From: Lenoraloans [lenoraloans@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:29 PM

To: House Record Subject: (no subject)

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lenora Haff and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in support of the SuperFerry. I believe that having the SuperFerry in service in Hawaii will open new avenues for travel for the local communities and for the visiting Tourist industry. Not only, will it support new avenues for travel but it will assist in supporting the economy with jobs. Most all of us that live and enjoy Hawaii do support protecting our environment. The environmental issues should be carefully studied during the continued service of the Superferry.

Lenora Haff 84-1430 Mauna Olu St. Waianae, Hawaii 96792

From: liezl malonzo [liezlm2003@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:02 PM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [YOUR FULL NAME] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[Its very convinient and enjoyable to ride the superferry. we should have the rights to choose between airplane and ferry. Thank you.)]

[Analiza Malonzo

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kaneohe, hi

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From: Anne Abaya [anneabaya@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Fwd: Big Island Supporter of the Superferry

I am a resident of the Big Island of Hawaii and my family and I are strong supporters of the Superferry. We believe that the Superferry will give our fellow Big Islanders more opportunity to travel to the other islands, especially Oahu. The ferry will give our farmers more opportunities to sell their produce. Right now, only a few are able to sell their products in Oahu, and we have an abundance of produce. I have noticed, for example, that at the Kapiolani Community College farmer's market, there are farmers from our island (as well as Maui.) They tell us that they have to airfreight their produce every week, which is costly. In addition, they have to pay airfare for themselves.

My husband is a retired member of the USAF. We are unable to take advantage of our retiree benefits since we do not have comparable facilities on our island, whether medical or retail (commissary and exchange.) With the Superferry, we would be able to make trips occasionally to Oahu for medical care and also to go shopping and bring items back home to our island in our car.

Although service to the Big Island isn't scheduled for over a year, I felt that it was important that I express my views on the Superferry. I respectfully request that the Superferry be allowed to provide service between Oahu and Maui and Kauai while the EIS is being conducted.

Sincerely,

Anne Abaya Kailua-Kona, Hawaii anneabaya@gmail.com

From: Wayne L [lockhartw003@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 PM

To: House Record

Subject: SUPERFERRY --- NOW!!!!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wayne M Lockhart and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This mode of transportation is long overdue. The option provided to the people of Hawaii as well as visitors has been delayed long enough, the Superferry is here now and should not be delayed any longer. There are relatively few individuals and groups that are opposed to the use of the Superferry, though they should be heard the should not control what the majority of the population want.

These groups that oppose the growth of Hawaii and its future are not understanding the potential of the Superferry and its value that it presents to Hawaii. Should we have another disaster such as Iniki, the Superferry will provide a method to provide the people of our islands the disaster relief that is usually slow and delayed in reaching the people most in need.

Mom and pop stores could also benefit from the use of the ferry to provide what the communities want most from them. They will be able to provide their own transportation of goods without having to over order supplies and merchandise just to justify the high cost of shipping.

Overall the Superferry is good for Hawaii, though they who oppose it now, one day they will understand its value to Hawaii.

Wayne M Lockhart

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Mililani, Hi 96789

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From: El Solo [elsolo@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Attn: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee

on Finance

Date: Thursday October 25, 2007 **Time:** 9AM Auditorium State Capital

Ever since I learned that the super ferry was on its way to Hawaii I was very pleased. Very disappointed with the out cry of a few small minded folks in our state.

I Feel the Hawaii Super Ferry will:

1-- Help our economy

2-- Another mode of transportation to the other islands and have the option of bring ones own vehicle.

3-- Will assist the small business folks.

I feel the majority would like to see the Hawaii Super Ferry operate between the islands. Other than the small handful of folks concerned about the environment-- the others are backed by big business who do not want any form of competition.

Thank you. Marjorie Norstrom Honolulu, Hawaii

From: Michael and Joyce French [mangomi@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:26 PM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joyce E French and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel the reason the super ferry was welcomed and led to believe that it was was doing everything necessary to do business in Hawaii had alot to do with the same reasons any one comes to Hawaii, the Aloha. And this is America. I looked forward to the open travel, the opportunities that give families right to travel together and the chances to go buy a car in Oahu and have more selection than here in Hilo. More opportunities. Yes I see the points of more travel for criminals, opihi pickers, rock stealers, & baby snatchers . The bad guys always will have more ways to get their way. More vigilance on the part of the part of the police force will be needed as well as DLNR. Then there is the issue of the frogs. But to stop the whole process because there are bad things that are perhaps possible when the real issue is because a few are really afraid of something not mentioned openly. More opportunities and choices. Moving forward is learning to adapt, or just waiting for da bus.

Joyce E French 27 592 Kalaoa Camp Road Papaikou,HI 96781

From: Lorrie Cahn [tandemstoker@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:36 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I cannot be there to testify in person but wanted to provide input. I think it is really important that the people of Hawaii have a choice of how they travel. Having the Super Ferry gives us an alternative to flying, providing flexibility in traveling to the neighbor islands, allowing us to bring cars and sporting equipment, which we currently can not take advantage of. Ferries are very popular in Europe and are well used and should be an option here. I believe that businesses on all the islands will benefit as a result of increased trade and travel. If we allow the Super Ferry to sink, it will set an incredibly negative message to all businesses considering relocating or opening in Hawaii.

Please support the Super Ferry. Aloha, Bob Cahn

Bob Cahn 1030-E Awawamalu Street Honolulu, HI 96825 395-4354

From: Dav

David Ward [ssnevasail@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

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To:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Let's get past pineapple politics and join the 21st century. The islands are not a backwater out of step third world joke, though that perception is being broadcast.

David Ward

1441 Victoria

Honolulu, Hi 96822

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From:

Tom & Kathy Welch [welch@pixi.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:31 PM

To:

House Record

Subject: I support the hawaii super ferry

Re: Hawaii Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I believe the Super Ferry will be an asset to all of the Hawaiian Islands. It will create a more thorough transportation system for inter-island travel. The company has done a very good job of creating an environmentally

safe transportation system. (perhaps the best in the world) The fanatics and environmentalist (as well as those who perhaps have not researched it) would prevent our move to the next level of transportation have one thing in mind and that is a "for us not for you" attitude, or perhaps the horse ands buggy days

"Mentality". The real world shows that change is and will occur. I for one am glad to have the super ferry and will use it

on a regular basis for both business as well as pleasure. Please consider these thought as you research & analyze the information to make your decisions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Sincerely,

Thomas A. Welch 92-5088 Limukele Street Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

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bobnkathy [bobnkathy@hawaii.rr.com] From:

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:32 PM

To: House Record Subject: Supperferry

We won't be able to appear in person, but would like to say that our family, Robert & Kathleen Kawahara & family greatly support having the Supperferry. We're both senior citizens, but having the Supperferry would really help in cost for visiting the outer islands as our total family members are 20 together including our children, husbands, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Mahalo. 808-486-0145 and our email is bobnkathy@hawaii.rr.com

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Paul Johnston; I am a farmer in Waimea, on the Big Island. I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the State of Hawaii has, right now, an incredible asset in the Superferry, and an opportunity to parlay that asset into a bright future. Please do not squander this wonderful new means of inter-island transportation.

Years ago, before I moved to Hawaii, I visited the islands regularly as a tourist. During those visits I wished for a way to see the islands from the sea; I wondered that there was no inter-island ferry, or other passenger craft that called at outer-island ports. I would still love to view the islands from the sea; I would take the Superferry if for no other reason. And I would bet that many tourists feel the same way, and will day-trip on the ferry.

Now, as a 10-year Hawaii resident, and as a vegetable farmer on the Big Island, I see the Superferry in another light. Here is an opportunity to ship products - including my produce - quickly and economically between islands. New markets are opened up to my farm, and to other farmers on all islands. The resulting competition will be good for the state, and especially for markets, restaurants and resorts on Oahu.

Finally, I believe our state does not need the adverse anti-business publicity that will surely accrue and will just as surely receive international attention if the Superferry is forced to leave Hawaii. The Superferry was given bipartisan support over its planning and development stages; to refuse support now that the first ferry has been delivered would be an abominable injustice. I'm sure you can imagine how this would play on the front page of the *Wall Street Journal*: it will make the concept of doing business in Hawaii into a very bad joke, and set back outside investment in the state for years. Please don't let this happen.

I urge you to vote yes on HB 1. Let's get this incredible modern and safe craft running!

Thanks for your attention.

Paul Johnston

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From: daralfujio [daralfujio@aol.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Daral Fujio and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in support of the SuperFerry. I believe that having the SuperFerry in service in Hawaii will open new avenues for travel for the local communities and for the visiting Tourist industry. Not only, will it support new avenues for travel but it will assist in supporting the economy with jobs. Most all of us that live and enjoy Hawaii do support protecting our environment. The environmental issues should be carefully studied during the continued service of the Superferry.

Daral Fujio 454 Glenview Pl. Wahiawa, Hi 96786

From: Kathy Skea [kathyskea@yahoo.co.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:05 PM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathy Skea and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I think it will be of great benefit, both economic and social, to the Hawaiian Islands.

I was surprised that an environmental impact review had not already been carried out, but think that it is no ones interest to suspend service of the ferry while conducting such a review.

There has already been great damage to the State's reputation and if the service is discontinued there could be repercussions for both tourism and industry in the future as corporations will not regard Hawaii as a viable place to conduct business.

I would like to discuss two of the main arguments against continuing the service.

- 1) the potential for harm to the humpback whales due to the speed of the Alakai I am not sure how much faster this ship travels compared to the barges that sail between the islands, but perhaps, until the environmental review has been conducted, the Alakai could slow down to that speed when entering the shallower waters around Maui where the whales predominately gather.
- 2) the problem of large numbers of vehicles arriving on land at the same time does this not already occur when the barges arrive? These ships are loaded with large container trucks which have to disembark and travel in the immediate vicinity of the port and the infrastructure holds up to that. If the superferry arrives when no other barges are unloading then there should not be a problem.

Lastly I would like to state that I have no connection with any business which would benefit or be damaged by the superferry. I am merely a resident of the Big Island who would welcome the opportunity to travel easily between the other islands. Domestic tourism will benefit greatly from the continuance of the Superferry.

Thank you

Kathy Skea

Hawaiian Paradise Park Keaau Big Island

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From: Beth [bethjussel@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:22 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Hawaii Superferry's Future in Jeopardy

Honorable Congressmen: I'm but a "voice in the wilderness", I realize full well, but I wish to go on record as urging you to re-consider the fate of what I previously regarded as a wonderful boon to the Islands: the new Superferry..

I represent no firm, organization or political interest, but write as a mere "Person of Concern" after hearing that there were peculiar

protests & objections to what I had actually assumed would be a GREAT advantage/sweeping move of progress toward uniting the Islands and making travel back and forth so affordable and beneficial to locals and tourists, as well.! For the life of me (even as a member of such conservationist projects as Nature Conservancy, Ocean Conservancy, World Wildlife, etc., etc., I can't fathom the objection to what would seem a very Positive development for inter-island travel.

Quite frankly, we moved to Calif. after 30-some years on Oahu, partly because of the high costs of airfare, not just back & forth to the mainland, but because it became such a financial hardship to travel inter-island with family members, etc. and we found it almost easier to rendezvous for vacations on the west coast!! Upon hearing of the sleek, new ferry which would also permit locals to by-pass the rental cars and "ship" their own transports for such nominal fees to neighbor islands, we felt certain that this project would be well received by all Islanders and began planning "dream" trips back.....

Simply can't believe that this Service has been halted by certain ???-people or that the Congress even has DOUBTS as to reinstating the ferry.

....Respectfully,

Beth Jussel, now a resident of 12848 Golden Trout Way, Penn Valley, CA. 95946-8600. (bethjussel@comcast.net.)

From: Lohengrin & Shari Lee Naho'opi'i [sharbear@hawaii.rr.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lohengrin Kanuenue Naho'opi'i, my wife and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry in every way possible. We can't attend the hearing but please accept this email as our voices of approval.

Along with many other physically challenged folks, my wife and I have been looking forward to the SuperFerry for our interisland travel. It is so difficult and stressful for me to fly we haven't been able to travel. Being able to travel on the SuperFerry and having my own vehicle is the only way we can visit and enjoy the other islands of our wonderful state.

Please don't let the rude and unruly minority speak for the vast majority that support the SuperFerry. We are heart sick to read and hear how this minority group is so disrespectful to Governor Lingle and supporters of the SuperFerry.

We respectfully ask that you please listen to the voices of REAL Hawaii residents and permit interisland travel with the Hawaii SuperFerry while the environmental impact study is being conducted.

Mahalo nui loa a me A hui hou,

Lohengrin K. and Shari Lee Naho'opi'i

From: verna muraoka [muraokat001@hawaii.rr.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tom Muraoka and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Tom Muraoka

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Aiea, HI

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From: EUNICE PAGLINAWAN [repugs@yahoo.com]

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Subject: In Support of the Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ronald Paglinawan and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I will not be able to be there on Thursday, Oct. 25th but I am asking you to vote in support of the allowing the SuperFerry to sail despite all the resistance and protests that have been voiced by the small minority. I want you to know that they do not represent our views or the majority of the people of Hawaii. The Superferry will provide us with another means of transportation which is a very welcomed alternative. If you vote against the sailing of the Superferry, you will just be giving in to the protestors and reinforcing their obnoxious behaviors and attitudes. The protestors are just grasping for whatever reasons that they can come up and many of which are not very sound or credible. We have been really looking forward to using the ferry for family vacations to Maui where I was raised and my dad and relatives still reside. I earnestly ask you to vote "yes" to allowing the superferry to sail prior to the completion of the EIS.

Ronald Paglinawan 94-348 Kioele Place Mililani, HI 96789 email: repugs @yahoo.com

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From:

Andy Raymond [andy@revealer.com] Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:54 PM

Sent: To:

House Record

Subject:

Please permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is

being conducted.

Aloha,

I am a "register voter" in the state of Hawaii and I am in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

It seems to me that many of the non supporter of the Superferry are "non voters" who don't want their cousins coming from another island to their fishing grounds etc. , I want the Superferry to survive.

I will vote against everyone

in future elections who don't give it a chance. It was my tax money that help start this whole thing.

Thank you Andrew Raymond PO Box 880450

Pukalani, HI 96788-0450

From: gvclenora [gvclenora@aol.com]

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Lenora Willy 1015 Ala Napunani St Hon. Hi 96818

From: humil

humikhu@aol.com

Sent:

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:34 PM

To:

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Subject: Superferry Testimony (For).

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I'm amazed but not surprised we're even debating the proposed inter-island ferry service in Hawaii because every other community would recognized how fortunate they are to be given such an opportunity -- so I can understand why the ferry operators are perplexed by the carefully orchestrated opposition to it. I just hope they are not successful in inciting the hysteria and fear in our elected officials, bad conditioning/education Hawaii is infamous for -- and which keeps the great riches and talent of the world from offering their services here. We can be the most blessed people in the world -- if we would allow it, rather than fighting off every new and great idea, while clinging tightly to our age-old problems -- mainly of a mentality and culture that refuses to accept any solutions.

With every great venture, including cures and solutions, there are always risks, and so the question is not whether there are risks, but whether the rewards outweigh the risks. What is to be gained by the Superferry service, is greater access to all the parts and resources of every part of our state -- as though it is everyone's, and not just the few who have mostly moved in and not want to preserve the remote islands as exclusively their own. That was a major problem when Hawaii was originally appropriated by self-proclaimed more "self-righteous" people -- who then claimed they owned it exclusively for their own use, what used to belong to everybody.

The same thing is happening in places where some want to put up gates to prevent access to the public beaches here on Oahu. There are others who claim the right to control inter-island transportation -- because they always have, and now it is their exclusive, divine birthright. And the outer islands have become a mecca for anti-progress protestors, who still think the ideal is for the indigenous peoples of the world to continue to live in grass huts and caves as God's intended ideal for them -- and they should reflexively fight off every good for humans that give an advantage over every other species -- and that the ideal is for humans to be in fair competition with every species for only their allotted fair share, which they insist is when the human population no longer exists -- so that the other animals can reign.

That's what I'm hearing of the arguments against the Superferry -- and why I haven't been at these Hearings (demonstrations) like most other sane and rational people -- thinking that government decisions will be by those who can scream the loudest and bully and intimidate those who are uncertain what they think. And that is a great problem in Hawaii, and so I ask in these deliberations, that our elected officials, merely resist all the deceptions and manipulations, and make a courageous decision based on their own intelligent thought

processes, which is all that one can ask of another.

If we value intelligence, the intelligent and productive people of the world will know they are welcome here, and then, that intelligence will solve all the problems of our times and place -- rather than insisting that those age-old problems are who were are and must be forevermore. Life is too short and precious, not to explore the wonderful world -- that can begin at home, in these Islands, with the addition of the Superferry.

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From: Fitzsimmons [fitz5hawaii@hawaiiantel.net]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sash Fitzsimmons and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My wife and I would like the Superferry to be able to operate in Hawaii.

I am born and raised here in the North Shore and would like to have the option of traveling to Kauai and Maui.

Please represent the majority of Hawaii residents who are in support of the Superferry

Mahalo, Sash Fitzsimmons 808-637-9010

From: Dennis Kim [cf7@cox.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:47 PM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dennis G. Kim, and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I was born in Honolulu in 1947, and was raised in the Makiki area.

When I was a kid, Makiki stream ran in the back of my neighborhood, and spent many happy moments there, catching opai and fish and swinging across the stream on the banyan tree vines.

Keeaumoku St was cut off when the HI construction started and they built the overpass on Kinau and Keeaumoku Sts, and Makiki stream was buried underground in a concrete tunnel.

There was swampland where Ala Moana Shopping Center is, and a beautiful reef where Magic Island now sits, and Ala Moana Park was one of the best fishing areas in town.

Incidentally, the coral reef at Ala Moana was dynamited to be used as landfill for the Ala Moana Shopping Center and adjacent area where Don Quixote stands

There was no beach with sand at Ala Moana Park. That was brought in.

I remember Waikiki and there is no resemblance to what it has grown into.

The Aloha Tower was the highest structure in town, and could be seen from just about everywhere.

The Ala Moana Shopping Center building where La Ronde Revolving Restaurant sat on was the highest "new" structure to be built in the islands. There was so much protesting about it.

The protests weren't environmental but had more to do with saying good-bye to the "old ways" and look of the city.

It's now just one of many high rise buildings in the city.

I first worked in Lahaina Maui in 1965 just out of high school at a nightclub called the Whale's Tail right off the corner of Lahainaluna Rd and Front St. It was such a small little town, basically one intersection, no giant resort areas like Kaanapali and Kapalua, Wailea wasn't even a thought yet, and Kihei was even less developed than Lahaina.

I also worked on Kauai in the early '70's at the Kauai Surf and remember that there was no city, big developments anywhere, residential or otherwise. The Jetty nightclub was operated and owned by Mama Oi and it was the local version of Cheers, where everyone knew your name, family, and everything else about you, like it or not.

It was the same way on the island of Hawaii where I also worked beginning in the early '70's, both in Kona at the Kona Surf, and in Hilo at the Naniloa Surf hotels.

Kona was a tiny little town, and Hilo was as rural as any place could be.

I moved to Los Angeles in 1966, when you knew why Orange County was named that. The very first streets were being put in and the orange groves were being cleared for the first subdivisions.

I lived in Vancouver Canada for a short while in the mid '70's too, and have seen it go from a small city to the sprawling burg it has become.

The point is, like everything else in life, things change, sometimes for what some of us may perceive as for the better, and for others, it makes them long for the good old days.

There is nothing that remains the same, your body, philosophy, surroundings, belief system, nothing.

It's called progress, and it is unstoppable as time itself.

They only thing we can do is try our best, be it as an individual, or society, to make the changes as best as we can, and as consciousness and awareness increase, make further changes.

I ask anyone on any island who is older than say, 50 years of age, if they don't remember "the old days", but on a daily basis, don't make use of all of the changes that have happened in that time, whether it be driving on the highway, shopping and making use of commodities shipped in, using utilities that have been put in place, and generally moving through the day watching tv, using a cell phone, shopping at a big store that replaced the neighborhood grocery store, traveling inter-island on one of the local airlines, etc..

Sure, I miss the way Makiki used to be, and Ala Moana before they built Ala Moana Shopping Center, but I also make use of every highway that has been built, even the H3 which has enabled me to see the beauty of Halawa Valley and enjoy a breathtaking view of the Windward coast.

I love to shop at Ala Moana and meet friends there to eat, and have lived in several of the many high rise apartment buildings that replaced open areas in Makiki where we used to pick so many varieties of fruit to eat when we played.

That's life. We move forward and make the best of it.

Who on the island of Maui or Kauai doesn't own a car? If you don't, and also don't own a television set, a computer, use any electrical appliances, a telephone, a cell phone, etc., then you may have the right to protest the Superferry.

What does owning a car and a cell phone have to do with not wanting the Superferry?

Well, first off, if your reason for protesting the Superferry's operation is an environmental one because it will encourage the spreading of invasive species of plants, insects, etc., you need to also be as vehement about Hawaiian Airlines, Aloha Airlines, United Airlines, Matson, Young Brothers, the inter-island cruise ships, the US Postal Service, UPS, etc, because all of these businesses and services do what the Superferry does, except on a much larger scale.

If your reasons for protesting the Superferry is because it will bring more people, and add to infrastructure congestion and overload, how many people, cargo, and cars can the Superferry move in a day?

Does it compare to the other organizations aforementioned that move people and commodities between the islands every day?

If you are against the Superferry for environmental reasons, you should in all fairness be prepared to take your fight to all of the businesses and organizations that bring people and commodities to the islands. Fair is fair.

You should also be prepared to protest the use of electricity and gasoline in our state, and legislate to keep any more people from moving to our islands.

You should also not benefit in any way the monetary gains made by any big business in our state that profits from serving the mass population, be it tourism, or residents.

Getting back to owning a car, cell phone, tv, etc.. If you are making this an environmental protest, step back a little and see that your owning and using any of these products contribute to the industries that are polluting the Earth, using up natural resources, and creating an unhealthy ecosystem for mankind.

Have any of you researched what goes into the making of a tv set or a cell phone? We all know the automobile industry and its dependence on oil does as far as creating pollution.

It was really interesting and embarrassing to watch the first town hall meeting on Kauai. I say interesting because of the testimony of some of the protesters.

A great example was the Caucasian woman that was protesting because the Superferry would bring more outsiders to the island, cause more traffic, add to the number of people using public areas like the beaches, etc.

THIS WOMAN GOES ON TO SAY SHE MOVED TO KAUAI TEN YEARS AGO FROM THE MAINLAND so she has added to the problem she is protesting! Okay, so let's see, now that she's there, she doesn't want others to visit or be able to enjoy the island. Ooooookay.

SHE IS WHAT SHE'S PROTESTING! She is not a native of Kauai! Wake up!! Please! When I heard that, I didn't know whether to laugh or be saddened by the lack of consciousness she had, and the fact that she had people who applauded her statements.

I wonder how many of the protesters were island born.

I say it was embarrassing because of the way people acted. This was mentioned on national news. I heard someone yell out "F---- you Lingle" as the Mayor took the stand. Others laughed and some even cheered this behavior.

Is this the way we want the people of the Aloha State to be portrayed? Rude and uneducated?

Incidentally, and in closing, in my humble opinion, having been a resident of Maui for twenty years, I personally feel that the Superferry is a wonderful service for everyone.

When I lived on Maui, to visit Honolulu for medical care, seeing friends and family, or do business, I would have to catch a ride or hire a taxi to get to the airport, pay an enormous fare for a ticket, take hours of time at the airport on both ends of the trip, rent a car in Honolulu, and rent a hotel room to stay in.

When it was time to return home, it was everything in retrograde, return the rented car, catch a plane back to Maui, and once there, secure a ride or take a taxi back home.

The financial impact and time taken was such that the local people were saying, "It's cheaper and easier to take a charter to Las Vegas than to visit Honolulu". Well, maybe if you didn't gamble. :-)

I think it's wonderful that the Superferry will solve this problem for LOCAL PEOPLE and enable them to travel between the islands be it for visiting family, enjoying what another island has to offer, whether it be shopping, taking in the sights, medical care, etc., and improve commerce for RESIDENTS who will benefit as producers, like the agriculture industry intends to use the Superferry for, or consumers that will have a great way to enjoy these products, and have another way to travel between the islands economically.

We all know that every island has something wonderful to offer. I think the Superferry will allow everyone to enjoy the diversity of the islands, its people, and the choice of services provided, and this goes especially for the children.

It would be wonderful for children to have a viable way to visit the other islands. Can you imagine a field trip to Hawaii to see the volcano for a science class? Or visit Kauai's Waimea Canyon for a geology class? Or come to Honolulu for a field trip to the Bishop Museum? Wow!

With current modes of transportation, it is a logistical nightmare. I speak from experience as my wife has taught on Hawaii, Maui, and in Honolulu, and we have planned and executed trips between the islands, which was exactly like making a personal trip but exponentially multiplied time and cost-wise by the number of students on the excursion.

Or how about just getting in the family car and enjoying a trip, without the financial issues that traveling between the islands now presents?

The wonderful possibilities are endless.

Time marches on, and progress can't be stopped, but I still believe Hawaii is the land of ALOHA. The Superferry can enhance that by enabling us to visit and enjoy each other's islands and the beauty they hold, as well as see family and friends in an economically feasible and convenient manner.

Lastly, if you have respect for the land, people, and culture, why would anyone think that because a person doesn't live on a particular island, they will come by Superferry to destroy or cause mayhem on the island they're visiting?

They will be coming to visit and enjoy your island and maybe even you. They will not be coming to conquer your island. If they act like they are, call the authorities!

If visitors don't have respect, don't blame the Superferry, or the airlines, or cruise ships. Blame their parents for not teaching them the right values!!!!!!!!!!!

Aloha, and thank you very much.

Dennis G. Kim

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Sent:

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:29 PM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Betty J Cowart and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would very much like to see the Hawaii Superferry running as it would enable my family to spend more time together.

It would also allow me to transport business supplies between islands much more efficiently and cost-effectively.

I will not be able to attend in person.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David Michael Cipriano and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. The superferry is an excellent opportunity for Hawaii to move into the 20th century and advance its economy for the locals.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tomas Garcia Jr. and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii urgently needs an alternate way to travel the islands.

My only regret is why we haven't had this service 50 years ago.

Who do these "environmentalists" think they are?

None of these people were voted into power to dictate public policy.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kenneth Chicoine and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the operation of the Superferry represents a strong improvement in the marketability of neighbor island Ag products. Being involved in Agriculture I am excited by the opportunities the Superferry creates for farmers who need every break they can get. The Superferry will allow neighbor island farmers access to the Oahu market and will give Oahu residents the opportunity to purchase more fresh local produce than is available today.

Personally I feel the there is very minimal difference between the risks that the Superferry presents to our environment than the risks presented by Cruise ships, Matson, and YB vessels. I also feel that the Superferry is finally one new project that benefits the residents of Hawaii instead of tourists.

While I feel there may be a small benefit to doing an EIS, I feel very comfortable urging you to allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS in being conducted. I fear if you don't take quick action to allow the Superferry to operate immediately that it will be an opportunity lost for HI residents and will most certainly set precedence for other companies interest in coming to HI which will certainly have long range consequences for us all.

Mahalo,

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From:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

This is to lend my strong support to Hawaii Superferry whose inter-island sailing I believe will boost commerce in Hawaii. Thus, the sooner it resumes working, the earlier we will feel its positive impact on our economy.

Danielle M. G. Jones (DBA Sunshine Jones) RR 2 Box 4526 Pahoa, HI 96778-9756 dmgjones@hawaii.edu

From: Michael A. Winchatz [Michael.Winchatz@resortquesthawaii.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Michael A. Winchatz* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I support the bill that will permit inter-island ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. It is important that we keep this important alternate transportation between our islands. If the bill is unsuccessful, Hawaii will lose the Superferry.

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Subject:

Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 22:03:18 -1000

Dear Senators,

When I look at the people representing the Islandsat Kauia and Maui, I see Kamainas, who do not represent the true ethnicity of our people, Japanese, Hawaiian, Filipinos and Potugese, I see Mainlanders who want to protect their way of living in a retirement community...Please Help these Islands diversify their economises so our children on these Island can afford a good job and stay on their Islands. The economy has to develope on our outer Islands, I know to many freinds and acquaintences who come to Oahu the find a better paying job. Which serves as a vacume on the outer Islands do to lack of economy and diversified jobs that pay well to keep them there, instead of comming here and crowding this already over populated Oahu...

The lack of good Medical care on the outer Islands is also a problem, withe Superferry, the one in need of special travel provisions can come to Oahu, and get good care....

Pleasedont be bullied, like the City Council, afew years ago, when they held public discussion about the amount of chickens allowed per family, they were bullied by all the chicken owners whoi should up at the meetings, and common sense went out the windows, their decision in favor of the chicken breeders, was not in the interst of the Public at large, Pay good attention to the Polls and vote accordingly, the Majority in Oahu, and the silent Majority on the outer islands should have a alternate choice of transportation.

Please do not overburden the Ferry with too many rules and treat them as all the others ship that sail our waters.

Finally our economy on the outer Islands must diversify, to keep their children there and not come to Oahu....

Sincerely ,James Horie

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Donna Ashley and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Since when to the wishes of the minority take precedent over the voices of the majority? It is clear a large majority of the State of Hawaii residents favor a choice in our transportation options and would like to see the Superferry operate. Democracy is a wonderful thing when it is allowed to proceed.

Donna Ashley

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From:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joshua A. Cole and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. The Superferry provides another means of transportation between the Hawaiian Islands, this gives the people of Hawaii the ability to choose what form of transportation they wish to use. It also allows individuals traveling in between islands on business or pleasure to bring their own vehicles with them and reduces the cost of a rental vehicle. Why should we allow the airlines to monopolize the transportation industry between islands? Let there be a choice for the Hawaiian people. As far as the environmental impact, we let the US Military operate in these waters without much political involvement or opposition. Also the message that we as a state would be sending out to future investors would be that this state cannot make sound decisions. That it would become the perception that we make our decisions without putting much thought into the process or the outcome. Finally if we let a company invest all of this money into a system and then at the last minute, after the project is completed say wait a minute we forgot something you're going to have to shut down, what kind of message does that send? Not a very business oriented one that's a fact. Hawaii depends a lot on outside investors and to shut the Superferry down because of an environmental impact assessment would be wrong. Let us find a happy medium and a solid solution that makes both sides happy. But please do not shut the doors on the Superferry, the businesses, and possible future revenue that this could bring to our state.

Joshua A. Cole

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From: Robin Kimura [Greenwood@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:42 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Support for Super Ferry

To Whom It may Concern,

As an active businessperson in our community, I support the Super Ferry. I find it appalling that the state let this get to this level. How can we allow a business to invest millions of dollars into a start up and then pull the rug from under them? And, when do we allow special interest groups to call the shots? Sorry but it's a bunch of BS! You lawmakers need to seriously examine the protocol on how business is conducted within our state. Why do we vote you into office in the first place? No wonder we have such a bad rap and have the reputation as one of the most difficult states to do business in.

Sincerely,

Robin S. Kimura

From:

Marie [Marieh@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:42 PM

To:

House Record

Subject: Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marie A. Hansen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My support for the Hawaii Superferry is complete and sincere. It is my opinion that they have been treated somewhat unfairly having been given notice that they could travel our waters and then that permission recinded, causing many of their workers to be without employment.

Also, it seems only reasonable that they should be allowed to use our waters. We allow hundreds of automobiles on our Islands daily, in spite of the polution and inasmuch as we cannot drive from Island to Island, the Superferry is a fine alternative.

Please cast my vote for progress.

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From: Marc Etherton [etherton@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:43 PM

To: House Record

I strongly support the super ferry because it will give the local people an economical and practical way to visit the neighbor islands. I would like to avoid the problems of traveling by air and renting a car. I would like to be able to take my own car. I would like to be able to take a canoe and surfboard with me.

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From:

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Subject: I Want SuperFerry Travel, please

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Please allow travel on the SuperFerry for me, my friends, family and family car.

I want the option to drive my own family car throughout our State of Hawaii without waiting for and paying for a barge to transport the car interisland like we've done before.

We have paid for a SuperFerry round trip to Maui and want to go ASAP.

Aloha & Mahalo,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Paul H. Allen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The state of Hawaii needs an alternative form of transportation between the islands. This goes far beyond agriculture, pleasure, sports, business, and other activities. The State needs a rapid means of support for all of the islands in a time of need. Natural disasters like earth quakes, fires, hurricanes, tsunamis, etc. are not unusual. The Superferry is the answer to providing fast and efficient support and aid to Maui, Kauai, Hawaii, and Oahu in times of an emergency situation.

Currently HEI's Young Brothers shipping and barge operation has a monopoly on inter island transportation of vehicles and products that can not be transported by the airlines. The people of Hawaii deserve the right to choose how they get around the islands. We need to be able to move large objects between the islands in a matter of hours, and without having to make reservations weeks in advance.

Some of the environmentalist's concerns are nearly ridiculous. Why would the Superferry contaminate harbor waters any differently than Young Brother's barges? The Superferry was built with this concern in mind. The hull of the ship is painted with a special material designed to prevent this from occurring. How clean are the hulls of the barges and tug boats? What about the cruise ship industry? Not only do they travel between the islands, they also bring contaminants from around the world. Also, the Superferry had the foresight to plan a different route to Maui during the whale season.

The concern over traffic problems are blown out of proportion. We all know the tourists are not shipping their rent a car to other islands, they can't. The local resident that travels between the islands needs transportation, one way or another. If they don't bring a vehicle on the Superferry, they will be renting a car after landing at the airport. Do the math, either way it is another vehicle on the roadways.

Honolulu street crimes!!! Many of the crimes committed, on any island, are due to people wanting more money, usually to support a bad habit. These people are not going to ride the Superferry, much less bring a vehicle, id they don't have money. Especially when it is cheaper to fly.

To all of our valued legislatures, PLEASE develop a means to allow the Superferry to operate in Hawaiian waters. The owners of the Hawaii Superferry had the best interests for the State of Hawaii in mind during the planning and building of the vessel. Please provide them the opportunity to deliver an alternative means of transportation and entertainment that the people of Hawaii need.

Paul Allen

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From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:30 PM

To:

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Subject: Superferry

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chrissy_makeup@yahoo.com

I am unable to submit comments in person!! Please accept them in writing!

Aloha...I would like to start by saying part of our family comes from Hawaii originally & some come from the mainland...though we may disagree on many things we do all agree that the super ferry would great for our islands!!....We agree to the obvious more jobs offered, more affordable way to work on an island like Oahu who offer more opportunity, another way to get inter island without extremely long bridges & a boost in our economy but besides these things,...it will also help some of our local kids to be able to see the other islands & the rest of their heritage, there are SO many keiki's to adults here on the Big Island that have never been anywhere off of this island...due to being in large families that can not afford to pay airfares. If we kick the super ferry out, there will be a lot of businesses that will not consider to come to Hawaii & a lot of businesses that are already somewhat established to pull out of Hawaii! Why? Because of the unbelievable fight you have to give just to reside here. We are discouraging so many, our youth, our entrepreneurs, & local families by all of this. I heard one argument being that they didn't want the ferry because it will cause more traffic, but this person needs to remember that the traffic will be coming & going some will be traveling to that specific destination & at the same time some will be leaving that particular destination!!! So we ask please for all that it is worth hear us out & help the super ferry to continue to run & offer more destinations to all of our families!!

Mahalo,
Christine M. Kamelamela
(also representing)
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To: House Record

Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

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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 Bonnie Cramer and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

There are numerous reasons to get this ferry service operational as soon as possible, all relate to **improvement** in transportation systems, convenience and alternatives. There are also **significant** economic improvements to commerce and improvements to our most important industry, tourism, which will not occur if you let this opportunity pass and let the Superferry leave the islands. Also, other investors wishing to invest in Hawaii in the future will think twice about committing resources here in Hawaii. You must act and now is the time!

Bonnie Cramer P.O. Box 5291

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From: Renee Cochran from KP [reneecochran@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:34 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Renee Cochran and I **strongly** support the Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly support the Superferry and the ability to have a ferry system that links our islands together. I believe that the SuperFerry followed what they were required to do before they began service. I believe that there is an underlying conspiracy that is blocking the ability of the Superferry to operate. This state is so against any thing new or that means change. When are we going to get our heads out of the sand and welcome a new way to travel interisland!!!

Please vote to allow the Superferry to begin service immediately.

Very truly yours,

Renee D. Cochran

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Tel. 808-497-9797

From: Grant Jones [capitalist1776@yahoo.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am writing to show my very strong support to Hawaii Superferry during the above-mentioned hearing and always. Hawaii Superferry is a breath of fresh air to Hawaii's economy; it affords us with a suitable and affordable alternative to air travel. It represents progress; I want to move forward with it instead of being stuck in the past whose ways no longer fully serve our present growing need for innovation and choice.

Thanks!

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Kevin Myers [KevinInCA@sbcglobal.net]

Sent:

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ATTN:

House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Ferry Oversight Task Force

DATE:

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9:00 AM, Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro;

I am unable to appear in person to testify. Please accept my statement for the record:

I strongly support the Superferry and believe the sooner service is started, the better it will be for the people of the State of Hawai'i. Delaying its start will hurt the public financially and should not be allowed.

The ferry will be good for commerce, commerce benefits the economy, a better economy benefits everyone.

The ferry will be good for agriculture, agriculture benefits the health and wellbeing of us all.

The ferry will provide a practical and cost-effective method of transport during a major emergency.

I will personally use the ferry for interisland commerce as it will allow me to easily move large items, such as furniture, between O'ahu and Maui where I live and do business. The current system of barges is awkward, slow and inconvenient, effectively limiting my choices and opportunities as a consumer.

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From: Sent: Cindy Lucas [smile1013@yahoo.com] Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:25 PM

To:

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Subject:

In Suport of the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cindy Lucas and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This letter is in SUPPORT of the Superferry! I think that the Superferry is a great benefit to the people of Hawaii. It gives us another way of transportation between the islands. It is especially a benefit for those who have disabilities and who are in wheelchairs. I am an active volunteer with the Muscular Dystrophy Association and know that the Superferry would be another option for those with disabilities to transport themselves to other islands.

They would be able to take their own handicap accessible vans and their families at a cheaper cost.

Please don't take away a GREAT opportunity for the people of Hawaii who are in SUPPORT of the Superferry!

We have been waiting for alternative

transportation options for years. Please allow the Superferry to operate during an Environmental Impact Statement. I wish you the best in making the right decision for the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Cindy L. Lucas 617 N. Kuakini Street Apt. 304 Honolulu, HI 96817 (808) 521-1930

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Landa [cartwrigy001@hawaii.rr.com] Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:49 PM

Sent: To:

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Subject:

Submitting Testimony

Yolanda Cartwright

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The Superferry would be convenient for students attending school on another island. That way they can bring their cars with them and load up the car/trucj with all the essentials for living on another island.

Example: computer, dishes, television, clothes etx

From:

Krystal Le Ann Van Putten [krystalv@hawaii.edu]

Sent:

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:50 PM

To:

House Record

Subject:

Hawaii Superferry testimony

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Krystal Van Putten and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I was depending on traveling to the other islands on the Hawaii Superferry during the holidays to see my family and my friends.

I am afraid to fly and with all the hassle at the airports and airlines, the Superferry sounds like an ideal solution.

Please resolve the issues quickly and resume all services to the islands.

Let's face it. Hawaii needs the tourism dollars and Hawaii needs to reunite families.

Thank you,

Krystal Van Putten 855 Makahiki Way #209 Honolulu, Hawaii 96826 808.943.4379

From: M GUANZON [mguanzon@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:52 PM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michele Guanzon and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

Altough I am unable to make my testimony in person on such short notice, I would like to make my thoughs and concerns known to you.

I believe that it is in the best interest of the State of Hawaii to allow the Hawaii Superferry to commence operations. I do not believe that a non-propeller, water-jet propulsion oceancraft should be subject to an environmental impact study. This is concerning harbours in which there already are much larger sized vessels or cruise ships operating.

If the Superferry controversy should be allowed to continue, the Hawaii Superferry would be forced to leave our state and thus impact our economy with a non-business friendly reputation. Can Hawaii afford that? Not to mention the mounting costs associated with the Superferry operation being halted. Should we be left owing a huge debt because some individuals are trying to use the Superferry to politicize their causes. The question is "What is in the best interest of the State of Hawaii as a whole and the future of commerce. After all, embracing your past is one thing, but preventing the future by blocking modernization is futile.

Michele Puanani Guanzon

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From:

Debra Dunford [debrajdunford@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:46 PM

To:

House Record

Subject: super ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Debra Dunford and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

If it is a concern that this superferry is going to have a bad effect on our waters, coral, ports etc.... then please stop allowing the cruise boats that are coming from other states here.

Isn't that much more dangerous? The cargo coming from other countries stop it all. We must to a impact study on that before we ever allow another cargo ship or cruise ship.

So then we'll all starve, lose our jobs, lose our homes and we'll all live on the beach and fish for our food like the old days.

Silly huh/

Well same for giving the super ferry anymore trouble than the other more likely trouble makers. This is a big DUH from me.

The super ferry is staying within our island. Everything else comes from somewhere else.

If we haven't cross containmented between the island yet its going to happen in the next 10 years anyways. We are getting fresh stuff we don't need from the cargo ships.

Have them treat the super ferry the same as the others at least.

They are here to help us and do us a favor. They won't profit much because of all the taxes our government put on. We can't afford to use the super ferry as frequent as we hoped.

Debra Dunford 828-242-9088 45 uahaa pl Wailuku , hi 96793

From: jack laufer [alohajack@juno.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:24 PM

To: House Record

Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I served on the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Sanctuary Advisory Council during 2002-2004. I was on the steering committee that arranged the Vessel/Whale Collision Workshop hosted by the Sanctuary in 2003. The restrictions demanded by the so-calle environmentalists are irrational. While speed is a factor in the severity of vessel/whale collisions, the Super Ferry is not even going to be running through Sawaters during the whale season nor will it be travelling through waters with high populations of whales. The impact on whale populations will be negligable.

The Sanctuary is a terriffic success story. The whale population in winter is near and increasing at 5%-7%. Applying the arguments and restrictins demanded by the opposition to road traffic would bring the speed limits on all Oahu roads to 5 mph city and 10 mph in the county. They are completely irrational.

Get the ferry running. Unfortunately I will not testify in person as I will be wor

Regards, Jack Laufer 626 Papalani Street Kailua, HI

From: Yvonne [mauicharm@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:51 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry - House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

October 23, 2007

Aloha! I'm sending this email because I live on Maui and will not be able to attend the hearing for the Hawaii Super Ferry.

The Hawaii Super Ferry needs to start their operation as soon as possible, and hopefully, just keep it going. The people of Hawaii certainly need an alternative to the airlines, that have kept us at their mercy for how many years now!!! It's only fair to the people of Hawaii that we are, at least, given the choice, and if Kauai doesn't want the Super Ferry, than so be it!!!! Sincerely, Yvonne Rodrigues/Maui

enjoy

From: Jack Smith [jtsmithjr@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:51 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Fwd: Closing SF Comments

The following email was sent to all members of the Legislator and is now forwarded to you for the session scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25, 2005.

John T. Smith Jr. 2563 Olopua St Honolulu, HI 96822 808 988 3109

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Jack Smith < itsmithir@gmail.com>

Date: Oct 23, 2007 6:31 PM Subject: Closing SF Comments

To: State Senators < sens@capitol.hawaii.gov>, State Representatives < reps@capitol.hawaii.gov>,

Governor of Hawaii < governor.lingle@hawaii.gov>

With the news release this evening that the Governor has called for the Special Session of the Legislature to convene tomorrow I will make my closing comments on the SF, but not necessarily my final comment(s).

First of all I think you should know that all of my email comments have been sent to at least 40 bcc's addressees and true to form they represent the silent majority. While I have received a couple of "atta boys" none that I am aware of sent their own email opinions based on mine to you, but that does not say that they have not sent their own.

With all that being said and to get to the chase of this. Personally I think the Governor missed a great opportunity in not calling for a Special Session 48 hours after the Supreme Court handed down their decision. After 2 years of debate in the legislature, 22 hearings covering everyones concerns on all islands and a majority vote of the legislature to approve the SF, minds had been made up.

This political move of holding hearings on Kauai and Maui at the expense of SF loosing millions of dollars income was nothing short of Shibai and a political move to try and satisfy the vocal minority.

That is all water under the bridge and there is nothing to be gained buy dredging it up all over again and again. What is important is how will you vote tomorrow?

1/Are you going to vote for amendments to the draft setting operating restrictions for SF, or not restrictions?

2/Are you going to vote for amendments to the draft establishing an over sight committee or no committee?

3/And very very important are you going to vote for any and all amendments passed be also applied to every and all commercial operations i.e. surface or air with in the State.

Note: In response to my email on this point on Oct 20,2007, Senator Gene Ward said this "This is very wise and fair counsel; the pillars of our constitution and democratic form of government is "equality under the law," and "equal opportunity under the law."

I brought up your points when we discussed the first equality issues vis a vis Young Brothers and I got no response.

While you may have not seen fit to respond to him then, tomorrow Wednesday, October 24, 2007 is your day to respond.

The time for talking and playing political correctness games are PAU. It is time to set aside anymore debates and speeches. It is Time To Call For A Vote on the Super Ferry....Up or Down and that will be the end of it.

Have you got the Na'au's to vote for what the majority of the citizens of this state have expressed a need for and want, or will you be "Noho Kukuli" to the anarchist.

We will be watching on how and what you voted for and will remember it in the next election.

For those who need a translation"
Na'au's--The guts to vote your convictions
Noho Kukuli--To prostrate yourself before the Anarchist

John T. Smith Jr 2563 Olopua st. Honolulu, HI 96822

From:

Wojtala, Theresa [TheresaW@kapiolani.org]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Theresa Wojtala and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly believe that the state of Hawaii needs alternative methods of transportation for interisland commutes. The Superferry is here, welcomed by many, and offers affordable travel for business and personal use.

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