

House Record

From: Rich Moran [ricmoran@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:00 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry- Allow Start Now

I am a resident and business owner in Hawaii. I am appalled at the actions that the Enviro-Nazis have

weighed against a legitimate business that was provided information to begin business legally and

without infringement within the waters and shores of Hawaii. To continue to allow the Enviro-Nazis the

voice to disrupt one business from providing a much needed alternative to air and barge transit is

baseless and without merit.

Please consider the fact that today people, enter Hawaii waters by foreign vessel, equipment and

products move from island to island by air and sea without infringement of said Enviro-Nazi wrath and

focus.

To allow this debacle to continue would mean that **ALL** transit should be halted, transfer of construction, agriculture equipment and automobiles into and within the state by sea should all then be

required to have an EIS to assure that no harm to what they say is a fragile environment would occur.

Any incurrence of new vessels or air transit should all be required to have an EIS filed, otherwise the

demands are baseless and without merit. An action on one should be an action on all. Purchase of said

equipment on each island also should be then required to have an EIS completed, as each piece of

equipment does leave an environmental footprint.

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Does any of that make sense? Stopping the economy in Hawaii for EIS is without merit simply due to

the fact that the Super Ferry does not stand alone in transport in Hawaii. No other transport form was

required or carries this stigma. Why the Super ferry? Why allow the vocal minority the right to stymie

the Super Ferry? Their demands for rigorous actions if allowed are without merit, as no other carrier is

required this action. If passage of the rigorous actions are taken, the action should be levied on all

carriers. I warn of a consequence that cannot be borne by business nor consumer as business in Hawaii

will slowly grind to a halt by dissemination within the business community as fear for investment in new

business as well as old business will occur by the thought 'what will we lose from the time and financial

investment by moving forward to invest in expansion or diversification if left to the control of the enviro nazi movement'.

Laws are made by people to protect the people, when found that the law is not correct, law

change are made by people for the good of the majority, not of the vocal minority such as 250 or 300

people on the islands where the meetings have been held to date.

I request a resounding allow the SUPER FERRY operation to start immediately without infringement as requested by the special interest groups.

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House Record

From: DocJFCJ@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:01 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Attn: Chairs Souki and Oshiro - share my opinion with the House!

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 *Joan Junger* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

- 1. Let them operate the Superferry while the assessment is occurring.*
- 2. Hawaii needs the transportation opportunities afforded by the Superferry.*
- 3. Don't let us be the laughing stock of the world. Eyes are on Hawaii and we need Conde Naste and other lucrative references for our tourist industry! Superferrys operate in other parts of the world where there is marine life!!*
- 4. Thank you for listening to people who send email. We are a huge majority out here. I was unable to attend the recent Maui briefing...but, had I been able to be there, it would have been physically and emotionally threatening to me because of the possibility of violence that I felt could occur. Some of the "environmentalists" appear to be troublemakers from outside of Hawaii and they are stirring up people here who have a bone to pick with "government", in general, regardless of Democrats or Republicans. DO NOT kneel down to these radicals who want cars vacuumed and all of those ridiculous demands!*
- 5. Thanks...everybody...be wise in your decision-making!*

Joan Junger

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From: Kimon Iannetta [kimonsiannetta@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:03 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry request

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kimon Iannetta and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Our family has long been waiting for us to be able to share more time together with the highest expectations for the superferry to allow this without all the time and trouble of getting tickets and renting cars.

Our family is split between Maui and Oahu and it would serve my own family as well as other Kamaaina's in Hawaii to be together with our own Ohana on special days and have the freedom to drive. This is far more important to the people of Hawaii than some realize. It is our ticket to bring families together once again.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kimon Iannetta

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House Record

From: Island Style Travel [istravel@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:01 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kimberly Jenkins and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Superferry is an invaluable alternative means of interisland travel. I believe an environmental impact study should be done, however I think the Superferry should be able to operate under the conditions that have been recently outlined until that study is completed. Following are some reasons I'm in support of the Superferry:

- Option to the airlines: Alternative interisland travel keeps our interisland airlines from monopolizing transportation between Islands which is a healthy thing.
- Affordable way to transport local goods (including local produce) and keep that economy in the Islands and support out local farmers and businesses.
- Affordable way to visit family back and forth between the Islands. It's a means of travel for our college students, sports teams, student youth groups.
- More than for tourism, I believe the Superferry will support us locally in the Islands (besides just providing jobs).
- The potential for invasive species between Islands exists with airline travel, not just ferry travel.
- Interisland or "neighbor" island travel should be just that. We are Island neighbors and neighbors respect and trust each other. I would not expect my Island neighbors from Oahu to come and steal some resource or natural element from Maui. I likewise would not visit Oahu via the Superferry or airlines and behave irresponsibly .
- I believe the retaliation and strong objections to the Hawaii Superferry are an extreme backlash to what should have been done two years ago, and that is an environmental study. What doesn't work in Hawaii

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is the community feeling bullied and their concerns being ignored. However, because of what felt like complete disregard of thoughts, feelings and concerns, the Hawaii Superferry has completely fallen from grace with many in our communities.

- I believe the Hawaii Superferry should be provided the opportunity and grace to operate in the Islands (in conjunction with an environmental impact study and under conditions). They've already lost hundreds of thousands of dollars and are currently in a state of "humble appeal."

- I am one of the representatives of what I believe is a silent majority in the Islands. I deeply care about the whales, my Island environment, invasive species, traffic, canoe clubs and paddling in Kahului Harbor. But I also believe the Hawaii Superferry should have the privilege of another chance--and doing it right.

Kimberly Jenkins

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House Record

From: Redline 808 [redline808@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:01 PM
To: House Record
Subject: testimony just for the record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *robert gavel jr* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

the superferry will be very beneficial for us outer islanders, allowing us the freedom to travel with our vehicle.

robert gavel jr.

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House Record

From: JMaximo7@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:03 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of the Super Ferry, Alakai

Aloha-

My name is John Delos Reyes and I was born and raised on Kauai and resided in a town called Hanamaulu. I currently live on Oahu and reside in Kaimuki area. I strongly support the Super Ferry because it gives residents an alternative choice of transportation throughout the State. And it would personally allow me the opportunity to visit my aging father who is facing various health issues and help around the house he currently resides in.

We are a State surrounded by water and I see nothing wrong with the Super Ferry transporting residents from island to island. All this talk about hitting whales and transporting invasive species plants are being blown out of proportion. Many protesters on Kauai (***and many of them are not born and raised on Kauai or in the State for that matter***) are acting out in pure selfishness. They simply do not want Kamaaina, especially from Oahu to visit beautiful Kauai. Shame on them! That is not Aloha. Who gives them (**those Transplants from the Mainland**) the right to tell other Kamaaina not to visit?

We are living in an advanced modern civilization and I desire to see the Alakai make its way in our Waters. My email address is JMaximo7@aol.com and my phone number is 808-348-5194. Again, I support the Super Ferry. FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, LET IT SAIL!!!!

Mahalo For your Time,
John M. Delos Reyes

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From: mdoughty [mdoughty@kona.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:04 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of the Superferry

Aloha;

I, Margareta Doughty, a Hawaii professional dog fancier since 1970, now living in Ocean View, Hawaii (Big Island) strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. The Superferry is providing an enormous service to the Hawaiian dog fancy. I can't wait to use the Superferry to transport my dogs for the participation in the numerous American Kennel Club dog sporting events held on Oahu each year. In addition, the the outer island Kennel Clubs will benefit from the participation of the Oahu dog fanciers at their events. The dog Fanciers of Hawaii provide immesurable services to the public by promoting responsible dog ownership.

For decades the dog fancy of Hawaii has been at the mercy of the airlines, subjecting our dogs to unfriendly and substandard services and charging outrageous fees. Travelling on the Superferry with our dogs will promote the sport of dogs and its benefits to the general public.

I, like most of the people of Hawaii, have concerns regarding the impact all ocean going traffic has on the Hawaii environment, however I do not believe that the Superferry will have any further impact, or do more damage than Young Brothers, countless cruise ships that invade our islands every week and/or containerships that come to our ports on a daily basis have already done, and continue to do. The business of engaging in ocean going transport will go on, and the Superferry has every right to be part of that business.

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House Record

From: Shari Martin [wongmartin@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:04 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bill Martin and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please don't just listen to a few loud neh sayers, the majority of the people want an alternate means of transportation to the outer islands

other than the status quo. As a registered voter and tax payer I would like to see YOU work this out.
Mahalo

Bill Martin

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From: Susan Miyaji [smiyaji@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:04 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I Support the Superferry
Importance: High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Susan Miyaji* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I urge you to do the right thing and allow the Super Ferry to operate immediately. Hawaii's government is to blame for the current dilemma and the Hawaii Superferry should not have to suffer the consequences of our failure. They followed the rules and were given the green light. We all knew what was happening. The news followed the progress of the ship building and delivery with so much anticipation. What a slap in their face when our government all of a sudden turns on them.

This is just so ridiculous to stop the ferry after the company invested all that money to build the ships, hire employees and start operations based on our government's approval. I just can't believe that you would allow this to happen. It's not their fault and they are the ones to suffer the financial consequences of believing in our government.

Besides all of the above, the Superferry will benefit the State of Hawaii's economy and provide an alternate method of transportation between the islands. I was looking forward to the opportunity to traveling interisland without the hassle of airport security and belted to a chair during travel. What a wonderful, relaxing way to travel interisland – better than going to see a movie. So many people hate to fly and this will give them the chance to see the other islands.

I would encourage everyone I know to pay attention to the voting record of the legislators and do not support

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anyone who votes against the Superferry. I don't want to hear any excuses why you did not support the Superferry. It's too late for excuses. If you don't let them sail, you can kiss the ferry goodbye and kiss your job as a legislator goodbye also.

Susan Miyaji

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House Record

From: Henry Mitsuyasu [hmits@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of the Superferry

To whom it may concern.

I Henry & Thelma Mitsuyasu strongly support the superferry, we were really looking forward to travel by ship and taking our vehicle to Kauai and visit my daughter. I believe we should have another way of travel to the outer island.

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House Record

From: James Hill [jmzhl@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

It's ok to force the Hawaii Superferry to get its EIS but we must let them stay and operate. This is a chance of a lifetime. If we let this die, the people of Hawaii will **NEVER** get another opportunity to have this type of transportation option.

James Hill

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From: Tino & Caroline Tumpap [tumpapc001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Caroline Tumpap and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry for the following reasons.

I am in strong support of the Hawaii Superferry. I was raised on a neighbor island and much of my family still reside there. We all were looking forward to the benefits of travelling via the superferry, the comfort of its seating, loading vehicles and other equipment, scenery of the ocean (instead of flying on a plane), and eliminating the stress of having to deal with airports. I have a grandmother who can no longer travel due to her lack of mobility and the difficulty my grandfather bears having to take my grandmother and her walkers/wheelchairs on and off the planes, not to mention the security checkpoints.

I also work in healthcare so I am acutely aware of the health care available to my family, who are aging baby boomers. The superferry gives additional options to all Hawaii residents needing access to the limited health care offered throughout our state.

I also support the superferry because it gives the residents an option to the volatility of the Aloha-Hawaiian duopoly. Fortunately go! has provided us with options, but with the recent actions Hawaiian and Aloha are taking/will take against go! they may not be around long.

Too often Hawaii is ruled by the irrational minority, seeking to protect their own interest. We are a young family, working hard to remain in Hawaii and make a living for our young family in Oahu. Keeping Hawaii status quo is what pushes the young, ambitious, educated professionals away.

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House Record

From: Mark Hubbard [markhubbard@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:06 PM
To: House Record
Subject: testimony for HB1

October 24, 2007

TO: 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 Mark Hubbard, an individual, and I support HB 1 and Hawaii Superferry.

I am in favor of allowing the superferry to operate while an EIS is being done. While I continue to be in awe of the rhetoric and emotion that the superferry evokes, I find no scientific evidence that indicates that the superferry will increase the likelihood of environmental harm to the islands, particularly with the mitigation measures that the superferry already has in place such as whale lookouts, route adjustments, ag inspections, insisting on clean vehicles, etc.

It does seem logical that the speed of the ferry could increase the likelihood of whale strikes. Yet, with mitigating measures, whether this possible increase in likelihood is significant or not does not seem to be known at this time. While unscientific, I might ask how many of the hundreds of pleasure or fishing craft in the water every day have ever struck a whale. If there have been boat strikes (I have heard of a few), what % of boating hours is this? Was speed involved in any of these strikes? Would the number of strikes increase with speed? I have been a fisherman and boater for over twenty years on Maui and Kaua`i, and in that time have never struck a whale. I did travel at 20+ knot speeds for considerable time in areas frequented by whales. The one time I did come close to a whale, the boat was not moving and the whale came close to the boat on its own accord.

Good Luck in your deliberations. Thank you.

Aloha,

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House Record

From: Genxor@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:08 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gregory Darren Henderson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

While we are all concerned of the environmental impact of The Hawaii Superferry, the positives far outweigh the negatives in my humble opinion.

The Hawaii Superferry has already received the input from various invasive species , whale, and other experts that currently represent our various Islands in their respective field . This should not be taken lightly. While an environmental study should be conducted, the Hawaii Superferry and their representatives should be given credit for the pro-environmental stance they took from day one.

This mode of transportation opens an entirely new, and less expensive, way for Island farmers to transport their produce , for residents to visit their ohana on the surrounding Islands and not to have to arrange for a rental car, and would be of great benefit in the event of an emergency evacuation if need be.

I ask you to allow The Hawaii Superferry to operate while the environmental study is being performed.

Mahalo,

Gregory Darren Henderson

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From: Mary J Park [marypark@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super ferry testimony for record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Mary Park* and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I live on the Big Island and I believe that the Super Ferry will enhance the quality of life for all of us who live in Hawaii.

It will give us another mode of transportation, promote trade amongst the islands, and make shipping products easier from

other islands. The Super Ferry should be able to run while the EIS is being done. Once it gets to operate, all the fear of what if this,

what if that, will be found to be unfounded.

Sincerely,

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From: Roland Marcello [kirrasapo@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

We support the Superferry. I don't know why a small group of people can have voice over the vast majority.

So it stands to reason that the majority should have things in their favor.

If I recall our Republic and government is for the people and by the people, not for special interest groups. So legislators, it is an easy fact to accept, support the ferry or don't support your constituents for whom voted for you.

If the environmentalists are so sure that the Superferry would violate the environment, where is the burden of proof. I see more economic gains and a solidifying of the people in Hawaii due to an alternative access to their Ohana's. We cannot go on and support the monopolies like Young Brothers and Matson. The change is in the wind and the time to change is now!!

Mahalo,

Roland and Julie Marcello

House Record

From: Gina Alcos [GPA@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:22 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry

I am in favor of keeping the super ferry and I think it is awful that service has been halted after sooo many people have worked so hard to make this happen. Hawaii is behind in modernization. The rest of the world has ?

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From: Dianne E Agcaoili [Dianne.Agcaoili@ipaper.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Hawaii Superferry has the latest technology to comply with safety codes in regards to whales and other mammals. Young Bros. and other large ships haven't been subjected to the same environmental impact studies that the Superferry has; therefore it seems rather slanted and unfair. No one who is a resident of Hawaii wants to see the "environment" ruined, but the Superferry has been operating in other tourist destinations without harm to either the sea creatures or their habitat.

We must remember that when you live on an island, your economy exists due in a large part to tourism. To thwart that by not allowing both tourists and residents to have another form of transportation between islands is neither a wise nor an economically sound decision.

*In closing, may I suggest that perhaps the so-called "environmentalists" who are opposing the Superferry simply don't want any more **humans** on their islands and are using the "Environmental Impact" as a smoke-screen for what they are really trying to accomplish.*

Dianne Agcaoili

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From: LDEnfield@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Larry and Drucilla Enfield. We strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This will give the residents of Hawaii a secondary mode of inter island transportation. In case of emergencies as in Hurricane Iniki or earthquake, the Super Ferry will be able to mobilize to assist in natural disasters.

Larry and Drucilla Enfield

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House Record

From: BillnLill@aol.com
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To: House Record
Cc: BillnLill@aol.com
Subject: SuperFerry comments for the Record (Not an in-person delivery).

I am William G. Cramer of 4042D Koloa Rd, Koloa, HI 96756 (e-mail at: BillnLill@aol.com). I wish to say I support the SuperFerry for the following reasons:

- A) It is an alternative transportation service to Airline travel.
- B) It allows me to take my vehicle to the various Islands with me and return, for vacations and Business.
- C) It is competitive in travel costs to Airline costs to travel.
- D) It is a state of the art technology transportation and therefore long term costs are competitive.
- E) I will use the SuperFerry when it is available for service.
- F) I feel it is important to keep the SupperFerry active while the Environmental Assessment and EIS, if any, is in process of completion. Commercial ships cannot be left idle while other individuals look for reasons to determine if the service is damaging to a port of call, and it's access docking.

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Sincerely,

William G. Cramer
Semi-Retired Business Consultant

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House Record

From: John and Essie White [essie@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:10 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony in Favor of Hawaii Superferry Legislation

I wish to offer testimony IN FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry before the following:
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I testify that I am in favor of the possible legislation being considered in special session of the Hawaii State Legislature to allow Hawaii Superferry (a large capacity ferry vessel company) to operate as stated in the draft proposal being considered. This bill should be passed now because:

1. Judicially it is the people through their elected representatives who are responsible for laws. You have that responsibility. The Maui circuit court is duplicitous in its 2005 and 2007 flip/flop decisions that brings you to this point today; the same Judge should not have been allowed to hear the case in 2007. The Hawaii Supreme Court was not elected by the people as are you. What the legislature wrote 35 years ago is, at best, subject to more than 1 legal interpretation. That you meet to clarify it now is democratic and does more to guarantee all citizens their constitutional rights.
2. Transportation among our state is the right of all citizens, who, in common, pay for the transportation Infrastructure for the entire state. This alternative, new technology, is accessible to everyone, without prejudice. Just as one can travel by car from Hawaii Kai to Waianae, so should one be able to travel by car from Mililani to Makawao, or Kula to Kapaa. Now we have a suitable, accessible method before us, and public infrastructure has been built at the harbors to accommodate it. The free market should prevail and should be allowed to determine the fate of any such large capacity ferry vessel company.
3. Environmentally there are concerns. Given. But what is truth? That can only be determined by allowing the large capacity ferry vessel company to be allowed to operate. Since it is a new alternative, and new technology, there are many unanswered questions. No one has a crystal ball. Not even an EIS can give us the answers we need to protect the environment. The operation of the service will provide truthful answers rather than what ifs. The good corporate citizen that Hawaii Superferry has shown itself to be in its pre-emptive proactive policies concerning the environment is responsible and is unparalleled by no other harbor users. Does anyone with any knowledge of business think the large capacity ferry vessel company would be able to withstand the damage caused by hitting a 60,000-80,000 pound adult humpback whale or even a 5,000 pound calf? Their asset would end up in dry-dock. That would be no way to run a business.
 Our cultural environment would also benefit by the exchange of knowledge, ideas, friendships and family that has long been separated by the water that surrounds us.

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House Record

From: KEITH BEATTY [beattyk001@hawaiiintel.net]
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To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Keith Allan Beatty* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry would provide a much needed service in that I can travel with my car to the outer islands and visit with my friends and relatives. It would provide an emergency "back-up" for getting much needed life sustaining supplies to any of the outer islands that might suffer a natural catastrophe. It would enable local business persons on various islands to economically get their products to market (Hawaii already has the worst environment for business; whether big or small, local or mainland based. Don't make it even worse). These are but a few of the many reasons that the Hawaii Superferry is greatly needed. Please do not scrap the Hawaii Superferry just because a very vocal, selfish, self-centered, and very minimal minority are exercising their right to protest an entity that would bring an enormous number of benefits to all the citizens of all the islands. Keep in mind the "big picture" and do what is best for the State of Hawaii as a whole.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is James Joseph Bueche and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Having been formerly been a frequent vacation visitor to Oahu, Hawaii since 1996; and being now a current permanent resident of Oahu, Hawaii, I offer this testimony as both a former visitor and as a current citizen of Honolulu, Hawaii.

I believe the inter-island service offered by the Hawaii Superferry creates an unprecedented opportunity to the State of Hawaii to increase Tourist Revenues. Before I moved to Hawaii, I brought my family to Oahu for vacations seven different times, and not once did we visit any of the other islands because of the high costs of airfare and car rental, and because of the inconvenience of having to fly back and forth. Now that I have moved my family to Oahu and we are residents, we still have not visited any of the other islands because of the same reasons. If the convenience and lower costs of the Hawaii Superferry had been available during the past decade, I would have taken my family to several of the other islands, and that I would have extended the duration of my vacations by several days to do so. I know that my off-island friends would be more likely to vacation here if they new that the Hawaii Superferry was available for inter-island travel; and I am sure that tourists from all over the world would too.

Today, if the Hawaii Superferry were available, I would choose to vacation on other islands instead of taking my money off-island for vacations. With the Superferry's convenience, we would be able to regularly take weekend trips as well. Obviously this means spending additional moneys on the Superferry, restaurants, hotels, etc.; all of which would help improve Hawaii's Tourism industry, and the economy of the State of Hawaii. I believe the Hawaii Superferry will provide an unprecedented economic benefit to Hawaii Tourism.

Why would anyone want to stop the Hawaii Superferry? Having studied the issue, It is my carefully considered opinion that plaintiffs who have filed law suits against the Hawaii Superferry have unscrupulously used the "Environment" as a disguise so that they don't have to openly admit that their true intent is to destroy the Hawaii Superferry and its business in Hawaii regardless of the cost to the Superferry, the Hawaiian Tourism Economy, or to everyone else who loses the opportunity to travel. It

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appears obvious to me that plaintiffs have absolutely no intent of allowing the Superferry to operate its business in Hawaii **EVER**; but rather it appears that plaintiffs intend to use law suit upon law suit to legislate from the Bench, while frustrating the Superferry, the Legislature, the Courts, and the State of Hawaii and its citizens.

I believe that Legislators, the State of Hawaii, the Governor, and the Attorney General all acted appropriately when they tried to enable the Hawaii Superferry to operate under the laws of the State of Hawaii, in the same manner as was enforced in the past on similar businesses. Demands of the plaintiffs are not only absurd, they are laughable. For instance, to prevent 'invasive species' from invading the Hawaiian Islands they say the Hawaii Superferry must agree to special precautionary procedures such as vehicle (automobile) inspections, undercarriage washes, etc. etc. In July, 2007 I drove my vehicle (Chevrolet Tahoe) from Phoenix Arizona, to the Grand Canyon, across California to Los Angeles, and had it shipped by boat to Honolulu, Hawaii. There was no inspection, no undercarriage wash, and no special procedures to accomplish this, I simply washed my own vehicle and sent it to Hawaii. What good does it do to frustrate the Hawaii Superferry now, with procedures not now (or ever) applied to the vehicles, cargoes, sea-land vans, etc. that have already been (and are still being) shipped to Hawaii from all over the world? Other boats, including the plaintiffs supporters, freely engage in commerce throughout the Islands unhampered by these special precautionary procedures.

I want my legislature to change the law so that the Hawaii Superferry can freely operate its business unhampered by bizarre, unusual demands, and so that plaintiffs are no longer able to use the Courts to frustrate the Legislature, the Law, the Superferry, and the State of Hawaii and its citizens. I want the Superferry and other businesses to be allowed to operate their businesses here, and for the demands made upon them regarding the operation of their business to be no greater and no different than those demands already imposed upon other businesses freely engaging in similar commerce here today.

Sincerely,

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From: Ramona Oliveira [keaulanagrl@msn.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: WE WANT THE SUPERFERRY!!!!

Aloha,

My name is Ramona Oliveira and I live on the west side of the island of Oahu. I was raised in Nanakuli on Homestead land and my ohana reside here on Oahu as well as Hawaii and Maui.

My heart is heavy with disappointment as I watch people, who love their island, trash and demean mine. We are the **State** of Hawaii and it's about time we "Live Aloha"

Along with possibly a few disabled persons who may or may not use a handicap space, and maybe a couple of more surfers who might drop in on a wave, the Superferry brings with it a multitude of opportunities for our unique "island state" to take advantage of. Yes, everyone has heard about "new jobs" and businesses that will benefit from the Superferry. Let us also think about how quickly we could get machinery, food and supplies between islands when there is a disaster, like when Hurricane Iniki hit a few years back, or more recently, the earthquake last year.

For my family (husband, 2 kids and a disabled sister), the Super Ferry is the answer to our prayers. We love to visit other islands but have not done so in over 6 years because of the hassle of airports, drop off and pick up rides, and rental cars being so expensive.

Please take into consideration, all of us who want the Super Ferry but do not wish to resort to violence and name calling and deliberate rudeness to get our point across.

I will continue to pray for the you as well as my fellow Hawaiians who are opposed to the Superferry operating in Hawaii. I pray that you take all things into consideration, the good with the bad, and come to a conclusion that will help Hawaii move forward and come together, bridging the distances between islands and people.

We are all responsible for our own actions.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jessica Malia Nam* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a native Hawaiian and graduate of the Kamehameha schools, I believe that all the people of Hawaii, as well as visitors to the islands, should be able to travel via the Superferry. I am 32 years old (born and raised on Oahu) and have never seen Kauai, Lanai, or Molokai. The superferry, along with interisland flights, will provide a great service to the people of the islands. It is unfortunate that people/groups are using the "environmental impact study" as a delaying tactic. While I am in favor of the study, I believe that the Superferry should be allowed to operate during the course of the study. The reality is that we have cruise ships, military vessels, and countless other vessels traveling in our waters each day. Do all these vessels require an environmental impact study? A small group of people should not be allowed to keep the supperferry from operating.

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From: U [koop1974@yahoo.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ursula U. Carvalho and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. This wonderful barge will bring numerous needed benefits to our State. Whether it be farmers being able to sell to various islands, to people visiting relatives, children taking school trips or just people wanting to experience the Superferry.

Supporters of the Superferry are not against our Environment, we do not want to hurt any living beings. We would simply like an alternative to what we have now. The concerns of the opposition are concerns that people live with everyday in every issue. No one in Hawaii wants invasive species, no one wants drugs and no one wants innocent beings hurt. To label the Superferry as a carrier of such is unfair and wrong. Bad individuals do these negative things and will do such in any way that they can. Be it a fishing boat, a plane or via mail. Each business has their policies and guidelines to hopefully prevent such. Nothing is guaranteed, it is unfair to many of us who support the Superferry to base opposition on these issues when other businesses are allowed to continue under policies that are also not guaranteed total prevention.

I believe that the Superferry is not a problem. I believe the Superferry is benefit for Hawaii and the people of Hawaii. I am unable to appear in person, please accept this as testimony to respectfully ask you to save the Superferry and to allow the Superferry to operate while the Environmental Impact Statement is performed.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souli and Oshiro:

My name is Debra Elizabeth Dickens and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The superferry allows me a choice in negotiating better prices for goods and services on other Islands. For instance, I could buy a car and drive it home to Kona same day.

I don't believe there is any difference between the barges that travel Inter-Island . The superferry ties all the Islands together like a highway system.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John Olan Ramsey and my wife Myrna Allison Ramsey strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Ferry should be allowed to operate without the unfounded restrictions proposed by a few environmentalists with questionable motives. We are one State, one people, and should have the opportunity to travel inter-island by the most economical, reliable means available without unnecessary and unrealistic restrictions.

The Hawaii Superferry is needed for the State of Hawaii and its people to move forward. Surface water transportation has always been a viable means of transportation between Islands and dates back to Hawaii's beginning.

Please do not be influenced by a few opponents of the Hawaii Superferry; exercise your duty and support Senate Resolution 79 (SR79) adopted in 2004, and encourage the environmentally friendly Hawaii Superferry to sail inter-Island unabated.

Very Respectfully

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nani DeFelice and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am a local girl from Honolulu and I love the Hawaiian Islands. Seeing the level of resistance from the Maui, and especially Kauai, residents made me sick. They really came across very ignorant, backward, and lawless. And this is the one time that I am completely ashamed and dismayed of the people of Hawaii.

My family and I have been very fortunate to travel to various parts of the world and had been exposed to many different forms of public transportation--from large cities such as Bangkok, Sydney, New York, and Western Europe that offers rail transit system to Venice and Greece where catching water taxis or ferries were an option. I guess if I wasn't exposed to other means of transportation, I could be one of those people who fear change. However, **ignorance should not be an excuse for not diversifying our means of transportation.**

We just returned from Greece and had the opportunity to take ferry rides from Athens to the Cyclades islands and found it to be a wonderful experience. Our first ferry ride was both a passenger and cargo ferry. The second ferry ride was a passenger only speedboat/ferry. Both were wonderful. And they were efficient. The Greeks really had a great system. It was beneficial for tourists looking to explore the different islands, great for the native Greeks taking weekend getaways to the islands from the mainland, and for the suppliers who were able to deliver fresh produce, construction materials, etc. to their vendors without flying or waiting for Matson boats. These ferries ran several times per day. I am not an environmentalist but I can say that we also swam in the oceans both near the port and on secluded beaches and the water appeared to be very clean and did not seem to affect the marine life at all. The Greeks have had this type of transport system for some time now and it seem to really work for them. The water in and around the Honolulu ports are already polluted and I would have to have a death wish to swim in it. And I'm sure that it had been polluted long before the Hawaii Super ferry came about. If the Super ferry is being required to undergo all these environmental analysis, I believe all other vessels should be required to do the same.

I don't know whether the Cyclades islands have whales swimming around the route of travel as Hawaii does. Perhaps someone should research this and educate the public on it. What people don't know and understand, they can be easily influenced by advocates.

I am concerned, however, that if the super ferry gets approval to begin transporting passengers/cargos/vehicles, that some of the residents on the neighbor island will take matters into their own hands and attack us or destroy our vehicles just for being patrons of the super ferry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Thomas Jones //and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

In what other state does a resident or visitor need to use air craft to travel from county to county. If the Super Ferry were to become a reality, I'd be visiting the neighbor Islands much more often and maybe even doing business there.

I realize that there are environmental concerns. However, there are currently other ocean going vessels moving between the island and tranporting good, services and people. It seems that those venues should be subject to the same scrutiny as the Superferry.

This shouldn't be a political issue. It is a business issue. The Superferry should comply with existing laws and regulations and allowed to do business or decide not to do business here based on the same maritime, environmental and business laws. The legislature should not be negotiating business deals with one business. It is the responsibility of elected officials to establish practical laws based on bona fide facts and the will of the people for all entities.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Doug Keown* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry

The people of Hawaii deserve and need an alternative means of transportation. I do believe there should have been an EI report but now it should be done while they are allowed to operate.

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To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

Dear Honorable members of the State of Hawaii, House of Representatives,
I am writing in support of the Super Ferry. It would seem to benefit the economic climate of the State, especially the neighbor islands where the ferry would transport passengers and cargo. For the residents and tourists of Hawaii, it would provide an alternative to flying and renting of automobiles, plus it would give an experience of being on the water, a resource that surrounds us. My family of four would request your support in finding a solution to having the ferry go into operation as soon as possible. Hopefully, the details can be worked out and we will be able to take advantage of this type of transportation to the neighbor islands ASAP.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work. It is appreciated.

Aloha,
Mark Lierman
Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lorraine Borsum* and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. It is very important that we have another mode of transportation in Hawaii, especially during times of disaster. Beyond that, the convenience of being able to take your car with you during outer island trips is very attractive to me. I can't help but wonder if we are being held hostage by businesses that feel threatened by some new competition!

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October 23, 2007

Reference: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance.
Legislative hearings on The Hawaii Superferry

Testimony:

Regardless of the reasons that this project is in trouble, we need to have a special legislative session to permit operation of the vessel until or while the EIS is being done.

Never in all my years living here in Hawaii, have I seen an issue that has been so polarizing politically and created such controversy among so many. It is simple economics; at \$650,000 per week in losses, how much longer can they last before they are forced to find other suitable markets and places to conduct their business?

Shame on all of us; the state department of transportation, the judicial, executive and legislative branches of our state government as well as the voting populace for allowing this project to go this far without enforcing laws properly. This alternative mode of inter island transportation can and will work successfully if allowed the opportunity.

Let's set the guidelines for compliance of environmental laws once the outcome of the study is completed. In the interim, let's show the world that Hawaii can work out issues with viable business opportunities that need to interface with environmental concerns to enhance as well as protect our way of life here.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marsha Watanabe. I have been a resident and taxpayer in Hawaii for over 40 years. I will not be present to speak in person, but would like you to consider my strong support for the Hawaii Superferry.

It is not in the interests of Hawaii to be viewed as not treating new businesses fairly. Especially when that new business is perceived to have jumped through all of the hoops to do business in this state. What people see is that a new business thought they had the "okay" from all of the appropriate federal, state and local officials to proceed, only to be allowed to be stopped by a rude irrational mob of protesters.

The emotional loud protesters have been allowed to divide the people of Hawaii and appear to be using the Hawaii Superferry as the scapegoat for all of the perceived ills in their world. I don't feel it is their right, nor any citizens right, to exclude access to any of the islands from one another. I don't believe that protesters have the right to take away a choice I might have with how I travel between the islands. It is frightening to think that we are living where mob mentality has taken over and it doesn't appear that officials know how to protect us from such behavior.

I believe that the Hawaii Superferry has taken appropriate precautions to do no additional harm to the environment and will indeed provide a positive alternative method of travel for us. Since an environmental assessment (EA) has now been deemed necessary, at this eleventh hour, I believe the Hawaii Superferry should be allowed to continue to operate while the EA is being conducted. The outcome if they are not allowed to resume service is obvious, Hawaii Superferry will be forced out of business here, but the people of Hawaii will have to deal with the ugly aftermath for generations to come.

Sincerely,
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Tammy Wong* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe in creating jobs, alternative means of transportation and the benefit this service brings to the residents of the State of Hawaii as well as the income stream from visitors coming and staying in Hawaii. Being in the middle of the ocean offers many people an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the islands as they travel from island to island.

If impact studies are necessary they should be done, but should not stop the services or operation of this vessel. Perhaps the impact studies for all vessels transporting fish, dry goods, automobiles, military ships transporting soldiers and weapons should be revisited. They certainly have been and will continue to travel our waters on a regular basis. I don't get it. Snide remark: Perhaps we should stop all vessels during this time and see what the impact would be. Stop the toilet paper, shoyu, fish and gasoline.

Again on a positive note I believe the SuperFerry is a wonderful alternative and should not impact our ocean any more than the cruise ships or others that currently sail from island to island. Your thoughtful consideration and positive action taken to expedite this wonderful venue servicing Hawaii's people will be appreciated. We look forward to seeing the POSITIVE impact this Ferry will have in the Future of the State of Hawaii both to support

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:14 PM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Norma Zavala and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I firmly believe that the Superferry will benefit the local people of Hawaii more so than the tourists. It will help local business and the economy by residents being able to shop at other islands and keeping the monies within the state. Families that work interisland will no longer have to fly home every weekend, but instead be able to take their vehicle with them. The hassle of renting a car every weekend for an employee takes up so much time. What I can't understand is that you have matson, boats and cruises that stop at the outer islands which are much huger and detrimental to the whales and they are allowed to dock much longer.

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From: Diane Bevis [dianebevis@mac.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Save the Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Carson and Diane Bevis and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My husband is a ship's captain working with the Navy and we were looking forward to traveling to the other islands

by the Super Ferry. We love traveling by ship and were looking forward to sitting back and enjoying the ride. We love the

other islands and would not dream of harming them in any way, instead we were planning to help the economy by staying

at hotels and eating at their wonderful restaurants.

I have traveled by ferry in California to Catalina Island and had a wonderful time and was hoping to have the same experience by traveling to the other beautiful islands in Hawaii.

Please vote to save the SUPER FERRY, it will be a wonderful benefit to everyone.

Sincerely,

Diane and Carson Bevis

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House Record

From: vance.pascua [vance.pascua@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:25 PM
To: House Record
Subject: i support the superferry

Attn: House Commitee and Transportation
Date: thurs Oct. 25, 2007
time: 9:00 Auditorium State Capitol

Dear Chairs souki and Oshiro,

My name is Roxanne Pascua of Kauai and I strongly support the Superferry. I am a 4th generation resident here on Kauai I left my home for education and returned to raise my children here. Some reasons are:Another option of travel so the airlines can't hike up the flight prices because they are the only means of transportation on and off the island. Secondly, i have been through 3 hurricanes here and i know the supperferry would help a great deal on supplies and assisting visitors off the island, infact i wouldn't doubt the people who lined up to protest the superferry would be the 1st in line to get off the island....so sad. Lastly, my husband and I went to oahu for a Dr.s appt,just for the day, on our way to the airport we noticed no cars on the road and the feeling of calm in the air, well that morning we turned on the radio and heard the devesting news that the twin towers were attacked. All flights were grounded.We checked back into the hotel turned on the t.v. and saw a horrific sight. We were not prepared to stay a week in oahu, the cost of the hotel, the cost of the car rental, the cost of food and no family on oahu to turn to. My kids were at school with no parents by their sides to explain what happened. My family was in another crises. My husband and i were at eachothers throats trying to find a way to get back home to kauai. I looked at him and said, if we only had a boat that went to kauai.....well, its finally happened and another means of getting off the island.....and not be stranded from your family. Our family has been through alot here on kauai and i teach my kids to be strong and respect others opinions. I am very embarassed about how the protestors on kauai handled their views. I am not proud of what they did and our family will always express the warm aloha kauai is all about.

This letter written is for the record.

Mahalo nui loa,
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House Record

From: Jim & Sue [jsmorton@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:25 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

To Whom It May Concern:

We are lifelong residents in Hawaii and we are in favor of the Superferry operating while an EIS is being conducted.

James & Susan Morton

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House Record

From: Linda Chock [lindachock@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:15 PM
To: House Record
Subject: IMUA Superferry

I hope the people of Hawaii realize we are in the largest ocean in the world farthest away from all major continents in the world. We need to be mindful in cases of catastrophic disasters that will happen to our islands. When this happens, this will be one of the only means if we were to be self sufficient amongst the hawaiian islands to transport emergency vehicles to grief stricken islands. Reflecting back, do Iwa and Iniki ring a bell? Construction crews? Equipment to move debris? You get the picture...

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House Record

From: Kimberly Shinno [kimberlyivey@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:26 PM
To: House Record
Subject: support of Hawaii Superferry

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From: Kimo Spencer [kimospencer@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 PM
To: House Record
Subject: in FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry!

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In FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry

I am a lifetime resident of the State of Hawaii and I am native Hawaiian. I am in FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry. Having a transportation alternative to interisland airline travel is in the best interest of all people in our state. Please don't let the vocal minority ruin this opportunity for the rest of us.

Mahalo,

Kimo Spencer

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From: Judy [Jbrown005@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Judy Brown and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe there has been enough argument and it is time to allow the Superferry's progress in operations while the assessment is done. I believe the Superferry has taken all steps beyond what most ships and barges are required to do in the State of Hawaii, to ensure safe passage for the passengers and the safety of our aquatic life.

The financial issue is one of concern and the State of Hawaii needs to support the business that we, the state, allowed the preparations and final transport of this business to come to our shore. I am appalled that it is alright for other boat operators to go about with little or no equipment that can ensure the safety of our aquatic life, and we reject the Superferry to whom has state of the art equipment and technology.

I also disagree whole heartedly that the transport of species and problems will result from this operation of inter-island transportation through the Superferry. I believe that most inter-island passing, whether through the plane or ship, has the same possibilities and it is truly ludicrous to think that this mode of transportation is any different. People get on the Superferry, People get on the ships or barges. Vehicles are transported through Matson etc., Vehicles are transported on the Superferry etc.

Please stop this embarrassment to our state and represent the peoples choice.

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From: Robert May [lopaka139@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert Alan May and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

By now it is fairly obvious that the Hawaii State Environmental laws are flawed to the extent where the Judiciary tries to make the law and the very vocal minority controls the direction of the state in their twisted favor. It's time to pull your heads out of the sand and look at not only the historical experiences of similar operations all over the world, but also at the reality of the pseudo concerns being raised by the obstructionist. It is extremely unjust to burden the Superferry with the mistakes already made without therefore requiring similar assessments of existing waterborne entities. For the sake of our economy, our worldwide image, and for the relief of our citizens against the existing transportation monopolistic enterprises, allow the ferry to operate and expedite the review and approval of a subsequent EA. The ferry has adequately addressed prevention of marine mammal strikes, has addressed vehicle inspection way above and beyond anything currently practiced, and employs a technologically advanced paint system that denies biological hull growth. The ferry will not deposit sewage on our beaches (how absurd), it will not run over canoes in the harbor (how ridiculous), it cannot be held responsible for increased drug traffic [in a state where drug use is already out of control (just go on any public school campus)], and it cannot be held responsible for reckless individuals who would rape the land and the shoreline no matter how they travel. Let the ferry run, expedite the EA process, fix the law (do your job and legislate professionally), and/or clamp down on the barge service, the cruise line service, the airlines, the car rental companies, the container services, etc. Think of it this way, if you plug the hole in the dike to stop the flood, but you do nothing to repair the leaky foundation, or the wide cracks next to the hole, or the seawater level seeping over the top, you've done nothing, wasted our time and money and severely insulted our environment and us, the people. Be smart. Respectfully, Robert Alan May CPL 83-1011 Kahula Place, Captain Cook, Hawai'i Island. 808.895.8822

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