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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:52 AM
To: House Record
Subject: FW: I Support the Superferry

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From: Linda Nako [mailto:lindanako@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:17 PM
To: 'HouseRecord@Capitol.hawaii.gov'
Subject: I Support the Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Linda H. Nako* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I urge you to do the right thing and allow the Super Ferry to operate immediately. Hawaii's government is to blame for the current dilemma and the Hawaii Superferry should not have to suffer the consequences of our failure. They followed the rules and were given the green light. We all knew what was happening. The news followed the progress of the ship building and delivery with so much anticipation. What a slap in their face when our government all of a sudden turns on them.

This is just so ridiculous to stop the ferry after the company invested all that money to build the ships, hire employees and start operations based on our government's approval. I just can't believe that you would allow this to happen. It's not their fault and they are the ones to suffer the financial consequences of believing in

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our government.

Besides all of the above, the Superferry will benefit the State of Hawaii's economy and provide an alternate method of transportation between the islands. I was looking forward to the opportunity to traveling interisland without the hassle of airport security and belted to a chair during travel. What a wonderful, relaxing way to travel interisland – better than going to see a movie. So many people hate to fly and this will give them the chance to see the other islands.

I would encourage everyone I know to pay attention to the voting record of the legislators and do not support anyone who votes against the Superferry. I don't want to hear any excuses why you did not support the Superferry. It's too late for excuses. If you don't let them sail, you can kiss the ferry goodbye and kiss your job as a legislator goodbye also.

Linda H. Nako

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House Record

From: Riki Newkold [rikinewkold@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:53 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Pro-Superferry

Dear Members of the Hawaiian House,

My wife and I are Big Island residents and therefore strong supporters of the Superferry. Please imagine how our local farmers and craftsmen will benefit by suddenly having a market of 1,500,000 instead of a mere 150,000. Today, it is economically impossible for a Neighbor Island producer to get his or her product to the other islands quickly and economically. That's why our dairys and meat processors are dying off and Hawaii has to import nearly all of its processed food. With the Superferry, suddenly we have a market large enough to support Hawaiian dairy, Hawaiian beef (not just grown here, but slaughtered and packaged here), and Hawaiian you-name-it. The economic benefits are genuine.

As individual consumers, we also look forward to the day that we can take our minivan to Oahu and purchase many of the big-ticket items that just are not available on the Neighbor Islands. Have you ever compared your choice of appliances on Oahu with those on the Neighbor Islands? It's the difference between night and day. The Superferry will allow the rest of us to catch up a bit.

I also believe that the usefulness of the Superferry's two ships in case of a major natural catastrophe should not be ignored.

Finally, as President Elect of the Rotary Club of Hilo, failure to land the Superferry here will have an extremely negative impact on Hawaii's reputation as a place to do business. Would you consider risking hundreds of millions of dollars in a state where a few noisy nay-sayers could shoot down your business after you'd already invested all those funds? I know my answer.

Please stand up for us, the silent super-majority of Hawaii who want and need the Superferry. Mahalo

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From: Magraths [smagrath@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Sarah Magrath* and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

I am a business owner in Kamuela Hawaii, and have lived on Maui and the Big Island for the last 25 years. I think it is a wonderful idea to have an alternative form of transportation in the islands. While whale safety is important, I think the super ferry should be allowed to run. If there is a problem with the whales, the issue can be addressed then.

The majority of the protests against the super ferry seem ridiculous to me. People seem to be inordinately fearful of change. I believe if the ferry is allowed to run, the vast majority of those fears will prove ungrounded in fact, and the very people who were against the ferry will find themselves glad it is here.

Sarah Magrath

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From: Nancy Kitchen [nancy-kitchen@hawaiiantel.net]
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Subject: HB1

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nancy Kitchen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think it would greatly strengthen the economy of Hawaii. It would be good for people buying things everywhere it went. I think it would greatly increase traveling between the islands.

Also, in case of a disaster, it would allow good it get quickly to wherever they are needed, and/or evacuate people needed to leave the Big Island.

I understand the need to preserve the environment, but I thing safeguards could be put into place to do that temporarily, and then revised if necessary at a later date.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

*[Nancy Kitchen SIGNATURE
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(Sorry, I can not attend in person. Maybe if the Superferry was running I could have)

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From: Kfletchb@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:54 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry testimony submitted NOT in person for House Trans & Fin. Committee

I made Hawaii my state of residency last year after living here for 8 years. I don't want to be one of those people who leaves for the Mainland after a while because the Hawaii government cannot get things done which most benefit its citizens.

I have been involved in the Sanctuary Whale Count for 6 years and have been a Honu Guardian at Laniakea Beach for 1 1/2 years. I am very aware of the dangers for sealife in our ocean.

I truly believe that the Superferry will not cause harm to our whales. It is a few of the charter companies who break the rules. I watch it occur from my vantage point at Ma'ile every year.

It is difficult enough to live here with rising costs. Mainland people purchase vacation homes for tax right-offs while our government continues to allow it. This is, in part, causing the rising homeless situation.

Why can't we, *for once*, do something FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII which makes perfect sense?

Although my family lives on the Mainland, I have outer island friends I could visit much more easily with the Superferry. And, I have plenty of local friends who really need this Superferry.

Please don't let our government continue to be the butt of jokes because of doing nothing to help its people.

You government officials were elected from your districts to help your people. Please do so. Let the Superferry survive.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Teresa K Ubando and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need to have an alternate mode of transportation just because of the fact that we are an island state. There is no better reason to have one. We have all sorts of other ships in our waters, I don't see the difference. I believe the majority of the people actually support the superferry, unfortunately the people against it are far more vocal.

One personal benefit for me is that I can travel with my well-trained dog to visit my relatives. She is up to date on all shots and is a house dog and will do no harm to any other island. It would be great to be able to bring her along without having to stick her in a crate and hope space is available on the plane.

I am unable to come in person to testify due to my work schedule so I wanted to submit this by email.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Charles Barney and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii is in desperate need of another mode of transportation from island to island. The ferry service gives families of limited means the option of traveling inter-island, plus many businesses that could benefit from being able to transport items quickly island to island.

Ferry services exists all over the world with no harmful impact to the environment; why can't it happen here in Hawaii.?

Do the right thing and listen to the voice of the majority.

Mahalo,
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From: Margaret Kalauokaaea [kealakk@yahoo.com]
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To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Margaret Kalauokaaea and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.
The Hawaii Superferry is offering the people of Hawaii additional transportation to the outer islands. This is a chance for me to bring my entire family to experience a trip to the additional hawaiian islands without having to take a loan just to do it. It will allow me to visit my blind father who lives in Kihei frequently since I would no longer have to save money to rent a car or to try and find someone who is able to pick me up at the airport which is currently what I am doing. The revenues for the State of Hawaii would most definitely help this State. Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to run while the EIS is being done. Majority of the People of the State support the HSF and what needs to be done is what the people want. The benefits of this happening is unmeasurable.

Thank you for your time.

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From: HellerBlaisdell@aol.com
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Subject: Super Ferry

Dear Elected officials: This service is good for my Family. It has been a long wait. If this business was meant to fail let it do so on it's own merit. Treat new ventures with Aloha, wish them the best, the Super Ferry has just as much right to exist as any other business. Let a few ruffians decide the fate is totally inappropriate. Pray for those local families who have lost hope in a new future and encourage new ventures in this state by doing the right thing.....ron heller.....Lihue.....808-245-77445.....HellerBlaisdell@aol.com

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From: Bob Walsh [walshb001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:49 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert E. Walsh and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

If for no other reason, it is my belief that the majority of Hawaiian residents are in favor of the superferry and I am sick and tired government giving in to the vocal minority.

Lets do the right thing and listen to the majority for a change.

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House Record

From: Katie Minkus [katie@katieminkus.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:29 AM
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Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

From: Katie Minkus
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Katie Francis Minkus and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is time to bust up the chokehold that the airlines, Matson and Young Brothers have over our island home. I, for one, relish the thought of a 4 hour ride on a ferry with my own car so that when I get off on Oahu, I can go to Zippy's at the Kahala Mall and not get all my luggage stolen because I'm driving a "tourist" car and am a target for theft. I'd really like the opportunity to shop for goods and services on Oahu, at considerably less expense than similar goods and services cost on the Big Island, and bring them home in my own car. I'd like to go camping with my own gear on Maui, Oahu, Kauai - it opens up the WORLD of these islands to those of us who live here and would rather drive our own cars than be forced to fly in a tin can and rent a heap at the other end for an outrageous amount of money charged per day - this is our home and I would like to spend my money here in the islands, rather than be forced to purchase things online, or visit the mainland for vacation because it's so much less expensive than traveling inter-island.

Environmental hazard? Are you kidding me?? Did ANYONE cry "environmental hazard" when go! Airlines started up in these islands 12 months ago? Were THEY forced to do an environmental assessment?? They bring 5000 people PER DAY inter-island, while the SuperFerry brings what - 300-600 per week? And the whales?? What about the whale watching ship that HIT a whale last year while operating?? Were they required to do an environmental assessment?? These boats are the latest and greatest technology out there! In fact, I'm fairly certain they are similar to the ferrys that run between the North and South Islands of New Zealand - and that is one of the "greenest" most protective of the environment countries on the planet! There are whales and lots of other - endangered, even - species that the ferrys in New Zealand have to avoid - how do you think they do that? It's called technology and I'm certain, without even looking, that the Superferry has the latest and best technology that exists to avoid harming our ocean friends.

I love Hawaii. It's my chosen home for a reason. I don't want to see this place change and be overrun and be over-developed, but at some point, putting breaks on every single project ultimately designed to help "the people" is a path to destruction. The Superferry is an opportunity to prove to the world that logic can sometimes still beat out cronyism, that our Hawaiian queens and kings had it right when they commissioned us to "take care of the land and it's people." The Superferry is good for the PEOPLE. Not having the Superferry is good for Big Business. I moved here to get away from the mainland culture that says Big Business always wins. Don't be mainland. Stand for Hawaii - stand for the people.

With warmest aloha,
 Katie

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From: Theresa Hunt [thunt@cades.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:08 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *MARIA THERESA S. HUNT* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii needs more alternatives to traveling to and from each island, and not be dependent on the gouging of the airline companies that dictate the prices. We have to be open that Hawaii will continue to grow and we need to create better systems of travel. Tourism is our industry and if we show a more positive and humane form of dealing with our neighbors, then we would attract people to come and visit us. We all live here and should get along!

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From: Adelaide Forrest [ABF573456@cox.net]
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Subject: SUPERFERRY

I DON'T LIVE ON OAHU BUT HAVE BEEN VISITING THERE SINCE 1995. ON MANY OCCASIONS I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO VISIT THE OTHER ISLANDS. THIS NECESSITATED A FLIGHT AND THEN A CAR RENTAL. ALL TOGETHER, TOO EXPENSIVE.

NOW I SEE THE FERRY POSSIBILITY. I REALLY HAVE TO WONDER WHY THERE IS SUCH A FUSS.

AS ON THE MAINLAND, FOLLOW THE MONEY.

THE SHORT NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETINGS, THE AIRLINE, CAR RENTAL, AND HOTEL INTERESTS. SOMETHING SMELLS TO HIGH HEAVEN.

GET ON WITH IT.

ADELAIDE BOURNE

House Record

From: Linda Morin [lmorin@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:57 AM
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Subject: HB1= testimony/Relating to transportation.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Please support the Super Ferry to sail now.. There has been no damage done to the Aina. The damage that has been done has been to the people of Hawaii and the Super Ferry. A minority want to delay the Super Ferry so it has no choice but to leave our beautiful Islands. It will never be back. If it leaves no one will want to even do an EIS or an EA. That is thir goal to prevent the EA or the EIS and make the Ferry leave... Why is the Question. Plese support the Ferry with guidlines..

But let it sail...and do the EA and EIS. Linda Morin , 706 A Spencer Street. Honolulu, HI.. 808-772-2261.

Thank you for your work and deliberations, Your decision will determine the power of the legislature for the next 20 years. Do we want the law set by you or the courts. It is your decesion.

Aloha and Mahalo; Linda Morin.

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From: Jerome Brown [jerome.brown@dhx.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:55 AM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jerome K. Brown and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I believe the Superferry will add a new dimension of transportation to and fro the outer islands, I can't see why we would want to stop progress. This can give an option to all travelers when going to another island don't stop it give it a chance. Like many things in the past let it go and the islanders will adjust.

Very Truly

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Emile J le Roux and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will bring an alternative means of transport to our islands which is good for competition. In don't understand how this project will affect the environment any more than any of the other cargo and passenger ships that already operate between the islands.

Emile le Roux

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From: Bob Goodrich [goodrich@keck.hawaii.edu]
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Subject: HB 1 relating to transportation

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Aloha,

I am writing to express my SUPPORT for the Hawaii Superferry, and for the idea of allowing the Superferry to operate while further consideration of requirements and oversight are made.

Hawaii is an unusual state in that you cannot drive from county to county to visit friends and family. You can, of course, get there by air. Ferries operate in other areas of the world that are ecologically sensitive, and in fact probably have a smaller carbon footprint than the equivalent air travel. Some competition with the airlines would also be excellent insurance against airfare wars.

So while the opponents of the Superferry would have us believe that they are protecting a fragile ecosystem, in fact what they are exhibiting is the "Not In My Backyard" syndrome, trying to minimize development and impact on their personal lives by humans outside of their sphere of family and friends. They are skilled at using the legal system to bludgeon developers and others until they give up and move to more business-friendly enterprises elsewhere.

Please don't let the vociferous minority destroy a good idea for the rest of Hawaii.

Mahalo nui loa,

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From: Bobbie Wymore [Bobbie_Wymore@raytheon.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry - Alakai
Importance: High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bobbie Kaaihue Wymore and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It works in Tahiti so why not in Hawaii.

Bobbie Wymore
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From: Cooper, Barbara B. [barbara.cooper@helcohi.com]
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Subject: HB 1 Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Barbara B. Cooper and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I don't think that a minority of Hawaii residents should be able to stop what the majority feels would be beneficial to the whole state. I support the above referenced bill in allowing the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. And I feel whatever environmental restrictions are put on the Superferry should also be done to the existing ocean-going vessels such as Matson boats and barges and the Cruise ships. Please allow Hawaii residents to have an alternative access to the other islands besides just flying – especially in cases of emergencies and disasters!

Sincerely,

Barbara B. Cooper

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jason Allen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The idea that a few radical voices can control the fate of a legitimate company, hundreds of employees, and a service that supported by the majority of the population; is truly synonymous with allowing the patients run the asylum.

If the Superferry was told by our politicians that they would not be required to perform an EIS; then perhaps the task force should be looking into how that decision was reached.

Jason Allen

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House Record

From: Anthony Riecke-Gonzales [anthony@rskarchitects.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:05 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Supper ferry support

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Anthony Riecke-Gonzales* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The superferry is long over due infrastructure that will help encourage the outer islands to be more competitive, and thus more affordable places to live. I understand those who argue that making the outer islands a better place to live will attract more people, however poor infrastructure seems a very negative way to encourage isolation.

We often call for products on construction projects that require specialized equipment. These products end up not being used because the cost to ship the specialized equipment from Oahu is too expensive in time and labor. Maui's people would benefit with a convenient connection for goods and services to Hawaii's main port.

It seem to me a ship is a ship. The cruise ships that now come to Maui are bigger than the super ferry. The law may be able to be interpreted that the super ferry is anew use, but it certainly seems like the opposition to the ferry is using the law in an unintended loop hole.

Aloha,

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House Record

From: Alfred F Coscina [dalby@pixi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:04 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I strongly support the Superferry. This state is made up of small business and I am one of those businesses for the past 35 years. Having the ability to connect with my customers on other islands and bring my goods and services there in a timely and economical manner is extremely important to me. The Superferry is just a better way to handle what is needed for today's type of business.

Thank you for your good work.

Aloha,

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House Record

From: Glenn Skedelecki [glenn@cghawaii.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:05 AM

To: House Record

Please let the ferry run. It will be good for the people and business in Hawaii. Thanks Glenn Skedelecki

House Record

From: Aloha 'Aina Tropicals [alohaainatropicals@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:05 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kate Burroughs and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in favor of more transportation options in the State of Hawaii. I own an organic farm and would like to have access to other markets than the Big Island via my own truck. I also have relatives on Maui and Oahu and would love to be able to travel to other island with my own vehicle.

The arguments oppose to the Superferry seem mostly specious as many other forms of transportation in Hawaii have not been subjected to the same environmental requirements and pose many of the same "problems" the Superferry is accused of.

Please support the Superferry and allow it to get up and running ASAP.

Regards,
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From: Oceantronics [fritz@oceantronics.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:10 AM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Fritz Amtsberg* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The superferry provides access to other islands for folks that are not able to fly. It provides them with access to doctors and hospitals not available on other islands. It also provides access to other islands for folks to visit family and to see the state that they live in.

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From: Lois Kawano [lois@icinternational.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:08 AM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lois A. Kawano and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The process was erred but the ultimate goal would help the future of our children by giving them an option of transportation. I believe in the environment but even without the ferry, the environment will be damaged further because there will only be more pollution on the land. We already made a mistake a LONG time ago when we didn't put through mass transit at that time....PLEASE DO NOT REPEAT THE SAME MISTAKE because in the end, we would only be deferring the problem to our children.

Lois Kawano
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House Record

From: Sharon Stahl [stahl@soest.hawaii.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:05 AM
To: House Record
Subject: testimony in favor of the ferry

Hello,

My name is Sharon Stahl. I cannot attend the hearing to testify in person so I want to send this email to state my support for the Superferry service. This is a business that will help many people of Hawaii expand their business or spend time with their family and friends. It will provide greater support for disaster recovery should another hurricane or earthquake cause damage here.

The Superferry was told by the government and the courts that they had all that was necessary to build their ship(s) and go into business in Hawaii. A state court heard the case and declared that the Environment Assessment was not necessary. Now upon beginning service in Hawaii they are told that they cannot do business here without the very documents they were told they did not need. It is only fair that some concession be granted for the fact that they continued in good faith to bring their business here.

Mahalo for letting me have my say.

Aloha, Sharon Stahl

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From: Graeme Merrin [gdmkauai@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:07 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry supporter

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Graeme Draffin Merrin and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This alternative mode of transportation is long overdue in Hawaii as it certainly will allow State residents great opportunities for visiting other island complete with our vehicles and sporting items we choose to take along.

Of course after 9/11 the benefits of this service also would have been worthwhile for our island State.

I have lived on Kaua'i for 23 years and during that time I have actually seen mongooses here on island – once in Kokee and another at Hanalei.

Invasive species are not new to our islands but I would be amongst the first to admit that ongoing protection is needed.

However the unsupervised shipping of cargo through Matson and Young Bros certainly is more harmful than possible seeds in the undercarriage of vehicles making the ferry crossing. As I understand it all vehicles will be checked to make sure they're cleaned anyway so this issue is probably alarmism spread by opponents of the Superferry.

Let's get this Superferry sailing so we can all benefit.

Mahalo,

Graeme Merrin

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Subject: Superferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Bill Halterman* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Competition has ALWAYS shown to benefit the consumer, and having an additional safe, dependable method for bringing supplies to our Island can only serve to lower our cost for goods. It appears to me that the Superferry has been unfairly singled out, when in fact, it has shown a greater desire to deal with all of the environmental issues than any of the existing forms of transportation. If the same requirements were placed on all of the fuel ships, tourist ships, container ships, barge lines and aircraft that currently bring people and supplies between our Islands, our entire economy would come to a halt. I believe that the same rules need to apply to all of the players.

Thanks,

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To: House Record
Subject: House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lana Deann Canuteson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry on the Kona side of the Big Island. We need alternative transportation.

L. Deann Canuteson

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From: Lily Valley [lily5hi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:00 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony for Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Laura Casey and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am kama'aina, and have lived in Hawaii almost 20 years. I am a small business owner and have been looking forward to the alternate mode of transport in the ferry. My brother lives in Alaska, where ferry service runs year round. The folks in his community rely heavily on this form of transport, for both people and vehicles. I have traveled to other island communities in Greece, Italy, Alaska, Canada (both coasts) and Tahiti, all destinations that offer ferry service. I believe it would be a great asset to our island community to have such a service. I am extremely disappointed that though the polls show the majority of our island community is in favor of the ferry, the loud and indignant voices of the few are threatening the installation of the ferry service.

I feel the issues that are fueling the opposition are small minded. Nobody checks the tires and undercarriage of all the vehicles transported by 'other' means for invasive species. There is no difference with tourists and/or locals arriving via ferry than plane. It was my understanding that tourism fuels the outer island economies. There is no difference whether I drive an Alamo car or my own. I do not believe that we are giving the whales, whose population has grown strong, enough credit for being intelligent mammals, and that they will know when the ferry is approaching. Everyday people are killed on our roadways. Are we eliminating the roads and cars to save the humans???

I appeal to the House Committee's: Please save the ferry service!

Respectfully,
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From: jswindall@charter.net
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Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John Swindall and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Allowing travel between the islands by ferry is an excellent alternative to a flight and would give so many more the opportunity to see the true beauty of the islands from the water, up close, not nose pressed against the glass.

My experience visiting the islands, (magical) entailed buying a book of airline tickets (I though excessive) so as to fly back and forth between islands, always returning back to the big island before going to the final island destination. What a waste of fuel I though at the time. Now, you have the chance to make a change for the good. Best wishes.

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House Record

From: Linda Nako [lindanako@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:52 AM
To: House Record
Subject: FW: I Support the Superferry

Email submission from:

Linda H. Nako
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Do not plan to submit in-person
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From: Linda Nako [mailto:lindanako@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:17 PM
To: 'HouseRecord@Capitol.hawaii.gov'
Subject: I Support the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Linda H. Nako* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I urge you to do the right thing and allow the Super Ferry to operate immediately. Hawaii's government is to blame for the current dilemma and the Hawaii Superferry should not have to suffer the consequences of our failure. They followed the rules and were given the green light. We all knew what was happening. The news followed the progress of the ship building and delivery with so much anticipation. What a slap in their face when our government all of a sudden turns on them.

This is just so ridiculous to stop the ferry after the company invested all that money to build the ships, hire employees and start operations based on our government's approval. I just can't believe that you would allow this to happen. It's not their fault and they are the ones to suffer the financial consequences of believing in

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our government.

Besides all of the above, the Superferry will benefit the State of Hawaii's economy and provide an alternate method of transportation between the islands. I was looking forward to the opportunity to traveling interisland without the hassle of airport security and belted to a chair during travel. What a wonderful, relaxing way to travel interisland – better than going to see a movie. So many people hate to fly and this will give them the chance to see the other islands.

I would encourage everyone I know to pay attention to the voting record of the legislators and do not support anyone who votes against the Superferry. I don't want to hear any excuses why you did not support the Superferry. It's too late for excuses. If you don't let them sail, you can kiss the ferry goodbye and kiss your job as a legislator goodbye also.

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House Record

From: Riki Newkold [rikinewkold@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:53 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Pro-Superferry

Dear Members of the Hawaiian House,

My wife and I are Big Island residents and therefore strong supporters of the Superferry. Please imagine how our local farmers and craftsmen will benefit by suddenly having a market of 1,500,000 instead of a mere 150,000. Today, it is economically impossible for a Neighbor Island producer to get his or her product to the other islands quickly and economically. That's why our dairys and meat processors are dying off and Hawaii has to import nearly all of its processed food. With the Superferry, suddenly we have a market large enough to support Hawaiian dairy, Hawaiian beef (not just grown here, but slaughtered and packaged here), and Hawaiian you-name-it. The economic benefits are genuine.

As individual consumers, we also look forward to the day that we can take our minivan to Oahu and purchase many of the big-ticket items that just are not available on the Neighbor Islands. Have you ever compared your choice of appliances on Oahu with those on the Neighbor Islands? It's the difference between night and day. The Superferry will allow the rest of us to catch up a bit.

I also believe that the usefulness of the Superferry's two ships in case of a major natural catastrophe should not be ignored.

Finally, as President Elect of the Rotary Club of Hilo, failure to land the Superferry here will have an extremely negative impact on Hawaii's reputation as a place to do business. Would you consider risking hundreds of millions of dollars in a state where a few noisy nay-sayers could shoot down your business after you'd already invested all those funds? I know my answer.

Please stand up for us, the silent super-majority of Hawaii who want and need the Superferry. Mahalo

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From: Magraths [smagrath@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:53 AM
To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Sarah Magrath* and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

I am a business owner in Kamuela Hawaii, and have lived on Maui and the Big Island for the last 25 years. I think it is a wonderful idea to have an alternative form of transportation in the islands. While whale safety is important, I think the super ferry should be allowed to run. If there is a problem with the whales, the issue can be addressed then.

The majority of the protests against the super ferry seem ridiculous to me. People seem to be inordinately fearful of change. I believe if the ferry is allowed to run, the vast majority of those fears will prove ungrounded in fact, and the very people who were against the ferry will find themselves glad it is here.

Sarah Magrath

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From: Kfletchb@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:54 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry testimony submitted NOT in person for House Trans & Fin. Committee

I made Hawaii my state of residency last year after living here for 8 years. I don't want to be one of those people who leaves for the Mainland after a while because the Hawaii government cannot get things done which most benefit its citizens.

I have been involved in the Sanctuary Whale Count for 6 years and have been a Honu Guardian at Laniakea Beach for 1 1/2 years. I am very aware of the dangers for sealife in our ocean.

I truly believe that the Superferry will not cause harm to our whales. It is a few of the charter companies who break the rules. I watch it occur from my vantage point at Mai'ile every year.

It is difficult enough to live here with rising costs. Mainland people purchase vacation homes for tax right-offs while our government continues to allow it. This is, in part, causing the rising homeless situation.

Why can't we, *for once*, do something FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII which makes perfect sense?

Although my family lives on the Mainland, I have outer island friends I could visit much more easily with the Superferry. And, I have plenty of local friends who really need this Superferry.

Please don't let our government continue to be the butt of jokes because of doing nothing to help its people.

You government officials were elected from your districts to help your people. Please do so. Let the Superferry survive.

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From: Margaret Kalauokaaea [kealakkk@yahoo.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Margaret Kalauokaaea and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. *The Hawaii Superferry is offering the people of Hawaii additional transportation to the outer islands. This is a chance for me to bring my entire family to experience a trip to the additional hawaiian islands without having to take a loan just to do it. It will allow me to visit my blind father who lives in Kihei frequently since I would no longer have to save money to rent a car or to try and find someone who is able to pick me up at the airport which is currently what I am doing. The revenues for the State of Hawaii would most definitely help this State. Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to run while the EIS is being done. Majority of the People of the State support the HSF and what needs to be done is what the people want. The benefits of this happening is unmeasurable.*

Thank you for your time.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Teresa K Ubando and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need to have an alternate mode of transportation just because of the fact that we are an island state. There is no better reason to have one. We have all sorts of other ships in our waters, I don't see the difference. I believe the majority of the people actually support the superferry, unfortunately the people against it are far more vocal.

One personal benefit for me is that I can travel with my well-trained dog to visit my relatives. She is up to date on all shots and is a house dog and will do no harm to any other island. It would be great to be able to bring her along without having to stick her in a crate and hope space is available on the plane.

I am unable to come in person to testify due to my work schedule so I wanted to submit this by email.

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From: C & D Barney [konabarndor@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:54 AM
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Subject: Hawaii Superferry - Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Charles Barney and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii is in desperate need of another mode of transportation from island to island. The ferry service gives families of limited means the option of traveling inter-island, plus many businesses that could benefit from being able to transport items quickly island to island.

Ferry services exists all over the world with no harmful impact to the environment; why can't it happen here in Hawaii.?

Do the right thing and listen to the voice of the majority.

Mahalo,
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House Record

From: HellerBlaisdell@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:55 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

Dear Elected officials: This service is good for my Family. It has been a long wait. If this business was meant to fail let it do so on it's own merit. Treat new ventures with Aloha, wish them the best, the Super Ferry has just as much right to exist as any other business. Let a few ruffians decide the fate is totally inappropriate. Pray for those local families who have lost hope in a new future and encourage new ventures in this state by doing the right thing.....ron heller.....Lihue.....808-245-77445.....HellerBlaisdell@aol.com

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

My name is Laura R. Inouye and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to give testimony in support of the superferry. I was born here 59 years ago and I love Hawaii.

I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I think the superferry represents progress. I have been to Seattle many times and ridden on their ferries. They have a terrific system going from island to island and connecting to Seattle. I never heard of them hitting whales or transporting alien species island to island.

I think the local people deserve another way of transportation besides flying. It is sooo ideal to load the car up with personal stuff (like sleeping over at grandma's) and visiting relatives. Of course there should be a way to prevent dangerous items from getting on to the ferry like explosives or guns but Young Brothers takes containers island to island on barges.

Hawaii is a state made up of islands. I feel the superferry will "connect" its people better.

Laura R. Inouye
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House Record

From: Bob Walsh [walshb001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:49 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert E. Walsh and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

If for no other reason, it is my belief that the majority of Hawaiian residents are in favor of the superferry and I am sick and tired government giving in to the vocal minority.

Lets do the right thing and listen to the majority for a change.

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House Record

From: Katie Minkus [katie@katieminkus.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:29 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

From: Katie Minkus
 Date: 10/24/07 4:26
 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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Katie Francis Minkus and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is time to bust up the chokehold that the airlines, Matson and Young Brothers have over our island home. I, for one, relish the thought of a 4 hour ride on a ferry with my own car so that when I get off on Oahu, I can go to Zippy's at the Kahala Mall and not get all my luggage stolen because I'm driving a "tourist" car and am a target for theft. I'd really like the opportunity to shop for goods and services on Oahu, at considerably less expense than similar goods and services cost on the Big Island, and bring them home in my own car. I'd like to go camping with my own gear on Maui, Oahu, Kauai - it opens up the WORLD of these islands to those of us who live here and would rather drive our own cars than be forced to fly in a tin can and rent a heap at the other end for an outrageous amount of money charged per day - this is our home and I would like to spend my money here in the islands, rather than be forced to purchase things online, or visit the mainland for vacation because it's so much less expensive than traveling inter-island.

Environmental hazard? Are you kidding me?? Did ANYONE cry "environmental hazard" when go! Airlines started up in these islands 12 months ago? Were THEY forced to do an environmental assessment?? They bring 5000 people PER DAY inter-island, while the SuperFerry brings what - 300-600 per week? And the whales?? What about the whale watching ship that HIT a whale last year while operating?? Were they required to do an environmental assessment?? These boats are the latest and greatest technology out there! In fact, I'm fairly certain they are similar to the ferries that run between the North and South Islands of New Zealand - and that is one of the "greenest" most protective of the environment countries on the planet! There are whales and lots of other - endangered, even - species that the ferries in New Zealand have to avoid - how do you think they do that? It's called technology and I'm certain, without even looking, that the Superferry has the latest and best technology that exists to avoid harming our ocean friends.

I love Hawaii. It's my chosen home for a reason. I don't want to see this place change and be overrun and be over-developed, but at some point, putting breaks on every single project ultimately designed to help "the people" is a path to destruction. The Superferry is an opportunity to prove to the world that logic can sometimes still beat out cronyism, that our Hawaiian queens and kings had it right when they commissioned us to "take care of the land and it's people." The Superferry is good for the PEOPLE. Not having the Superferry is good for Big Business. I moved here to get away from the mainland culture that says Big Business always wins. Don't be mainland. Stand for Hawaii - stand for the people.

With warmest aloha,
 Katie

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Subject: HB1

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nancy Kitchen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think it would greatly strengthen the economy of Hawaii. It would be good for people buying things everywhere it went. I think it would greatly increase traveling between the islands.

Also, in case of a disaster, it would allow good it get quickly to wherever they are needed, and/or evacuate people needed to leave the Big Island.

I understand the need to preserve the environment, but I thing safeguards could be put into place to do that temporarily, and then revised if necessary at a later date.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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(Sorry, I can not attend in person. Maybe if the Superferry was running I could have)

House Record

From: Adelaide Forrest [ABF573456@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 5:39 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPERFERRY

I DON'T LIVE ON OAHU BUT HAVE BEEN VISITING THERE SINCE 1995. ON MANY OCCASIONS I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO VISIT THE OTHER ISLANDS. THIS NECESSITATED A FLIGHT AND THEN A CAR RENTAL. ALL TOGETHER, TOO EXPENSIVE.

NOW I SEE THE FERRY POSSIBILITY. I REALLY HAVE TO WONDER WHY THERE IS SUCH A FUSS.

AS ON THE MAINLAND, FOLLOW THE MONEY.

THE SHORT NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETINGS, THE AIRLINE, CAR RENTAL, AND HOTEL INTERESTS. SOMETHING SMELLS TO HIGH HEAVEN.

GET ON WITH IT.

ADELAIDE BOURNE