UP BY THE OPPOSITION ( ALL VALID ONES ) THEN THOSE CONCERNS SHOULD BE ALL , ALL INVOLVED IN HAWAII COMMERCE.

EVASSIVE SPECIES , COMMUNITIES RESOURCES , WHALES AND WHAT EVER ELSE , IS ALREADY HAPPENING NOW WITHOUT

SUPER FERRIES INVOLVEMENT, SO WHY IS OF THESE CONCERS COMING DOWN ON H.S.F.. INSTEAD OF REDIRECTING THOSE

CONCERNS TO THE DOCKS, AIRPORTS WHERE IT IS HAPPENING.

THE MILITARY ( ARMY ) HAS A SUPER FERRY TYPE VESSEL IN THE ISLANDS FOR ABOUT THREE (3) YEARS WHICH HAVE BEEN RUN

RUNNING BETWEEN THE ISLANDS AND WITHOUT INCIDENT WITH WHALES. STRIKER BRIGADE HAS THEIR OWN VESSEL AND WOULD

ONLY NEED TO USE H.S.F. IN TIME OF WAR , WHICH ALL DOCUMENT VESSEL ARE AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT , THAT'S THE

WAY IT IS .

YOUNG BROTHERS IS CHRISTENNING A NEW BARGE VESSEL VERY SHORTLY , ONE OF THE CONCERNS IS THAT THEY HAVE NO ROOM NOW ,

SO WHY ARE THEY BUILDING BIGGER BARGES WHICH WILL DEMAND MORE DOCK SPACE , ADD MORE TRAFFIC , AND OCCUPYING THE

ALREADY SHORT FALL OF PIER SPACE , REASON IS THEY DONOT NEED A E.I.S. BECAUSE OF NO STATE FUNDING ",DOULBLE STANDARD ".

IN KEEPING THIS BRIEF, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOU HAVE A TOUGH JOB AHEAD

ALOHA, FRANK

[SIGNATURE ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER]

From:Shirlee M. Shumway Shirlee [shirl72025@hawaii.rr.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:11 AMTo:House Record

Subject: Superferry

Please vote for the superferry to continue. We cannot continue to live in the Past. We need a mode of transportation, other than flying, for inter Island travel. Shirlee M. Shumway

Holualoa, Big island of Hawaii.

From:ETItamoto@aol.comSent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:11 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ethel T. Itamoto and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the superferry because it will give us another mode of transportation between islands. I feel that the superferry can sail safely while the environmental studies are being made and everybody can learn at that time how it will really impact all of us and the environment through actual experience. Right now, the problems that the environmentalist are saying will crop up are just conjectures on their part. Nobody really knows the effect the superferry will have on the environment.

Ethel T. Itamoto PO Box 695

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From:	Lisa	Okuna	[octlo@hawaii.rr.com]
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Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:16 AM

To: House Record

Subject: support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lisa G Okuna and I support Hawaii Superferry.

I think it's a great way for families to visit friends and family on the neighbor islands, and offers a more affordable, and easier, little vacation for families with many small children. The ferry would beat the hassle of lugging baggage through the airline terminals and through cramp quarters of a plane. Just the experience of riding on a large vessel on the sea would be a great thrill for the little ones, and many parents would want to remember the smiles and excitement on their happy faces.

I think it offers more business for the neighbor islands in the tourist industry, such as hotels, restaurants, and gift shops. People planning to stay a few days on a neighbor island would need a place to stay, thus renting a room, or two, somewhere. Visitors need to eat, so restaurants or grocers would also benefit.

In addition, I'm sure some local businesses might look into using the Hawaii Superferry for business or company parties as a tool for employee moral or marketing.

It's not hard to see that there would be benefits for local businesses and families on all the islands.

Sincerely,

Lisa G Okuna 2250 Amokemoke Place 808-456-3962

From:Dumpnoco2@aol.comSent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:18 AMTo:House RecordSubject:HB1 OPPOSE

Committee on Transportation

**Committee on Finance** 

Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Auditorium, State Capitol

#### **OPPOSE HB1**

Bill is blatantly flawed and unconstitutional. Please do NOT circumvent the Hawaii State laws!

Name: Gwen F. Ilaban

Plan NOT to submit comments in person.

808.329.1912 76-6182 Alii Drive, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

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From:	stay@wailukuhouse.com
Sent:	Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:52 AM
То:	House Record
Subject:	PLEASE DO NOT PASS SUPERFERRY BILL

Importance: High

#### 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.

Warmest alohas, Maureen The Wailuku Guesthouse <u>www.wailukuhouse.com</u> for photos of all guestrooms toll-free for reservations 877-986-8270 email <u>stay@wailukuhouse.com</u>

Whales have no voices -- but you do. On behalf of all of us at Pacific Whale Foundation, we thank you for speaking up at this critical time. Warmest alohas, Maureen The Wailuku Guesthouse <u>www.wailukuhouse.com</u> for photos of all guestrooms toll-free for reservations 877-986-8270 email stay@wailukuhouse.com

From:	William Follmer [bifollme@ksbe.edu]
Sent:	Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:51 AM
То:	House Record
Cc:	billfollmer@hotmail.com
Subject:	Testimony Supporting the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is William H. Follmer and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry because it provides a service that I have long wanted to use. Hawaii has been my home since 1948 and I have many friends who feel like I do that the Superferry will be good for them and for business. Waiting for the completion of an EIS and all the subsequent challenges would be costly, endanger the financial viability of the project, and is just an excuse by a small minority to kill the project. Any environmental hazzard posed by the Superferry is solvable. Please don't let a small minority kill this project and make Hawaii even more of a business Hell than it is already.

Aloha, William H. Follmer 99-1647 Aiea Heights Drive Aiea, Hawaii 96701 488-0767

From: Melissa C. Bojorquez [mbojorquez@hawaii.rr.com] Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:21 AM

To: House Record

Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Melissa C. Bojorquez* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am writing in support of the Super Ferry. I urge our legislators to allow the Super Ferry to function during the process of an environmental assessment. The Super Ferry is a symbol of innovation for our Islands. It provides jobs, increase commerce between the islands, another form of affordable transportation between the islands etc. If you say NO to this opportunity - you say NO to the future new Business Culture of our islands. I see the Supper Ferry as a sign of progression for our State. We cannot be stalled for 30 years, like the building of the H3 Freeway. Growing up in Hawaii - the H3 was stalled and it is known as the most expensive freeway in the US. We do not to want to have the same thing again with the Super Ferry. Haven't we learned. We need to move forward with new ideas and address the concerns of the environmental groups, but this should not stop the Super Ferry from running. Please vote to have the Super Ferry run. Our children will thank you! It is for Hawaii's future!

Melissa C. Bojorquez 841 Hookala Street Pearl City, HI 96782

808.454-1755

From: Bonni Gaddo [extremeleverage@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:21 AM

To: House Record

Subject: SAVE THE SUPERFERRY!!

Dear Senators,

I am a Kihei resident and homeowner. I attended the meeting on Tuesday at Baldwin High School. I sat there for 5 hours without leaving my seat waiting to testify, BUT I didn't get to! So here are my points that I feel are extremely valid in this issue and I want you to make the smart decision to save the Superferry!!

1. An EA exemption was granted in the beginning, and it is UNFAIR to change it now. Laws can be unfair/misused and when this happens they should be changed! No other carrier in the state waters has been required to do this. Laws are to apply to all and if they don't they are discriminatory--so if this is going to be forced on the Superferry then ALL CARRIERS IN HAWAIIAN WATERS SHOULD BE STOPPED UNTIL THEY ALL DO AN EA AND EIS!!!

2. Regarding invasive species--Where are they coming from? Maybe a study should be done on this, I think that most of them are coming on the planes. So, maybe they should be stopped from coming to the state!?

3. Regarding the whales--the Supeferry has addressed the issue and maybe you could require them to slow down through the whale season. Other vessels hit whales, as pointed out in the Maui meeting. Even Pacific Whale Foundation has --ALTHOUGH THEY TRY TO COVER THAT UP!

4. I feel that this is a good alternative that residents should have and agree with all the supporters at the Maui meeting that stated many good reasons in favor of the ferry.

5. The shipping costs are high and this allows residents to save money in alot of ways. I have a friend in Maui that runs a roofing business that told me since the ferry set up they have been very unprofessional by not calling when people when their shipment comes in. This delayed my friend from meeting a deadline on a job, costing him extra money. Also, when he got the materials they had dropped the pallet breaking half of the materials. Then they didn't even take responsibility for it. THAT'S NOT RIGHT!

6. I was in Honolulu last week and saw it sitting in the harbor, it's so beautiful and would be a SHAME TO WASTE IT!

7. The people who have broke the law by the violence for protest should also be held accountable to the law.

PLEASE LISTEN TO THIS AND MANY OTHERS WHO I BELIEVE ARE THE MAJORITY--BUT MAY BE AFRAID TO SPEAK BECAUSE OF THE DIVISION CAUSED AND THE VIOLENCE SEEN ---SAVE THE SUPERFERRY!!

Mahalo nui loa, Bonnie Gaddo 300 Kawailani Cir. Kihei, HI 96753

Home 891-8390 Cell 298-8149

From:cory nicolas [clnicolas@gmail.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:31 AMTo:House RecordSubject:superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cory Nicolas and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the majority of hawaii residents are in favor of the superferry. It will bring more options to the people of hawaii. The outer island opponents are hiding behind the EIS. Why are they not pushing for an EIS for Matson, Young Brothers, and Island Princess. They can't pick and choose, it's all or nothing if they are going to demand and EIS. There other massive boats that make it to the outer island, and they demand a study on this small one.

Please allow the Superferry to run. We have already spent so much money on it, we are already committed.

Cory Nicolas 1803 Maiki Place Pearl City, HI 96782 808-778-6797

From: Skalani67@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:36 AM

To: House Record

Subject: Testimony for SUPER FERRY TO RUN=skalani67@aol.com

# To whom this may Concern;

I just got my email opened this a.m.-10/25/07.

I hope I have time to be included in the package of keeping Super Ferry running. We are the voices of the people always in the background.We want to be heard.We need something like the Super Ferry in Hawaii.

As far back as I can remember(1956)...there was talk of having an Inter-Island Ferry for Hawaii.

Many of us have waited years for this to become a reality.For the sake of many Hawaiians.....that have no way to communicate with our legislature....Please make our Dreams come true.

We need the Ferry because many of our Hawaiians have lost faith in the Airline Bussiness.

Many times there were Airlines that have tried to implement lower fares.....BUT....only to be knocked down by the "GAINT's" of the airways..

Please give us that joy of traveling inter-island again with"LOW COST" price line in mind.

Thank-You & Mahalo Much,

Sandra K.Kupahu skalani67@aol.com

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From:Mike Dale [mikedalewindsurfer@yahoo.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:30 AMTo:House RecordSubject:HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION...I strongly support Hawaii SuperferryATTN:House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael Dale and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It will bring so many new jobs to the outer islands that it defies logic to hold it back. The EIS is the true RED HERRING as those opposed to the Supperferry will be oppesed no mater what. The island population is growing, and this Supperferry will give more job opportunities to those people who are looking.

M.Dale 1404 Akamai St. Kailua HI 96734 808-262-2588

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From: James.Lee@faa.gov

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:50 AM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *James K Lee* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I think that Hawaii needs an alternative to traveling to the outer islands. I also feel that it would help businesses, creates needed jobs for locals and ultimately the state.* 

James K Lee

551 Kua'aina Way, Kailua, HI 96734

From: Sue Hanson [rshanson2@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:01 AM

To: House Record

Subject: Superferry support

To whom it may concern:

If a concession must be made in speed for the superferry to proceed between islands, which would not be a viable solution for the company, why not subsidize the fares until the environmental impact can be done? The superferry is essential to the future of our islands. Service between the islands needs to be reasonable and easily accessible. Living here should not be considered second class! I'm terribly ashamed of the folks at the neighboring island hearings who boo'd and yelled during the supporters testimony. The lack of respect and aloha is strong message that is viewed by mainland and international visitors at home and here that convey the worst of Hawaii.

Please pass the superferry legislation that would allow the ferry to operate as soon as possible.

Sue and Roger Hanson General Delivery 15-1740 7th Ave. HPP Keaau, HI 96749 808-966-5511

From: Ccpa123@cs.com

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:48 AM

To: House Record

Subject: ferry support

Aloha,

My name is Carolyn C.P. Alameida and I live in Hawaii on the island of Oahu. I am in support of the Superferry as it would be a tremendous boon for local island travel. I had the opportunity to ride on it this weekend and was totally impressed at the service, the ride, and the workers. I look forward to going to the outer islands with my husband and taking our car with us.

I am so tired of hearing the "environmentalists" wage their battle against the Superferry when the Superferry has taken every precaution for protecting the marine life and for considering the impact on the other islands.

My e-mail: ccpa123@cs.com My home phone: 638-0466

Carolyn C.P. Alamieda

From:	Bob Ford [rford001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:23 AM
То:	House Record
Subject:	Support for Hawaii Superferry

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert D. Ford and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am a retired U.S. Navy Captain and have lived on Oahu for nearly 30 years.

The voices of dissent over the Hawaii Superferry seem to have captured the media's attention. However, most of the citizens of this state are in favor of allowing the Superferry to operate. The Superferry issue was certainly no surprise to any of us, and the protests as it began service seemed questionably timed. If we really are concerned about its environmental impact, we should be also concerned to a greater extent about our commercial, Navy, Coast Guard, and recreational shipping and boating. I think it is inappropriate to target only the Superferry, especially after a fair and well-publicized public hearing and information campaign preceded its launching.

The manner in which this state is handling the Superferry approval process is embarrassing, and sends the wrong signals to future potential business enterprises desiring to operate in Hawaii. And is the state willing to cover the costs of the harbor improvements on Kauai and Maui if CEO Garibaldi is forced to take his business elsewhere? How long do we think he can sit idly by and lose revenue while we fumble this issue?

We need this service. It should be allowed to operate, soon, with the appropriate conditions and restrictions in place to preserve our ocean environment. Let's get on with it and not be hoodwinked by a relatively small percentage of naysayers.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

Most

Robert D. Ford 92-7049 Elele St #95 Kapolei, Hi 96707 808 383-6368

From:yuu [kumayuu@hawaiiantel.net]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:02 AMTo:"Undisclosed-Recipient:;"@smtp1.pauspam.netSubject:Support for the Hawaii Superferry

Importance: High

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From:Franco Arango [farango@valpakofhawaii.com]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:05 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Moving forward

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I, Francisco Javier Arango, along with the majority of people support the Superferry.

The Superferry will help outer island business and our business grow. I own an advertising company on Oahu that people from all islands could benefit from. I have clients on this Island that would like to advertise their business on outer islands and I have inquiries from businesses on outer Island that would like for me to advertise for them. Our business could grow to accommodate both parties if we all had an easy way to travel to other islands with our vehicles and equipment.

The second reason I like the Ferry is because I would like to paddle canoe and tour the other islands more easily.

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From:	David [dwfloortrack@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:49 AM
То:	House Record
Subject:	Support for Superferry

In support of the Superferry,

I'm in support of the Superferry. My reason is that I would like to have more than one option to get off of the Island should there ever be a natural disaster that took out the airport. Common sense.

Aloha,

David Whitehill DW Floor Track, Inc. PH: 808-325-1426 FAX: 808-325-7564 e-mail: dwfloortrack@hawaii.rr.com

From:CDIFL@aol.comSent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:06 AMTo:House RecordSubject:(no subject)

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My name is *Dianne Lee* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think the Hawaii Superferry will provide Inter-Island transportation that will be beneficial, practical and easy to use, for all Hawaii residents and visitors alike. Common sense tells us that having a second option for transportation between islands, is just smart, forward thinking. Every person I have spoken with in the last two months, supports the Superferry operating in Hawaii. The only negative people, are the same few protestors we see on TV!

Dianne F. Lee

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From:yuu [kumayuu@hawaiiantel.net]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:06 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Fw: Support for the Hawaii SuperferryImportance:High

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From:Kelli Tokuyama [ktokuyam@hawaii.edu]Sent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:03 AMTo:House Record

Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kelli Tokuyama and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

*I want you and the House to step back a moment and remember why this Superferry even came up in the first place. Someone must have thought it was a good idea back 3 years ago.* 

I also want you all to step back and remember that you are representing the people of Hawaii and not just the small number of environmentalist that are giving Hawaii a bad name. Have you watched the national news....well we are making news on the mainland despite the fires going on in California. We are looking very silly. In a State where tourism is our bread and butter, this is only pushing the tourist away.

For once in your lives, make a decision that we do some good for the State! That or I think you should all be looking for new jobs when elections come around. You got elected to make the right decisions for us....are you?

Why spend all that money on this ship for it to sink now?

*I think you all need to stand up and not be bullied by the small group of people who are opposing this. It'll be good for tourism, for the small business, and everyone.* 

Sincerely,

Kelli Tokuyama

From:Cowens99@aol.comSent:Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:11 AMTo:House RecordSubject:HAWAII SUPER FERRY

#### ALOHA

We are sorry that we are unable to attend and testify in person for the immediate start of the HAWAII SUPER FERRY. Perhaps if the HAWAII SUPER FERRY were running today we could have loaded the car and kids on and headed for the State Building.

Citizens of our state all have an equal voice. The job of the elected legislature is to listen to the voices and not allow the "NATTERING NABOBS OF NEGATISM" to defeat a service that is required for a state made up of islands.

The HAWAII SUPER FERRY is not a new concept. I read that in the Washington State area 15 MILLION people travel each year to work by ferry. Other island countries have used ferry service for years and years.

People in our state should realize that the only constant in life is change. Anyone who has lived here for a few years has seen the growing changes made on each island. The world is changing and we have to grow or go. Nothing remains the same.

I was amused at the delusional challenges people made to defeat the Super Ferry, it's like they got up before dawn to write down a list of things to worry about. Even the Supreme Court left it open to legislative action by not stopping the Super Ferry.

You were elected for the good of all the state. Vote today to immediately place the HAWAII SUPER FERRY in service.

MAHALO

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From:	bertd9944@hawaii.rr.com
Sent:	Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:03 AM
То:	House Record
Subject:	In Support of Hawaii Superferry

Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

While I cannot present my testimony at your hearing today, I am submitting my testimony in support of Hawaii Superferry for the record.

Bertha Pang Drayson

From: lindasakahara [sakaharal001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:13 AM

To: House Record

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My name is Linda Sakahara and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I visit my aging dad (86 years old) on the island of Maui quite frequently. He does not drive anymore due to his age. Having the Superferry will allow me to bring my car over so that I can run errands for him during my stay -- otherwise I'd need to use a rental car, which may end up being more costly. The Superferry overall provides Hawaii residents with another option to travel to the neighbor islands and take along their vehicles as well. Thank you.

Linda Sakahara 1169 Hala Drive, Hon, HI 96817 535-7568 (work)