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**From:** Bob Goodrich [goodrich@keck.hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:55 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 relating to transportation

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance  
DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007  
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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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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]  
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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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*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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**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.

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**From:** jason allen [captjason@wave.hicv.net]  
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**Subject:** superferry

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

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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,*

*Anthony Riecke-Gonzales*

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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:** Lois Kawano [lois@icinternational.net]  
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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.

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**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

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**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:** Oceantronics [fritz@oceantronics.net]  
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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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**To:** House Record  
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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:** 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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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:** 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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**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry

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**Re: The Hawaii Superferry**

**Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:**

**My name is Debbie West-Wu. I live on the Big Island and have been a resident of Hawaii for eight years. I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.**

**We are at a critical time where all people need to focus on creating community and removing all blocks and barriers that keep us from supporting and being with the ones we love. The Superferry will be an added transportation option for families who cannot afford to fly to outer islands to visit families and friends. It offers connectedness. Those in resistance are coming from a place of fear and lack. The Islands provide enough for all of us and this added opportunity for so many people will help OUR ALOHA STATE TO CONTINUE OUR PRACTICE OF LOVE AND PEACE FOR EVERYONE!**

**Thank you,**

**Debbie West-Wu  
Waikoloa Village Hawaii**

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**From:** Kalani Espinda [kalanie@firsthawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:10 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Support

Aloha,

My family and I whole heartedly support the supperferry. If tugs, barges, and inter island cruise ships can go between islands without much threat of invasive species, I don't see how the supperferry could make much of an impact in that regards. My father was born and raised in Lahaina as was generations before him. His family donated the land upon which Maria Lanakila Church is built. There are Espindas and other deceased family members buried in that cemetery. We still have family living on Maui. Why does opposition consider us foreigners just because we now live on Oahu? This is a shame! My father is now confined to a wheel chair due to old age. He is also an avid deep sea fisherman who's greatest passion is to be out on the ocean fishing with his friends. He wants to go "home" one last time to visit his parent's grave before he passes away. It is difficult for him to travel on a plane because we have to get him in and out of his wheelchair. It would be much easier for us to wheel him onto the ferry than put him on the plane. And since he loves the ocean, I can't think of a better way to take him "home" to see his family. Please do not let "the real foreigners" spoil it for him.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my feelings.

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**From:** Lily Valley [lily5hi@yahoo.com]  
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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,  
Laura Casey  
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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.

John Swindall  
Hoover, Alabama  
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**From:** Kaneshiro, Claudia [ckaneshiro@hdsonline.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:10 AM  
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**Subject:** Help save the superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Claudia Kaneshiro* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

When I was growing up my family would take the ferry from Seattle to Bremerton Washington. We found it very exciting. Taking the ferry is like taking the bus or train from one point to another instead of flying. You can see all the things that you can't see by flying. Going to another island by water (with your car) instead of flying and then not having to rent a car would be a big thing for my family.

I also feel it would be a boost to the different islands economy. Why I am not saying anything about the environmental impact is because I feel the superferry has addressed the important ones. If according to the laws an EIS needs to be completed, the superferry should be allowed to operate while it is being done.

I feel if it is not allowed to operate and we loose the superferry, we will also loose other businesses that want to operate in here the people will lose out.

**Claudia J. Kaneshiro**  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is La Rena K. Saul, I am a native Hawaiian, and I strongly support Hawaii SuperFerry. Please accept this written testimony as I am unable to appear in person.

My support is three-fold. First, on the whale issue, I believe the ferry captains will do everything possible to avoid the whales. They don't want to hit anything that large and they also wouldn't want to agitate them and risk the whales ramming into the vessel. Second, as someone who does business on all the islands, a ferry would allow me to take more of my products with me and allow me to travel for business more often. My overhead would be dramatically reduced. Finally, on a personal note, my family is scattered among the islands. A ferry would allow us to strengthen our family ties. It would be a blessing to see my family regularly instead of just on the occasional family reunion or funeral.

As a native Hawaiian, I have listened closely to what the activists have been saying. I appreciate their passion but do not agree with their message or their methods for expressing them. I do not feel the SuperFerry itself would go against my Hawaiian values. Progress, travel, and social interaction are all embraced by Hawaiians. However, I am relying on the SuperFerry company and our government to put the necessary systems in place to efficiently manage the loading and off-loading of the ferry without causing undue traffic. I've seen it done on the mainland and know it can be done here as well if we learn by example.

*Thank you,*

*La Rena K. Saul*

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**From:** Tina Martin [tinam@nogins.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:10 AM  
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**Subject:** I Support the Hawaii Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Christine Martin and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The reason is, I feel it will benefit locals & visitors alike:

Locals ~ I would love to support tourism on the outer islands, but how can I when it cost as much as going to Vegas(airfare, renting a car, etc.) Well the answer would be the **SUPERFERRY!**

Visitors ~ I have family, friends & business associates who come to visit and would love to go the the outer islands, but it's just too expensive. Well again the answer would be the **SUPERFERRY!**

Please don't let a good thing pass us by.

Sincerely,

***Christine Martin***

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**To:** House Record  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Karen K. Keomalu-Ishida* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*It would provide alternate transportation for the both locals and tourists traveling from island to island. It can also provide emergency help if needed.*

*Let's do what we can to keep the ferry in Hawaii.*

*Karen K. Keomalu-Ishida  
94-560 Lumiauau Street  
Waipahu, HI 96797  
678-9603*

*Karen K. Keomalu-Ishida*

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**From:** Melanie Inovejas [minovejas@fhb.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:09 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** In favor for the Super Ferry

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I would like you to reconsider of the stopping of the ferry. I think it would be very good for our economy and the local people as well as the tourist of Hawaii. It is an alternative way for us to travel from island to island. And I'm hoping that it shouldn't have an impact on our sea animals because hopefully by the time they are in view, the ferry would be able to avoid them and the sea animals would not want to approach the ferry. I would question the people that are now opposing the ferry to why they hadn't opposed it earlier when or before it was being built, they should have brought up questions about the ferry before it's arrival. I somehow think that it may be the airlines that may have put the people up to all this controversy because they are the ones that have anything to lose, but if only they would at least give the ferry a chance for the people to at least experience and judge for ourselves if we would like to travel in this manner. Maybe take the ferry one way and then take the plane on the way back. It also provides more jobs for people who are willing to work. Let's all just give the SUPER FERRY a CHANCE .....

Yours truly,  
Melanie Inovejas-Cardenas

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**From:** Joyce Almeida [joycealmeida@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:15 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Michael Knox and I support the ferry. I suggest that you issue a license similar to a Conditional use Permit and conduct the environmental study as it is actually performing. Then make conditions as needed to correct any problems noted first hand.

Phone 808-259-8811



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**From:** NANCON1@aol.com  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I own a condominium in Waikaloa Shores on the Big Island, and it would be very convenient for me and my guests to be able to take a ferry between islands (eventually the Big Island as well as Oahu, Maui and Kauai). This would help tourism as well as provide a reasonably priced way for local families to travel with their cars between islands.

Nancy Conant  
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Westlake Village, CA 91362

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**From:** Scot Griep [hapaguy67@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:28 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** In Support of the Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Scot Griep and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As I've mentioned before, we need the SuperFerry not only for transportation but it would certainly help our economy and promote jobs for the people of Hawaii. We CANNOT rely on tourism anymore! I've worked in the hotels for many years and we pour millions of dollars each year for advertisement. Although I'm glad that people still come here for vacation, the visitors are not coming here as often and staying as long.

In addition, it would give the small businesses a chance to do business on the other islands with shipping smaller quantities of goods. They cannot rely on Young Brothers or other major shippers as they are shipping everything in containers and slowly weeding out the smaller shipments as it seems.

The Hawaii SuperFerry would also give the people of Hawaii the opportunity to travel and visit family and friends. I'm most sure that these people who are against would eventually use the service of the SuperFerry should it continue to be in business. Futhermore, rather than be against it, the people of Hawaii should give it a chance. We will never know if it works or not until we try. So many people are very close-minded and will not try new ways of helping our/their economy! We need the Hawaii SuperFerry!!!!

*Scot Griep*  
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**Cc:** DEE  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Walter Bahnsen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is good for the economy, good for competition, free enterprise and good for the people of Hawaii. I rode the Superferry on the inaugural voyage to Maui and returned the same day. It was exciting, scenic and a good adventure. Please join me in supporting the Superferry for the better of the state of Hawaii.  
Walter Bahnsen

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**From:** joseph murray [josephmurray\_1@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:16 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

Dear Representatives:

Please help us get through this nonsensical and somewhat contrived opposition to a form of transportation that is neither new nor radical but which has very much been needed here in Hawaii for a century or more. All of the sudden "alarm" about invasive species and the like is a very spurious issue indeed and if it really were a danger that it is already far too late given Matson, Young Brothers, private boats, fishing boats, aircraft and any other transportation platform you might mention.

This is a serious black eye for the state for the reputation of its citizens and for the viability of Hawaii as having any kind of a friendly business climate. It will be a long time before any other major investors would take a risk on what appears to be a Third World sinkhole for well intentioned investment dollars.

Enough is enough! Let us put an end to this nonsense and get this Superferry in operation. The EIS can be done as it operates and I am confident at the termination of the study the ferry will be found beneficial and of no harm to the environment around us.

ALOHA

J. Ford Murray  
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Honolulu, 96825

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**From:** Alan Lakritz [alan@aloha.net]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Alan Lakritz and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Dear Legislator

I am a registered voter in East Hawaii who totally supports the introduction of the Super Ferry into our inter island transportation infrastructure. The SuperFerry as conceived brings alternatives to Hawaii residents Therefore I also support any effort by the legislature to come into special session to attempt to get this done at this time.

I also do not understand why this is so different then having the present inter island barge ,cruise liners ship, whale watchers and other excursions and especially high speed US Naval vessels and nuclear submarines which presently operate in our waters

Have they all always complied with all environmental concerns ? I think not, and they continue to operate without protest. ..

Please give us back our Super Ferry

*Alan Lakritz  
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Keeau Hawaii 96749*

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**From:** Willie Kaina [wkaina@alakaimedical.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:17 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support Of The Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is William M. K. Kaina and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry in every way. It opens the doors for our people to travel where they normally would not. It would be like connecting our islands via a highway. I think it takes good planning to make this work and I know this can happen. Like anything, there are always two sides to a story. I understand the concerns of the people against the Superferry and agree that better planning should be involved. The state needs to look at the positive and negative effects of this ferry on each individual island before it is approved.

William Kaina  
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**From:** cartallica@aol.com  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I think the Superferry will provide a great alternative way to travel between the islands.. I was so excited about it and planned to book a trip. I don't think it is fair for the state to tell the Superferry owners that everything is OK and they invest millions of dollars into the project, only to have it pulled at the last minute. It is completely unfair and tells the world that Hawaii is not a good place to do business. These environmentalists should have been raising hell a long time ago.. not now. The Superferry owners have taken steps to help protect the environment with the design of the ships and appear to me to be sensitive to this issue. They appear to me to be responsible business people and seem to be willing to work with the state to get through this mess. They deserve the opportunity to continue their business.

It is my wish as a citizen that the Superferry be allowed to continue. Please work out something so the citizens of Hawaii don't lose this opportunity of travel.

Thank You,  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Testimony Relating to HB 1 Relating to Transportation

**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  
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**FROM:** Mary Lu Kelley  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair  
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair**

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

**MY POSITION:**

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

**Two court cases have decreed that existing law be upheld!! Please, I beseech you...**

**Don't change the law, don't make this exception. Let the current law – (and the rulings which support it) - stand.**

**Mahalo.**



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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Laura M. M. Imai and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry is a great way to travel for those who do not ride airplanes. I have relatives on the Big Island that do not ride airplanes due their size. This would be a great way for them to visit our family without the worries of traveling in a tight and cramped seat.

This is a change for the state of Hawaii. We need to move forward and the only way is through change. We should not be fighting each other. This superferry is transporting LOCALS! LOCALS will be going from island to island. First the neighbor islands were complaining about tourists, now it's locals. It will help Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii with their employment problems. Maui was just saying a few weeks ago how they were worried that they would not be able to keep the next generation on the island due to not having enough jobs available. The superferry gives them that opportunity to employ their keiki and bring business to the island. Please let us move together in the right direction! We can only move forward and not allowing the Hawaii Superferry to run, we are taking a step back.

*Laura M. M. Imai  
2204 Apoepoe Street  
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375-1803*

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**From:** Gilbert Yamada [gy@kyd-inc.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:16 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

For the future of Hawaii, an alternate means of transportation besides air is very important. It will also help in emergencies, such as hurricanes or terroristic attacks.

Gilbert Yamada  
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**From:** Hal Levy [hlevy@hardwarehawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:14 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Cc:** David Lundquist  
**Subject:** Superferry testimony

Attn: House Committee on Transportation  
House Committee on Finance

Date: Thursday Oct 25, 2007

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Auditorium, State Capitol

Re: HB1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Messrs Souki and Oshiro, chairpersons

My name is Harold S. Levy, Jr. and I am a private citizen. I strongly urge your support and passage of this bill to allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS or Environmental Assessment is being conducted.

This is not a time for blame nor finger pointing. We the public look to the Legislative and the Executive branches for real leadership in correcting this unique and complicated situation. We as a State, must not fail to recognize the vital importance the employment of these Superferry vessels will offer in the development of interisland commerce and real opportunities for employment, recreation, mobility and competitive freight transportation.

The protection of our environment is of primary concern to be sure, and no one is deliberately going to harm the whales in this endeavor. How only one single solitary vessel like the Alakai can impact the whales more detrimentally while Young Brothers, Matson, and Norwegian Cruise Lines have many more sailings in the same waters without objection, defies logic.

Further, our islands have already been impacted environmentally (from Captain Cook's time, to interisland barge sailings, to direct airline flights even into our Neighbor island airports) and continues to be impacted with unimpeded population in migration, tourists and hitchhiking insects and animals transported by foreign vessels and aircraft to every one of the islands of Hawaii. To single out one surface vessel to bear the brunt of years of environmental impacts by others----is unfair.

This is the United States of America. For some individuals to attempt to restrict population growth and mobility, to deny other Americans the freedom to live, work, and recreate when and where they want to, to unfairly punish American free enterprise in the form of this unique, cutting edge ferry technology is totally un-American.

Finally, the selfishness of a minority of loud individuals in the name of protecting "their" island(s) from the rest of us, denies "our" use of the infrastructure we "others" in this State also pay for in State taxes. There can be no doubt, that a disproportionate share of tax revenue go to the "outer" islands who do not have enough tax base to pay for some of the infrastructure such as airports, harbors, bridges, roadway which these "exclusive" residents enjoy. Auwe! Where's the aloha!

I wholeheartedly encourage you and your colleagues to pass this bill to enable the Superferry to operate while the requirement for environmental impact statement is being conducted.

Harold S. Levy Jr.  
87-2214A Farrington Highway

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Waianae, Hawaii 96792

## House Record

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**From:** Albert F. Rapozo [uncleal@hawaiiink.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:19 AM

**To:** House Record

My name is Albert F. Rapozo and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.  
I want to use the Superferry for travel between the Islands.

Albert F. Rapozo  
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Lihue, Hi. 96766  
808-245-2775

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**From:** MarkInfo@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:20 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY....

I support the Super Ferry as I am so concerned about Hawaii's ANTI BUSINESS climate, that this move, forced by courts and a minority, but loud, portion of the population will further ruin our image in the national and international business scene.

I ALSO SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY AS A GREAT ADDITION TO LOCALS AND VISITORS ALIKE !

Mahalo,

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## House Record

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**From:** Wesley Higuchi [wkhiguchi@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:20 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony

RE: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Legislators:

I am a resident of Maui county and lifelong resident and I am in favor of allowing the Superferry to operate while the environmental assessment is completed.

I believe that the Superferry company acted in good faith to bring a viable business and alternate form of transportation to our islands.

It is not their fault that some residents have taken the law into their own hands in their protests or used the law to further their objectives versus the good of the state as a whole. I see the detractors as being selfish and short sighted.

I do agree that we want to do as much as is reasonably possible to protect our environment, but the conditions that the environmental extremists are suggesting would cause any business to fail.

Although I think it was a great suggestion, I also believe that we should not force the Superferry to give up it's right to sue as it would cause an unfair situation for something that it was not responsible for and seems like a heavy handed ploy at this time.

For the record, I am not associated with the Superferry.

Thank you for the opportunity to give input.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Audrey Tantamjarik [atantamjarik@pbrhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:23 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Superferry

**To: Senate Committees:** Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Please allow the Superferry to sail. Maybe an EIS should have been done, but the exemption was given, and the Superferry relied on that decision to complete the project and get running this year.

I am sure you have heard it all for and against the Superferry, so I won't belabor you with a lengthy testimony. I just want to cite an example:  
There are ferries that travel between England and France everyday. These are two different countries that have cooperated to have ferry travel between them. I only hope we could one day travel this way within our own state.

Thank you,

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**From:** lindab [lindab@penguinmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:44 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** YES to the superferry

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

### **YES YES YES to the Superferry!!!**

Please don't deny the many thousands who want the Superferry

Please do not allow the squawking of a few to be more important than our Hawaii's future.

Please do not confuse the loud, boisterous, clamoring of special interests with sound judgement. Their voice is NOT the voice of the people of Hawaii!

aloha

Linda Butts  
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PS

Please require an impact study on the environmental groups who represent an excessive few. Their voice is NOT the voice of the people of Hawaii!