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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:50 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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 *Randy Goacher* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have been a visitor to your beautiful islands on many occasions. When I first started coming to Hawaii, there was only air travel available to get from one island to another which limited my plans to only one location and shortened my travel plans due to cost. The other factor was the "herding" process that ensued of going from my arrival/departure airline to the inter-island airline.

When I first heard of the Superferry, I was excited that Hawaii was going to have a mode of transportation that would allow me to enjoy my stay in your state and a calm, enjoyable way to experience more than one island. As a frequent traveler on multiple airlines (otherwise known as a "Road Warrior"), I can truthfully say that air transportation is a requirement for business today, but for someone wanting to get some down-time and enjoy life, it isn't a boon due to the lines, pushing, shoving, poor customer service, etc.

I now see that there are factions that would stand in the way of progress and make your state a more delightful place to visit. Please don't let that happen. From what I have read and studied, there have been many years that these factions could have used to ensure their agendas are addressed. To halt the enterprise at this point by a few is unconscionable. Don't give them the satisfaction of using you to achieve their ends. Please support Hawaii SuperFerry!

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House Record

From: Brian A. Kelly [bkelly1@tampabay.rr.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Support of Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Brian A. Kelly and I support the Hawaii Superferry.

I am writing in SUPPORT of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe it will provide a safe, reliable, and timely alternative to air travel within the islands of Hawaii.

As a former resident of Maui for over 30 years it was a delight to be able to travel on the old Seaflight from Maui to Oahu. In today's world, air travel is so cumbersome with all of the security one must pass through that it now takes twice as long, in some instances, to travel to another island than it used to take. The ferry, I believe, would provide those who want an alternative mode to travel, to get to other islands swiftly and safely.

Aloha!

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House Record

From: John Durkin (Personal Mailbox) [john@durkin.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:09 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SuperFerry Support Testimony

My name is John Durkin. Maui is my home island, and I own a home in Lahaina. I am not employed or otherwise related to or have a direct economic interest in Superferry.

I would like to express my support for the Superferry. The Superferry will bring uncountable economic benefits to Maui. It will make small business more successful by allowing the free movement of goods between the islands. It will also allow small business people more mobility between the islands.

Most importantly, the Superferry will enable closer contact among Hawaii families. This is the most important reason for having the Superferry. The service will give Hawaiians the ability to visit family on neighbor islands more frequently and to make family visits more rich and rewarding. The Superferry's most important benefit will be to help bring Hawaiian families together more often and I think this will increase the quality of life for all.

I believe the environmental issues are manageable, as are the same issues for cruise ships and Young Brothers. The Superferry should not be unfairly treated when other shipping firms enjoy the benefit of our ports and waters.

I urge the state legislature and state government to authorize the Superferry.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to offer testimony in support of Superferry

John Durkin

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From: Darlene Cho [noheacho2001@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:42 AM
To: House Record

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Darlene Cho and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. It is because I have many relatives and families there in other islands. I am too tired to have rented car as too expensive. I have my own vehicle so that, I can drive there. I noticed mainland and some foreign have ferries with vehicles.

Where is any ferry in our islands? Please do not let Superferry will be closed or not give up as I hope.

Thank you very much for my sincere.

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To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mark G. Fiermonti and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Hawaii Superferry would be an important enhancement to the islands. Having the ability travel freely between the islands and to be able take vehicles on the boat could change the way we live and work in Hawaii. I believe these changes would be for the better and not for the worse. An alternative to the airlines would be of tremendous benefit to all. I urge you to allow the ferry to become a reality.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

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From: DEBORAH NEAVITT [rosaleedj@yahoo.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: RE: Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is DEBORAH J. NEAVITT and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am supportive of this form of Transportation because it can provide means for families to bring their children to the other islands in their home state of Hawaii. It has the potential of being a great educational opportunity for school trips also. I do not see this as just a tourist advantage, but the potential availability for residents of each of the islands to go on day or week/weekend excursions to see more of their Hawaii!! Perhaps this will be an open door for many who would not normally be able to travel to their islands with their family using the usual airfare mode of travel.

It appears to be such a ridiculous situation for people to complain now that the Superferry is ready & had appeared to be accepted by the people on the islands. If these people who are so concerned about the eco-system being affected or damaged, where were they prior when this was being originally formulated?

There are so many more good reasons for this new mode of transportation to be utilized not only for tourism, but especially for Hawaii's very own residents from every island of this beautiful State of Hawaii.

There must be ways to work around the good of the eco-system & yet maintain the functionability of this Superferry opportunity.

Wouldn't it be a grand thing to show how the Hawaiian people & its residents can work a way together to make improvements for all to be benifited - Lets find that place of AGREEMENT!!

THANK-YOU;

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From: Bertie Schleicher [bobnberti@earthlink.net]
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To: House Record
Subject: The Superferry

Dear Members of the House:

We strongly support the commencement of the Hawaiian Superferry, even during the environmental studies. It's a great monetary loss they've suffered so far, and we're all for helping out local businesses to succeed, for the betterment of our island and state.

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

**Sincerely,
Robert & Luberta Schleicher, Kaneohe**

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From: Robin DeRego [hunxyz96744@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Re: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha,

As a resident of Oahu and a person of the "times" I trully believe that the State Of Hawaii will be dealt a great injustice if the Superferry is declined passage as the Enviromental Study is being done. I was a passenger on the Inaugural Flight with the Superferry and what an awesone experince it was for my mother 72yr, my children 25 yrs, 8 yrs & 4 yrs and my grandchildren 7 and 4 years.. It will be a trip that they will never forget. We took our vehicle, landed in Maui and went straight to the malls and Ah Fook Store! What a pleasure it was to see the owners of AH FOOK's welcoming us with open arms, congratualting us on the inaugural flight and HAPPY that we left 200.00 in their store!!! These handful of people that are so ignorant to disrespect the senators and governor Lingle oare just a few in the bunch that is trying to spoil it for the rest of Hawaii. Do they realize that in case of a natural disaster that the Superferry would be their best bet to obtain supplies from Oahu? I bet not!! Do they realize the boost to their economies if workers from all trades can get out there faster with all of their equipment? Do they realize that the "Whale Organization" that is fighting the Superferry ran over a calf and its mother and school children, parents and educators saw the "bloody" mess as they sliced into both the mother and calf? Do they know or do they care??? That the Superferry has "Jet engines" and not propellor engines just for that reason? Do they know that according to a "SPECIAL" on the National Geographic Channel that the Superferry should have two "LOOKOUTS" to just watch for whales? Do they know that the bottom o fthe Superferry is protected so that sea barnacles and etc. do not attach themselves to it? Do they just want to create a "cause?" They should watch this special because obviously they are all ill informed. Just a little note to let you Know that the DEREGOS from Kaneohe is in full support of the SUPERFERRY SAILING AGAIN!!!!!! THANK YOU!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Sue N Martin* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I was so happy to find out about the Hawaii Superferry. Now I am saddend that I might not ever get a chance to ride on it! I support the Hawaii Superferry because it gives some people the option to travel to either Kauai, Maui, or Hawaii isle. It can get a little costly for a family to travel to another isle, with air, car, hotel fees. Also it give you the freedom to take your own car. What we have here in Hawaii is all monopolized by the airlines & rental car agencies. When airlines are booked up, people can turn to another alternative to get to another isle. IN the long run, it can only bring income to the islands. How can Hawaii get ahead, if we keep going backwards?! Some people are afraid of flying on airplanes, but are ok with boats...so they might opt for the Superferry and visit another isle. Of course i am concerned with the evnvioment and the damaged that might be cuased becuae of the Hawaii Superferry. But what is the difference between the cruise ships, container barges, and the Superferry? Its just really sad that some of the people of Hawaii oppose the Superferry. We are the laughing stock of the country! Does Hawaii have to go thru more shame & riddicule?! I surely hope not! I urge you to vote in favor of the Hawaii Superferry to operate!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lincoln Chee and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly believe the Super Ferry will benefit the entire state of Hawaii and will be no different than the cargo ships, barges and cruise ships that sail in Hawaiian waters.

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Subject: I'm in support of the Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Hannah Kirn* and I strongly support The Hawaii Superferry.

My family and I are looking forward to experiencing the Excellent Professional services that the Hawaii Superferry has to offer. I do not believe that the Hawaii Superferry is a threat to our Hawaiian waters and our environment. Enabling the Hawaii Superferry to provide their services while an Environmental assessment is done would benefit everyone concerned.

Thank you for hearing the many concerned voices of Hawaii! I am confident that the House Committee will do what is RIGHT & JUST.

Sincerely,

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Subject: THE SUPERFERRY IS GOOD FOR HAWAII

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Rachel Simon*, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is good for Hawaii. It gives us an alternative method of travel and affords us the ability to transport our cars, our work vehicles and farm goods inter island without being dependent on Young Brothers.

The People of Hawaii for the most part have been anxiously awaiting the SuperFerry's arrival, and now that it's here, we can't let it sail away. It is time for Hawaii to stop living in the dark ages and to be open to the possibility of the 21st century.

The Superferry is no more of a threat to our whales, then the other ships who use our waters for commerce and tourism.

We need the Superferry.

Rachel Simon

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House Record

From: shannon rudolph [shannonkona@gmail.com]
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**Relating to HB 1 Relating to Transportation
Requiring an Environmental Impact Statement, oversight Task force, etc.**

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007 **TIME:** 9:00am
PLACE: Auditorium
Please distribute copies to the House members. Mahalo.

FROM: Shannon Rudolph
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007**

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Aloha Representatives,

Neighbor Islanders know that we are sadly out-numbered by O'ahu legislators; its not a very fair system in cases like this but it has always been this way.

We know we will pour our hearts out to you for justice and you will pass the superferry bill. No one is fooled, here. Its like Honolulu is "The Kremlin" and the Neighbor Islands are Outer Booniestan.

To me, this debacle mostly comes down to how this company got special treatment, which SHOULD be investigated. How can a company and our highest officials be allowed to break our laws, ignore our judges, and now make our legislators accomplices to their crimes? How was this allowed to happen? How can you LET it happen?

All neighbor island infrastructure is maxed out, suffering from decades of neglect by the state. We

know we can not handle the additional influx; we know exactly what to expect if you pass this bill.... more traffic, more crime, more homelessness, more over-burdened infrastructure, no rental housing, road rage, and dead whales. Thanks a bunch.

I want to make sure you know of a couple of the things you and your constituents will be getting in return... (I thought about putting "fire ants" on your chairs but didn't want you to call the coast guard on me!)

Very sorry to say it, but like the fools who brought in the mongoose to kill the rat; this legislature will be remembered and cursed for bringing the tiny Coqui frog to O'ahu, and MOST OF ALL, for unleashing the very real possibility of spreading deadly radioactive uranium dust, statewide, by transporting contaminated Strykers on the ferry... you can't see it, you can't taste it, you can't smell it... but its there. (how do you "wash off" DU?)

Mahalo,
Shannon Rudolph
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Submitted in addition to my testimony, please include:

WHY I VOTE NO ON THE SUPERFERRY BILL (AND DO NOT SUPPORT A SPECIAL SESSION)

- **It overturns the unanimous Hawaii Supreme Court decision.**
- **It overturns Judge Cardoza's decision indicating potential irreparable harm; he heard 22 days of testimony.**
- **It leaves it to Governor Lingle to create the superferry's operating conditions, BUT - It offers NO specific protections for marine animals.**
 - **It creates NO specific safeguards to protect each island from invasive alien species.**
 - **It makes NO provision to mitigate traffic and harbor congestion.**
 - **It neglects to protect residents from inter-island crime and drug shipments.**
 - **It leaves us vulnerable to theft of natural and cultural resources.**
- (Unfortunately, to-date Governor Lingle has frustrated all efforts to get any mitigation measures.)
- **It allows the superferry to operate free of HRS 343, the Environmental Protection Act.**
- **It sets up a potentially stacked, 13 month "oversight committee" with NO enforcement capability.**
- **It denies the County any ability to regulate the superferry.**
- **It sets a precedent that our courts may be over-ruled by legislators meeting in a "special session" while the public is given only 2 minutes to comment.**

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I DO NOT SUPPORT A SPECIAL SESSION TO PASS THE SUPERFERRY BILL.

IF YOU PASS THIS BILL I ASK THAT YOU INCLUDE MAUI TOMORROW'S 29 CONDITIONS.

And I would like to add, NO RADIOACTIVE STRYKERS ON THE FERRY!

**Superferry Operating Conditions
Submitted to the Legislature on Behalf of Maui Tomorrow**

We strongly oppose operation of Hawaii Superferry during the time it takes to prepare an EA or an EIS. Such operations violate unambiguous Hawai'i law. Maui Circuit Court Judge Joseph E. Cardoza correctly found that such operations caused the possibility of irreparable harm to marine mammals and an increased rate of alien species introductions.

Evidence received during the hearings made it obvious that the Hawaii Superferry project "may" have a significant effect on the environment and, as such, a full EIS is required. Legislative recognition of this inevitability is no real concession to environmentalists.

We urge the Legislature not to pass this unconstitutional special legislation benefiting a single business, depriving us of vested Constitutional rights and violating the separation of powers by overruling a judicial decision.

If the Legislature has already decided (a) to convene a special session and (b) to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EA or EIS is being prepared, it would be irresponsible of us to abandon the protection of the environment to the same administration that has been dedicated for many years to minimizing legitimate concerns about the Superferry project.

We are compelled to recommend conditions of operation to be imposed by the Legislature, not because we agree that the Superferry can operate (we do not) or because we agree with the proposed legislation or its purposes (we do not), but because it is now necessary to protect Hawai'i from the impacts of the improvident actions of the Lingle Administration and the Legislature if they were to allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate, even after a month long trial amply demonstrated that this would be unlawful and would cause irreparable harm in multiple fashions.

Based on one month of daily testimony from highly qualified experts, the consensus of prevailing expert opinion was that the following mitigation measures are absolutely required to minimize to some responsible degree the possibility of irreparable harm caused by Hawaii Superferry operations during the time it takes to prepare an EA or EIS:

CONDITIONS OF OPERATION

Protection on Marine Mammals and Turtles

- 1. Hawaii Superferry vessels shall travel in routes that are in waters that are in excess of 1000 fathoms.**
- 2. If Hawaii Superferry vessels travel in a route that is in any part in waters less than 1000 fathoms, its vessels shall travel at the NOAA recommended speed of no more**

than 13 knots. The 13 knot limitation shall be inclusive of the first 10 miles of exists and entrances to Honolulu, Kahului and Nawiliwili harbors. At all times, regardless of fathom depth, the ferry shall travel at lesser speeds than provided above as determined by the Captain to provide safe passage to passengers and to minimize strikes of whales.

3. Should a Hawaii Superferry vessel strike a marine mammal, a written report of such strike shall be immediately transmitted to NOAA and any other agencies responsible for monitoring and regulating strikes.
4. Hawaii Superferry shall immediately apply for and receive from NOAA an incidental take permit and in engage in Section 7 consultation with NOAA regarding the impacts of its ferry operations on protected marine mammals.

Protection Against Introduction of Alien Species

5. Hawaii Superferry shall conduct thorough undercarriage washes of all vehicles during embarkation at all ports to help dislodge seeds, insects, and animals. Such undercarriage wash systems shall include appropriate debris traps and filters.
6. Hawaii Superferry shall utilize sufficient vacuum stations to vacuum the floors of all vehicles during embarkation. An Appropriate filter system to trap and contain all debris shall be employed.
7. Hawaii Superferry shall not permit the transport of plants or plant propagative materials.
8. Hawaii Superferry shall secure and pay for all costs to have a dog handler team present at all harbors to conduct inspections of all vehicles at the time of embarkation. These dogs will be utilized to prevent the inter-island transmission primarily of invasive species and secondarily, of drugs.
9. Hawaii Superferry shall inspect (a) the trunks of all cars, (b) the beds of all pickup trucks, (c) the engine compartments of all vehicles and (d) the interiors of all vehicles, items such as coolers, boxes, trunks and luggage shall be opened and inspected.
10. agricultural inspections shall not be conducted on a random basis. Every vehicle and passenger shall be inspected or screened.
11. Hawaii Superferry shall not permit the transport of fishing nets.
12. Hawaii Superferry shall conduct, publish and disseminate a risk assessment within three months of operation to further assess potential impacts and better identify potential mitigation options.
13. Hawaii Superferry shall post signage at all harbors about invasive species, Specific information about invasive species shall be disseminated during the ticketing process on Hawaii Superferry's website. Said signage and information shall have been reviewed and approved by a representative of the Maui Invasive Species Committee.

Protection of Customary Native Hawaiian Practices

- 14. Passengers, upon checking in at a harbor, shall declare whether they intend to camp at any destination island. Hawaii Superferry shall disseminate to all passengers who have declared their intent to camp written rules and procedures for camping on the destination island.**
- 15. Passengers shall only camp at Federal, State and County campgrounds at destination islands, and then only if they can demonstrate upon checking in that they have obtained in advance permits to camp at those campgrounds.**
- 16. Passengers shall not be permitted to transport to another island cultural or natural resources or products from the ocean, from the shoreline or from the inlands of another island, unless the can demonstrate through a written receipt that the have purchased these items from a legitimate commercial establishment.**
- 17. Should Hawaii Superferry, through the inspection process, discover an attempt to transport natural resources to another island, this transport shall be disallowed and Hawaii Superferry shall immediately notify local DLNR DOCAR officials.**

Agricultural Inspections

- 18. There shall be two (2) qualified Department of Agriculture agricultural inspectors present and participating in agricultural inspections at all times of embarkation and disembarkation at each port. The DOA inspectors shall supervise all HSF screeners.**
- 19. Hawaii Superferry , as an impact fee, shall pa all costs of the agricultural inspectors required in the foregoing paragraph.**
- 20. The State Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Governor, the State Legislature, and the Department of Agriculture shall forthwith allocate positions and funds for the additional agricultural positions necessary to staff the inspection personnel set forth in paragraph 18 above.**
- 21. Hawaii Superferry shall post a bond in the amount of \$40,000,000.00 to reimburse the State for the balance of the funds due, in the event that the Hawaii Superferry does not operate or refuses to follow mitigation measures required b the EIS.**

Permission to Operate Applies Only to the Alakai

- 22. The permission to operate in this Bill is limited solely to the operation of the Alakai and shall not extend to any other vessel or vessels operated b Hawaii Superferry. The "no action" provisions of Chapter 343 shall be fully applicable to all other Superferry vessels, except for the Alakai.**

Time Limits

- 23. Hawaii Superferry shall not be able to utilize the lack of a time deadline in HRS Chapter 343 for the completion of the EIS as a means to keep operating for**

whatever period of time it may take to prepare an EIS. The Alakai shall not be entitled to operate after the expiration of the last day of the fifteenth (15th) month after the date of the adoption of this legislation.

24. These conditions of operation shall, however, be applicable to any and all Hawaii Superferries irrespective of whether they operate before or after the preparation of the EIS.

Verification of Compliance

25. Designated representatives of Plaintiff groups shall be entitled to verify Hawaii Department of Transportation's and Hawaii Superferry's compliance with all the foregoing.
26. In order to accomplish the foregoing, the designated representatives of Plaintiffs in *Sierra Club et. al. v. HDOT: Civil No. 05-1-0114(3)* shall be granted access to all State lands granted at all ports to Hawaii Superferry for its operations

Enforcement of Conditions

27. The foregoing conditions of operation may be enforced by the Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i and by Plaintiffs in *Sierra Club et .al. v. HDOT: Civil No. 05-1-0114(3)*.
28. These conditions may be enforced in any Circuit Court in the State of Hawaii and the prevailing party shall be entitled to the reimbursement of reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
29. An allowable remedy in any such enforcement action shall be the cessation of Hawaii Superferry operations until and unless compliance is achieved with the foregoing conditions.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Eric Lopez*, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We have a child, and travel through the Airport has proven very difficult. Traveling on the Superferry would not only make our day easier, but we would also have the benefit of traveling with our car, already loaded with car seat, and stroller in tow.

Mahalo,

Eric Lopez

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mellisa Hayashida and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii Superferry provides another means of transportation to the other islands as well as the job opportunities it has to offer. Also, consideration should be taken in terms of emergency situations involving drastic situations, and how beneficial this option could be in providing another means to save/protect lives.

Granted there are legitimate concerns that need to be addressed (like in any new plan/situation), but this should not hinder the process of keeping the Superferry here. I'm sure it can all be worked out in some way or another. Let's not let this opportunity pass us; like the situation with the mass transit and holding it off for several years (and now reconsider having it again at a higher cost to us). Stop wasting our tax money with the red tape and bureaucracy, instead use it to work towards improving the general welfare of our residents and communities. Let's stay ahead of the game and move forward. There are more positive than negative reasons to allow the Superferry to service the people of Hawaii!

Our family has been in support of the Superferry and look forward to using the service as soon as possible. Please keep the Superferry!

Sincerely,

Mellisa Hayashida

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From: smakhnl@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:22 PM

To: House Record

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Brenda Tai See and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry because with a family of six it would be a cheaper way to visit the outer islands. Being able to bring our own vehicle will help reduce the cost alot, and make our experience more memorable.

We would also like to have the opportunity to ride the Superferry after seeing it on TV and seeing how comfortable the seating will be.

So please give our family and the rest of the families in Hawaii a chance to experience it.

Thank you,

Brenda Tai See

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House Record

From: Richard Michaels [richardmaui@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:24 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007 **TIME:** 9:00am
PLACE: Auditorium

Please distribute copies to the House members. Mahalo.

FROM: Richard Michaels, 96 Makena Rd., Makena, HI 96753
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, 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.)

All the editorials in Honolulu praised the citizens of Maui for taking our case to the courts and not to the water. "The law is the law," they said. "Don't break the law to get your voice heard – let the courts decide."

Well, we did that. And the courts have decided. Despite our shallow pockets compared to the State of Hawaii and the Hawaii Superferry, we have won summary judgments from the State Supreme Court and the 2nd Circuit Court. The State must do an environmental assessment and the Superferry cannot operate until the assessment is complete and accepted because it may do "irreparable harm."

Irreparable harm. Unfixable.

That is why we do an EIS – to prevent irreparable harm by identifying impacts that may do irreparable harm and mitigating them BEFORE the operation begins.

But now you are threatening to circumvent those rulings.

What kind of a message does that send?

How do we teach our children to obey the law and respect the courts if our government doesn't? How do we get them to obey speeding laws and not use crack cocaine, not only because it is against the law but because it will do them irreparable harm? What do we say to them when they retort that if the government doesn't obey its own laws, why should I?

And what would be the message you are sending to the people? Damn the courts, full speed ahead?

Wouldn't you be saying that the courts don't matter, leaving taking to the water as the only successful way to actually stop the ferry?

So far Maui's residents have been calm, deferring to the legal system for protection. But if you vote to nullify the courts' decisions, you can count on the people of Maui to find another way to have their voice heard.

If you do the right thing, with a little patience, we can have it all – environmental protection and the Superferry. We've managed to get along just fine without it up till now – a little more time won't make any difference.

But if you reject the court's decision, this is a tragedy waiting to happen.

KITV4 reported Sunday night that the state has already spent \$18,000 on riot gear. When someone is injured or killed it will be on the heads of the legislators. It will be your responsibility if you set an example by saying the way to get what you want is to circumvent the law.

So respect our courts. Enforce the law. Reject this illegal, ill-advised bill.

House Record

From: Lanettelopez01@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:24 PM
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Subject: Testimony for Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lanette Ann Lopez*, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We have a child, and travel through the Airport has proven very difficult.

Traveling on the Superferry would not only make our day easier, but we would also have the benefit of traveling with our car, already loaded with car seat, and stroller in tow.

Mahalo,

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:14 PM
To: House Record
Subject: TESTIMONY-HSF

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MY POSITION: We are from Oahu. We do not accept the actions being taken to grant special privilege and immunity by the state on behalf of HSF. Please honor the Court's decision to require an Environmental Review of the HDOT Harbor project BEFORE allowing the Superferry to operate. Pursue the investigation of Governor Lingle's review and handling of HSF. Mostly - read, research and uphold the separation of powers doctrine.

House Record

From: Scott Matsushige [scott.matsushige@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:14 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

Hello,

My name is Scott Matsushige. I've lived in Hawaii for forty-seven years. I have seen many changes from pineapple fields turning into plan communities and the slow departure of pineapple and sugar. I hate to see some of the old things go, but I understand we live in a time when men travel to space with frequency and information travel at the speed of light.

If Hawaii is to keep up with the rest of the world, I think we need to rethink our agenda. Our mass transit is still based on traveling with the same roads which normal traffic occupy. Thus, a single car stalled can cause delays not only to drivers, but to the one riding the bus as well. Too long have we skirted the need for rail and if the people in government had spent all the money they did on the studies, we would have already had some form of fixed guide rail in operation. I really think they need to put their party ties aside and for once do something the people really want and need.

I have relatives on the outer islands and would really like to be able to drive my own vehicle there instead of having to stand in line and pay extra for the use of a rental. I truly believe that a few outspoken people have made it hard on the majority who really want this to be successful. People are so blind to hearing only what they want to hear. Whales being hurt or killed, but what are the percentages of this happening. I think more birds are killed by commercial airliners which land at our local airports than whales being hit by the Superferry. But apparently birds are of no importance or we would have environmental studies done and all air travel suspended. We can go on and on on any subject and make it seem rational no matter how irrational it is.

Its time for the real politicians to do what they were elected to do, represent the people who got them where they are today. They entrusted you all to do what they would do and sometimes it means being brave and maybe even unpopular with your peers, but ask yourself - Is this what my people want?

Thank You,
Scott Matsushige

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House Record

From: Yvonne Wilson [yvnnwilson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:58 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB1 Relating to Transportation on 10/25/07 @ 0900 in the State Capitol Auditorium

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I support the Hawaii Superferry because it is a needed choice for inter-island travel. Having been born and raised on Maui, I empathize with some of the concerns of the outer-island people (i.e., concern for natural resources being depleted sooner, invasive species, etc.). However, it is already happening and there are ways to prevent/slow down this process (e.g., have checkers looking at what is being hauled). The Hawaii Superferry will provide a needed choice for handicapped people, people who need to take care of family members, people with young children/lots of family members, etc. My specific need involves looking after my aging father who is 89 y/o and in Hale Makua on Maui. It costs a lot of time off from work, and money to pay for airfare and car rentals. He has a wheelchair and walker so I have to rent a larger car (i.e., more money). The rental cars often have lots of roaches because people eat in the cars. If I stay for 4+ days, it is cheaper and less stressful to have my own roach-free car.

If rental car companies are worried about losing revenue, they can do what N. Zealand does (i.e., rental cars to not go on the ferry between the N. & S. islands). I have ridden on their ferry, the ferries in the Puget Sound in Washington and the quays in Sydney, Australia. They serve a community need.

Oahu doesn't want the coqui frog from the outer islands or their fire ants. We all have concerns, but I'm sure there's a reasonable solution. Please let the Superferry operate until the survey is completed.

Mahalo.

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From: Bob Jones [bobjones@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:16 PM
To: House Record
Subject: RE: Support of HB 1

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

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

As a lifelong resident of Hawaii I want to endorse the immediate operation of the Superferry. I was born and raised here. My Portuguese ancestors came here in the 1850s. I have the utmost concern for the preservation of the native flora and fauna and our cultural heritage.

The Superferry is not going to negatively impact these issues in any way. If people want to stop the destruction of these things, they should look to regulating the real culprits: Young Brothers. They are deflecting criticism of their operations by supporting the attack on the Superferry.

I can't believe that the Sierra Club continues to be the willing shills of Young Brothers, the Airlines and the Car Rental Agencies. Why don't they fight the overdevelopment of Maui instead of tilting at windmills like the Superferry?

The average local person wants to be able to drive on the Ferry and go visit their family on neighbor islands in their own car! We want to shop on O'ahu! We want to have our service industries like carpenters and musicians be able to carry their equipment to jobs all over the state instead of being trapped on their home islands!

Set us free!

Let the Ferry Run!

Mahalo Nui Loa.

Robert Jones

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House Record

From: Nancy Dela Cruz [strawberry.passion@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:25 PM
To: House Record
Cc: hawaii superferry@hawaii superferry.com
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nancy Dela Cruz and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Having the Superferry operate between the islands will definitely benefit the residents of Hawaii as well as the visitors from elsewhere. It would allow us residents to bring our own vehicles to the other islands and cut down the time it takes to wait for our bags and/or get a rental car. I am reluctant to visit friends and family on the other islands because I don't want inconvenience them with having to drive a long way to pick me up and drop me off at the airport. Not only is the gas costly for them but they may not be available to pick me up at a particular time. Having my own vehicle to drive there will alleviate that problem and make it easier for everyone involved. It will also help visitors to the islands use the same rental car from island to island.

Opponents of the Superferry state that they are concerned for the whales. That's bogus! Did they voice their concerns on all those whale watching vessels, cruise ships, speed boats, TheBoat and other boats the use our waters? We're talking about only one Superferry here.

I believe the Superferry should be allowed to operate. The polls show the large majority support the Superferry but a loud minority opposes it. Please listen to the majority.

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From: Sumi [stars808@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:17 PM
To: House Record
Subject: FW: superferry

To: testimony
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I hope that you vote in favor of the Super Ferry, it was going to be a great alternative to visiting family and friends on the outer islands. Now it seems that some of our family and friends don't want our business or our company. Is everyone on Kauai and Maui so well off that they don't need business there? And most of them are not complaining about the impact on the ocean life but their life. One woman on Kauai said that she saw cars with surfboards coming off the ferry and that means one more wave that a local won't get to ride. In Maui they complained about the traffic on the streets outside the harbor. So what are they really complaining about? If it's about what happens once people are there, then it doesn't matter how they got there.

When there is an emergency on another island the ferry would have made a great alternative for sending much need equipment and supplies. For instance currently aren't they awaiting supplies and equipment to fix bridges and roads from the earthquake. And don't the people from Kauai remeber the hurricane when they were all asking family members on Oahu if they or friends had boats to sen them generators, ice and water or much need help and equipment. I know that I do because I had family members and friends calling me with the same request. This is a needed alternative rather than waiting for the barge to ship you things.

I still don't undertand why they oppose this ferry so much when the cruise ships, the cargo ships, and many sight seeing and whale watching boats, who in the pass have harmed the whales have not seen any opposition. Does this mean the people of Maui and Kauai don't want anything coming to them at all and they want to be cut off. How will they get new cars or clothing or food ? Will they all start coming to Oahu for long weekends to shop and clog our malls?

As a business person I welcome visitor to our islands. I have many clients and friends that work in the visitor industry and when they make money they are able to spend more with me and I am able to spend more for my family. The almighty dollar will continue to go around withe help of the super ferry.

This also disappoints me to see what we look like on national news. Do you think visitors see the ALOHA? HVB will have to do damage control and no new business will want to do business in Hawaii. Everytime a new company tries they are put under deep examination.

Bottom line is what kind of message are we sending our children when adults say it is ok to go in the water to stop a boat or block the street or flat someones tires or hit their cars in rage? Our children need adult who a responsible and know when to except change because that is what helps us grow.

Thank you
Sumi Ortanes

House Record

From: Larry Richelli [larryrich7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:38 PM
To: House Record
Subject: ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

*My name is Larry Richelli and I strongly support Hawaii
Superferry.*

*It is very important for these out islands to have another form of
entry and exit besides the airlines. Also the fuel needed for
ocean travel is not as costly as air travel.*

*Please do not just listen to the conspiracy theorists and loud
mouths that always seem to get all the attention. The majority
of all people in Hawaii want this ferry and have for years!*

Larry Richelli

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House Record

From: Wendy Perry [wendy.maui@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:17 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wendy Perry and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need to have alternate transportation between the islands. I agree with the proposed draft to allow the Superferry to operate during and EIS.

Sincerely,
Wendy Perry
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With Aloha from Kahului

House Record

From: Phyllis Z. Levy [pzlevy@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

I strongly support Hawaii Super Ferry. Alternative modes of transportation are strongly needed in Hawaii. The Super Ferry will serve the purpose. Phyllis Z. Levy

House Record

From: Chad Morikawa [cmorikawa@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:28 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Chad Morikawa* and I support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe having such a service would be greatly beneficial to the state as a whole. It would bring economic opportunities for all the islands and offer an alternate form of transportation for local travelers as well as tourists. To pass up such an opportunity would be a travesty.

Regards,
Chad Morikawa

House Record

From: PB [pab96815@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:01 PM
To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Peggy Bryant* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Our State needs an option of transportation to the other islands other than just he airlines.

Not only is it great for residents but also visitors and businesses and creates more jobs!

Please reconsider and vote to allow the Super Ferry to sail. Let's not be left behind the eight ball of time once again.

Mahalo,

Peggy Bryant

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I believe that the superferry should be allowed to begin service now. I think that it is discrimanatory to keep the super ferry from operating, because, no other inter island water service is required to meet the extra requirements that are being put upon the superferry.

I do not believe that the superferry will cause any more harm to our environment or to sea life than any of the other inter island water service providers.

I find that the hysterical rhetoric, that I have witnessed via the media, exhibits ignorance, selfishness, and clearly, a lack of aloha. They have jumped to a conclusion, with little or no real knowledge.

Please let the superferry run their business.

Mahalo, Linda Cox

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From: EllenNOW@aol.com
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ellen Shikuma and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry!

Hawaii is a State of islands ... and various means of transportation should be available to allow us residents to go from one island to another. The Alakai Superferry is a wonderful travel option! Tourists will cruise or fly from island to island ... but those of us who live here and have children, older disabled relatives and family pets, don't always find that a convenience. And it is costly. Carrying all the things children need (strollers, baby bags, food, etc.) and wheelchairs for disabled people weigh heavy and cost extra as baggage or cargo. The convenience of storing it all in a car or van to be transported on the Superferry along with us as passengers is just wonderful! It's a dream come true!

Ferry transport is available in almost every country in the world and all coastal States in the USA ... so why not Hawaii? It's a natural!

I am cognizant of the need to be careful of our environment ... it's Hawaii's biggest asset. But, we already have ships and barges that go between the islands and have never heard of any serious problems. Why all of a sudden with the Superferry? Perhaps with some people it's the "last straw!" But it is illogical... very emotional! Those very people had a chance to speak out over the past two years! Where were they? They waited until a happy bunch of people were on the first Superferry trip to Kauai to protest in such an ugly way! Seeing them and hearing them on TV was disgusting, to say the least! No Aloha! And directed

mainly at ohana and now causing a rift between peoples who espouse Aloha!
Auwe!

This is a test! Either you do or don't allow the Superferry to operate. If you do, as 90% of our population desires it, with all the safeguards built into the agreement, it will be good. If you don't, then, REQUIRE ALL transports between islands to undergo the stringent requirements of the self-righteous environmentalist protestors! That will only be fair. Then watch what will happen to the economy of the State in the future!

Ellen K. Shikuma

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Our names are *Judy & Bill L. Wormington* and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Imagine the worst scenario in which planes cannot land because of damaged runways. The Superferry will be the only vehicle capable of delivering medical aids and supplies to the islands in a crisis situation. The Superferry will be the only way to evacuate people from an island in the least amount of time without airplanes available. In normal times, the Superferry offers options for residents (and visitors) to take vehicles to other islands and visit and explore. It offers businesses the opportunity to transport goods to other islands. It allows residents to transport items home from other islands. The Superferry unites the islands. It presents no more of a risk to the environment (and perhaps less) than the Young Brothers or Matson or the cruise ships or any shipping company or airplanes, not only going between islands, but arriving from the mainland and from foreign shores. It is absurd that the Superferry is singled out and demanded to do an environmental survey when other vehicles and companies are not required to do so...even though they are grandfathered, in reality they may be doing more damage to the environment than the Superferry would ever inflict. I see snorkel boats and tourist boats and private boats of all sizes and shapes, violating the speed zones and they certainly threaten whales and dolphins in these waters. In fact every year, whales and dolphins are reported killed and damaged by private boats. Give the Superferry a chance. Let our society show the Superferry's usefulness and let us embrace its service. Judy & Bill Wormington, 78-261 Manukai St., #2404, Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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House Record

From: Patricia Beekman [beekmanp001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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 Patricia Beekman and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

While I would like to be there to testify in person, I do have to work, but would like to urge you, through this e-mail, to heed the wishes of the majority of Hawaii long-term residents. The SuperFerry is a big plus to those of us who want to enjoy ALL of Hawaii, not just our little island. And that's the vast majority of us kama'aina. Yes, the environment is important, but I suspect that that is not the true motivation of many of the vocal, often lawbreaking, opponents of the SuperFerry. Many are newcomers who don't want others coming after them to the island they have staked out for themselves, even though most of those "others" have been in the islands for generations. Getting rid of the SuperFerry through the subterfuge of the environment and the courts is an effective method for carrying out their true, but publicly unacceptable, motives.

Let the SuperFerry start operating immediately, along with environmental safeguards we already know about, such as making sure no vehicles are harboring coqui frogs or contain stones taken from streams; whales and other marine life are being protected, etc. It should be kept in mind that huge ships (not the SuperFerry) that are a necessary part of Hawaiian life are not exactly non-damaging to the environment. As an example, those huge propellers and even the propellers from smaller boats do damage too (I've come very close to being run over by both). Oil leaks into the ocean. Chemicals to prevent the growth of barnacles enter the ocean. Etc., etc. The SuperFerry should not be unfairly singled out. Any environmental study should be reasonable, not draconian.

Mahalo,

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House Record

From: Kau, Harry [hkau@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:28 PM
To: House Record
Subject: saving our Superferry

Aloha, i am a future rider of the superferry, and look forward to helping our neighbor island economies when i visit families, work, or just travel. i especially look forward to the 3 hour down-time each way that will allow me to study & practice my culture either individually or as part of our halau. Mahalo for Your time. h kau

House Record

From: Racquel Los [racquel@tmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:22 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Please help Hawaii Superferry!

Hawaii needs strong, focused leaders to "make right" the horrible wrongs that Hawaii Superferry has suffered do to inefficient guidance from our government. I cannot help but feel that our states economic future will be determined by the outcome of this debacle. The world is watching!
Please make the right decision and allow the Superferry to continue business during the Environmental Assessment.
Thank You--Racquel Shobe

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From: John Mullin [mullinjfwww@gmail.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I wanted to note my concern and interest in seeing the Super Ferry start and continue operations for the residents of Hawaii.

I believe it is very unfair how Superferry have been targeted by special interests in the community and these same groups have never addressed these same issues to the inter island airlines and cargo ships that travel allot more often and not scanned or put to the strenuous process. If there is key concerns the special interest groups should be sitting down with the key parties to iron out measures to mitigate any concerns while an proper assessment is being done which would then give an official report on necessary measures. To me since this is not the case and as seen in Maui's meeting yesterday if anyone tries to speak on the behalf of the citizens for the SuperFerry we are just shouted over and no common sense and responsible debate is allowed. This shows the concerns on the special interest part is at a personal level and the true interest of the community and environment are not at the top of the list. Thank you for your time and ask for you to fight on the behalf of the people of Hawaii who do not have the time to come down to meetings since we are working many hours and taking care of our families but do have concerns for the community and environment but do not see any reason why such a black eye should be put to Hawaii over this issue and allow the Superferry to continue operation and show the world Hawaii is business friendly and environmentally friendly.

Mahalo
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From: Lanettelopez01@aol.com
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Larry Anthony Lopez*, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*We own a Classic Car, and welcome taking the Superferry to the Neighbor Islands.
This ensures same day travel with our car, instead of having to wait 3-4 days via Matson.
We are unable to accompany our car, and have to pay a higher price when transporting.*

Mahalo,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am in full support of the Superferry.

Although there may be some valid environmental concerns that are being raised by a vocal minority, their position is illogical given the other modes of transportation that can cause the same types of potential environmental problems. It appears that there is a hidden agenda to stop the Superferry from operating under the pretext of environmental concerns. Adequate reasonable safeguards can be implemented to address these environmental concerns while the Superferry continues to operate. The Legislature and the Governor should set aside their political differences and finger pointing and reach a compromise to allow the Superferry to operate.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Cheryl E.A. Milanio*. My husband *Randal* and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

We believe that it will make interisland travel much more convenient and affordable for many local families. It is good to have more than one mode of travel between the islands.

I believe that it is important to encourage new businesses in Hawaii and not make things more difficult for small businesses to start up. Diversity will help Hawaii's economy now and in the future. I see no reason why the superferry need wait to finish their EIS especially since one was not required for either the cruiselines or Young Brothers.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ron Schwegel and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Superferry is needed as an alternative to airline travel and will help the economy of Hawaii. I believe you should allow the SuperFerry to operate while the EIS is conducted. Any problems found during the EIS should have a solution applied until the EIS is complete and final determination is made. This will allow for financial viability for the SuperFerry, help improve the economic conditions within our state and still provide the required study by the Oversight Task Force.

Thank you for your consideration on this very important issue.

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Mahalo!

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