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House Record

From: Lisa Cates [lisacates@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:21 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Superferry Record Testimony

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 *Lisa Lonokapu Cates* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am submitting testimony in support of the Superferry. I believe that the positive impacts that the Superferry will have on Hawaii's families and Community outweigh the negative impacts (of which many will be mitigated). To allow the Superferry to operate prior to the completion of the EIS is a worthwhile compromise in lieu of losing a great asset to the State of Hawaii.

I know that our family would use the Superferry to visit extended family on the outer islands and enjoy the convenience of having our own vehicle while traveling with small children. Every Christmas we fly to the Hilo from Oahu with suitcases, boxes of Christmas presents (unwrapped), and coolers of moi (farm raised) for a week long celebration with our family and friends. This is a tradition in our family that allows us to reunite, guaranteed, once a year. I believe the Superferry would allow us to do this type of get together at least twice a year and allow much of our family members and kupuna to travel to Oahu as well. We need another option for travel. Airfares may be somewhat affordable now, but prices prior to Go! airlines were shockingly expensive and much too high for families.

*Mahalo,
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10/25/2007

House Record

From: Ohana Kaneakua [kaneakuat001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:21 AM
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Dear chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Thomas Kaneakua and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Our family is originally from the island of Kaua'i, and still maintain a family residence there. We must travel to Kaua'i 4 to 5 times a year to do general repairs and upkeep on the property, and the time spent there is about two to three weeks. The ferry would afford us a more convenient and affordable means to travel between Oahu and Kaua'i.

sincerely,
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House Record

From: Carol Sato [csato@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:19 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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

My name is Carol Sato and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I have a relative who was crippled at a very young age with polio, gets around in a wheelchair and ramp van, and would benefit from the use of the Superferry to get to the neighbor islands, which she has visited just once over 40 years ago when she was much healthier.

House Record

From: Jim [passon@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:16 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPPER FERRY

Regardless of EI Statement- a self proclaimed view OR EI Study-an audit of the self proclaimed view, I am against the Ferry.

We (West Hawaii) do not have enough ocean recourses to withstand the additional fishing, spearing, netting, and trop collecting that will occur with the Oahu invasion. We do not have enough now and our stocks are being depleted faster than they can be replenished.
The fact that the owners most likely "bought off" some politicians or the wrong politicians should not stop the remainder from "just saying no"!

Have the State give the SF owners a couple Million for "good will" or what ever and send their two boats some place where there is a population density problem, i.e. Indonesia or even San Francisco. I am sure the owners have a back up plan in place. If they don't then they are too stupid to be doing business in Hawaii.

Aloha,
Jim Passon
Kona, Hi

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House Record

From: Julie Ingman [ghs.julie@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:21 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB1 House Committee to transportation; Hawaii Super Ferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance Meeting
10/25/07 at 9 AM Auditorium; State Capitol Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro -

Hawaii legislature (Special Session):

I wish to remind your body of the missed opportunities for advancement of our business climate by the loud-mouthed non-thinking activists in our state. A couple that come to my mind are the proposals for commercial and government facilities proposed for Ka'u that area which was shot down, thereby losing jobs for residents of Ka'u. Ka'u of all places, where many jobs were lost by the demise of the sugar industry. Golden opportunities were lost. As it is, residents drive all the way to Hilo or Kona for work, leaving youngsters unattended after school until Mom or Dad returns. Unattended kids get into trouble, drugs, etc. In the Puna area, the same thing happened with the proposal to increase geothermal production of electricity. This proposal was shot down not by the State, but by activists in the area. The State did not push it hard enough. All the electricity to be produced with no consumption of petroleum. The business climate is poor anyway, and expensive compared to elsewhere. Haven't we read again and again that the cost of doing business in Hawaii is higher than any other state in the U.S.? I know - my business imports ALL of our greenhouse products plus nursery items. Do not let the very loud and vocal MINORITY affect your decision making process in this case. I personally think this Ferry is going to be a real blessing. So a hundred cars go to Kauai, that means 100 less cars on Oahu. Same-same, No? Sincerely, Don Seaton, Pres.

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House Record

From: Joy [joysmail@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:24 AM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joy yamasaki and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As long as the proper precautions are taken, i.e. inspections for koki frogs, illegal substances, or other questionable items, I believe the ferry should run as the EIS is being done. The EIS should have been done a while ago and I do not understand why this wasn't done, however, I would hate to see this business go under because of the benefits it could offer, as well as it would be a waste of harbor improvements, and a ton of taxpayers money. \$40 million would have to be paid back, and if the Superferry left, it would be for nothing. Let's try to make the best of this situation, not waste anymore of the taxpayers money or time and learn from this situation so that other businesses that want to do business in this state will not have the misfortune that this business has had.

Joy Yamasaki

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10/25/2007

House Record

From: Chuck Wang [chucknsue@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:25 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Dear Legislators,

Please pass the bill so that the ferry can start operating.

Up to this point there seems to have been much politics and smoke screen put up by opposition interests who fear for their loss of income. Hawaii has enough of a bad reputation as an anti-business state and all these troubles for the ferry just enhance this bad reputation for our State as unfriendly towards doing business here.

Today we are operating in an international environment that is supposed to welcome business and progress. These last few weeks the opposition just demonstrated how small minded we have become and provincial.

We celebrate the sailing of the ancient style catamaran Hoku Lea, but block the sailing of a ferry that will match what other port cities have.

Let us catch up with the rest of the great ports of the world.

Please let the Super Ferry sail.

Sincerely,

**Charles & Sue Wang
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House Record

From: Tres Stevens [aluindustries@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:32 AM
To: House Record
Subject: PRO SUPER FERRY

ATTN: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
DATE: THURSDAY, OCT 25 2007

ALOHA!

MY NAME IS JOSEPH STEVENS III. I AM THE OWNER OF 2 SMALL BUSINESS'S, ALU INDUSTRIES LLC., AND CASTER MASTER LLC.

I AM FOR THE SUPER FERRY SERVICE IN HAWAII. BESIDES BEING AN ADVANTAGE TO MY BUSINESS'S, IT WOULD ALSO BE A PREFERRED WAY FOR ME TO TRAVEL FOR NON-BUSINESS TRIPS. I DON'T CARE FOR AIRPLANES, AND KNOW THAT THE SUPER FERRY WOULD PROVIDE A MUCH MORE STRESS FREE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE FOR ME AND MY FAMILY. MY CUSTOMERS ON THE OUTER ISLANDS WANT IT, AND MOST OF OAHU WANTS IT. IF IT DOESN'T HAPPEN, OUR STATE WILL FEEL THE NEGATIVE REPERCUSSIONS FOR YEARS TO COME.

House Record

From: Tina McGill [tinamcgill@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:28 AM
To: House Record
Subject: In support of the Superferry

I hope this does not come too late! I am a Big Island resident and business owner since 1999 and I feel this state is in desperate need of this sort of inter-island transportation. I think that a small group of radical individuals are speaking loudest and are drowning out the voice of the majority of residents who are in support to the Superferry. Is this not a democracy? The Superferry should not have been given license to run and then have it taken away. The Superferry should be allowed to run and all necessary security should be provided at the cost of the state in order to give them safe passage. If an environmental study must be done it should be done quickly and not at the cost of the Superferry, they have lost enough money due to the state legislatures slow pace and incompetency.

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House Record

From: Monica Evans [MonicaEvans@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:34 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1

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Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007

To: Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation

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

From: Monica Evans
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Re: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

I am testifying in strong support of HB 1.

I was a passenger on the very first voyage of the Superferry to Kaua'i. It was very "user friendly" for families.

Given that we are an island state, it just makes sense that alternate forms of transportation be available to our families. The Superferry is an excellent way to do this very thing.

I strongly urge you to pass HB1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

House Record

From: Armand Charron [blackfinhawaii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:07 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Armand M. Charron and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My family and I are frequent travelers to the Islands of Hawaii. We request your positive support to making the "SUPERFERRY" another means for us to visit our island friends and family.

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From: Olivia Nagashima [onagashima@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:55 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry
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To the Hawaii State House of Representatives,

I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY WHILE AN EIS IS PERFORMED.

In January of this year, my wife and I treated ourselves to a first ever cruise and we decided to go to Tahiti. We flew in on Hawaiian airlines and the first part of our vacation was a three night stay on the island of Moorea. Our travel agent had booked us on the local interisland ferry called Aremiti and when we got to the dock, we were directed to the Aremiti 5. There were several of these ferries and these were very similar to the Hawaii Superferry in that it had a catamaran design and also carried vehicles. The sail was about forty minutes to Moorea and the ride was very scenic and comfortable. Arriving in Moorea from the water was a truly awesome sight and it seemed a very natural and practical way to travel. As we were crossing the channel, we saw another Aremiti and the competitor company Moorea Express. This company also had several vessels to its fleet and it seemed to me like the people here use the ferries like how we use the Bus. There was a mix of tourists and the everyday local people. Some of the locals I talked to live on Moorea, but work on Tahiti. There are also humpback whales here. Somehow, everyone here seemed to work out these issues and the ferries has become an integral part of their lives.

Last month, my wife and I visited relatives in Seattle and sidetracked a part of our trip to visit Victoria. We jumped on the Victoria Clipper(a ferry) and although a longer and bumpier ride than the Aremiti 5 in Tahiti, we still thought it was a pleasant and scenic way to view the coastline. Arriving in Victoria on the water was absolutely stunning. Here also, were several other competing ferries, and even seaplanes. The waters here are home to Orcas and somehow, the ship sailed its route as efficiently as it could and we arrived when we were scheduled to arrive. We even saw large zodiacs conducting Orca tours daily. I must say that here also, this seemed a very natural and practical way to travel.

I know that all around the world, ferries are used as a means of transportation and especially here in Hawaii. where we have a group of islands surrounded by a vast Pacific Ocean, it seems only natural and practical to travel to and from other islands by boat or ferry. Tahiti has quite a large ferry system to several of the islands(Moorea, Raietea, Huahine, Bora Bora). Yet, Tahiti has a much smaller local population and tourist base in comparison to Hawaii. Their ferry system has become a daily fact of life for many of its business, tourism, and local

people. Another point is that the humpback whale population in Hawaiian waters is actually on a comeback. Approximately 7% annual growth (up to 10,000 whales are expected here this season), I would venture to say that despite the whales being on an endangered species list, the addition of the Hawaii Superferry to Hawaiian waters would have a marginal effect on whale population. It is our hope to see the Hawaii Superferry remain in Hawaii and thrive like how we saw it in Tahiti and Victoria.

Aloha and God Bless,

Jason Nagashima

House Record

From: Julianne Puzon [hawaiijourneys@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:54 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hearing Oct. 25, 2007 9:00 A.M. for HB 1

October 25, 2007 9:00 A.M.
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Legislature

Subj: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

To the Honorable Joseph Souki, Chairman, and Members of the House Committee on
Transportation; and
To the Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chairman, and Members of the House
Committee on
Finance:

I strongly support this bill to allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. As an island state we need an ocean mode of travel and transport as an alternative to the airlines for interisland travel. It is very clear that the majority of the residents of this state also support the Superferry as evidenced by numerous polls, letters to the editor in the daily newspapers, and the Honolulu Advertiser online forums.

The vocal minority who oppose the Superferry is just that, a very small part of our community. Those who have expressed themselves in a hostile, aggressive or illegal manner are not representative of the people of this state. Their actions have made a travesty of the Aloha spirit and have brought international attention and shame to the good people of Hawai`i nei. Many of the opponents of the Superferry do not have their roots in Hawai`i. Therefore they may not appreciate the importance of another means of transportation to bring families together on different islands because they do not have an extended `ohana here.

I consider myself an environmentalist (whatever that overused term may mean). I am simply not convinced by arguments that the Superferry is a destructive force to the land and ocean. I would like to comment about two major issues, invasive species and whales.

Plants have been brought to Hawai`i not just by humans but also by birds, ocean currents and wind currents. Recently on Oct. 5, I participated in a volunteer service project sponsored by the Army Natural Resource Program. We went to the top of Mt. Ka`ala, the highest point on O`ahu, which has a native wet forest

ecosystem. The purpose of the trip was to remove an invasive rush *Juncus effusus* that is establishing itself in this very pristine environment containing mostly native plants that are also endemic to Hawai`i. Because this area is not open to the public and is very remote, it is quite possible that *Juncus effusus* arrived through natural means and not via humans. I have also participated in service trips to Koke`e State Park on Kaua`i to remove invasive species that have established themselves in the forest such as strawberry guava and kahili ginger. There are very few areas in our state that are truly pristine and untouched by invasive species.

The NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service has compiled a database of all known ship strikes of large whales worldwide from 1975 through 2002. In 134 cases where the type of vessel was known, the following number of strikes occurred: Navy ships - 23; container, cargo and freighter ships - 20; whale watching vessels - 19; cruise ships - 17; ferries - 16; Coast Guard vessels - 9; tankers - 8; recreational boats - 7; steamships - 7; fishing boats - 4; and dredge boat, research vessel, pilot boat and whaling catcher boat 1 strike each. Furthermore, in the 58 cases where the speed of the vessel was known at the time of the collision, more strikes were reported at speeds of 13-21 knots than at speeds in excess of 30 knots. While the data in this report is by no means definitive because of the many variables and unknowns, it is clear that a wide variety of shipping activities constitute a threat to our humpback whale population. And our Hawaiian waters certainly are abundant with the many different kinds of vessels that have been associated with large whale ship strikes. (source: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/protectedresources/whales/publications/lwssdata.pdf>).

This Legislature expressed strong support for the Superferry in 2004 by adopting Senate Concurrent Resolution 149. The Legislature further provided support by approving a reimbursable bond for \$40 million to fund harbor improvements to facilitate the Superferry's operation. I respectfully request that you continue your support of the Superferry by passing this bill out of committee to the full House of Representatives. Thank you very much.

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House Record

From: Lois Ricciardi [lirstudio@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:58 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Please see attached letter in support of the Superferry.

Mahalo,
Lois Ricciardi

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lois Ricciardi* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Hawaii has long awaited and needed the Superferry. We are a people surrounded by water and it is very difficult and costly to visit our neighbor islands. This option allows us to take our own vehicle to Oahu and see relatives, friends, or just relax or shop and cut down on expenses.

The excuses made by those against the Superferry do not hold up. The threat to our environment via the Superferry is no worse than the planes or cruise ships or other boat that have been crossing the channel for many years. I have questioned the effects on whales and other marine life and have learned that it is minimal, if at all. We, the silent majority, are being intimidated by crude and violent behavior of groups whose agenda is very questionable. I appreciate this avenue to assert my support of the Superferry.

Lois Ricciardi

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House Record

From: Joseph Fagundes III [joe@konalaw.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:42 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation; Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

As a neighbor island resident in Kona, a father and small businessman, I support the passage of interim legislation to allow operation of the Superferry.

Hawaii has made a huge comitment to the establishment of the Hawaii Superferry much of which is in the form of loan guarantees supported by my tax dollars.

The transportation alternative is something I have looked forward to utilizing for my family in making trips to other islands utilizing our own vehicle and avoiding some of the logisitical hassles and expense of air and ground transportation off island.

Hawaii already has an anti-business image throughout the United States which is being further embellished by the actions of our local courts in disrupting the establishment of a business which has jumped through all the hoops and invested tens of millions of dollars into our economy. We have image, jobs and taxpayer financial risk at stake here and I hope the House--in particular your committee--will take action to allow operation of the Superferry pending completion of the EIS.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard from my remote location. Feel free to contact me at the below numbers or via email should you have any further questions for me.

Aloha,

Joseph Fagundes, Attorney



House Record

From: Cotton, Charles [ChuckCotton@clearchannel.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 1:52 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Charles Cotton and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As reasonably intelligent people, is anyone asking a couple of simple questions with regard to the protests and lawsuits against the Superferry?

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

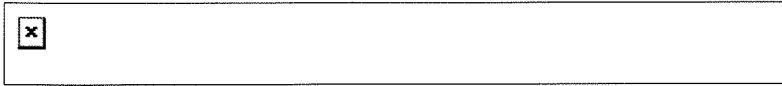
Question Two: If there is such a grave concern that invasive species might be carried from island to island on the Superferry, even with all of the measures put into place to sanitize vehicles before they are transported. WHY, isn't there a similar outcry to sanitize the hundreds even thousands of filthy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

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

Please ask these simple questions, reveal the truth and allow Hawaii to enjoy this valuable transportation alternative that could be all too important to Kauai or Maui during a future hurricane or Tsunami.

Please let the Superferry sail. Mahalo

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House Record

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Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 5:37 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 Scot K. Ah Yuen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry is another mode of transportation between the islands it'll be a real blessing for those who have a fear of flying. For many of years my mom did not travel by air and now she'll never know what it will fill like because she has passed away. We as a state we must look to the future. The people of Hawaii needs to give it a chance once again I Scot K. Ah Yuen strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

SCOT K.AH YUEN

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House Record

From: Alika Wietecha [amlandscaping@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 5:57 AM
To: House Record
Subject: We Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Alexander John Wietecha* I am the owner of A M Landscaping and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

As a Small Business Owner and a Hawaii Resident that was born in Hawaii I do support the Hawaii Superferry. As a Small Business Owner the Superferry will allow my small Landscape company to compete for larger jobs by not having long waiting periods to transport my equipment to the other islands thus reducing the lay off time of our employees and operate more efficiently. Competition for Young Brothers is a good thing because they have the strong hold on Hawaii shipping.

As a State of Hawaii resident that was born on Maui in 1965 the Hawaii Superferry will save us money if we travel to the other islands and stay for 3 to 4 days or more. As we live in a high cost state (Hawaii) we need to save our money for when things get bad for our economy and this is a way to do that.

Sincerely

Alexander John Wietecha

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House Record

From: Thomas Herndon [Thomas.Herndon@Clients.ditchawaii.disa.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:18 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY!

As a Hawaii citizen and voter, I urge your support of the bill permitting interisland ferry service within Hawaii pending the required environmental review. Please do not let a small, vocal, radical minority thwart our progress as a state that welcomes visitors and that provides reasonable options for travel. No objective person can say that the Superferry hasn't done everything reasonably possible to be sensitive to environmental concerns, as it strives to provide first class service in an economical way. I and my family want the option of being able to use this service for our interisland travel and enjoy the ride!

Most sincerely,

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House Record

From: Natashia Mikami [natashia@hawaiiplaningmill.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:06 AM
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Subject: Yes to the Super Ferry
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Aloha,

I'm a Hawaii Island resident and feel that all this fuss about the Super Ferry is terrible. Half the people protesting say that this is harm to the environment, people will come and take our plants and clog up the roads. Now when we local's visit the islands we pick Mokehana, we rent cars to drive and YB, the cruise lines all use the water to deliver goods and tourist. Yet the locals think that tourist are going to invade their island. This is for the locals to get to other islands and save money. Taking my car and my three girls to Kaua'i to visit my family on the Super Ferry will be cheaper than paying for our plane tickets just to fly there. This is for the local's and we should all have a say not just the people who moved here within the last 10 years. We can all benefit from this and I believe that they are here for us, giving us a choice of how we want to visit the islands.

Natashia Mikami

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House Record

From: Antoinette [islandantoinette@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:24 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry
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ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Aloha, my name is Antoinette Tanenbaum -Gordon and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Being a big island resident and home owner of 25 years and watching the many huge ships coming and going for years depositing all their waste and yet nothing being said or done; it is shocking to me that a handful of people on Maui of all islands are trying to prevent this wonderful super ferry.

What is the REAL reason? It is because the people who own and work for the rental car companies and airlines live and own on Maui. No one is talking about the real reason. So they all got together and found an "excuse" to get behind to stop the ferry from operating, because it changes the monopoly that has existed for years in the inter island transportation. I used to live in Hana in 1986 and saw over the years what "happened" to beautiful Maui, now it is a California suburb as all the tourists know. Of all the people to now use this excuse, it is certainly the pot calling the kettle black!

It will be an absolute shame if this wonderful asset to Hawaii is halted because of a few dissenters who are greedy for money and are using this as a way to stop the ferry.

I came over to be with my husband for a few months and we are anxiously awaiting when the ferry will be coming to the Big Island also. If Maui doesn't want it I am sure there are enough people on all the other islands to make up for them.

Please keep it going for ALL to enjoy!
Mahalo,

Antoinette Tanenbaum-Gordon &
Randale K. Jackson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Antoinette Tanenbaum-Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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I support Hawaii Superferry!

Bertha Pang Drayson

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bertha Pang Drayson, and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY!!!!**

I was born and raised on Maui and have lived in Hawaii for 63 years. My family and I attended the Superferry open house on Maui. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience and appreciated the Superferry's hospitality.

I excitedly looked forward to my first roundtrip ride on the Superferry from Maui to Oahu, when I could drive on with my truck, shop for home improvement products, and bring home my purchases without paying the exorbitant air cargo fees as I have done regularly in the past few months.

To my dismay and disappointment, I have not been able to take that trip because of the opposition and the legal requirement of doing an EIS. I believe that the Superferry is being discriminated against. Have the cruise ships done an EIS? Matson? Also, I care about our environment and the whales, but I believe that we must have different modes of transportation available to us. Therefore, I do not appreciate or support the vocal minority's attempts to deny us another means of transportation between the islands.

I also care strongly about our children and families. I wish the opponents would honor, encourage, and help our family and keiki as strongly. Traveling by Hawaii Superferry would allow families quality time together and means by which they can explore our islands.

Please, please represent the majority of the people of Hawaii who perhaps have not been as vocal, but who support Hawaii Superferry. I understand that the bill under consideration addresses all of the issues raised to date and that the bill would allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being done.

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House Record

From: Marcelino Madayag [madayagm001@hawaiiantel.net]
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To: House Record
Subject: Please support the Hawaii Super Ferry
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marcelino Madayag Jr. *and* I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Yesterday, I was at a Filipino club meeting and we had a special guest from the county that spoke. He mentioned about taking a roll in our community and letting our Representative District know how we feel about issues such as the supper ferry. In response I'm letting you know please help support our Hawaii Super Ferry! I for one, support it because it gives us an alternative to travel than traditional air carrier, a sense of freedom to visit family and friends, commute to colleges on Neighbor Island to further educational goals. Having to travel by Air, Land and now Sea can be a win situation by providing a competitive market to other travel industries.

On a personal note I was called to active duty for September 11, 2001 and did not get that chance to finish my flight school in time at Honolulu Community College/University of North Dakota. Now that I'm back from active duty and residing on Kauai due to medical and financial recovery, I feel the Supper ferry would give me a better chance to finish school by commuting from Kauai to Oahu with my own vehicle. I don't have to move up to Oahu and pay dormitory fees. My dream to fly was shattered on September 11, 2001 and now with the Super Ferry I have a chance to finish what I started 7 years ago. Please support the Hawaii Super Ferry

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House Record

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Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:36 AM
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Subject: HB1 support

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Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007

To: Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation

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

From: Gerald Evans
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Re: HB1 Relating to Transportation.

I am testifying in strong support of HB 1.

I rode on the Superferry. It proves an opportunity for local families to travel inter-island.

We need the Superferry. It's a good thing for the state of Hawaii.

I strongly urge you to pass HB1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

House Record

From: Jim Kennedy [indyjimk@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:37 AM
To: House Record
Subject: URGENT >>> Superferry: Please, ask yourselves the two simple unemotional questions

This is an honest attempt to be logical and unemotional about this whole matter.

When considering your responsibilities, I ask that you simply ask yourselves these two simple questions:

1. On the matter of whale collision concerns, was the new "The Boat" service on Oahu between Barbers Point and Aloha Tower required to get an EA or EIS? Note that that boat goes very fast and has to run right along and across the 100 fathom line that the whales love to frequent in the winter time. It could be of the same level of threat as the Superferry. I should know as I have a boat at Ko Olina Marina and see lots of whales in that area.

2. On the matter of invasive species, are you also prepared to stop all shipments of vehicles between the mainland and Hawaii? Talk about the possibility of moving invasive species. Wow!

The answer to the first question is no. Are you now prepared to stop that service as well, pending an EA or EIS? And then, even most politicians would understandably answer the second question with a "no". Why not? Because that would shut down a very important resource to the state's families who move themselves or college children between states.

So, why should we subject the Superferry to a double standard?

Thank you for considering these thoughts.

Jim Kennedy

`Ewa Beach, HI

House Record

From: Raffy Jacinto [dmraffy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:30 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Public testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rafael L. Jacinto and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that Hawaii Superferry will greatly improve interisland commerce, giving many business owners new options and viability in shipping products and services around the state. This could eventually translate into greater profitability for small businesses, increased spending within Hawaii boosting our local economy, more jobs and career choices for locals, and more outside investment coming into the state.

I also feel that having the Superferry around will help protect local consumers who are currently dependent on the airlines for interisland travel. With the Superferry, families and friends will be able to visit each other more readily and further enhance their quality of life. It could also provide new options for other types of affiliations such as school groups or athletic teams participating in state competitions, making travel much more practical for all involved.

It is my opinion that the benefits will far exceed the possible problems that may accompany the operation of the Superferry. I think that many of the opponents have inflated claims of the damage that the Superferry could bring. I think that it would be fair for all involved to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted given that certain conditions are met.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [Helen F. Alipio] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[This is an island state. We need any and all forms of transportation for both pleasure, business and emergency means. We were on the inaugural voyage and it was filled with 90 % local residents. Most were traveling, as we were, to visit relatives and or friends. Invasive species have been coming in for years on cruise ships, planes and other means. Lookouts and GPS systems are in place to avoid whale collisions. Pacific Whale Foundation and Whale watch tour boats have hit more whales than anyone else. Look it up. The people who are against this are newcomers who seem to think they can revert our Hawaii back to old Hawaii. Superferry or no Superferry, that WILL NEVER HAPPEN! The eco-terrorists prevented me from reading my testimony on Maui at Baldwin Auditorium the other day, because of their insults, booing, rude jeers and copycat behavior of the Kuauai hearings. Many of us WANT the superferry but are being strong armed and intimidated into not speaking out. Also, many like my husband have to work 2 or 3 jobs, and could not get time off to come to the hearing here. Please Govenor Lingle, show me why my husband Gino and I voted you in office. To stand up against these few and get the Hawaii Superferry sailing right away. Aloha to all the hard working, exhausted legislators who have been putting in unending hours listening to these overaged hippes. Do the right thing and set the Superferry free to sail.

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"Now you see...Evil will always win, because good is dumb". Dark Helmet-Spaceballs

One of my favorite (not necessarily true)quotes- Helen

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House Record

From: Earl [dreamcamp@clearwire.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:42 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Super Ferry

Attn: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

HB 1 Relating To Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Earl Grant and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

First of all let me say that I am really surprised that this situation came about. I am sure this deal could have went a lot smoother. I believe this complication has made Hawaii look bad for business. We really should have had something like these decades ago. I just don't comprehend why it's so hard for this metropolitan city to get on board with this. The environment is very important, but let's study it and see what the problems are while it is in action. Folks can gain better data anyway if it is up and running. There are too many positives to allow the Hawaii Superferry to take their business elsewhere. The Superferry will boost our economy tremendously for starters, it will mean so many positive things for the people of Hawaii. It will bring family and friends together at a lower cost. Inter-island sports competitions can go on a lot easier. I for one will use the Superferry to tour the other Islands in the chain. My family and I are not even familiar with the other islands yet. My family was born and raised here and I lived here since 1991; we should have toured the islands by now, but did not because of the difficulties and expenses of it. There are so many other good things that I could mention, but I won't for lack of time.

I urge all that have a part to play, to please choose make the Hawaii Superferry a reality.

Mahalo,

Earl Grant

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House Record

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Subject: Testimony/Super Ferry
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ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007-10-25
Time: 7:15 A.M.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sonny Querubin and I strongly support the Hawaii Super Ferry because of its capabilities of handling and enhancing small businesses, Farmer produce and other private organizations (Canoe Clubs, Professional Surfers, Athletic programs, etc.) shipping their goods to other various islands in the State of Hawaii. But most important of all, I strongly feel that the need for the Super Ferry is not only for transporting people, vehicles and equipments but the support for disaster relief services it can provide the islands during a hurricane, tsunami or other disaster that will link all the islands for emergency needs. Military Ships, Cruise Ships, Tug Boats, Merchant Ships and Commercial Fisherman did not have an EIS study while servicing the islands. What makes the Super Ferry any different from these ships. The whales, which I think is the issue here, is just as vulnerable to be hit by these ships. Don't make any sense. Personally, they should give the Super Ferry the chance to operate then we can monitor its activities to see what kind of problems/issues it will encounter with the environment. If by any means that a whale or anything that impacts the environment then the Legislators can always change the law in order to get things done correctly.

Invasive species have already been present here on the islands. I don't think this will create a major problem but some concerns that the State should handle. People are being bias with other people from coming to other islands. We cannot let other people, especially the ones that have moved here from the outside, to dictate who's welcome and whose not. Our culture here in Hawaii is Ohana.....share, love and most of all RESPECT everyone. The people of Hawaii, born and raised, dictates our future plans and the quality of life here in Hawaii.



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House Record

From: Susi and Rob [easybirds@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:15 AM
To: House Record

LEGISLATORS,

NO SUPPERRFERRY ENVIRONMENTAL EXCLUSION!!!

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From: Valerie Lyn Shiroma [vshiroma@kmhllp.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:41 AM
To: House Record
Cc: Ross Murakami
Subject: Testimony in favor of the Superferry

Importance: High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ross Murakami and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a current Oahu resident that grew up on the Big Island, I viewed the introduction of the Superferry service to Hawaii with enthusiasm and appreciation.

The challenges of establishing a marine-based inter-island transportation service have claimed many victims in the past (e.g. Sea Flite, Navatech. etc.). So to see the level of investor support of the Superferry concept was certainly encouraging. The owners and management of the Superferry should be commended for their courage and commitment to bring a vital service that serves to bring the various island communities in Hawaii closer together. Accordingly, it is very disappointing and discouraging to see a small but vocal minority of residents become such a barrier to the fulfillment of a long-held desire to find a cost efficient and effective alternative to inter-island shipping and travel.

I urge the legislators to find the same courage that the founders of the Superferry have demonstrated throughout this long journey to improve the quality of life in Hawaii. Please support the change in our statutes to allow the Superferry to operate as intended.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ross Murakami

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House Record

From: James Friedman [jbdesignss@gmail.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is James B Friedman

I am strongly in favor of the Superferry here in Hawaii. I feel that they should be allowed to operate while the Environmental impact assessment / statement is being conducted. I am looking forward to using the Superferry to travel inter-island for business and pleasure. I can only hope that the legislature will see through the (minority) "environmentalist / Protester's" ill guided intent and keep the Superferry here so that the (majority) good people of Hawaii will reap the benefits of having such a progressive, diverse, environmentally friendly form of inter island travel. Its clear that the intent of the "environmental / Protesters" is to make sure the Superferry fails. It has been and is nothing more than politics.

We are counting on you to do the right thing.

James B Friedman
Honolulu Hi

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James B Friedman
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House Record

From: Dr Gracie [drgracie@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:58 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry support

Dear Sir/Madam,

The future of Hawaii's business world depends upon the introduction of other methods of increasing free trade between the islands. The superferry is an example of just one method that can help all Hawaii's citizenry. Please accept my letter of support for the Superferry!! Grace Blodgett

House Record

From: Liz Delos-Reyes [lizdelosreyes@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:55 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SuperFerry support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Elizabeth Delos-Reyes and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We cannot rely on air travel alone. This is 2007 and we need to have state of the art transport. All of this publicity is so absurd. Things can be addressed and resolved, but, to stop the Superferry would be a decision that brings us back to the dark ages.

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Liz Delos-Reyes

House Record

From: Mike Blackwell [paamike@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:55 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Now

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen, I urge you again to pass without delay legislation that will allow the Superferry to service our State according to a reasonable business plan.

Please do not delay. Allow the Superferry to sail before Hawaii loses this asset.

Mike Blackwell
Kaneohe

House Record

From: Anne Lau [slackerscentral@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:26 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Anne Lau and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii is in need of more travel options. Having a ferry service between the Hawaiian Islands will benefit both residents and visitors alike.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

We cannot allow a small but very vocal minority dictate what happens in this state, they should not be allowed to bully and threaten those who, by their own free will choose to travel in whatever means they decide. They do not speak for most of us in this state. I personally don't know anyone who is opposed to the superferry.

Those opposed have made a mockery of our Police and Coast Guard and have made them to look powerless and ineffective. I feel as those who are on the front lines in these difficult times should be respected and obeyed, not taunted and embarrassed. People are supposed to be arrested for disobeying authority and breaking laws.

I am sick and tired, as well as angry that special interests and large companies use whatever means, covert and otherwise to sabotage a good faith interest to provide another travel option for the people of Hawaii. If their business model does not work for them, then the free market will bear that out. Large monopolistic/duopolistic companies in Hawaii have a long history of using their considerable influence to prevent competition and increase their already fattened bottom line. Just ask any small business looking for Health care insurance in Hawaii. Remember what we paid for interisland air travel before Go! Competition almost always causes the competitors to increase/improve service or reduce expenses and deliver a lower price which is a good thing for the average consumer in Hawaii.

Environmental arguments are flawed as people will still go to the outer islands, Young brothers will still ship vehicles. And other ships and boats travel at comparable speeds.

And lastly, why is an EIS even an issue when the superferry already had an exemption! I question the ethics of that Maui judge given the timing and weakness of his ruling. Someone should investigate this issue, as someone in his position should be held to the highest standard and his actions are questionable at best.

Sincerely,

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House Record

From: wardgraessle@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:51 AM
To: House Record; House Record
Cc: House Testimony; House Testimony
Subject: Superferry support

Dear Legislators,

Please don't let the c.a.v.e. people (citizens against virtually everything) kill off another good idea. Go ahead and pass a bill (with oversight and monitoring) that will allow the Superferry to operate. It can be done without jeopardizing our lifestyles. Scold the Lingle Administration for blowing it if you have to, but find a way to let them operate. Kauai and Maui already have gridlock, I know this from every time I've rented a car while there working! Whether I take my own car or rent one, there is another car on the island the day I'm there! Am I no longer allowed to go work or visit friends and relatives unless the neighbor-island residents give me permission? Coqui frogs and other invasive species have been hopping rides in trees and plants on barges for a long time. Superferry doesn't have a monopoly on these issues, heck they aren't even contributing to those problems yet, but they sure seem to be the only boogeyman. It simply isn't fair. Please pass a bill that gives Superferry a chance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ward Graessle
Kahaluu

House Record

From: Steven Parente [parentestudios@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:50 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION - SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Steven Parente and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly urge you as elected representatives, to do whatever you can in order to give the Hawaii Superferry a fair chance to prove itself instead. I have worked for Boeing and I have a good understanding of the environmental impact of the airline industry both in air pollution and noise pollution that goes on daily in Hawaii. I am also aware of the environmental impact of tankers, freighters, and cruise ships on Hawaiian waters. I believe that the Hawaii Superferry will have far less impact.

The benefits of the Hawaii Superferry could be substantial for Hawaii as follows:

Local farmers could distribute their crops economically between islands and increase a "Hawaii grown" industry in the supermarkets .

Local craftspeople, artisans, furniture makers and gourmet food processors will have an affordable means to transport their goods in their own vehicles to craft fairs, made in Hawaii conventions and retail outlets. On their return from their marketing endeavors, they will also have the opportunity to purchase and transport raw supplies and materials from which to work with in producing their products.

People moving to other islands will have a more affordable means of of moving their belongings and relocating, whether it be for a new job, retirement or to care for an elderly member of their family.

Children and adults will have an economical means in attending and participating sporting events on other islands.

An affordable public transportation option will be available to families in Hawaii to visit relatives and take vacations between islands. In many cases, large families are unable to afford using airlines.

Jobs for local residences.

To summarize, I urge you to do whatever is possible to support the Supper Ferry and give it a FAIR chance to succeed in Hawaii.

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House Record

From: Roger Sheetz [rsheetz@QLCC.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:50 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPER FERRY TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY

FIRST CLASS OR NOT AT ALL

There are hourly flights for tourists to Kauai and Maui, and there are no protesters. On both islands tourists spend money for rental cars, hotels, and restaurants, and there is no problem. Tourists sail to both islands on cruise ships, and there are no protestors. How do local people with limited money, who might not rent a car or stay in a hotel or eat at a fancy restaurant, but travel on the Super Ferry suddenly becomes a problem to protestors? On Kauai and Maui there is a small economic minority, who are originally from someplace else, that is using the pretext of "environmental concerns" to really try to tell us to come first class or not at all.

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House Record

From: Meda, Randall [maedar001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:50 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Avoid the Whales with High Speeds to Travel Greater Distances.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Randall Maeda and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The US coast guard on has changed shipping lanes to avoid whale areas on the east and west cast of USA.

If saving whales is the reason to have slower ship speeds, this reason is wrong. This rationalization of saving the whales in Hawaii by limiting the ship speed will not only hurt the Superferry but all shipping in Hawaii when the Coast guard is forced to change shipping lanes in this state to save whales. The Superferry with its higher speed can take routes around the whales and still have reasonable travel time while the older slower surface shipping methods will take longer.

The boats that need to go slower are the whale watching boats that target the whales and have hit the whales.

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House Record

From: DRG [psalm45@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:49 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

The opportunity to "romantically" ride inter-island in a double hulled canoe as our ancestors did in pre-Columbian history would be a marvelous experience.

It took all this time for someone to develop on a larger scale a Hawaiian canoe with engines and not with sails for commercial use.

I toured the vessel and was absolutely amazed that this Hawaiian design could displace so much weight and float so high on the water.

If there are issues with its performance and its inter-island service I fail to understand what they could be. The years of barge, airline, and large touring mono hulled ships that should have done damage to the islands, in their previous & present years of service are WHAT???

We need to stop trying to kill everything inventive, creative and modern that comes to Hawai'i or is developed in Hawai'i.

House Record

From: Ryan K. Inc. [ryank_inc@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:48 AM
To: House Record

Aloha,

My name is Ryan Kekipi & my wife is Olivia Kekipi. We both support the Hawaii Superferry. With in increase in shipping vehicles to neighbor Islands I believe this will be a more efficient and convenient way. Also when you go to visit the neighbor Islands you won't have to spend more money to rent a vehicle if you're staying for quit a bit of time. We reside on the Big Island of Hawaii and we travel to the neighbor islands often. We both are in favor of the supper ferry. Best wishes.

House Record

From: Robert H [hirayasur001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:48 AM
To: House Record
Subject: 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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert T. Hirayasu Jr. and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We cannot allow a small but very vocal minority dictate what happens in this state, they should not be allowed to bully and threaten those who, by their own free will choose to travel in whatever means they decide. They do not speak for most of us in this state. I personally don't know anyone who is opposed to the superferry.

Those opposed have made a mockery of our Police and Coast Guard and have made them to look powerless and ineffective. I feel as those who are on the front lines in these difficult times should be respected and obeyed, not taunted and embarrassed. People are supposed to be arrested for disobeying authority and breaking laws.

I am sick and tired, as well as angry that special interests and large companies use whatever means, covert and otherwise to sabotage a good faith interest to provide another travel option for the people of Hawaii. If their business model does not work for them, then the free market will bear that out. Large monopolistic/duopolistic companies in Hawaii have a long history of using their considerable influence to prevent competition and increase their already fattened bottom line. Just ask any small business looking for Health care insurance in Hawaii. Remember what we paid for interisland air travel before Go! Competition almost always causes the competitors to increase/improve service or reduce expenses and deliver a lower price which is a good thing for the average consumer in Hawaii.

Environmentalism arguments are flawed as people will still go to the outer islands, Young brothers will still ship vehicles. And other ships and boats travel at comparable speeds.

And lastly, why is an EIS even an issue when the superferry already had an exemption! I question the ethics of that Maui judge given the timing and weakness of his ruling. Someone should investigate this issue, as someone in his position should be held to the highest standard and his actions are questionable at best.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Hirayasu Jr

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From: christen mitchell [christen.w.mitchell@gmail.com]
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Cc: Rep. Scott Nishimoto; Sen. Les Ihara, Jr.; Rep. Marcus Oshiro; Rep. Joseph Souki; Rep. Hermina Morita; Sen. Gary Hooser
Subject: HB1 Testimony
Attachments: Superferry TESTIMONY ON HB1.doc



Superferry
IMONY ON HB1

Please see attached testimony regarding HB 1, to be heard on Thursday 10-25 at 9am, by the House Committees on Transportation and Finance. I do not plan to submit in-person comments. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide written testimony.
Christen Mitchell

TESTIMONY ON HB1: RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Do Not Plan to submit in-person comments

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 1, Relating to Transportation. I oppose the concept of special legislation that is passed to essentially overturn a legal opinion. While I support the operation of the Superferry, I strongly believe that it should only begin operation after full consideration of the potential impacts it may have on Hawaii's unique and sensitive environment through the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS), as appropriate.

After an extended hearing, Judge Cardoza ruled that "there is a real possibility of irreparable damage to the environment" if ferry operation begins prior to the completion of the environmental review process. I object to any action by the legislature that would allow operation of the ferry without measures in place to prevent irreparable damage by the spread of invasive species.

At minimum, if the ferry is allowed to operate before the completion of an EA or EIS, the legislature should place the following conditions, which are critical to minimizing the risk of irreparable harm:

1. Require the ferry to pay all costs associated with controlling and/or eradicating invasive species transported to areas by their passengers. For example, the ferry would pay for costs associated with the control or eradication of mongoose on Kauai, if it can be demonstrated that the mongoose arrived via a vehicle traveling via the Superferry. If there is truly no impact or minimal impact anticipated related to invasive species because of their planned procedures, then ferry officials should have no objection to this condition. However, if ferry officials object, it indicates that this condition could result in substantial costs – costs which if not covered by the ferry will have to be borne by Hawaii's taxpayers. Further, these costs can be avoided or minimized by implementing the following conditions on operation.
2. Prohibit the transport of plants during the environmental review process. If the transport of plants is allowed, all plants must be heat treated at the harbor to destroy frogs and other pests that may travel in the plant or in the soil, unseen.
3. Prohibit the transport of fishing nets. If the transport of nets is allowed, all nets must undergo a bleach treatment at the harbor to prevent the spread of algae or disease.
4. Prohibit the transport of soil or rocks, to minimize the opportunity to spread disease or other harmful organisms from one island to another.
5. Prohibit the transport of animals during the environmental review process, with the exception of documented service animals.
6. Require the ferry (not DOA or DOCARE, which are both underfunded and unable to take on this additional task) to fund appropriate inspection that at minimum includes: (a) a trained dog handler team to inspect vehicles and passengers for

- plants and animals, when boarding and coming off the ferry; and (b) conduct random inspections where every vehicle is thoroughly searched, including the contents of the vehicle, to discourage travelers from transporting prohibited items.
7. Install an undercarriage wash system at each of the harbors for all vehicles going into the ferry. Vehicles are a major vector for the spread of invasive species – without this precaution, we can expect problem weeds and pests to spread quickly through the island chain, like coqui frogs which can be expected to drop property values and bother residents or fountain grass which will greatly increase the fire risk for dry leeward areas such as Waianae.
 8. Require a declaration form for all passengers, similar to what is used by the airlines arriving from the mainland, so that individuals become aware of what they can and cannot transport.

These conditions are important for the quality of life in Hawaii, but more importantly are needed to protect the unique biodiversity found only in Hawaii. The following is a brief overview of what is at stake:

Hawaii has high levels of endemism (i.e., species found nowhere else on earth) due to its extreme isolation, the wide elevational gradient, and variable climate conditions. Over 10,000 species are endemic. The Hawaiian archipelago displays some of the world's premier examples of evolution, with the creation of countless new lineages of plants and animals through natural selection and adaptive radiation. Rates of endemism are 99-100% for terrestrial insects, spiders and land snails, 90% for plants, more than 80% for breeding birds, and 15-20% for aquatic fauna. The point of this is that if these endemic species disappear from Hawaii, they are lost forever.

With the arrival of humans and the consequent introduction of invasive plants and animals and development, many of the native habitats in the State have already declined. Ninety percent of Hawaii's dryland habitat, 60% of the mesic habitat, and 42% of the wetland habitat are estimated to be lost and 58% of the perennial streams have been altered in some way. An estimated half of the native bird species, 90% of the native land snails, and countless plants and insects have been lost to extinction. The known extinctions in Hawaii alone represent 75% of the recorded extinctions of plants and animals in the United States. Hawaii has the highest number of threatened and endangered species in the U.S., accounting for more than 30% of the federally listed taxa. In other words, native biodiversity in this State is already in crisis.

Nearly all native species are at risk from ferry operations: all native birds on Kauai are threatened by the transport of the mongoose onto the island via the ferry; the transport of insects or disease (such as the *Erythrina* gall wasp or the ohia rust) between islands pose a dire threat to native invertebrates and to native plants and the quicker transmission between islands occurs, the less an effective response can be implemented; residents who travel with their pets and camp put native ground-nesting seabirds and waterbirds at risk from predation; marine animals risk being struck by high-speed operations. These are just a few of the most obvious examples of the potential impacts of ferry operations on Hawaii's unique biodiversity.

Protecting Hawaii's biodiversity is not important simply as an environmental issue. Native species play a significant role in Native Hawaiian culture as well. Historically, feathers from forest birds were used for capes or leis, shells and shark's teeth were used for necklaces, fish and sea turtle bones were used as tools and fishhooks, koa trees were used for canoes, other plants were used for medicinal use, and numerous other examples of the use of native plants and animals in daily life and ritual exist. Today, the link between Native Hawaiian culture and native species remains in the traditional and customary practices of gathering and subsistence. Further, native wildlife such as the pueo are believed to be the 'aumakua of certain Hawaiian families. In short, harm to natural resources is also harm to cultural resources.

Hawaii already ranks near the bottom (48th) in the nation for state spending on fisheries and wildlife, though the State forest reserve system ranks 11th in size and the State boasts the largest area of marine protected areas in the United States. Allowing the operation of the ferry without imposing conditions to minimize the potential for the transmission and spread of invasive species further demonstrates that the Legislature believes that protecting Hawaii's biodiversity is less important than other considerations, despite the fact that public support for conservation in Hawaii is high, that the economy significantly benefits from a healthy environment (a large proportion of the \$10 billion dollar tourism sector is indirectly related to ocean and terrestrial wildlife viewing (e.g., snorkeling, scuba, hiking)), and that the State hosts species found nowhere else on earth.

Finally, allowing the ferry to operate without specifying conditions on that operation ignores the widespread concerns that have been raised by the public – from individuals to county councils. These concerns are not new; most were raised back in 2004 and individuals felt strongly enough about the potential impacts to bring a lawsuit to ensure these concerns were adequately reviewed and addressed. It is not appropriate to hand off the task of developing conditions to an administration that was unwilling to follow the clearly stated requirements of HRS Chapter 343. Special legislation to allow the ferry to operate despite the rulings of the Hawaii Supreme Court and Judge Cardoza undermines the judicial system by giving the impression that one can buy their way out of an adverse judicial opinion and ignores the underlying concerns about the impacts of this operation.

Despite the legislative experience of our elected officials, it is difficult to believe that any Senator or Representative can truly understand the potential harms posed by ferry operation and appropriately craft conditions to prevent these harms during a short special session. It took one month of hearings in Judge Cardoza's courtroom to present the scope and nature of the potential risks, and afterwards, he concluded that "there is a real possibility of irreparable damage to the environment." In my opinion, House Bill 1 does not appropriately address the possibility of irreparable damage to the environment, and for this reason, I oppose the bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.