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**From:** Gerald Tokuno [tokuno@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:50 PM

**To:** House Record

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gerald Tokuno and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*The Superferry will be a tremendous asset to the people of Hawaii. We will have an easy means of travel between the islands, making our State one community, one family.*

*Thank you,*

*Gerald Tokuno*

*487-2002*

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**From:** George Cramer [george@cramer.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:50 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony

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 George E 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!

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**From:** chris caldwell [premiumtravelvacations@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:43 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Chris Caldwell* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I was on her maiden voyage to Kauai and I strongly support the continued operation of the Superferry. I believe the Akaka will be of great benefit to our Hawaiian chain. I also believe this venture should have every right to prove it's business model... indeed the people will decide by their supportive dollars.*

*Sincerely,*

*Chris Caldwell*

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**From:** Howard Green [howardgreen927@yahoo.com]

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

**To:** House Record; House Record

To the Gentlemen and Landies  
of the Hawaii State Legislature::

I am one of the many who support the super ferry. I support it because I think that every means of allowing residents of Hawaii to communicate with each other and to visit each other is good for the state and its people. I think it will be a blessing to families that will be able to be closer together. While it may have some appeal to some tourists, I think the main use and benefit of it will be to local people.

I also am a strong environmentalist, and I appreciate the laws that protect our environment. To support my environmental credentials I refer you to my donations of tens of thousand of dollars of hawaii environmental arts to the Hawaii school system, as well as my participation in the creation of the East Molokai Watershed project, which has led the way for other watershed projects throughout the state.

In this case, it seems clear that the Department of Transportation did in fact consider the issues that would be considered in an environmental assessment and an EIS before they decided to waive these requirements for the Superferry. It troubles me greatly that a very small minority will misuse the technicalities of the environmental law to thwart the obvious desires of the great majority of our people with environmental concerns that lack any real substance. Nothing has been raised about the Superferry that isn't equally true about every fast container ship or navy cruiser.

So it is my hope you will, using the narrowest possible exception, exempt the Superferry from the laws that the minority would misuse to thwart the will of the people. If the minority should complain about the exemption, I would tell them that when they abuse the legal process the process can no longer be made available.

Sincerely, Howard R. Green, Esq.

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**From:** Miyasaki77@aol.com  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Melvin M. Miyasaki* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*If the people in Kauai do not support the Superferry, send it to the Island of Hawaii instead. We will welcome it with open arms as to an alternative in transportation in the State of Hawaii. It allows us to drive our cars from island to island much like an in-state highway. It gives us more freedom. It also allows us to bring large gifts to relatives living on other islands.*

*Farmers may transport their produce fresh to other island markets. The Superferry will allow the State to progress more rapidly into the 21st Century by bringing the islands closer together by exchanging ideas in agriculture. Someday, the fleet of Superferrys will be the primary connection between the islands. Just think of it as a bridge between islands and a highway from one part of an island to another (e.g. Hilo to Kailua, Kona and Kaneohe to Honolulu). How much longer will we be able to build new highways?*

Do not let a few dissidents spoil it for the rest of us. Vote to pass HB1.

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**From:** please@hawaii.rr.com  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Opinion pro Superferry - how grateful we should be a business finally decided to fill the void in transportation between Hawaiian Islands!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John DeVilbiss, resident of Hawaii for 17 years, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry as something we need in Hawaii, and something we need to set up with concern to the environment. For people to be able to put equipment in a van and "drive" to another island would balance the economies of the Islands, better.

The reason I support the operation of the Superferry while doing the environmental impact studies of its operation, is that it will spearhead how projects of this nature are implemented in Hawaii, and will open the doors to more technical solutions to our very congested, relatively inefficient, forms of transportation.

I am writing to point out my support for the Superferry as a business that has done everything demanded of it by the State agencies, and nevertheless has been put in a dreadful business situation. Is this just?

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**From:** thomas cedrick [hampsboy@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:38 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPP

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [CEDRICK THOMAS] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

THE SUPERFERY WOULD HELP WITH LOCAL JOBS AND ALLOW PEOPLE WITH LITTLE INCOME TO GO ON VACTION Cedrick Thomas MILILANI HI 808-375-7870

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**From:** nylene weeks [nyntrev@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:41 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Nylene Weeks* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have many reasons myself for why I support the Hawaii Superferry, but one great reason is family I have on the other islands that family here has not seen for years because they refuse to fly on an airplane and we can't just go there because of work. With the Superferry we would be able to pay for them to finally come to Oahu. For years I remember my grandmother telling my auntie over the phone "when I win big in Vegas I will buy a boat just so you can come here instead of me always going there." I used to laugh thinking that day will never come. My grandmother has since gone to heaven but I think she would be one of the happiest people alive if she were here to finally get my auntie here to Honolulu. So please here the rest of the people of Hawaii who do support the Hawaii Superferry running as soon as possible.

*Nylene Weeks*

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**From:** Brian Goldstein [bgoldstein@konabaymarine.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:46 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Testimony on HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SUPERFERRY

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Brian Goldstein and I am CEO of Sunrise Capital, Inc., which operates a large shrimp farm in Kekaha, Kauai and an R&D facility in NELHA, Kona. Our company needs Superferry and we support legislation to allow Superferry to operate during the environmental assessment/impact statement study.

For our Kauai farm Superferry will provide unparalleled access to Hawaii's largest market - Honolulu. Only Superferry will allow us to ship fresh shrimp daily to the Honolulu fish auction. Superferry will allow us to expand our company and provide 30-40 new jobs in Leeward Kauai.

There is no doubt that being against the Superferry is an anti-environment position. It is certainly possible to mitigate risks of whale strikes, increased traffic or transmission of invasive species. But forcing Superferry to leave Hawaii (which it will do if not allowed to quickly begin operations) will consign the people of Hawaii to FOREVER relying upon air transport for ALL inter-island travel. As you probably know, air travel is the least fuel efficient and most polluting form of mass transit. Being against Superferry supports global warming.

I strongly urge you to set aside the emotions of those that are afraid of change and support a reasonable compromise that allows Superferry to operate while any environmental studies are being completed.

Warm aloha,  
Brian Goldstein  
CEO

Sunrise Capital, Inc.

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**From:** Mr & Mrs Larry Wegger [wegger.larry@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:47 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 relating to transportation

Please accept this written testimony just for the record, as we don't plan on testifying in person.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Dawn Marina Erstad-Wegger and Larry Thomas Wegger, and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry. In brief, it simply provides alternative transportation we're interested in that also allows for car transport.

Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wegger

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**From:** Gene Pesqueira [genehawaii@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:55 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gene Pesqueira* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe in what's fair for one should be fair for all. Matson and Young Brothers who pretty much have the monopoly on interisland shipping, are currently doing business with-out ever having done an EIS. It is not fair to pick on one company when they have done everything to be environmentally freindly as opposed to the others who are **extremely unenvironmentally freindly**. Who really is to blame for the expansion of evasive species? Where is the EIS on them? What harm have they done to our enviroment over the years that they have been doing business here? I can only imagine and I'm sure it's not a pretty picture. WHO CAN ANSEWR THESE QUESTIONS? Not to mention that their vessels are propeller driven, dragging huge barges, as opposed to the Superferry being a modern, state of the art jet driven vessel. No props means the less likelihood of harming wildlife.

Regarding the Superferry increasing traffic on neighbor islands also is not a very good arguement. Basically the same people that would have flown over would have rented a vehicle anyway. Vehicles are both coming and leaving every day, so the impact to traffic would be negligible. Who are the ones that are against this the most, understandably that would be the rental car companies. Once again, it's the established 'good ol' boys' companies that are complaining.

The superferry will help support interisland business. Small Business', local produce farmers, etc. would lose the opportunity to grow and share products. The Superferry would allow for a lower cost way to ship interisland as opposed the alternatives, who take too long to load and off load product, not mention that most small time business' can't afford them. They make it unfeasable form them to conduct an interisland business. **It's not fair!**

Think about it people. Who are the one's really opposed to the Superferry?

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**From:** Jackie Keliikoa [keliik8@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:20 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Public Testimony

Dear Chair Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Jackie Malia-a-kealani Keliikoa, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry,

I disagree with what been happening on T.V. regarding the superferry, the reason why the ferry came to Hawaii was to give us people job opportunity and to get to the other neighbor island by sea, and not have to fly. so i'm in favor with the ferry and i hope this letter is good enough to support the matter.

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**From:** Mark B. Macanas [mauiboykw13@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:40 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

We, Mark & Adele Macanas, strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. For far too long, Hawaii residents have been held hostage to the pricing whims of the airlines and the shipping companies. Recently, one of the long-time local airlines has gone on the record to say that "fares will rise if go! Airlines goes out of business", and Young Bros. has been granted another increase in shipping fees, yet has decreased their level of services. We, as hardworking taxpaying citizens of this beautiful state, cannot be held hostage to by the vocal minority of Superferry opponents as well. While their arguments are sound and have many good points and intentions, these opponents are damaging Hawaii's reputation in the business world. They have not even given the Superferry a chance to prove itself. Back in the 1970's, Seaflite brought the highest level of marine transportation technology then to the Islands. It was given time to prove itself to the state and its citizens. Harbor improvements to accomodate the hydrofoils were done. Yet Seaflite became a victim of its own technological prowess: it was too sensitive for our unique marine conditions. The Superferry learned from this experience and built an entire vessel around the information gathered from Seaflite and modern observations.

Have we Hawaiians lost our spirit of adventure and willingness to try something new in the thirty-some years since Seaflite?

We urge you to permit the Hawaii Superferry to operate as best as it can and allow it to prove to all of us that it is worthy to be a part of this great state. If it fails, so be it. If it succeeds, it will be because people of vision and action have refused to let naysayers dictate how they should live.

Let us be those people of vision and action.

Aloha and mahalo!

*Mark & Adele Macanas*  
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**From:** ISouza@FairmontSpecialty.com  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry

I have ridden in the Ferry system that they have in Vancouver. It was wonderful and when we were notified that there was going to be a similar Ferry system here in Hawaii I was elated. The Islands have so much to offer and although we have visited all of our families and friends on all the islands coming to visit them via the Ferry system would be amazing.

I have cruised the inter island carriers and it was wonderful, Imagine taking a three hour cruise on a relaxing and beautiful ship and coming upon our island via our beautiful ocean waters. What a real privilege it would be. How many of us get to view our islands by ocean? I think it is ridiculous the statements people are making about Oahu residents raiding the islands of Kauai, Maui and Hawaii. Oahu residents don't say the outerislanders are RAIDING our land when they come for emergency doctor/hospital care, or when they come shopping for the Holidays or the new school year. What about when they come to see stage plays like the now playing Lion King? Or even the UH Football games. The Oahu residents don't say stay home because you are using our doctors time, or taking all our selections from Macys, or taking all the good seats for our plays. Oahu residents pay a majority of our state taxes and I would venture to say that if it were not for the taxes that Oahu residents pay alot of the improvements made on the outer islands would not be done if all of the tax money supported just the island it was coming from. I was born and raised in Hawaii. I'am a local resident who still has a large majority of my family living on one or more islands. We are all Ohana but some people have forgotten that. I would agree with the EIS if the Superferry was not singled out. Why is it not required of anyone else? Who is behind this entire fiasco? Makes you wonder?????? Let the Superferry Sail



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**From:** Ronald Mayer [k7bt@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:51 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support for Hawaii Superferry

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To Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ronald D. Mayer and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry..

My wife and I are residents of Kailua-Kona on the Big Island and would appreciate it if we could drive inter-island in Hawaii.

I first was in Hawaii when in the Navy during WW2 stationed on Oahu. Even then I hoped the day would come that ferry transportation would some day be realized.

Please give your support to this proposed legislation.

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**From:** Carol Smith [clsmith@hawaii.rr.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Carol Smith* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*Having been a resident of Hawaii for 22 years, I was so very happy when the announcement of the SuperFerry being ported here. I came from the Seattle area, where ferry riding is a way of life for thousands of residents. Being plagued with arthritis - airflights are often very painful for me. This alternative mode of transportation was going to give me more opportunity to visit our neighbor islands.*

*I understand the need for the EIS; however, I do not believe it is necessary to close down the business that come to Hawaii, after it had been given the okay to go forward by our government. The repercussions of that judgement in error will effect our state for possibly decades.*

*In addition I question the protesters motives, since they waited during the entire course of original planning, building, testing on the east coast, as well as here in the islands. Had their concerns been made public in the early stages of this project - we would not be in the situation we are in today; therefore, I do not believe the silent majority should be penalized for the last minute wishes of the vocal minority.*

*Sincerely,*

*Carol Smith*

*Kapolei*

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**From:** K Moon [kmoon1994@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:46 PM  
**To:** House Record  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is KAREN MOON and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry because it offers us another mode of transportation between islands. What would happen to us if our airports are suddenly shut down like what happened on 9/11? Because we live on islands there has to be some other mode of transportation available to us. If those environmentalists had their way 100 years ago, Hawaii wouldn't have any airplanes here. Can you imagine that?*

*Other states have had ferry service between various ports and small islands (like Seattle or Alaska or California) and have had NO ADVERSE IMPACT on the environment or wildlife there. Washington State, especially, has many whales who migrate through the San Juan Islands to Alaska and the ferry does not harm them in any way.*

*Please, legislators, I urge you to move Hawaii forward instead of backward by allowing the Superferry to operate in Hawaii. Don't let a few minority make judgment calls which make the rest of us suffer.*

Thank you,

**KAREN MOON**  
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**From:** Tom Keener [pvteye@keenertechnologies.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:34 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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

Having my small business in Hawaii for 25 years and flying to the outer islands to service my customers has significantly increased my operating costs and increasing the overall costs to my customer. The Hawaii Superferry will allow us to drive our trucks filled with tools and equipment thus saving thousands of dollars a year. Several times I could not rent cars and trucks due to the lack of rentals on the outer islands. The Superferry would greatly help Hawaii in the event of an emergency to help transport mission-critical supplies to the islands.

Sincerely,

Tom Keener

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**House Record**

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**From:** David Marchant [kawikaski@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:42 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 Relating to Transportation

**Testimony in Support of Allowing the SuperFerry to Operate**

I appreciate the opportunity to share my support for allowing the SuperFerry to operate; I am in favor of legislation being proposed and hope that it can be passed as soon as possible. Some sections are problematic and overtly political but if that's what has to happen to get things moving again so be it. Yours is a touch of and certain nonsense (at least in my biased opinion!) is bound to creep in.

I also do not believe that this is about the environment but others may disagree so if an Environmental Statement is necessary I feel it should encompass all modes of inter island transportation. Also if additional interim restrictions were to be imposed on the SuperFerry then I would hope that these restrictions are applied to all forms of transportation between islands.

For example, if the SuperFerry must have drug sniffing dogs then Young Brothers, Hawaiian Airline must do the same; if all cars must be washed before going on the ferry then all cars/equipment going on barge should be required to do the same; if Agriculture inspection is required; etc., etc. If there are environmental issues then the SuperFerry should not be singled out and let's take this opportunity to look at the big picture.

The SuperFerry has excellent policies and procedures in place to address all of the issues that are being used to stop it from running. By all means observe them but, as alluded to above, why not make this Task Force responsible for watching over all inter-island transportation as well? We should absolutely have the opportunity to review how our government works; any opportunity to make it more efficient, to stop stifling economic growth, and to truly protect the environment is always welcome. Let's get working on solving our problems and stop creating demons that do not exist!

Do we have environmental problems in this state? Of course! However, these have to be addressed on a more global basis rather than just saying "Stop – we can't do anything new!" Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns and everyone else's on what must be a very long day.

David K. Marchant

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**From:** tom laidlaw [laidlawt001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:44 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION - support for the Superferry  
**Importance:** High

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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 Tom Laidlaw and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

There are many reasons related to Hawaii's business and economy that underscore my belief that the Superferry deserves the full support of our government, but I also feel very strongly that the courts grossly overstepped their authority in this matter and it's up to the state Legislature to exercise its responsibility to fix this in the upcoming special session.

I am not pro business vs. the environment and from what I have seen of the Superferry's record they have gone to great lengths to avoid environmental issues that many other marine business have never addressed. The fact that the Superferry has met many of the criteria that an EIS would call for even though they were not previously required to do so I feel is a strong credit to their commitment. The people of Hawaii deserve this type of affordable transportation to the neighbor islands. This company has made a significant investment in Hawaii in good faith and they deserve to be allowed to operate...with oversight, absolutely...but not to be singled out and burdened with the heavy handed, unrealistic and unprecedented restrictions on speed and vehicle searches etc. that some are pushing for.

I have 2 sons that live and work on Maui and my wife and 4 other children would love to be able to drive our van onto the Superferry and visit them on a regular basis.

Tom Laidlaw

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## House Record

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**From:** First Name Last Name [sohira@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:29 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support the Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Shaun Ohira* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. If the cruise ships can travel at these high speeds, why can't the Superferry. What difference does the Superferry have from the cruise ships? I feel that there seems more danger from the cruise ships and less from the Superferry. I could be wrong, but I just want to understand why the Superferry cannot operate, but the cruise ships can.

*Shaun Ohira*

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**From:** BackhoeService@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:55 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** super ferry

Attention: House committee on Transportation and House committee on Finance.  
Date: Thursday, October 25th 2007  
Time: 9.00 am Auditorium State Capitol

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Stewart D. Norrie, I am a Maui resident for 30 years, I am married to a local Maui girl which has family on Oahu, we have 3 children !! -- We -- As a family would like to be able to use the SuperFerry to visit Family on Oahu -- **We -- As a family urge you to do the right thing for Hawaii and SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY -- AND MAKE IT SAIL !!!!!!!!!!! --** The Ferry will be a positive thing for Maui County & Hawaii & our economy -- **FOR ONCE PUT POLITICS ASIDE ! -- AND DO THE RIGHT THING FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII !! -- DON'T LET THIS OPORTUNITY TO BETTER HAWAII SLIP BY !! ---- PLEASE SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY AND MAKE IT SAIL !!**

We as a Maui family -- Thank you in anticipation of your support

Stewart D. Norrie

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## House Record

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**From:** Vkhiga@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:56 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

To Whom It May Concern,

My husband, Jamin D. Kau and I, Vanessa K. Kau completely support the Hawaii Superferry to operate in the Hawaiian Island Chain. It gives us opportunities not be confined to old choices. I believe it would only bring more revenue to the state as another attractive way to see the island chain for locals as well as tourists. We as a state rely so heavily on the tourism industry and by not letting the Hawaii Superferry operate only shows the rest of the world how closed off and small minded we are here in the islands.

Change is necessary to grow.

Mahalo for your time,  
Jamin and Vanessa Kau

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## House Record

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**From:** Donni Heyano [piilanih@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:56 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Donette F. Heyano and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry. This mode of transportation would be extremely beneficial to the people of our State. The superferry gives us another option for travel and is the only one that offers transporting vehicles that would further defer costs when traveling to other islands.

Many of us cannot afford to visit friends and relatives on other islands because of the rising costs of air travel, hotel accomodations, and rental car costs. Many on the outer islands have the necessity to travel to Oahu for medical assistance, that means added costs of car rentals that could better be spent for other necessities.

The other benefit would be that people could take their families on vacation. The influx of people to other islands would boost the economy for each of them. More jobs may come available due to more visitors.

I believe the Hawaii Superferry would be beneficial to everyone. Why now are people concerned about an environmental study when the Hawaii Superferry has been in the planning stage for years and only now when it is ready for operation people are in opposition. We have cruise ships and cargo ships as well as other boats (recreational as well as commercial) that go between the islands, so why is

there not such opposition to the affect on the environment for those vessels.

I believe there are other underlying reasons why there is so much opposition to the Hawaii Superferry. Many of us on the Big Island would welcome the chance to have the Hawaii Superferry available to us.

I say, let the Hawaii Superferry provide us with an important and beneficial mode of transportation.

*Donette F. Hevano*

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Not able to submit in Person

## House Record

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**From:** c21mcm@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:13 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support Hawaii Superferry

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

My name is *Patrick S. McMillen* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry because it will enable my family to take our own vehicle, whether it be our car or bicycles, etc., to the outer islands. This will save on rental fees, time waiting in lines for rentals and rental insurance. We'll also be more comfortable in our own vehicle.

I also believe farmers and trades persons will benefit by being able to get their produce or trade equipment to and from the outer islands in a timely manner and at a lower cost than what they currently incur.

Best Regards,

Patrick S. McMillen  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96815  
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**From:** rkitz [rkitz@hawaii.rr.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Robert Kitzmiller* and I strongly support the operation of the Hawaii Super ferry.

I definitely support the Super ferry it a very good way for others to travel to the outer island, especially for those who are afraid of flying. I have two uncles that are very afraid of flying and really had high hopes of visiting family members on Kauai. And were even thinking of visiting the other islands. Again it's also a great opportunity for those who will not fly.

Also for large local families that cannot afford for everyone to travel. Let alone for those who cannot afford the prices of a rental van. Then there are also smaller sport groups that have parents that do not make very much money, and have a hard time trying to raise money for their children to travel with all of the players as a team. ( I know, I was one of those children growing up here.) This is a great opportunity for those family's.

If you could have someone total the cost of a family of 4 to 5 to fly, rent a car or even send their auto via round trip through Young Bros. Shipping. Verses the price on the Super ferry round trip.

As for an EPA study, They are already here and ready to operate, No one said or did anything to stop them prior, I feel they should do the study while in operation. And if there are any problems they can address them as they operate. With all of the special and state of the art instruments, I would think this ship should be as good or better than those that are currently operating now.

When Matson brought in a new ship were they required a new survey? The new ship is bigger and more powerful.

I seen on the news that Young Bros. Shipping is also buying new Tugs, Will they also be required? If they will all be subject to this check before operation then that would be great too. I know their tugs kick up a lot more from there prop then a jet drive, "just look at the harbor when they are leaving or turning around" and is more harmful to the mammals in the ocean.

I think this protest is probably being pushed from behind with the support of the local air carriers and shipping companies. I may be wrong but it sure seems that way.

Besides I would think, that if I were a fish in the sea or a whale and heard a ship coming, I would definitely get out of the way if I heard them coming.

I really feel this is a great opportunity for the Local families to visit other families.

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**I really hope that you can support me in the operation of the Super ferry.**

I would like to thank you for allowing my input for the continuation of operation for the Super ferry.

*Robert Kitzmiller*

*62 Ihoiho Pl.*

*Wahiawa, HI 96786*

*Ph. (808) 478-3524*

## House Record

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**From:** Patti Domingo [pattigirl@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:58 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** UPPORT THE SUPER FERRY

I SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY AND WANT YOU TO DO THE SAME FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII.  
POLLS PROVE THAT WE THE PEOPLE WANT TO HAVE THE SUPER FERRY AND UNITE THE ISLANDS  
TOGETHER. THANK YOU,  
PATTI AND TIM DOMINGO

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## House Record

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**From:** K Nielsen [nielsenk004@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:07 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry HB1

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathleen Nielsen. My husband K.J. Nielsen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As residents of the Big Island we support the opportunity to travel in a variety of methods and to have several choices that residents can use for business or personal travel. The EIS performed for other larger capacity and bigger-engined ships such as cruise ships should suffice for the superferry as well. The majority of people I know would like the opportunity for several options in interisland travel. Don't let a vocal minority take away this opportunity. Your decision will be reviewed by other business that consider investing in our state, let it show us in the best light. Let the market indicate whether or not the public wants the opportunity to travel via Superferry, not the political process. I have traveled via Ferry in other parts of the world and think it would work well for our state.

I will not be able to submit in-person comments in Honolulu and hope my opinion from the Big Island is helpful to the process.

Kathleen Nielsen

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Kea'au Hawaii, 96749

10/24/2007



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## House Record

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**From:** Matt Williams [wmsphoto@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:59 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry support

If the Superferry has to do all these ridiculous things like washing cars and going a certain speed then I think Matson, Young Brothers, & Horizon Lines should follow the same rules. I do alot of fishing and see these Matson ships comming down the Molokai channel and they are going really fast, 25 to 30 knots. These environmentalist are worried about evasive species, then I think we should worry about Matson and Horizon Lines, they come from the mainland and all over the world, I would be more worried about what they bring in to Hawaii. I'm sure those Koki frogs did not swim here.. We need to give the Superferry a chance and let it live or die by itself..

Matt Williams

## House Record

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**From:** Jane Galase [jaynedie@clearwire.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:59 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii SuperFerry

My name is Mary Jane Galase and I strongly support the Hawaii SuperFerry. It is another beneficial transportation for our State of HI throughout the island chain. While the EIS is being done, they should let the SuperFerry sail and of course w/reasonable restrictions.

Thank you,

Mary Jane Galase  
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Honolulu, Hi 96817  
224-4230

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## House Record

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**From:** Alex Pacheco [pacheco002@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:03 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Alessandro Pacheco* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*First I would like to take this opportunity to express my thoughts on the Superferry. I do believe would be a big mistake not letting the ferry sails here in Hawaii. There are ferries between islands everywhere around the world. British Columbia, the Great lakes, New England areas, Europe, Asia, etc. I was really surprise Hawaii doesn't have this kind of service when I moved here in 2000. I was here in 9/11 and it was an excellent reason why a ferry is very important. Can imagine the upcoming revenue would bring the islands with the use of ferries? If you add 200 cars in one island, there will also be 200 cars moving out of the island. SO there is no tremendous increase of traffic that these people are talking about.*

*Can you imagine patients would be able to be transported via ambulances between islands for special treatments? I do work for major interisland airlines and you don't see people from my company opposed to the ferry. It's just another option of transportation that would be very important for the future and growth of Hawaii. We need to be looking forward, of course without taking the environmental considerations in account. I'm sure we can find a fine tuning in making the ferry a "go". I do believe that some of the people against the ferry are being paid by some local freight companies that has the monopoly on inter island business.*

*Let's make Hawaii a better place to live and explore all the new opportunities that has given us! We need all the tourists to continue coming and boosting our economy. Let's give them more options!*

*Sincerely*

*Alessandro Pacheco  
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## House Record

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**From:** Ken Curtis [curtis@midpac.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:03 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I support Hawaii Superferry for the following reasons:

1. The Hawaii Superferry has invested millions of dollars to give the people of Hawaii what they wanted--an option for inter island travel.
2. While the State of Hawaii SHOULD HAVE required an EA, and likely a resulting EIS, state officials were remiss in their duties. It is they who should be punished--not the Superferry.
3. It is entirely within the realm of state government to impose temporary restrictions which should appease the concerns of environmentalists. There is a vocal minority who opposes the Superferry without regard to environmental concerns.
4. If people oppose the Superferry, let them cast their economic vote in the marketplace. All people of Hawaii should have the option of choosing to NOT use the Superferry, if that is their decision.

Mahalo,

*Kenneth D. Curtis*

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## House Record

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**From:** oringepear@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:59 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** superferry testimony for the record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Perry Yu-Ming Wong* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I Support the Hawaii Superferry because it provides an convenient, efficient, and excellent alternative to visiting the outer islands. For example, In mid Nov, I will be spending 2 weeks on Maui. Without the superferry, I would have to pack everything into suitcases, and perhaps pay for additional baggage. Than I need to park at a extended parking lot, which means unload the bags from my car, into a shuttle, then unload at the airport. Once at my destination, I need to wait for all the bags and risk losing baggage, load the bags into a shuttle to the rental car, unload from shuttle, and reload into a rental car. This whole cycle will repeat when I come back for the round trip. Now, with the Superferry, I don't need to worry about luggage or excess bags, I just load up my car and drive up on the ferry. The next time I unload will be at my final destination. This efficient process, I'm sure will result in a decrease and reliance in fuel and energy.*

*I'm not suggesting that environmental concerns should not be ignored for convenience, and that is not what is happening. I strongly feel that the superferry is concerned about the environment and has and continues to protect it. There have been scientists and subject matter experts that have testified regarding this. I am only able to speak as a working citizen and committed taxpayer.*

*Perry Wong*

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**From:** Morton Brown [mlbx@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:57 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1

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23 October, 2007

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Morton L. Brown and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My reasons for supporting Superferry are simple: Hawaii is the only State in the Union where one cannot drive from one county to another, due to our island situation. While the ecological concerns put forth by opponents of the Superferry do need to be addressed, I am very much afraid that much of the opposition to this new form of transportation is based on a complete and total misunderstanding of the possible risks due to Superferry. Unfortunately, a few opponents can make a good deal more noise than the relatively silent majority, and I urge you to give due weight, but not more, to the noise that they are making.

Your action in facilitating the start of service of the Superferry while an EIS (which in point of fact deals with the improvements already made to certain harbors and not to the ferry itself) is conducted will be greatly appreciated by an overwhelming majority of the people of this State.

Yours with aloha,

/s/ Morton L. Brown

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## House Record

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**From:** Mary Spero [MarySpero@prodigy.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:56 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance/HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Aloha Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mary Spero.

My whole kama'aina ohana support the Hawai'i Superferry and its right to operate in our beautiful state. We are Hawaiian, Italian, Scotch, Chinese, Irish, Portuguese, Dutch, German, Filipino, and who knows what else. Our ohana live on O'ahu, Kaua'i, Mau'i, the Big Island and Moloka'i! We even have an aunty on Lana'i! ALL of us want the Superferry! We are diversified in our heritage, but we are of one mind about the Superferry. WE WANT IT!

Isn't it about time Hawai'i got RID of the moniker of "BAD FOR BUSINESS"? Start now with giving the Superferry your support and blessing to operate for the benefit of all of Hawaii's citizens. Do NOT tie it up with more restrictions, UNLESS you are willing to apply the same restrictions to EVERY form of transportation within the state and to every traveler, who moves from one community on any island to any other community on that same or another island.

Don't let outsiders put wedges between the residents of our islands. We are ohana. We have a culture of inclusiveness, not divisiveness. RESPECT our heritage!

Only outsiders would tell a Hawai'i resident, "Don't come to \*MY\* island!" HOW SAD! WHERE is the aloha? Only an outsider would think he/she could "own" an island. The aina is GOD'S and he has given it to all of us to enjoy, not to just this one or that one.

We want the Superferry so we can go altogether to weddings, baby luau, even funerals. We want our keiki to enjoy traveling to other islands, where they can compete with their cousins in sports, hula, song and educational events and we want to choose the form of transportation we want to use.

PLEASE do something good for the citizens of Hawai'i!

Instead of only doing for the tourists, NOW you can do something that is good for the local folks! Some of us have waited a lifetime for the ferry.

PLEASE don't tie us up any longer and don't tie up the ferry. SET HAWAI'I AND THE FERRY FREE!

Mahalo nui loa!

Me ke aloha, Mary Spero  
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Honolulu, HI 96830-5046  
Mary Spero <MarySpero@prodigy.net>



## House Record

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**From:** Samuel Resendez [samdooby@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:39 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Samuel R. Resendez and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I support the super ferry because It would allow my family and I to see the beauty of the other Hawaiian Islands and I think it is good for the economy and allows us to take our vehicle at our leisure. Thank you for your time and please consider letting the superferry run.*

*Samuel R. Resendez  
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## House Record

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**From:** Brymer Waski [brymerlee@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:07 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Dear Legislators,

As all of you know, Hawaii has the reputation of being an anti-business state. This is not just a blanket statement, but a fact. In light of the negative attitudes towards the Superferry, this fact rings true once again. This is a wonderful way of commuting between the islands and strengthening our economy through the additional employment of local people. I believe one day soon, you will see the demise of Hawaii's prized tourist economy as people will opt to go elsewhere for their vacations. What are your plans then when the "Golden Goose" dies? By denying the Superferry a chance to operate, you are only speeding up the eventual demise of Hawaii's tourist economy.

I am in favor of the Superferry and would like to go on record as being in favor of this venture. I wish you strength and conviction in your voting on this issue.

Sincerely,

Brymer L. Waski  
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Phone: 808-955-4714

## House Record

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**From:** EDWARD DOUGLAS [himotor@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:01 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Shaleen L. Douglas and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that Hawaii needs to step into the 21st century. Allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate in our island state is essential to our survival in the global community. I too would like to preserve the fragile resources of our islands, but efforts beyond just stopping the superferry from operating is needed.

As with all other businesses, competition is essential for a successful market. Let the people have a choice in the type of transportation they would like to support as they visit the neighboring islands. Let the superferry succeed on how well it meets the demands and needs of our communities.

Aloha,  
Shaleen L. Douglas  
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## House Record

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**From:** elke808 [elke808@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:03 PM  
**To:** House Record

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

My name is Elke Field and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It seems like whenever something new comes to Hawaii, there are certain people who always complain. I've lived here since 1965, I have seen a lot of changes, but certain things don't seem to change, there are still the same people complaining.

We need the Superferry, a lot of people don't like flying, this would give them a chance to get off the island. People from the other islands come over here and we don't complain, some paddle from island to island, nothing is said.

Keep the SUPERFERRY!!!

Elke Field

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**From:** Royal [royalrangerman@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:03 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HAWAII SUPERFERRY

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I'm writing to show my support for the Hawaii Superferry. It is obvious that the majority of Hawaii citizens support the ferry. However, a few minority groups of oppositions seems threatened and thus, make their voices LOUD. Please do not allow the minority groups to dictate what is good or not for Hawaii. Lastly, if any sanctions, rules or regulations are imposed on the ferry, then all who use our harbors or transport goods in the state of Hawaii should follow suit. Thank you for your time.

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**From:** Jan and John Madden [janandjohn@mail.com]

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Janet E. Jaikins-Madden, Ph.D. and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I want to be able to travel to the other islands with my car to see family and sight see.*

*Janet E. Jaikins-Madden, Ph.D.  
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## House Record

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**From:** Cyndi Fujino [CFujino@libertydialysis.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:10 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPER FERRY

I totally support the Super Ferry. I also feel it should be allowed to operate during the EIS. I look forward to using the Super Ferry – packing up the car and taking the family on a trip visiting the rest of the state. I do believe the Super Ferry will be used by residents to enjoy our entire state – not just one island.

*Cynthia Fujino*

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## House Record

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**From:** Angela Brown [angisamommy@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:01 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Testimony for Hawaii Superferry

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

My name is Angela Brown and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry!

Hawaii needs a more cost efficient way to connect the neighbor islands in order to build better bonds in between families. I personally have family on Maui (we live on Oahu and wish to see them more often than the once a year timeframes. This is a timeframe that is enforced monetarily due to air travel. Unfortunately we are usually left waiting for a deal to come around to fly all six of us over or vica versa. The Hawaii Superferry would enable our family to reconnect more often and truely share life the Aloha way.

*Mahalo,*

*Angela Brown*

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**From:** Daniel Alvarez [alvarezd001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:09 PM  
**To:** House Record; All Senators; espero@Capitol.hawaii.gov; testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in favor of the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Daniel J. Alvarez* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*- The Hawaii Superferry will offer another option in safe and efficient interisland travel.*

*- It will also provide another option in transportation of goods, whether is be commercial or personal (i.e. a faster and cheaper way to transfer an automobile between islands)*

*- The Superferry can be used in times of statewide emergencies.*

*- The Superferry will also provide an easier way for the disabled to travel between islands.*

*Please allow the Superferry to run its business while it is going through its EIS process.*

*i know a majority of the State of Hawaii would like the Superferry to be in operation.*

*Mahalo,*

**Daniel J. Alvarez**

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**From:** Yvonne & Mel Okimoto [okimotom003@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:09 PM  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Yvonne Okimoto* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need to be open to progress and new businesses that would benefit the greater majority of the people of Hawaii and visitors. The Superferry will now give us options when traveling among the islands.

I, for one, due to medical reasons am unable to travel by flying. When the Superferry came into being, I was very elated because it offered another means of transportation and I could visit neighboring islands. There may be others who are in the same predicament and are feeling isolated because they are unable to fly.

*Yvonne Y. Okimoto*

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## House Record

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**From:** DMGANDY@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:11 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

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

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David Gandy and I absolutely stand behind and in favor of the Superferry!

The level of commitment the people behind the ferry have shown to do what was required and asked of them is extraordinary! Even now with the last minute submarine tactics of a minority of people, Lawyers, And politicians. (Note that not all of the individuals in the last two groups I consider "People")

What message do we want to send to the world about the way we do business here?

Get this one right guys. Give us our ferry.

Sincerely, Mr. David Gandy Phone: (808) 927-4546

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**From:** Kalea Hinau [hookilio@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:12 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HAWAI'I SUPERFERRY!

**ATTN:** House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Harold John Moraes and I strongly support Hawai'i Superferry. As an island state where most of our supplies are provided by ocean transport, we have long neglected the opportunities and incentives of ocean travel between our islands for our people. Our Hawaiian ancestors used this method of travel for centuries. Sailing between the islands today offers a viable alternative to air transportation for those persons fearful of flying and for many people that seek a less expensive mode of transport.

Sincerely,

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## House Record

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**From:** Susan Brooks [brooks\_sr@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:11 PM  
**To:** House Record

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Susan R. Brooks*, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. We need MANY interisland transportation choices, and we need more competition. The airlines have had their way for too long! I of course am very interested in preserving these islands and keeping them safe. I have not heard or seen anyone mention the fact that the making of the Hawaii Superferry was shown on National Geographic where they addressed the problem of invasive species and how the Superferry will be able to avoid Humpback whales. I wonder if any of you, representing our Islands, even saw the 1 hour report. It was very fascinating. In any case, I feel that a lot of measures have already been taken to insure the safety of the islands. I would also like to address the real possibility of another natural disaster, since everyone says not "if" it happens, but "when". Along with the military, the Superferry could be used to help whatever island is in need. The Kaua'i folks have obviously forgotten about "Iniki".

So I would appreciate your consideration in allowing the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being done. Thank you for your time.

Susan R. Brooks  
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**From:** David Bealer [bealerd001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:12 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Hearing

Please do all that you can to keep the Superferry running.

It is time to draw the line. Environmental rhetoric should not be used as a tactic to derail projects or thwart economic progress that benefits the state

This is not a valiant fight of good versus evil. This is a case of the extreme minority imposing their views and lifestyles on the overwhelming majority.

Please do not incorporate unwarranted restrictions on the operation of the Superferry , Unless these restrictions are also applied to other carriers such as Young Brothers.

Please keep the Superferry going !!

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## House Record

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**From:** gary\_nakamura@mac.com  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gary Nakamura and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As an alternative transportation system, Hawaii will greatly benefit from the Superferry service. It is understood that with every new venture in Hawaii, there are risks to our environment and ways of life. I believe that the Superferry program has taken appropriate steps to minimize those risks and should be allowed to demonstrate its ability to prosper.

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