

House Record

From: Hlbear808@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:12 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Testimony

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Barry Kurasaki

I own a restaurant called The Sandtrap Restaurant on Maui. I'm sorry to say that I will not be able to testify in person however I would like to say a few words. I am a strong supporter of the Superferry for many reasons. Besides the obvious that it provides jobs to our residents it also sends signals to other mainland companies thinking about bringing their business to Hawaii. Right now we're sending some really bad signals out there. The courts have condemned The Superferry before they have even started. What did the Superferry do wrong. If the courts have misinterpreted the law then the law must be clarified. It seems to me that the few that complain the loudest out rules the silent majority. Have you not seen the polls? Who are these people that are doing all the complaining? Are they transplants that are trying to stop Hawaii from growing. I keep wondering what qualifies these people as so called environmentalist. How many other projects have they protested about and caused enough problems to halt progress. I know that some homegrown Hawaiians have also expressed concerns but I feel that they might have some trust issues with out of state companies. If we can't give businesses like this a chance we may as well go back to living in grass shacks and not be apart of the United States.

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From: Sunny Massad [sunnymassad@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:25 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Do NOT support Superferry without EIS first

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 Dr. Sunny Massad, a psychologist and frequent traveler to other islands. Although I was initially very excited about the notion of the ferry system, I violently oppose allowing the Hawaii Superferry to remain in operation until the Environmental Impact Statement is completed. Protocol was not followed from the very beginning, politicians (including our governor) appear to have had vested interests in this project, despite our laws. It is a shame that the owners of the company are losing so much money, but this could have been prevented had they not tried to skirt the laws!

Sincerely,

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From: Dr. Randall Sakamoto [sakamoto@visionhawaii.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:22 AM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I am extremely alarmed that the special interests have been able to exert such influence and that the majority of citizens are being ignored in this case. I am sending this e-mail to affirm that I as an individual support the Super Ferry. Please kindly step back and look at the big picture here. THE whole world is laughing at ua. I urge you to make a decision that supports the majority of the people of Hawaii, not special intetests. I strongly support the SuperFerry. The average citizen cannot afford the time to come to testify, I hope this e-mail and others gets the majority's viewpoint across.

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From: Terrence Byrne [terrence@terrencebyrne.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Terrence Byrne of the Pacific Fleet Band and I support Hawaii Superferry.

I think the Hawaii Superferry provides a nice alternative for those of us looking for other options regarding travel to neighboring islands. With all the cargo ships and cruises that I see coming and going I really fail to see how the Superferry can impact the environment more than it is currently being impacted. If the Superferry is being required to submit to excessive environmental screening, for the sake of fairness and consistency I would suggest that all shipping companies utilizing the harbors in Hawaii be subject to the same treatment. I am not a long time resident, but I do think the Superferry is overdue. I may not be first in line but I do want to be able to use this service when the opportunity comes. Don't make that decision for me. I want the Superferry.

Terrence Byrne

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Richard Kamalii* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I feel that we the people of this great state of Hawaii should have another means of travel to see the beauty that the islands have to offer, and the convenience of loading the vehicle to visit the ohana on the neighbor islands, I'm just so bummed that we on the Big Island have to wait a year or so for our turn to ride the ferry. But you our elected representatives can make this a reality for us and our generations to come. So in closing I say make it happen, make it for real.

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House Record

From: rolf soder [wotan_272@hotmail.com]
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To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rolf Soder and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly believe that the operation of the Superferry will have a positive impact on the quality of life in the state of Hawaii. Not only would we have an alternative choice of transportation at the same token we would als break the airlines monopoly. The environmental impacts should be easy to control and master since the Ferry is not in operation yet.

Rolf Soder

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House Record

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:55 AM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Adriana and Arnold Tesh. We strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Hawaii is in serious need of an alternative to air travel between the islands. It is impractical to expect people to maintain family and friendly relations or conduct business when they have to spend hours at an airport to travel no more than minutes to their destination. Tourism between the islands will also flourish with the Superferry.

Adriana N. Tesh *Arnold S. Tesh*

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House Record

From: Nikki Stange [nikkistange@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:44 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Testimony

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

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Dear State Legislators,

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...Dead whales, coqui frogs, fire ants, invasive species, damage to our natural resources, traffic problems, etc...

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Our voices deserve to be heard!
The outer island people spoke and they were ignored.
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The Court spoke and this decision is now being ignored?!

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Please do the right thing and abide by Judge Joseph Cardoza's decision!
Please protect your public's interest from irreparable harm!

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To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Bruce E.Cook and Mei Lan Cook. We strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We believe that the reputation of the State of Hawaii in the national and International business communities is at stake. Who would want to invest in Hawaii when the rules keep changing on your investment?

More importantly, the superferry will be good for all of the people of Hawaii. We need it.

Bruce and Mei Lan Cook

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From: Pamela Polland [peemer@kula.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:25 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Relating to HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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Requiring an Environmental Impact Statement, oversight Task force, etc.**

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PLACE: Auditorium

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SUMMARY OF MY POSITION: Please honor the Court's decision to require an Environmental Review of the HDOT Harbor project BEFORE allowing the Superferry to operate.

Dear Legislators,

I appreciate this opportunity to share my views.

It is totally clear by now that O'ahu "has the votes", but the outer islands DON'T WANT HSF service without the full EA in place FIRST.

What amazes me is that HSF arranged for Legislators to get 4,000 emails supporting their cause, but what percentage of O'ahu voters is that, compared to the **percentages** of outer island residents who are so clearly NOT in favor of HSF sailing before the EA has been **completed and accepted**? The numbers may look good, because, let's face it, HSF has 300+ employees, so all it would take is for each of them to get a dozen friends, and right there, you've got your 4,000 emails. But do they really represent an appropriate cross section of your constituency??

How can you, in good conscience, FORCE this operation on three islands worth of residents who don't want it? All the meetings this week were filled with SWEEPING MAJORITIES of residents against this operation.

250 years or so ago, Kamehameha The Great united these Hawaiian islands, but in one fell swoop, the Lingle administration is tearing us apart. This is SO OFFENSIVE.

Can you honestly say it is fair to let O'ahu FORCE this on us simply because it is that one island's will?? And is it really all of O'ahu's will, or just the noisy crowd of HSF employees and their family members? And yes, a handful of business people who are willing to risk "irreparable harm" for the sake of their own personal gain.

Two court cases have decreed that existing law be upheld, and still our Legislature pushes forth like a big bully with no scruples!!

If you are a member of the Legislature who feels "forced" by Lingle, you are having a direct experience of what it feels like to be a resident of Maui, Kaua'i and Hawai'i.

This is a TRAGEDY for our State that will not be forgiven or forgotten.

I beseech you...

Please do NOT let this be your, or our State's legacy just because the Governor chooses it as hers. Abandon this activity by adjourning any special session that may be called, and let the current law – (and the rulings which support it) - stand.

Mahalo.

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House Record

From: niteowlnorm yee [nitoyj1@juno.com]
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To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is norman yee and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry!

I strongly support the resumption of the SuperFerry with some restrictions until the EIS is completed.

It is imperative that the Superferry be allowed to resume operation within reason before they sustain too much financial loss and will have to leave Hawaii for good! It would be a tragedy for the people of Hawaii to lose this valuable transportation alternative because it will provide:

- 1. local farmers and business a less expensive mode of transportation to move their products and goods from island to island to market their products at a less expensive cost of transportation,*
- 2. it will allow the people of Hawaii, as well as the visitors to Hawaii, a reasonable alternative of travelling from island to island and able to take their cars, trucks, etc., from island to island which will make it less expensive for travelling, especially with families.*
- 3. the Superferry will also provide needed long term jobs and opportunities for the citizens of this state.*
- 4. It will also provide additional income to the state, counties of the various island that will be serviced by the Superferry with all the fuels, ship, customer supplies that will be required for their interisland business operation.*
- 5. It is suspicious that those few vocal objectors to the Superferry waited til the start date to take action against the Superferry! Why did they not object from the very beginning when it was well known and publicised in the beginning? The majority of the people in the state would like to see the Superferry resume operations with some restrictions until the EIS is done.*

10/24/2007

Based on what I have read and seen on the news, it was not the fault of the Superferry that a EIS was not done before operation started. They were given authorization by the State Dept of Transportation to proceed and they have cooperated with the state of Hawaii's laws and regulations, etc. Therefore,

the Superferry should not be penalized for any oversight that might have occurred by the Dept of Transportation. To not allow the Superferry to resume operation with some restrictions could result in a potential suit by the Superferry investors/Co. must be seriously considered because it was not their fault.

norm yee

hilo, hi

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House Record

From: Kamaile Waltz [kailas_mom@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:43 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kamaile Emmalani Waltz and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*As a life long resident of Oahu I am in favor of the Superferry - because it will service the local people who are often overlooked by the government. I have family on Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island - we are all looking forward to using the Superferry to bring our Ohana closer together. The Superferry will give us the ability to attend more family events and spend time as a family. We all will have the freedom to choose how to get around our island home and not have to **DEPEND** on the airline industry to get us there.*

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House Record

From: Aaron N Nagata [aaron@anagataphotos.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:57 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony

I would like to go on record that I personally support the Hawaii Super Ferry for the following reasons

1. The Hawaii Super Ferry will provide an alternate means of interisland transportation for the people and visitors of Hawaii;
2. The Hawaii Super Ferry will provide additional jobs and help stimulate the economy of Hawaii;
3. The Hawaii Super Ferry will enable residents who suffer from the fear of flying, a safe and nuturing way to travel;
4. The Hawaii Super Ferry will allow travelers to see another perspective of our beautiful islands;
5. last and most importantly, I will use, benefit and travel on the Hawaii Super Ferry

Respectfully,

Aaron Noboru Nagata
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House Record

From: Shshohetvln@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:07 AM
To: House Record
Subject: In support of Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is SHERYL A. SHOHET and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please allow the Superferry to operate while an environmental study is being done. It is important for residents in the State of Hawaii to be able to travel economically to outer islands. As a music teacher, musician, and director of a student violin ensemble, I feel it would present affordable opportunities for my students to travel to perform on outer islands and encourage their local music students. It would also make it possible for students from outer islands to come to Oahu for music lessons and for music camps. Students from outer islands could come for one-day trips to attend Honolulu Symphony Youth Concerts, or on Saturdays or Sundays to participate in Youth Symphony rehearsals. The Honolulu Symphony would be able to travel to give more concerts on outer islands.

Thank you for considering serious music students and music fans.
I am submitting these comments for the record and will not be testifying in person.

Sincerely,
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House Record

From: sue r [geneandsue@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:51 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of Hawaii Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I strongly support the Hawaii Super Ferry and feel it 's demise would not only bring a great hardship on those businesses at Aloha Tower who have invested heavily in this endeavor, but it will be so sad to miss such a great opportunity to bring new jobs and revenue into the central Oahu area. We have already lost a much needed shot in the arm by the demise of the plans to expand and revitalise the area with new shops , condos and a hotel, by the lack of vision of our elected officials, it would be a shame to lose this opportunity also. The ferry would be an asset to our islands as an alternative inter-island source of transportation. The airlines have monopolized the inter-island transportation for far, far too long. It is time for a much needed change. The loss of jobs and revenue would be an enormous shame. The environmental questions can not be ignored, however and need to be considered. The environmental tests and assessments need to be performed and any infringements taken care of, so that we can maintain a safe and healthy sea for the wildlife and the people of these islands. I am in favor of granting the ferry the needed permission to operate while the assessments are performed. Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,

Eugene and Sue Rarey
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- NOW and nothing is to be shipped whatsoever interisland = NOTHING- until they in turn have thier EIS- DONE!

I Want to see an attorney make a name for himself and do this exactly now--- stop all transportation until they are all in line with their own EIS STATEMENTS! NOWWWWWWWWWW!

Since whats fair for one is fair for all- so you who wish to STOP the SUPER FERRY _ FINE STOP IT but STOP ALL AIRLINES AND ALL SHIPPING TO YOUR ISLANDS NOW AS WELL--- IMMEDIATELY NOW! STOP IT ALL NOW- nowwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww and all airlines as well stop it all now! All the rest need to be hauled in and stopped immediately until they in turn have their EIS done now and nothing should be shipped interisland for however long it takes to finish this statement and if it takes a few years ---fine you wanted this - for your environment so you got it now!

NOTHING SHOULD BE SHIPPED TO MAUI OR KAUAI OR THE BIG ISLAND UNTIL ALL HAVE FINISHED THEIR OWN EIS STATEMENTS - AND THATS NOW!

Its high time the MAJORITY RULES and if the SUPER FERRY IS to undergo the EIS statement process by law - all the rest must go the same route by law as well- and forget this insanity - since the worst invasive species any island could get has already been delivered to all of the islands in the horrible and heinous objections to this wonderful and fine SUPER FERRY!

SO fine and anyone who objects as those so called protesters in the water - they have their names and they know where they all live and they all need to be brought to the fullest and most forceful extent of the law and jailed and fined for their actions immediately since they broke the law and they need to be sentenced and fined and jailed for their idiocy for sure!

Let the EIS go forth and let the SUPER FERRY run and lets show aloha for others and don't show ignorance and ill will to others since the MAJORITY still rules in this country and the MAJORITY wants the SUPER FERRY so the SILENT MAJORITY RULES NOW BRING THE SUPER FERRY NOW -- NOW and forever now!

RICHARD A. PIVA- WORLD CHAMPION TRICK SPINCASTER

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From: tdwyer@bigplanet.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:21 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support the Super Ferry

We whole heartedly support the approval of the ferry. We urge you to approve this in the coming days.
Tom and JoAnna Dwyer
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From: Nikki Stange [nikkistange@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:31 AM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Michael Tuttle* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a business person in Hawaii for over 16 years, I feel it very necessary to offer options for travel between islands. Not only for supplies but my travel and business travel in general. Monopolies are the old way, we need to get moving into the 21st Century with a new vision, new opportunities and options. Why does FORBES magazine list us at the bottom of business friendly state. Get with it people and while the whales are important, what about all the spousal abuse, cat and dog abuse. Where are the protesters for that??

Michael D Tuttle

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House Record

From: Astrohare15@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:36 AM
To: House Record
Subject: I support letting the Superferry run during assessment.

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 Karen Wong and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is a more affordable, AFFORDABLE method for people to visit the outer islands with a lot of equipment, or for small businesses to get their goods at a greater savings than what the airlines or barges offer. The things the protestors want Superferry passengers to perform are ludicrous and without merit. As Perry and Price has pointed out, one of these groups already hit a whale calf and suggested the very things that Superferry incorporates on their ferry. They are hypocrites who somehow are opposed to the majority of the people having greater affordable access to the outer islands. Other places have ferries to transport their people between islands, why can't we?

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House Record

From: Gary Fuchikami [wh6c@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:12 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony in favor of the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is /Gary Fuchikami/ and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I'm sending this because I won't be able to testify in person. The reasons I support the Superferry are obvious as it gives the residents an option to air travel as well as using our own vehicles on the neighbor islands (which is more comfortable and familiar to drive than a rental vehicle you're not used to, not to mention saving money on having to rent a vehicle). The Superferry could also reduce the cost of produce from the neighbor islands as they can more economically ship and deliver their goods to stores on Oahu.

I also question whether the "hidden backers" behind the protesters might not be from Young Brothers, the airlines and perhaps even the rental companies. Perhaps an investigation could be started or looked into this possibility as they're the ones who would stand to lose the most if the Superferry were in operation.

/Sincerely,
/

/Gary Fuchikami
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House Record

From: Drinda maxwell [fancyfree@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:17 AM
To: House Record
Subject: In support of the Super Ferry

The Super Ferry is integral to uniting our islands. As long as precautions are taken to protect our beloved environment and wildlife it should be allowed to proceed!

Mahalo,

Drinda Maxwell
545-3573

House Record

From: Thomas Deponde [depontet001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:46 AM
To: House Record
Subject: I want to see the superferry sailing prior to thanksgiving

The ferry is a good thing for all of Hawaii. I hate to see the lies and untruths being spread by the white caucions foreigners. They blame the superferry for all the problems on their islands. The crime, overdevelopment, invasive species, traffic, overcrowding, and whale deaths. But the superferry has not been proven to do any of these things, those are all ASSumptions by the competition funded protestors. Funny and ironic how we KAUAI and MAUI people greeted or caucasion friends with open arms when they arrived and let them buy all the expensive property that drove up home and land cost on our islands and made our islands more crowded, more traffic, more crime, more hippies, more drugs. we should have protested their arrival instead of welcomming them. Now that they are hear and established they want to keep everyone else out and off their island. Too bad for you we are here and don't want anymore mainland transplants here. So selfish and ignorant. That is their whole point of blocking the superfery. John MALAMA not testifing in person.

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House Record

From: pattysherman [patty@deepoceanenterprises.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPER FERRY--Why not?

Hawaii needs to wake up.
Shame on us for being so provincial.
We are in the 21st Century and need to get up to speed with the rest of the world.
We are backwards and antiquated in our systems for doing business....
Let's get up to the modern world.
Help us lawmakers, or should we change you all....???

--
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House Record

From: Ingrid Freire [ingridhubik@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:02 PM
To: House Record
Subject: House Committee on HB 1 Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ingrid H. Freire and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I was raised on the Big Island of Hawaii and have seen many of my family and friends strive to achieve personal and business success here at home. As you know it is very difficult to do so with the high cost of living and the limited economic choices. Many of those same people have had to leave to Oahu or the Mainland in order to move ahead personally and financially. I believe that the Hawaii Superferry represents an enormous opportunity for regular people here in Hawaii.

The Superferry will offer alternative transportation and supply options, broaden employment options and expand the choices individuals and business have at all levels. The SuperFerry will enable us to make our own choices in regards to shipping and supplies and broaden our markets by making other islands more readily accessible. These opportunities will benefit all islanders and help Hawaii as a whole to keep its talent at home and enable home-grown businesses to remain viable. Give our communities this very important tool. Give our communities another way to succeed. Give the Superferry a chance.

Mahalo,

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House Record

From: ADAMSBILLW@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:48 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for the Superferry

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Members of the House,

I have a home on the Big Island and look forward to the time I can put my car on the Superferry two or three times per year and spend time in Honolulu.

Six month of the year I spend time in California. The Los Angeles Times (circulation 3 million) has been running front page articles on the plight of the Hawaii Superferry. It makes Hawaii look like a Third World Country where NO LAWS are ever final. It is just like Hokulia where the procedures were followed, hundreds of millions of dollars invested in Hawaii and the legal systems stops the project years after the permits were final.

Stop this madness. Write laws to give a full opportunity to be heard by all before a project is approved. Let the elected officials make an informed decision. Have an appeal period. Then, DO NOT let the Judges open the door for extortion and greenmail of the businesses that want to make things better for Hawaii.

Thank You for the opportunity to Support the Hawaii Superferry to allow it to operate while the environmental review is completed.

Regards,

Bill Adams
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House Record

From: Linda Fukuhara [lindafukuhara@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:21 AM
To: House Record
Subject: support Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

This would be a beneficial business for the State of Hawaii in that we would have another alternative for traveling between islands both personally and for organizational purposes.

Should the Superferry have continued barriers toward their operations, our State would have to face additional financial impact upon our taxpayers. Frankly, we can't afford this.

I believe that I am representing the silent MAJORITY on this topic for various issues.

Sincerely,

Linda Fukuhara

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From: Roscoe O. Ford [fordc001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:50 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Roscoe Ford* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry

support the going into service while the EIS is being conducted.

I have lived in Hawaii for 37 years. I came when the first plans were being made for a rapid transit system. Look at traffic now.

I was here during the struggles for the H3 freeway. How many of those that were against it use it now?

The super ferry could be a vital link between islands should some catastrophic event occur to damage the only other means of public transit between islands, the airlines.

Sure there is concerns for the whales. It is not that the ferry developers have neglected those concerns as they have provided lookouts for the whales. What other shipping company does that. Do the airlines and the other shippers do a cargo check to see that insects are not transported between islands? If so, the super ferry could do the same.

I repeat, I am strongly in favor of allowing the super ferry to provide service between the islands while EIS is being done. If they are forced to leave because of the inability to generate revenue to meet expenses, the state will have lost an important "alternate" means of transportation.

Roscoe Ford
Honolulu, HI

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House Record

From: HWC777@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:58 AM
To: House Record
Subject: re;GO SuperFerry GO !!!!!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Harry W. Coleman, Jr.* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Coming from the Mainland, I am accustomed to traveling this Great Country at will. Depending on the time I have available, generally a three day weekend, I can easily visit surrounding States and their attractions. The Super Ferry now allows for these types of excursions for us in the comfort of our own cars. Don't think there isn't some exploitation by rustlers and poachers. Moss being brought down from the North, Citrus Canker headed from the East coast to the West coast, etc. All these manageable by good legislation, enforcement & education.

Please permit the SuperFerry to operate!

Harry Coleman

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House Record

From: Leila Lipton [lilamuriel@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:50 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Wanted

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 Leila Lipton, and I strongly support the Hawaii Super Ferry. This is an Island State, and nothing is more logical than to utilize the waters for transportation, as do other islands. A ferry system is long overdue for Hawaii. Not only will it provide a necessary and pleasant service for our residents, but will also be an added attraction for our tourists.

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House Record

From: Freddy Castro [fcnc4ever@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:03 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Freddy G. Castro* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. *I believe that the Superferry would greatly improve and facilitate the growing of our economy. Since our economy greatly depends on tourists and the movement of their dollars from their hands to ours, the Superferry would just be the perfect way to do that. It would allow easier access to the neighbor islands and improve the economic situations of their communities and ours here on Oahu. The Superferry will also make it easier for Hawaii's many willing travelers to go to and from the neighbor islands, and businesses to distribute their resources and services. Please don't let the the loud and annoying voices of a few (who probably don't vote) drown out the voices of the silent majority, of which I am a part of (I vote).*

Freddy G. Castro
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From: Carol Kimura [kalaheo-flowers@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:55 AM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry request

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Carol E. Kimura, and I support allowing the Hawaii Superferry to do the job it came here to do.

As a small business owner, as well as a person who does a lot of volunteer work with youth groups, the Super Ferry is terrific alternative to airline travel. For example, taking the high school band to competition on Oahu would be so much easier if we could pack the instruments and equipment in our own band vehicle(s), not to mention the money it would save on renting vans and a truck upon arrival. My business would also benefit from this service, as I do purchasing on Oahu and interisland freight charges are constantly increasing. It would be wonderful to take my own vehicle over, make the purchases, load up, and return to Kauai. Among those I associate with, I have yet to find someone who isn't irritated by the noisy few who are fighting the SuperFerry service. We may not be as vocal as the others, but there are many, many more of us who are waiting for the trips to begin.

Please consider this as you prepare to make decisions that will affect us all.

Thank you very much,

Carol E. Kimura

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House Record

From: LBHairyGuy@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:08 AM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Superferry

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From: Chryssinda Jo [chryssinda@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:45 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *joeleyette gasper* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[It would enable me to make a move to an outer island with more of an efficient and economic way without any or little stress on transporting my belongings.]

[Joeleyette Gasper

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House Record

From: Judi Wohlman [mooncaat@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:06 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Judith S. Wohlman* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the superferry will help the local folks move their products and their personal goods among the islands. It will help with retail trades as well as personally. I urge you to give them a chance.

Judith S. Wohlman (digital signature)
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House Record

From: Bill Ernst [bill@kula.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:19 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Follow Rule of Law: Perform EA before Superferry Sails

Relating to SB 1 Relating to Transportation

Requiring an Environmental Impact Statement, oversight Task force, etc.

DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 **TIME:** 10:30am

PLACE: Auditorium

Please distribute 35 copies to the Senators. Mahalo.

FROM:

Bill Ernst

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THE SENATE

THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

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Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

MY POSITION: Please honor the Court's decision to require an

Environmental Review of the HDOT Harbor project BEFORE allowing the Superferry to operate. If you pass this bill, please include the 29 conditions proposed by the Maui delegation (based on the court testimony during the recent trial on Maui.)

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The proposed legislation is seriously flawed and basically guts our existing environmental legislation designed for situations like this. Oversight is great, but having Governor Lingle select a watchdog committee is like putting the fox in charge of the henhouse. She cannot be trusted with this job. In fact, she and the rest of her administration should be investigated fully to find out how we got ourselves into this situation in the first place.

All of this could have been avoided if the Supperferry simply performed an environmental assessment early on in their process as requested over and over again by many parties, both governmental and private. What does Hawaii Supperferry, Inc. have to hide? They took an arrogant stance and a calculated business risk and lost. If things had gone differently we could have all been happy, we could have our ferry and have a proper environmental study with appropriate mitigating measures in place prior to the start of its operation.

If you pass this bill, how will the state perform a meaningful EA without baselines determined before ferry operation, i.e. how will the company performing the EA traffic studies determine the traffic impact of the ferry if they can't study the traffic patterns BEFORE operation of the ferry? Their results will be meaningless.

If you rewrite the law to allow the Supperferry to operate concurrently with an EA, what kind of precedent will you be setting? Where will you draw the line when other businesses come along with their special needs and requests. Are you going to write new laws for each of them? I understand that a lot of people want a ferry; that's fine but there should be no rush for ferry service. If it is a good business investment now, it should be just as good of a business investment after the EA is performed. If they have to leave, they will come back for the same reasons they wanted to come in the first place, to make money.

We all need to be patient at this critical juncture. Faith in our government and the rule of law is at stake here. If you, our elected representatives sworn to protect our laws and our environmental rights, ignore the rule of law, can I? What do we tell our children- if you don't like the decisions of our courts, just ask the legislature to rewrite the law for you?

If you put clauses in the bill to make the superferry responsible for possible irreparable harm to our islands, good for you. But who is going to enforce them? How will anyone be able to prove that an infestation of fire ants on Maui is the result of the superferry? Go ahead, take them to court, nothing will come of it. But irreparable is just that, PERMANENT!

How will the Supperferry's "whale avoidance policy", two guys with binoculars, work at night? ...in the rain and fog? ...in the 300 foot blind spot in front of the boat?

Who is going to make sure the inspections are done thoroughly, or done at all? I've heard at least two personal experiences from the first day of superferry operation that their vehicles were not inspected AT ALL. Are we to take the good word of the superferry folks? I don't trust them and neither should you. They do not have a vested interest in protecting our islands, only to profit from them

If there was ever a case for the cart being put before the horse, this is it. Hawaii's existing environmental laws are good, and they are in place for a reason. Letting the superferry sail without an EA by rewriting the laws is like driving a car with blinders on. Without knowing the real risks involved BEFORE THEY SAIL you are taking the biggest risk of all. All of our lives may be affected permanently by your actions on this matter; please do the right thing and make the superferry follow the law just like every other start-up business. If you disappoint a few people now by making them wait for their ferry, they will forgive you, but if things turn out badly because you rushed through poorly conceived legislation future generations may not be so forgiving. And at that point no one will have a choice.

Thank you for listening...and for caring.

Aloha,

Bill Ernst

House Record

From: Carl Kettler [ckettler@ieeee.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:17 AM
To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Carl Kettler* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the overall benefits of the Hawaii Superferry support its operation. The current regulations focus on harbor impact, but are not comprehensive in considering the entire environmental impact on a global level. Current inter-island transportation for individuals is principally by air travel. Allowing the operation of the Hawaii ferry service will provide an alternative to air travel. This ferry service is important to the long term growth of tourism and commerce. The operators are committed to operating the service with minimal impact on the harbors they will be operating from, and should be allowed to operate the ferry service as soon as possible.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Melanie Laronal and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is about time Hawaii residents have the Superferry. I feel it is wrong for this company to have been treated like this. The Locals people of Hawaii want to be able to connect to our ohana on the other islands. Please dont let a handful of radical people with to much time on there hands, take away this chance for us. Thank you,

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From: Jones Lisa L Civ ACC/A3AE [Lisa.Jones@langley.af.mil]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lisa Jones and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a former resident of Hawaii and one who is planning to move back to Hawaii in January 2008, I think the Superferry is a much needed mode of transportation between the islands. It's a much more cost effective way for residents of one island to visit friends and family on other islands and will most likely encourage inter-island travel if residents are able to take their POV with them instead of having to arrange for a rental car on the neighbor island.

Lisa L. Jones
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House Record

From: ROB HICKS [robert5454@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:26 AM
To: House Record
Cc: Robert SFC (10SFG) Hicks
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Robert Hicks* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

this superferry will help the people and the economy on Hawii it will also help tourism because it will make island hopping easier.

Robert D. Hicks II

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *David Gallegos* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I fell it would give people of Hawaii and visitors an alternative to flying. I also feel that it would benefit local businesses by encouraging more people to travel now that they could take there own car for traveling while on other islands.

Thank you for your time

David Gallegos

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From: Lois Marne [meldeanhernandez@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:30 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lois Reynolds* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I live on the mainland but own property on Oahu.

The Superferry will provide additional travel options to both residents and visitors and result in more State revenue.

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From: Daniel Cho [gjj1971@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:35 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Daniel Cho and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. It is because I would like to have a transport for other islands. Plus, I have many relatives and families there in other islands. I am too tired to have rented car as high price. I have my own vehicle so that, I can drive there. Please do not let Superferry will be closed as I hope. Thank you very much for my sincere.

Daniel J. Cho
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From: Watts [eddie@watts.net]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Edward Watts and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry would be one of the best means of transportation the Islands has seen.

Edward Watts
440 Lewers St #1104
Honolulu, HI 96815

House Record

From: Watts [marilee@watts.net]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Edward Watts, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY because, I think it is vital to our Hawaii economy for all of the Islands to have such a transportation system. I would use it, as well as everyone I talk to.

Marilee Watts
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Honolulu, HI 96815

House Record

From: Ann M. [ah2u2008@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:34 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Please Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ann Horden and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Tourists desire interisland transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by your tourist population and will bring many benefits to the State of Hawaii, especially economically.

Please save this transportation option which provides vast benefits to Hawaii's tourism industry and enhances your business climate.

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To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Edward Orsi and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am emailing in support of an alternative transportation system for Hawaii. As a recent visitor to Hawaii, I can understand the need for an alternative system for travel between the islands. This is an opportunity for Hawaii to take the national lead in alternative transportation systems that geographically appropriate. Mediterranean and Pacific island regions have used ferry transportation successfully for decades. I will not appear in person at the hearing to offer testimony.

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House Record

From: Phil Harrison [kinipopo@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:59 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *PHILIP GILL HARRISON* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Relying completely on air transportation places the residents and visitors of/to Kaua'i in jeopardy in times of emergency. I can clearly recall times when aircraft (Naval in this case) landed gear-up at the Lihue airport, closing the field for a couple of days.

After Iniki, a secondary or tertiary mode of transportation would have been a huge help. Again, relying just on air transport and the slow barge just won't do the job.

Sincerely,

Philip Gill Harrison
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Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii 96746

10/24/2007