

House Record

From: Sharon Price [sharon@sharonsserenity.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:23 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Chairs Souki & Oshiro, I am Sharon Lee Price and strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I have read and read the pros and cons and there are days when I am very confused as to what information is right and what information is wrong. At this point in time I want the Hawaii Superferry to be able to provide Hawaii residents and tourists an alternative to flying. I have no idea when I would be a passenger, but I want others to have the right to make their own decision based on facts and not all of the political propaganda and unnecessary drama. If the citizens later must accept the decision that the Superferry is not "healthy" for Hawaii so be it, but in the meantime I feel the Superferry company has gone beyond the necessary standards of possibly being a wonderful company for Hawaii and has certainly refrained from all of the "mudslinging" and been extremely patient with the "uninformed" people trying to prevent the business from even getting a start in Hawaii.

**Aloha,
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House Record

From: Kekoa [kekoais@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:34 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

My name is *Kekoa Ornellas* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry provides the people of Hawaii with an alternative means to explore their beautiful state. As the father of two children I want to be able to take them to various Islands to enjoy the beauty Hawaii has to offer. Taking that into consideration the Hawaii Superferry also provides both kama'aina and visitor alike the opportunity to view Hawaii in a whole new way. There are so many places in the world that use ferries for commuting. I personally used the one in Seattle, Washington and can honestly say that traveling through their islands via ferry was probably the most memorable part of my trip. I feel the Hawaii Superferry has acted admirably in the face of opposition and they deserve to operate while the EIS is conducted.

Sincerely,

Kekoa Ornellas

Honolulu, HI

House Record

From: Wendy Oshiro D'Innocenti [yourrealtor@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:35 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Supperferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wendy Oshiro D'Innocenti and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have been a Realtor for over 15 years and a resident here since birth. The qualms I hear from our Mainland visitors that want to reside here is our cost of living, housing, and the negative attitude we have on running a business. Please remind our residents that oppose our Superferry that our economy strives on tourism. Our local economy is flourishing because of a strong economy nationwide. We are volatile, and our economy could change at anytime. Remember the days when Cayetano was in government? The unemployment rate was high and many Mainlanders opted for more affordable destinations such as Mexico.

Thus many hotel workers were let go. No matter what your occupation was at the time we were all affected by the loss of tourism. If hotel workers have no jobs, they cannot afford to shop for luxuries such as cars or a home. Less people shopping means less people needed to man these shops, maintain our cars, less people to needed to build homes. So really even if the opposition feel that they are not currently connected in any way to our economy, I'm sure they must know someone that is. It's not just a matter of "if", but a matter of "TIME" because our economy will turn one day. Indeed less tourists "yes" will mean less cars out on the road, but it will also mean less jobs for uncles, aunties and kupunas.

Regarding the whale issue, I'm sure the powers of the Superferry are as equally concerned. That is an expensive ship and a collision could be a costly concern and a safety hazard not only to whales, but also to passengers. I don't think the powers would want a damaged ship or a huge lawsuit of any kind, wouldn't you think?

So please express to the opposition to look at the future of our economy. Our current economy will not and cannot last forever.

With Great Respect,

Wendy Oshiro D'Innocenti

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House Record

From: Mike Jordan, Jordan Services [jordanservices@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:31 PM
To: House Record
Subject: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance Hearing

Re: Hearing on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Capitol's Auditorium

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I am a self-employed contractor that services large road construction equipment. Whenever I need to travel to neighboring islands to perform repair and maintenance on this very specialized machinery, I am unable to transport all the appropriate tools and diagnostic equipment necessary to perform my tasks efficiently. This frequently results in the need to fly back to Maui, gather the identified proper tools, and then return back to the other island, resulting in significantly escalated costs for my customers.

If the Superferry were operational, I could travel with my service vehicle, and thus confidently have every tool that I might need right at my fingertips. The machinery I work on would be fixed and placed back into service sooner, benefitting the end user, and in turn, the local economy.

I urge you to pass legislation to allow the Superferry to operate efficiently during the period of environmental review.

With many thanks,

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House Record

From: Rpath95@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:34 PM
To: House Record
Subject: hawaii super ferry

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 *Natalie Kubo* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have been watching this whole thing unfold for months now and am discouraged and disappointed at the events that have transpired. We in Hawaii have all known about the Superferry planning to provide service for some time now and yet all the opponents waited until the very last minute to very loudly voice their opposition. It has been shameful to see islander turn against islander...people beating on cars and totally out of control...this is not the Hawaiian way. We all know that we need to have alternate ways to travel between the islands and this seems like such a wonderful solution. Why is it that there are many other places that have been running a ferry service for years and have not experienced the harming of whales or other marine life? If there is opposition to amount of cars traveling then go ahead and determine how many cars are acceptable and limit the number. I believe there are simple solutions to many of the objections and if we all work together this can help our state...honestly if I was a business person I would think twice about starting a business or investing in one here in Hawaii. I hope that we are able to work together to give this a chance.

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From: J&SM [morimotoj007@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:37 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are *Jerry & Susan Morimoto* and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. The EIS should pertain to all commercial harbor transportation and not only the ferry.

Jerry & Susan Morimoto

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House Record

From: Tyler Proctor [tproctor5@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:32 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tyler Proctor and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.
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House Record

From: Mona Wood [ikaikacomm@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:39 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mona K. Wood and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry, and think they should be allowed to sail during the EIS process. It is the fair thing to do!

All polls have shown the majority of our citizens (even on the neighbor islands) are pro-Superferry, despite the loud and ugly protestations of the minority. Opposition groups say the environmental review is needed to address concerns about the introduction of invasive species, possible collisions with whales and more traffic congestion.

Well, experts have testified that the whole "invasive species" argument is "negligible." And somebody tell me, exactly what foreign species would Oahu cars be bringing to Maui and Kauai that could not come over with other current modes of transportation?

No one wants any boat to hit and injure or kill a whale. We've had recent incidents by the supposedly more "environmentally-friendly" whale tour companies hitting whales in much smaller boats. The Hawaii Superferry has a whale detecting device and screening procedures in place - something most of the other boats in operation do not have. I'm sure the Superferry would be willing to accommodate other suggestions by whale experts. Why aren't these experts out there blocking other boats who do not even have a whale detecting device or screening procedures?

And traffic...I agree it's a pain. I'm sure there will be some slowing down that certain time of day when the Superferry arrives, but that will soon dissipate as riders go to grandma's or auntie's house, to their hotels, or on their adventure to some scenic point, or to shop or dine and spend money...instead of making a stop at the rental car base yards. Perhaps the schedules can coincide with lower traffic periods on the islands.

Let the Superferry sail...that will be its greatest EIS test. They already know well what the consequences would be if any of the dangers the environmental groups warned against were realized.

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House Record

From: vera [vkong@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:33 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I Support the Superferry

I support the Superferry here in Hawaii. I don't believe it should be singled out for an EIS. There are many other water vehicles running between our islands.

The Superferry offers another choice to the people of Hawaii.

I think it's a shame that a handful of protesters can derail something that can benefit many more of us.

Please support the Superferry.

Mahalo,
Vera Yamanaka, Oahu resident

House Record

From: Wendie Rhody [wicked.wanda@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:32 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wendie Rhody and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel we need another choice of travel for those of us who prefer Not to fly or are unable to. I used to ride Sea Flite and it was wonderful to see the islands by ocean. It would mean that I could take my crafts and sell at the swap meet and not have to rent vehicles etc. Many of our small businesses and farmers would be able to move goods interisland in a short time. My friend and I would like to be able to enter horse shows on Oahu and the super ferry would make it possible to take our horse trailers over in safety rather than ship our animals on the barge.

Thank you,

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House Record

From: Brent Bowman [bowmanb006@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:40 PM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Susan Bowman* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My family was extremely excited when we learned of the Superferry coming to the Islands. Even though we live in Hilo, the opportunity to take the entire family and a van to visit other ohana that live on Maui and Oahu was very tantalizing. It is very expensive to fly a family to other islands to visit ohana or attend a family event. Not to mention the inconvenience of transporting child car seats and strollers, etc. It has been a disappointment to see the recent events of division of opinions turn into aggression and accusations directed at those who would choose to use the Superferry. Environmental concerns are very important and should be addressed but I feel the opponents are using fear and scare tactics to attack yet another business venture in Hawaii. If the Superferry sinks let it do it on its own. If it floats we are the better for giving us another means of transportation. I am tired of a handful of people setting up roadblocks in the way of opportunities for our children and the islands. Change does not always have to be a bad thing and the spirit of Aloha can prevail.

Sincerely, Susan Bowman

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From: Kevin [stardustsparklin@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:34 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

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

Require EIS report to be completed. Permit the Hawaii Super Ferry to operate temporarily, and under discretion, until EIS report is completed. DO NOT allow another maritime vessel company of any kind to begin operating without first completing an EIS report. In other words, fix the damn law to require one (for ALL travel industry businesses)! And learn from this incident to avoid future nationally embarrassing blunders.

Yours,

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House Record

From: Eight08bids@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:41 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Marshall Lum* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am the Liaison for Scion Evolution Car Club - Hawaii Chapter. We support the Hawaii Super Ferry 100%. We need this service as an option for locals to travel between the islands. We have been car enthusiasts for many years. Previously, there were no viable means of safely transporting show cars with the owner being able to travel along until the arrival of the Superferry.

Our car club was recently affected by the decision to suspend the Superferry service. The car club needed to move a member's car from Maui to Honolulu for the 50th Toyota Dealership Conference. We were scheduled to use the new ferry service, but those opposing the service effectively rendered our plans void. We had no alternative but to fly the show car over on Aloha Airlines which cost the club \$2,000.00 one way. The timeliness of flying the car over was not the problem. The problem lies in the amount of damage sustained to several areas of the car. At present, the car remains damaged. If the original plan to utilize the Superferry had been used, these damages probably would have been avoided. In the meantime, Aloha Airlines has yet to assume full responsibility for the damage. The car sits idle in Honolulu eagerly awaiting the Superferry service to resume so that it can return home to Maui.

We believe that although there are many pros and cons, the benefits outweigh the risks. The ferry service must begin operation as soon as possible to avoid losing it. The significance of this service is great and it would be a tragedy to allow its demise.

Thank you for your time.

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House Record

From: KVBC Bulletin Email [kvbcbulletine@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:43 PM
To: House Record
Subject: In Support for the Hawaii SuperFerry (10-25-07)
Sensitivity: Personal

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ivan Kahoku'au Kapaona and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

In support of the operation for the Hawaii Super Ferry Inter-Island Transportation, this alternative mean of travel between the islands of Hawaii will prove to be beneficial for the individual counties, the overall state, and the operations of the ferry.

After using the Honolulu County's alternative express travel known as the TheBoat, it has shown to be an optimal way of traveling for business, or pleasure, while maintaining a relax environment. Using the resources of TheBoat to travel, it has shown a side of Oahu that most people do not see the beauty of God's creation of the islands with the mountain ranges and the landscape of the sunrise, or sunset pending on the time of travel.

With this exact aspect of TheBoat, the Hawaii Super Ferry will prove to provide such a breath taking cinematic view of the islands of Kauai, Maui, and hoping soon to the Big Island. The state of Hawaii can provide such wondrous view to the tourist for such a lower price, which could provide higher revenue for the company and the state.

Providing this alternative way of travel to our neighboring islands, will help increase economics for the individual islands through the tourist industry for each county, gas cost for travel with private vehicles, and lodging cost for individuals who travels to the island. Currently, individuals do not have the needs to accommodate lodging, or gas, because of the frequent times of departures for airlines. In addition, having the knowledge that the individual county's economics rising, so will the economic finance of the state rises also. Nevertheless, it will also provide additional jobs for the individual islands to accommodate the increase of tourism.

Bottom line, having the Hawaii Super Ferry in operation will provide additional financial increase among the counties, the state, the ferry's corporation, and the people of the State of Hawaii. Even with the increase of terrorist attacks and threats made within the United States and their airports, the ferry will help to continue the process of tourism to the islands without the worries of being "Blown-Up" on a plane.

Mahalo nui loa a mei Makua ho'omaikai 'oe a 'ohana

10/24/2007

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House Record

From: Joyce Arizumi [jazi@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:42 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB1 Relating to Transportation

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007
TIME: 9:00 AM Auditorium, State Capital

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joyce Arizumi and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I am in favor of the Superferry being able to operate in Hawaii while and EIS is being conducted because I feel that we definitely need an alternative means of transportation being that we are surrounded by the ocean. I am a disabled person in a wheelchair and an advocate for children who are also confined to a wheelchair. The Superferry is the only comfortable means of transportation because we are able to take our adapted vans and cars to accommodate us on the outer islands. We cannot rent adapted vehicles that suit all our needs like our own vehicles.

Please listen to the voices of the majority and save our Superferry from having to leave the islands. I feel that there are no good and intelligent reasons why we should not have this for the people of Hawaii. This is no longer about the environment and natural resources, it is not about business and economy nor is it about alternative transportation. It is all about partisan politics. Please do not let this be the reason for not having the Hawaii Superferry.

Thank you for your consideration for the wants and needs of the majority of the people of Hawaii including the disabled.

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House Record

From: Richard_Young/MAUIDO/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:43 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Let the Super Ferry Sail

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Richard Young and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel an injustice is being done to the company. The many vessals which travel through our ports have not had to go through these hoops...The super ferry is a viable alternative for our state and it should be allowed to operate immediately.

thank you for your time,

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House Record

From: John Harp [jharp2@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:43 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Supporter

I am writing on behalf of my family in complete support of the Superferry operation.

We travel several times a year and find this new choice of transportation is long overdue.

The family can bring the Kupuna via our own vehicles to visit their aging siblings on the other islands. We are finding it difficult traveling on the airlines with our aged parents who are put through many inconveniences.

Please allow the Superferry to operate during the EIS so we do not lose this alternate means of transportation.

Mahalo

House Record

From: Phyl Laymon [laymon35@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:39 PM
To: House Record
Subject: FW: Super Ferry

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>Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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>My name is Phyllis I Laymon and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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>I am originally from Alaska where ferries are a way of life. I believe
>they would enhance living here in the Islands as well. They are a more

>economical way to travel with a large family or to take a team to a
>competition. I believe they would aid farmers with getting their

>produce to market timely as well.

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>I believe this planet was given to the human family to use for their good.

>Of course we should use it wisely -- but we do not need to lock it up

>so no one benefits. The Super Ferry will be good for the Islands.

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House Record

From: Cheryl Camara [cherylinha6@clearwire.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:46 PM
To: House Record
Cc: hawaiiisuperferry@hawaiiisuperferry.com
Subject: Save our Superferry!

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Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Cheryl L. Camara* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

WE NEED AN INTERISLAND FERRY SERVICE. There are numerous reasons why this would be advantageous for the people of Hawaii.

This is long overdue. It's a needed alternative mode of transportation to our outer islands. It's a fun way for our children and families and everyone to travel.

Also, **the ferry service would be a big help for us in a crisis as well.** Just think of all the help our neighbor islands could have received if we had a superferry

in existence after our last hurricane. They would have received items faster than waiting for a barge. **THINK ABOUT IT - It's a no-brainer!**

WHY ARE YOU LISTENING TO THE MINORITY? There is room for everyone. Have you checked the real reasons why the louder voices really object?

And who they are? And, will they be here in five years? ten years? Why are they afraid of progress? Why do they want to hold the entire State of Hawaii back?

They certainly **do not** represent the majority. **LISTEN TO THE MAJORITY!**

Thank you for listening to one of the majority!

Sincerely,

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House Record

From: van [vank808@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:46 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Vanessa Kina and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Super Ferry will bring a stronger economy to the island of Maui as well as to the other neighbor islands. Whether it serves the agricultural economy, tourism or government, I feel the Super Ferry will be important to every aspect of our community. The school children (all levels) participating in sports, band and or academic purposes will save money if they were to travel as a group with their own transportation (ie: school bus). The Super Ferry would be a vital part of our emergency route should the planes cannot fly as in the 9/11 incident. There are many reasons why the Super Ferry should be in service. These are just a few.

Sincerely,

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House Record

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:45 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony For The Recod

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kailianu Nino and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.
It gives my family and I a chance to visit family and friends on our neighboring island without the hassle of renting a car.

*Kailianu Nino
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From: Dwight Martin [dwightmartin@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Please support Hawaii Superferry and 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:

I am a Hawaii resident and a registered and active Hawaii voter.

I urge your support of Hawaii Superferry and HB 1 Relating to Transportation. I believe Hawaii Superferry will be a economic asset to the State of Hawaii, its business community, and its residents. It is my strong opinion that it is in our collective community interest for Hawaii Superferry to be operational and allowed to provide Hawaii with its unique ("roll on, roll off") inter-island transportation alternative.

I understand there are still studies to be conducted and issues to be arbitrated before the longterm future of Hawaii Superferry can be ascertained. But any decision will be moot if Hawaii Superferry is allowed to fail during the EIS waiting period due to its zero income generation.

Please support HB 1 and its provision to allow Hawaii Superferry to resume operations conditionally at this time.

Mahalo,

Dwight Martin
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From: Sandra Siracusa [asiracusa@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:50 PM
To: House Record
Subject: testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sandra Siracusa and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I know that the Superferry will benefit the majority of the Hawaiian residents. We need an affordable way to keep our islands a stone throw away. As a small business owner, the Superferry would benefit both my customers and my business by keeping the shipping costs down, saving the customer hard earned money.

Sincerely,
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From: George Arizumi [gtarizumi@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Support

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

Dear Chairs Souki, and Oshiro:

My name is George Arizumi and I am in favor of permitting the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EIS is being conducted. I feel that this is a very crucial decision that needs to have a favorable outcome because it is what the majority of the people of Hawaii want. The opposition keeps saying that they will do whatever it takes whether it is legal or not in order for their voice to be heard. We have heard their voice on Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, but they are still the Minority. It would be a deplorable situation for us if the Superferry leaves the Islands. Everyone knows about SR 79 in 2004 and now all we see is blame being put on the wrong parties. Please do not make this about who wins and who loses and do the right thing. Please do not make this about politics and partisan feelings.

Thank you for being fair and showing us that MAJORITY RULES! THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII WANT AND NEED THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY.

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House Record

From: Brad [BVHIGG@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bradley Higgins and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Due to you having this hearing in the morning, where on the outer Islands they were held in the evening, I will be unable to attend but want to be heard.

Why is the Superferry being held to a different standard than the Cruses lines, Matson, and Young Brothers? Don't let a very small minority speak for the large Majority that want and need the ferry. Do the right thing and pass the laws to allow the will of the people.

Aloha Nui Loa

Brad

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House Record

From: Steven Nash [smnash@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:43 PM
To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Steven Nash and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry gives Hawaii residents more options when it comes to travel and shipping between the islands. Without the Superferry and with the possibility of GO Airlines leaving depending on the financial outcome of the law suite us residents will be stuck paying higher prices for local travel and local products because of the lack of competition in the travel market. It is very hard for the majority of residents to understand why now so much fuss is being made over the Superferry, when you have three NCL America ships operating on a weekly basis carrying thousands of foreign passengers and workers from island to island at the same speeds that the Superferry plans to operate at. Take all of the facts into consideration before you make a decision that will hurt the economy and the tax payers.

Respectfully,
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House Record

From: Carol Tom [tomvgs@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:26 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

Dear Chairs Souki & Oshiro,

I support the Hawaii Superferry for what I know may be deemed selfish reasons but for me are very important and valid.

Because my son lives his life in an electric wheelchair, neighbor island visits are difficult, expensive, and sometimes embarrassing, because of transportation issues. He has to be lifted from his chair or an aisle chair into an airline seat and vice-versa when getting off. Once he was dropped. Going on the Superferry would eliminate that issue.

But the most important issue for him and us is accessing transportation once on island. On Oahu there are only 1 or 2 accesible vans for rent and they charge approximately \$100 a day. (If there are any for rent on the other neighbor islands, I am unaware of them.) There are also taxis - fare from the airport to Ala Moana Center is a minumun of \$40. Bus transportation is fine for in-town use. But to attend a wedding in Makaha, which we plan to do in February, 2008, would be very inconvenient and time-consuming and would require him to make a long trip back late at night. We would like to travel as a family. The Superferry would make it possible to take his accessible vehicle.

At present, the lift on his vehicle is not working properly, but the only two companies who are able to repair it are on Oahu. He does not want it to be sent via Young Brothers because others who have driven it (during repairs) have had accidents because they don't know how to use the specially designed gears. We had thought the Superferry was the answer to our problem to get it where it can be repaired.

Add to that the fact that there are many of us who would like this alternative way of travel between islands, but are intimidated to speak up because of the very vocal and sometimes hostile opposition. I understand the need for an EIS but feel that the Superferry has been singled out for special requirements because of those who totally oppose it, regardless of what the environmental impact is determined to be.

Please vote to let the Superferry operate while the EIS is being done. Focusing on how this came about, who to blame, and whether it should have been handled another way is to me a separate issue.

Mahalo,
Carol Tom
Pukalani, Maui, Hawaii

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House Record

From: Vince Ng [vkwn75@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Vince Ng, a resident of Maui, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Superferry will keep the cost of interisland travel to an affordable level, even affecting airfares. The Superferry will be loved by ones who are afraid to fly interisland. A lot of the tourist love to sail and be on the water, what better way! The Superferry will also help out local farmers by providing alternate means of shipping.

I have no idea why all these people who are against the Superferry think that it's any different if your bring your own car or rent. Either way, it's one more car on the road.

The natural resources topic is just an excuse that sounds good. Beaches are public. Are we going to start checking I.D.'s and passports to make sure only specific-island locals are allowed to enjoy them?

The whale issue is a joke. The Pacific Whale Foundation has no business talking with all the whales they've hit!

I don't think there's anything wrong with having a special session to save this business that will benefit all of Hawaii. Deep down, I know the haters will one day breakdown and ride.

Thank you for your time.

Vince K.W. Ng
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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:54 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony for Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John Sizelove and I am a resident of Kauai and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I have lived on Kauai for 15 years and have lived since 1966 in the State of Hawaii.

I would like to urge your passage of this bill.

The Hawaii Superferry is necessary to the state of Hawaii to allow an alternative mode of transportation between the islands. We currently have one mode of transportation and that is air travel. The Superferry would allow for the ready flow of goods and services across the state in a way that so far neither the airlines or the interisland shippers currently can.

In the time of disaster the Superferry would be another mode of delivering much needed supplies and assistance. Imagine if the Superferry was available following the aftermath of hurricane Iniki.

Yes the outer islands do have their share of problems and issues. The superferry is not responsible for invasive species. Drug problems or a host of other social and environmental ills. People are the cause of these issues no matter what method of transportation.

Give the people of Hawaii a choice. Let the Free market determine if the Superferry is a good thing or not, not some ill advised people that are willing to break the law to block a vessel. By the way, there are over 60 thousand people who live on this island and a handful of vocal petty criminals do not speak for those 60 thousand people.

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House Record

From: Mauievie@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:55 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

Dear Chairs Mr. Souki and Mr. Oshiro:

My name is *Evie Leland* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please let us have another means of transportation from Maui to the other islands. It is something that will help us visit family and friends. Why has this been such a hard thing to accomplish since it will help so many.....

Evie Leland

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House Record

From: Lemuel & Joycelyn Borja [lemjoyborja@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:57 PM
To: House Record
Subject: ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Please know that we are in complete support of the Hawaii Superferry providing inter-island service to and from Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. We have family and friends that we would like to visit riding the Superferry. I am the only one from my immediate family living on the Island of Oahu. We have waited long for this kind of option being provided to us, as residents of Hawaii and on the island of Oahu.

I do not believe the Hawaii Superferry will do any harm to our oceans and environment. We already have many barges, cruises, ships and other vessels traveling inter-island that has not caused severe damage to our environment. In fact, they are a blessing to our economy in providing goods and services we would not otherwise be able to accomplish if there was air service alone. The Hawaii Superferry is a blessing to our beloved islands and vibrant economy.

We are grateful for your hard work, concern and dedication in taking the time to intervene on behalf of the Hawaii Superferry. Thank you for listening to us, your constituents. We are praying that there will be a positive resolution in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

Sincerely,

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House Record

From: Matt Smith [mattsmith@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:55 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Matt Smith and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am not able to be present at the hearings so please accept this as my testimony in support of the Superferry.

The Superferry will provide a much needed service to the state of Hawaii in a wide variety of manners. While our great nation gives people the right to voice their disagreement, it also provides that the wishes of a majority of the people should govern our land. It would be a sad state of affairs that a vocal minority should overrule the vast majority of support for this great new opportunity for our state. Most of the arguments I have heard and read about are essentially pointless and totally based on emotion, not fact.

There is already interisland transportation that does not have to jump through the hoops that the Superferry does. The same potential for invasive species exists with the tugs and cruise ships yet they are permitted to operate. People are not going to load up their cars and trucks and pay a premium just to go pick opihi on another island when they can do the same thing far cheaper by taking advantage of the airline price wars. The criminals can be just as effective using large suitcases and flights to get away quicker. Basic security cameras at the loading terminals and the Superferry log will track the license plates of who travels and allow tracking down potential wrongdoers easily. Our kamaaina can just as easily rent a car as take their own vehicles and for cheaper too for a short weekend visit, so the neighbor island traffic will be the same whether it's a rental or an owned vehicle.

I urge you not to give in to the vocal minority, many of whom will oppose anything just for the thrill of being

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an opposer.

Thank you,

Matt Smith

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House Record

From: Matt Longfellow [matt@longfellow.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:34 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

You must allow the superferry to operate even if an EIS is required. To not allow this would seal the fate of the Superferry, which has widespread support by residents of Hawaii. Don't allow a very small faction of people to dictate policy for Hawaii.

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House Record

From: Judith Michaels [jmichaelsmaui@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:07 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Special Session

**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: Judith Michaels
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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

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.)

I oppose the operation of the Hawaii Superferry during the time it takes to prepare an EA or EIS. The Judicial system has ruled and I beg you to honor the rulings of the court. Do not create a Special Bill benefiting a single business, depriving us of our Constitutional rights and violating the separation of powers by overruling a judicial decision.

Judith Michaels

House Record

From: Al & Pam Honbo [hkaneoe.rc@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:03 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

We support the Superferry. We need an alternative mode of transportation!!!
Alvin and Pamela Honbo
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House Record

From: Walter Lum [lumw003@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:08 PM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Walter Lum and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I feel that the overall benefits to the people of the State of Hawaii far outweigh any possible environmental impact which I believe could be managed and mitigated.

Walter Lum

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House Record

From: bdofa1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:09 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Maui Resident in Support of SuperFerry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Barbara Dofa a Maui resident* and I support Hawaii Superferry. I think it's important to have an alternate means of transportaion from island to island besides airplanes. In case of man made or natural disasters it is necessary to have more than one way to get from island to island, look at what happened on Sept 11 and the day last year of the Big Island earthquake. I also think it would be nice to be able to take my own car to Oahu if I'm going over for more than a couple of days. I think it's safer to be driving in a vehicle you are familiar with when you might not be so familiar with the roads.

The concern I have is with people coming to the neighbor islands with the intent of raiding our natural resources. There should be inspections, and paperwork for items that people will be taking from the neighbor islands. I believe that is a concern for a lot of people and if there are policies and procedures in place the vocal minority may be more supportinve towards the SuperFerry.

*Barbara Dofa
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House Record

From: Delores Muse [mused001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:10 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Delores June Muse* and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I am amazed that a handful of protesters can stop something that most Hawaii residents want and have been waiting for! The environmental impact study is a sham--are "they" afraid of Oahuans invading? Who are "they?" And, last March on Maui, a whale watching boat did injure a whale while the (propeller) boat was traveling at the recommended 15 knot speed. What penalty did that boat suffer? Did they have an environmental impact study done? Do they have to change to jets instead of propellers? As far as changing the law just to suit the Superferry, I think the law has been manipulated to specifically put the Superferry out of business. It sounds as if this company is being singled out. Did Young Brothers get an environmental impact study for the huge new barge they just brought in to Hawaii?

I am looking forward to taking all my grandchildren on the ferry to visit the other islands. The superferry makes this possible, cutting down on my ticket prices and car rental fees, enabling me--a poor Hawaii state teacher--to afford the trip. We are looking forward to an alternate method of visiting our beautiful islands. Please lighten up--let this business operate! Let the will of the people prevail. Listen to us; that's your job!

Delores June Muse

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House Record

From: Kenneth Weber [kennethweber@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:44 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry

Dear Sirs,

Hawaii does NOT require a superferry. Let's safeguard our islands. Please - for the sake of our people and our children and their children. Please say NO to the superferry.

Thank you for your support!

Ken Weber

**Kenneth W. Weber
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and...

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House Record

From: Path Finder Publications, Hawaii [dpaul002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:10 PM
To: House Record
Subject: super ferry

I am Don Paul at Pathfinder Publications on Kauai. I produce books and lately audio tape for tourists to hear while driving in rental cars. See one of my websites: www.survival-books.com.

We NEED the super ferry because it will promote financial interchange between islanders, and therefore a larger tax base for the State.

In my own case, I write tourist information and therefore need to be on Oahu to record in studio, travel around in my own car and use my computer.

In addition, I can speak for many military retirees, who would shop on Oahu and transport back if given the chance.

In addition, I speak for the super ferry as a means of transport, not only for those who carry goods too heavy for air travel, but who are afraid of flying.

FINALLY, we cannot FAIL to support this new venture without bringing disaster on ourselves. Within two years, gas prices will soar to almost double what we have now, and the outer islands will be STILL generating electrical power with fossil fuel. Here on Kaua'i, we have enough hydro to make our power much more affordable but will never generate investment capital for the new projects if the super ferry shows what environmentalists can do to destroy growth. dpaul002@hawaii.rr.com.

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House Record

From: Lance Johnson [lajlmt@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:55 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii needs the Superferry

Lance Johnson
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NOT to submit in-person comments
808-689-3808

Dear Members of the House:

It is with much concern that I write to you. We must keep the Superferry here in Hawaii to deliver vacationers, families and freight throughout the islands as another alternative to the current monopolizers. The Superferry can do so much more than Young Bros., Matson and the airlines to accommodate a better way of life for we Hawaiians and those visiting our islands. I plan on using this mode of transportation in traveling between my operations on Kauai, Maui and the Island of Hawaii.

Please enforce the ability for the Superferry to proceed doing what it came here to do, create new possibilities for our future.

Regards,

Lance Johnson, LMT
Ewa Beach, HI

House Record

From: Fran50103@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:56 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Francine M. Grace, I reside on the island of Kaua'i and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. This is a very important service that the people of Hawaii want and deserve. Please do not let the minority group of protesters dictate what is for the good of all the citizens of Hawaii. As far as I can see the bulk of the protesters are not Native Hawaiians or long-term residents; but people who have moved to the islands to get their piece of paradise and now want to tell the local residents, who were born and raised in the islands what is good for them.

Do not penalize the Hawaii Superferry for a lot of "what ifs" that have not been and will not be proven unless the Superferry is allowed to operate. Being a Native Hawaiian born and raised in the islands, I remember when the Seaflight Hydrofoils were allowed to operate in the islands and don't recall them chopping up any whales or having anything close to the technology or whale avoidance measures that the Superferry has in place. I ask you to please be fair in your decisions and vote with the majority on this one and do what is pono for all of Hawai'i nei.

Given the amount of money invested in this project, it would only be fair to allow them to operate while the EIS is being conducted. Where were all the protesters in the two years that it took for the Superferry to be built? As in any business the people will either make or break the company. If people want it, they will use it; if they don't want it, they won't use it and the business will eventually go under.

I would have liked to give my testimony in person. However, after the circus the protesters caused at Governor Lingle's Informative meeting, I did not want to subject myself or my family to that type of rude behavior again, not knowing how the people would behave. So I hope you consider my written testimony in the same manner you would consider testimony given in person.

As an added note, Kaua'i already has it's share of drug problems and coqui frogs without the Superferry even operating; it seems like just an excuse that these groups have chosen to use as their platform.

Mahalo for your time and allowing me to voice my opinion.

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House Record

From: REX NAVARRETE [rexnav@yaho.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Hawaii 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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rex Navarrete and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like our citizens to have the opportunity to widen our transportation possibilities to include a ferry service such as this one.

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From: Brian Hozaki [bhozaki@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:00 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Brian H. Hozaki and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the superferry because I feel it gives the residents of Hawaii another method of transportation between the islands without the hassle of the airlines. I also feel that it is beneficial because it gives us the opportunity to take our vehicles to another island. There has been many occasions when there were no car rentals available. It also would be a big help to our families on neighbor islands when they also need to borrow our vehicles or needed things transported in a hurry. (Not having to wait the week or so with other interisland freight companies) I can only envision good and positive things that the superferry has to offer the people of Hawaii and it is my hope that the Superferry will have the opportunity to serve the islands. Thank you.

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From: Ray Lum [blueflamemagna@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:46 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry ----- Let's keep it here!!!!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Raymond Lum* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry is something that I and others would definitely use to visit some of the other islands. I have a second home in Volcano Hawaii and visit about once every other month and stay about a week or two. Instead of renting a vehicle I could ship one over to use while I am there and visit friends in Kona and/or Hilo on my way to Volcano. The flexibility for me and other people would be so wonderful. Seems to me that most of the local people that I have spoken to also support the Hawaii Superferry. Please listen to the hearts of the Hawaiian people that support this new mode of transportation. Don't let the few protesters sway you into something that most people would regret. Mahalo for you time,

Ray Lum

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