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**From:** Dave Henry [henry4459@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:17 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dave Henry and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. We need this service as it will provide a very convenient link between us here on the Big Island and to the rest of the state. As an Environmental Impact Statement is going to be prepared I don't understand why we are in jeopardy of losing the Super Ferry. Please don't let a few activists dictate the future for the majority of the population, as has happened so many times here on the big island.

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**From:** Barbara Rogachesky [rogacheskybj@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:21 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support the Superferry: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Barbara Jo Rogachesky and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*It is an easy and economical way for family members, to visit Ohana on neighboring islands. It will help small business owners trade more easily with other islands also. The arguments against the Superferry make no logical sense. We already have private and commercial vehicles plying between these islands at this time and the only impact the Superferry will have is for the better. A large percentage of us depend on tourism for our livelihood, the Superferry will make travel to all islands more accessible and therefore increase our income.*

*Sincerely, Barbara Rogachesky*

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**From:** Alms, Donna [dalms@wm.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:22 AM  
**To:** House Record  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Donna Alms and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe this industry provides a great opportunity for both personal travel to the island Ohana and provides professionals and the business community an alternative for daily commuting. Whether its the canoe paddler racing, the jewelry designer selling or the grandmother whose afraid to fly, all will benefit from the Super Ferry. A few loud, obnoxious individuals should not carry the voice for all the islanders and when they attack the property of individuals exiting the Ferry to vandalize or destroy, they should be prosecuted and held responsible for assault and criminal property damage as would any bystander who attacks unprovoked. This matter should not be settled on the docks of Kauai or in the waters of Maui, but at the table where accountability and integrity set the standards for a quick resolution. I suspect the individuals opposing the Ferry, had the opportunity at public hearings during the planning stages, but failed to act or become involved when invited. Their irresponsible delayed reaction has caused more to the State, their neighbors and local business owners fiscally then it has solved.

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**From:** Sykes, Joshua x [Joshua\_Sykes@apl.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joshua Sykes and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*The Hawaii Superferry will decrease the cost of moving goods between the Hawaiian Islands. This will benefit all islanders by increasing choice and competition in the Hawaiian islands. Furthermore the Hawaii Super ferry gives those with lesser means the opportunity to see the rest of our beautiful island state for a fraction of the cost of air and hotel.*

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**From:** Butler, Florence [FButler@pscnow.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Florence Butler and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry and I do not plan to submit this testimony in person.

Being a resident of the Island of Oahu it can be very difficult for many of us to travel to the outer islands. Although I would like to see our beautiful state look into alternative ways of travel to the outer islands, I believe that the Hawaii Superferry is certainly at least one solution. It seems to me that if we are able to allow the large cruise ships to travel between the islands, what is the difference with the Superferry? Seems to me that we are making concessions for one business, but not for another. I hope that everyone will seriously look at this inequality and reconsider allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate within our fair seas.

Have a great day! :-)

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**From:** \*LeIgh\* [lmonishi536@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:19 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Save the Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Leigh Inoshita and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is an enormously positive business for Hawaii. It gives all the people of Hawaii another travel option, whether the travel be for work or pleasure. The Superferry offers services and amenities that other companies don't, such as the option to travel with your loaded vehicle, unassigned seating, play areas for youngsters, and big screen televisions.

The Superferry has a huge impact on the state's economy as well. The new business has already opened up new jobs for the locals, giving them the opportunity to work for an enterprise that could affect the state for many years to come. It also makes a positive difference for hotels, restaurants, and other businesses on the islands where Superferry travelers will likely visit. Since the tourism industry is the industry that we depend on it would be wise to support it and find new ways to keep it prosperous. We need to be innovative - what worked for Hawaii in the area of tourism 10 years ago won't be the same factor 10 years from now.

I recently moved back home from being in Colorado for nearly 4 years, working for a fortune 500 company and completing graduate school. While there I met many friends and colleagues with whom I am still in contact with. They all hear about the Superferry news affecting Hawaii and they all are sad to know how something that could be so great for the state is causing such bad press in all the news. People outside of Hawaii are the ones we depend on to bring in money to help the state survive. It's not only the individual travelers that we need, but businesses bringing in new ideas, technology and services to keep Hawaii on a competitive track with the mainland.

I wanted to go away for school to be able to bring back the knowledge to a place that I will call home for the rest of my life. My husband and I will raise our children here who we also hope will perpetuate the love for the state and live here for all of their lives. In order for us to do all of that we need to look toward the future, as a family and as a state, to do what we can for our loved ones so that they want to and can afford to stay in the islands.

I am proud to call myself a kama'aina. Sure, I want us to make national news, but I want to show everyone out there why they should come to visit and why we are "lucky we live Hawaii".

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Healani Beirne and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Superferry will be another great means of transportation for the State of Hawaii. Not only interisland but from Waianae to downtown Honolulu.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Earl Handy [koatree@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:19 PM  
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**Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:**

**My name is *Earl Scott Handy* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.**

**Earl Scott Handy**

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**From:** Orlando Salazar [orlando.salazar@doh.hawaii.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:21 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaiian Super ferry

Dear Sir/Madam,  
Yes I am in support. Thank you

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**From:** Bob Cassel [mpsm@hawaii.rr.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I am a small business owner operating on all islands as a manufacturers representative for 15 various companies. My position calls for a minimum of montly trips to both Kauai and Maui, and bi-weekly trips to the Big Island. At present, the inability to successfully transport adequate samples during sales calls limits my success and inevitably limits the products from reaching the workers of the various islands who would benefit from having them. The Ferry system would allow me to overcome this issue, make my business more successful, and allow me to of course pay the ever increasing taxes you continue to add onto me an others in my position, but that is another subject for another day.

Please do what is right and allow this service to begin and flourish.

Robert & Laura Cassel  
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**From:** Gene Lamkin [gene\_lamkin@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:25 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Support

Aloha,

Regarding the Superferry's operation and Environmental Impact Study.

We strongly support the Superferry for a number of reasons.

We cannot deliver our testimony in person.

1. Hawai'i needs an alternate form of inter-island transportation.
2. The Superferry will be good for tourism and commerce.
3. The Superferry would be vital form of transportation in case of disaster such as tsunami.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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**From:** info@acepmc [info@acepmc.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is William G.T. Lee and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support Superferry as it is a viable means of transportation for and support to the neighbor islands and Oahu. The Superferry has done nothing wrong as they have complied with all the demands required of them. In actuality it is the state, federal, and city and county that have let everyone down and allowed problems in regards to EIS, safety life at sea, and vigilante tactics which have been experience on the neighbor islands for passengers on Superferry. No other shipping company whether it be commercial or pleasure have been required to do an EIS and if the judge in Maui did not overturn his original judgment that an EIS was not required then all of this would not be an issue. In regards to any evasive species between the islands it is already here as normal cargo etc has been transited to the neighbor islands and back through Matson, Young Brothers, other shipping lines, and commercial aircraft. If Superferry were to fail due to this issue it will not stop what has and will be occurring as normal practice. In regards to evasive species it enters into Hawaii via the airlines and shipping lines from abroad and from the mainland. Federal and state agriculture sometimes fail to catch the evasive species when inspecting as it is then allowed to go to stores for distribution to customers in the way of plants, fish, etc and not from what is already in the islands. In regards to the whaling issue Superferry has complied to meet the needs and concerns of this matter. By law if they or anyone else affects the whaling issues they are all punishable. I can tell you that even the people who guard the whales hit whales as any speed vessel can do so especially the slower moving vessels. In the Hawaiian waters you have many types of vessels federal, state, commercial, and pleasure that exceed the speed limits daily and

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are not restricted including submarines. If the Superferry is not allowed a fair chance to exist in Hawaii this will be a travesty to the people of our state and also sends a clear message to the world of our ignorance as a state surrounded by water with minimal options for transportation and service.

Mahalo

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**From:** Maeshiro, Robert A. [rmaeshiro2@honolulu.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:27 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support Superferry

To All the Honorable Members of the House of Representatives of the Hawaii State Legislature,

My name is Robert Maeshiro. I am writing to show my support for the Hawaii Superferry. I believe our state needs another mode of transportation for the use of isle residents and visitors. Please listen and hear the voices of the majority of the people who want and deserve this service. We need the Superferry to operate in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Robert Maeshiro

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**From:** KAUHALE@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:27 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of the Superferry

I am unable to attend the hearing on October 25, 2007 at 9:00 AM. Please accept this email as testimony of our support for the continued operations of the Superferry.

EAH operates on Oahu, Maui and Kauai and has plans to expand to the Big Island within the next year. We believe having the Superferry as an alternative means of transportation is essential in our island State. In the business we are in, the development and management of affordable rental housing, we often encounter a narrow minded Not In My Backyard (NIMBY) attitude toward the good things we are doing. The Superferry is the victim of the same type of unwarranted opposition. We support what the Superferry is trying to do. We believe it will be good for our business, good for our vendors, good for our tenants, good for our staff and good for the people of Hawaii.

Aloha,

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**From:** Bill Ernst [bill@kula.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:28 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Follow Rule of Law: Perform EA before Superferry Sails

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

**FROM:** Bill Ernst  
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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for listening...and for caring.

Aloha,

Bill Ernst

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mary M. Fiedler and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My grandmother and my parents often told me about taking the Interisland ferry when they were young. I think it must have been a little less relaxing than taking the Superferry, as steerage passengers were out on the deck when they made the trip, but everyone arrived safely and happily.

Several years ago, I took the hydrofoil to Kauai and back, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I have been looking forward to taking the Superferry, with my car, to visit friends and relatives on the Neighbor Islands. My husband and I run a small business, and we frequently ship our products to the Neighbor Islands. Sometimes, we need to build the products, and this requires taking all of our tools from our company van and flying to the Neighbor Islands and coming back. It would be so simple and convenient for us to drive our company van onto the Superferry, drive off and build the products, and then come home. This just makes so much sense to us.

I've chaperoned groups of kids to the Neighbor Islands for different tournaments in different sports, and I would have loved to have taken them on the ferry, with family vans.

We've taken ferries in Washington State, where they have LOTS of marine life, and people rely upon ferries for transportation and for supplies. We've gone between islands and to Victoria, British Columbia on ferries. We need the Superferry here - it makes so much sense

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for an island state.

My family has been in Hawaii for generations, and the Superferry doesn't represent change - it represents a return to the good old days of interisland ferries. Please let it operate while we wait for an EIS (and I am strongly confident that an EIS would allow the Superferry to operate).

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Brenda Staton and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*My husband and I took a trip to Brazil a few years ago, where we used the ferry system there and were so impressed with the ease and efficiency of that ferry system. We wished then that we had such a system at home here in Hawaii. We the people of Hawaii deserve this additional convenient mode of transportation.*

Mrs. Brenda L. Staton  
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**From:** HANS JOACHIM GOLM [hansjgolm@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:10 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** I Support Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My Name is Hans J. Golm and I strongly support Superferry Hawaii.

I personally feel that we need an alternative mode of travel within the islands that would be convenient and affordable.

The ferry system will allow families, especially ones with several children to travel together and enjoy the beauty and experience of reaching their destination. This sight and feeling can not be experienced with air travel.

In addition the ferry will be utilized by tourists when visiting our beautiful islands. In speaking with many of my friends that visit Hawaii, they would love to see and experience coming up to one of our islands by sea. At this date and time, cruising is the only answer to their "wants", unfortunately extended time needed, as well as cost makes this not a viable option.

Aloha,

Hans J. Golm  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Melinda Kohr, Ph.D.* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*We cannot stop progress or development. It is inevitable. The Superferry is a part of that progress and needs to be a resource for us here in Hawaii. It would benefit neighbor islands on many fronts, and provide an alternative means of accessing a neighbor island in a disaster (Hurricane Iniki). I feel that the Superferry is being discriminated against. If they must go through all of this then why not Matson, as well as the other vessels that go between our islands. Hawaii would greatly benefit from having the Superferry. I personally feel that it would be embarrassing in front of the nation if we send this valuable resource away.*

*Melinda Kohr, Ph.D.  
400 Hobron Lane*

*Honolulu*

*941-2228*

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**From:** Cathy [tradewindsla@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:31 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry testimony

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

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

**FROM:** Cathy Granholm  
3617 Keoniana Rd., Princeville, HI 96722  
Tel 827-8023

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair  
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair**

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

I am one of the many residents of Kaua'i who testified at the meeting on our island on Sunday, October 21. I believe that the Superferry should never have been allowed to circumvent the laws protecting our environment. The Supreme Court has ruled that this was an error, and we do not want our representatives to overturn our environmental protections to help a private company. Governor Lingle has refused to hear our concerns and we do not trust her to protect our islands from threats like invasive species, theft of our resources and whale strikes caused by a ship traveling three times as fast as cruise ships. We also do not trust the Superferry representatives like attorney Lisa Munger, who said that the people from Oahu who filled their trucks with rocks on Maui were allowed to take any of Maui's resources, since they belong to residents and visitors. Perhaps the Superferry could be used to carry residents and visitors on Oahu around that island. We welcome visitors to our island but we do not want the Superferry here.

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**From:** Yvonne M. Oyamot [yvonne-oyamot@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:31 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Testimony for support of the superferry

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 Yvonne Oyamot and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry  
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**From:** WW MAUI [wwmaui@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:32 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION - Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wayne Gerow and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

*I feel that the Hawaii Superferry is a terrific addition to Hawaii's inter-island transportation system and will provide a level of competition that will ultimately benefit the people living in/visiting Hawaii. Ferry's such as this are used all over the world and have had little or no environmental impact.... Please, let's allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate.*

*Regards,*

*Wayne Gerow*

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*Camarillo, Ca. 93012*

*Ph: 805-384-8452*

## House Record

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**From:** BUDGETGOLD@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:31 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Super Ferry Hearings

To whom it may concern.

My name is Byron W Truswell, 75-6002 Al ii Dr. #3314 , Kailua-Kona ,HI 96740 and I am in favor of the Super Ferry being allowed to operate in Hawaiian waters in a safe manner for ALL concerned . The Whale population is not in the Hawaiian waters all years long ,only for a few months ,usually December thru March and therefore the ferry could operate at a reduced rate and take precautions to avoid any mishaps with the Whales. The Ferry allows families to move between islands at a more reasonable financial rate and will not restrict them to only flying and having to rent transportation . Thank you for you consideration in this matter and I urge you to vote in favor of the Super Ferry . Your Truly Byron W Truswell

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**From:** Big Rod [bigrodfeilton@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:28 AM

**To:** House Record

I support the super ferry for the reason below

1. make way for me to take my work van to do work on other islands same day.
2. can take my van and family on camping trips
3. to see the ocean beautiful views from a boat instead of a plane.
4. to see the whale farther out then just on a hour sight seeing trip

in closing i think the people of hawaii have been using the same shipping lanes with boats and ships for several years and we havent hit but a few whales in all this time so it wont be any different with the super ferry

**BRING ON THE FERRY**

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**From:** Emily Eissner [emily@jemerck.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:25 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Emily Marie Eissner* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*The Superferry should be allowed to operate. It will be good for the Hawaii Economy. It is a needed service and would be a nice change from airlines. Why let them get this far and then try to squash them? It just doesn't make sense.*

*Emily Eissner*

*69 Railroad Ave. Suite A-19 Hilo, HI 96720*

[Emily@jemerck.com](mailto:emily@jemerck.com)

## House Record

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**From:** Lori Medina [lori.medina@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:31 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** I support the HI Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is LORI MEDINA and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. This superferry is an important option for the people of Hawaii to travel inte-risland in an economical and timely manner as is needed in this fast paced business environment we face in Hawaii. With inter-island air transportation mired in litigation - where Hawaiian Airlines has promised to raise air fares inter-island if they can get rid of go! Airlines in Judge Ferris's courtroom we must have another option to keep air fares competitive.

We must have another way to bring the people of Hawaii together - and while loud opponents of this new service are very rude in public meetings many of our neighbors on the outer-islands are super nice and we need a cost effective way to bring the people of this state together.

While Young Brothers will ship your car or truck to another island for work it is difficult and expensive as tools must be locked up and bolted down for the barge ride and the drive on and off by Stevedores.

Please vote to allow us this option of travel. We need it and want it as shown in both scientific and non-scientific polls taken over the last few months. We cannot allow policy in this state to be driven by a few loud and obnoxious lawyers who would like to kill this project any way they can.  
Thank YOU!

Lori Medina  
Island Oil and Supply Co. Inc  
and Container Storage Co. of HI Ltd.  
Phone:(808) 841-5555  
Fax: (808)845-5552

## House Record

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**From:** Glenn Egdamin [g.egdamin@hppshawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:38 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Glenn Egdamin* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*ADDRESS 85-132-B Ala Wai St. Waianae Hi. 96792*

*PHONE NUMBER] 696-3778*

*I'm in strong support of having the Hawaii Superferry operating in Hawaii for the people of Hawaii it would be another means of transportation to the other islands, I would be able to take my car to visit family and friends, it would be economically beneficial for business using this service, it would create more jobs for people, give Hawaii a better business climate. I don't believe any restrictions for the Superferry should be imposed on them unless it applies to all shipping including cruise ships, tug boats, barges, foreign vessels, oil tankers, fishing boats, or any type of surface craft. The majority of the people want this service please listen to what they are saying.*

Thank you  
Glenn Egdamin

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**From:** N.C. Tinebra [tinebra@honpub.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:32 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION (Hawaii Superferry)

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*Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:*

My name is Nick Tinebra and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

From what I have read and observed Hawaii Superferry has gone to great lengths to comply with the law and act upon assurances it received from the state. Legal challenges and delayed court rulings have put Hawaii Superferry in a near-impossible position. At the very least, the state of Hawaii owes Hawaii Superferry an opportunity to begin operating while an environmental assessment is conducted. Anything less would be a death blow to this new business and send a terrible message to future investors in Hawaii. Think about it - would you invest millions of dollars in a new business if you believed the state would change the rules on the eve of launching your new business? This issue has huge future implications and your actions are undoubtedly being watched very closely. Let's face it, we have a mess on our hands but you have an opportunity to clean it up. Go to work!

N.C. Tinebra

4917 Maunalani Circle

Honolulu, HI 96816

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## House Record

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**From:** Mike Fisher [cel-pe@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:33 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** I Support the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mike Fisher// and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am a geotechnical engineer with Construction Engineering Labs, Inc. in Pearl City. Allowing the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted would be greatly beneficial to our company. We have a portable drill rig that we use to perform soil test borings and soil sampling for soils investigations. This equipment is stored in a small Wells Cargo trailer that is towed behind one of our company vehicles.

As the Superferry was slated to initially start its interisland service, we had scheduled a job on Maui. We intended on using the Superferry to transport our drilling equipment and the trailer, along with my company vehicle. The cost for the interisland shipping, etc. was included in our lump sum bid for the project. Between the time we were awarded our contract and the start of our soils investigation, the Superferry service was halted. As such, we had to ship our equipment on Young Bros. and rent a vehicle for me to tow the trailer while on Maui. After we were done with the job, we had to ship the trailer back to Honolulu on Young Bros. again. Since this contract was a lump sum amount, we lost \$920 as we incurred extra expenses that would have not existed had the Superferry been operating as they had planned.

Here is a breakdown of the extra costs we incurred because of the shutdown of the Superferry:

Cost to ship trailer, truck, and myself on Superferry from Oahu to Maui=\$290  
Cost to ship trailer, truck, and myself on Superferry from Maui to Oahu=\$290  
\*Total cost for interisland Superferry round trip for trailer, truck, and myself=\$580

\*Cost to ship trailer on Young Bros. from Oahu to Maui=\$490  
Airfare for me from HNL to OGG=\$40  
Cost of rental truck on Maui for 4 days=\$400  
Cost to ship trailer on Young Bros. from Maui to Oahu=\$490  
Airfare for me from OGG to HNL=\$40  
Parking at HNL=\$40  
\*Total cost for having to ship this way=\$1,500

\*As you can see, being forced to go with YB, etc. directly cost us almost \$1,000. We are a small business, and every penny counts, so when we have to take a \$1,000 hit that we can't bill the client, that really hurts. In addition to the increased cash costs, we had indirect costs such as having to deliver and pick up the trailer at YB on both islands, along with delays and having to reschedule several jobs because the Superferry would have provided same-day service, but with YB, we had 3 down days each way, which pushed several jobs on Oahu back and could have cost us those jobs.

Mahalo Nui,  
Mike

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## House Record

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**From:** Stacy Dipilato [stacy.dipilato@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:27 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Save the Hawaii Superferry

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

My name is *Stacy DiPilato* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.  
*Please save the Hawaii Superferry!!! I strongly agree that the Superferry will be a positive move for the State of Hawaii and is a needed alternative for transportation inter island. The revenue that can be brought to the neighbor islands from travelers on the Superferry will help all communities.*

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808-222-2094

*Stacy DiPilato*  
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**From:** Laverne Packard [kauaiGRL@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:34 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry Bill

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Laverne Packard* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am writing to encourage you to allow the superferry to continue services to the outer islands while a EIS is completed.

My issues are simple. I am a patient advocate on the island of Kauai. I have had my mother and sister taken from me by cancer. For 4 years we traveled back and forth to Oahu for specialty treatments that are not provided here on Kauai and we have had to sacrifice by having our family remain on Kauai to continue to financially support the treatments taken. Our medical /travel and rent a car expenses were unexpected and large at times. I see the superferry as a blessing for the families who have no alternatives but to travel to Oahu for treatment.

My sister while ill could not travel by commercial airlines. It became to draining and her body could bare very little. She would always have to be air ambulance out to Queens Hospital which was not a fun ordeal but a necessary one. She would have appreciated the Superferry. The simplicity of the travel would have been welcomed.

I urge you to consider this too while making this decision.

*Laverne Packard*

*5205 Hauaala Rd Kapaa, HI*

*808.284.1555*

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**From:** Raelene Roller [rroller@financeinsurance.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:34 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Raelene L. Roller and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Although I am unable to testify in person I want to express my opinion that the Super Ferry is great for our State. Perhaps all of the naysayer's forget what it was like after Hurricane Iniki. How isolated each island was and how difficult it was for families to survive without the basic essentials. We need to use the resources at our disposal. We are islands surrounded by water. Doesn't it seem ludicrous that we could be so backwards as to not use what God has given us.

The environment is important, yes. I am not saying that allowing the Ferry special dispensation to skirt an Environmental Impact Statement was right. However, officials that we elected to make the tough decisions, converged and agreed to allow it. Is it truly fair that we renege on an agreement that was accepted in good faith? Perhaps allowing the continuance without the EIS is wrong, so allow the Ferry to operate while the Environmental study is conducted. How better to judge the effects of the Ferry than by studying the actual effects? Without the Ferry in operation, the study is fiction and best guess.

Don't allow a hand full of opponents decide for the majority of life long citizens of this State. After all, hasn't the white man conquered this land enough already. We are several generations of Hawaiian Citizens and our voices, although maybe not as loud and irritating as the neighbor island haoles, should count for something.

Raelene L. Roller  
92-504 Akaawa Street  
Kapolei, HI 96707  
808-791-9503

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**From:** Lani Borton [bortonl001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:34 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry Email Testimony for Hearing Thurs 10/25/2007 9am

My name is Lani Borton. I am a voting taxpayer of Hawaii. I will not be submitting comments in person. My email address is [bortonl001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:bortonl001@hawaii.rr.com). You can call me at 8082394217.

I support the Superferry. I believe that Hawaii will benefit from the diversity offered by this new means of transportation, leisure and more importantly, jobs. This was touted as an economic means of traveling to the outer islands thus promoting more interisland commerce by local people. I look forward to taking advantage of this.

The way in which this was handled is unprofessional – having investors commit money to the venture then having the State shut them down after knowing of their commitment for years. It doesn't matter whether it was the governor or legislature or court shut this down. It's a black eye on the State for business investment and that is not what we need.

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**From:** tvf1617@juno.com

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:07 AM

**To:** House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Teresa Fuata and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a Hawaii National Guard family, the Hawaii Superferry would allow us to travel to Oahu to exercise our military privileges for the Exchange and Commissary. Among other personal reasonings, the Hawaii Superferry would play an essential role in case of any County, State, or National emergency. Please consider this and allow us this possible life saving option - allow us this freedom.

Teresa Fuata  
PO Box 7196  
Hilo, HI 96720

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**From:** Kathy Reinhart [kathyreinhart@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:35 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathy A. Reinhart and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. The addition of vehicular ferry service to the outer islands would be an asset for local citizens and tourists. Ferry services are effective all over the world. The invasive species issue is ridiculous. Are the airlines, Young Brother etc. required to do the things being asked of the Hawaii Superferry? Daily service between islands will be a boon to the small business person who will no longer have to rely on Young Brothers or the airlines to transport goods and transfer needed supplies. It makes economic sense to have an additional form of transportation. Tourists will appreciate the experience and locals like the convenience of bringing their own transportation.

The whale issue has already been addressed. Ferry services have run in the Pacific Northwest with no detriment to whales. Only in Hawaii would establishing a much needed ferry service create such an uproar!

Kathy A. Reinhart  
24 Lumahai St.  
Honolulu, HI 96825  
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**From:** Kathy Reinhart [kathyreinhart@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:35 AM  
**To:** House Record  
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**From:** Hirata, Keith K Mr CIV USA USARPAC [keith.hirata@us.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:35 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Cc:** Keith  
**Subject:** Support of Hawaii Superferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Hello, my name is Keith Hirata and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I sincerely regret I cannot make it in person to support the Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Hawaii Superferry would be a great alternative form of transportation for the people of Hawaii. It would help schools, local businesses, families visiting families on neighboring islands, return the jobs to the 249 people that were furloughed, etc. These are just a few of the many things the Hawaii Superferry would bring to the islands. Flying would not be the only form of transportation to neighboring islands. I would use it myself if given the chance as I have family on both Maui and Kauai, and would like bring my own vehicle instead of renting. I am saddened to see this split between neighboring islands but I wonder who is causing this split after all the pictures I've been seeing in the papers. There are 3 Norwegian cruise line ships each week going to Maui and Kauai but I hear no complaints from this group. They act as if people from Oahu will ruin Maui and Kauai, but it's visitors that will do that instead of locals.

Thank you for listening and giving me the opportunity to voice my support for the Hawaii Superferry.

V/r

10/24/2007

Keith Hirata

94-1037 Paha PI #S7

Waipahu, HI 96797

808-349-9560

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

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**From:** John P. Macatee [jmacatee1@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:51 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *John Paul Macatee* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry for three reasons:

1. Competition: Between the airlines and car rental companies for starters. Keeping costs down and a positive effect on OUR congested transportation system.
2. Choice: This will allow the citizens of Hawaii freedom to choose between Sea and air travel.
3. State of Emergency: Should there ever be a national disaster we will have more transportation options available.

Comment: If non growth is the agenda for not supporting the Hawaii Superferry don't tie up our transportation system and keep costs high, instead - VOTE in slow growth plans, let the PEOPLE decide. This is the United States of America.

Thank you,

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## House Record

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**From:** Bob Asato [bobasato@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:35 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support for Superferry to Continue Sailing While ...

*Good morning Legislators,*

*My wife June and I are glad for this special legislative session.*

*Our simple request is that each and everyone of you "do the right thing" for the multi-benefit for the Hawaii people and let the superferry sail to all ports while the ES continues .....*

*Mahalo, bob & june asato*

**House Record**

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**From:** Miller, Chad E [cmiller@Petrospect.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:33 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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

**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 Chad E Miller and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please take all measures possible to allow the Superferry to commence operations as soon as possible. The issues that have stopped the Superferry should have come out much sooner, which would have allowed for an EIS to be completed before the start of business. I feel that this was deliberately brought up at the last minute in an effort to negatively impact the Superferry and force them to go bankrupt. The State supported and coordinated with the launch of this service and I feel this should not be brought to bear on the Superferry.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

***Chad E. Miller***

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**From:** makinanoi001 [makinanoi001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:37 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

I am in favor of the Superferry. Islands like Kauai and Maui depend heavily on tourism, I do not understand their resistance to a alternative way of travel to bring in more money.

I believe both the Superferry and the government was at fault for not correctly interpreting laws concerning the EIS. I also believe that only a small minority of our population is against the Superferry.

The Sierra Club, Greenpeace and all our other environmental watch dogs are our alleged leaders for consevation of our environment. Real leaders not only sees problems but also assists with solutions. Where's the assistance.

With the threats of terrorism attacks, doesn't the Superferry already have in place security measures to insure our safety. Why can't they also do an agricultural inspection before boarding like the airlines do for overseas travel if people on other islands are afraid of environmental cross contamination or removal of moss rocks, etc.



## House Record

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**From:** Bert Basabe [bert.basabe@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:37 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

Aloha,

I wish to submit written testimony only. I feel the Superferry should not operate until after the EIS is completed. Thank you.

Sincere Regards,

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## House Record

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**From:** lkaikakiwini@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:37 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** pro superferry

Aloha,

Thank you for taking the time to read my following statement. I know all of you are very busy and overwhelmed by the testimony of our fellow citizens.

First I am a furloughed employee of the Hawaii Superferry. This was my sole source of income. My wife does also work. I have three wonderful keiki ages 15, 9, and 7. I have always dreamed of being able to get to all our islands with my Ohana. Flying is hard, expensive, and difficult with keiki. Having to rent cars or trying to take the bus, is hard with 5.

I strongly support this company and our fellow workers. Not just because I work for them. I have been waiting for this since I knew about this project. I do not think it to be fair, to let these few "green people" tell us what we can and can't do. I PROBABLY DO MORE FOR THIS COMMUNITY THAN ANY OF THEM.

I have been part of AYSO ( American youth soccer organization ) now for six years. This is a non-profit organization. I volunteer my time as a coach and a referee. I am also certified as a USSF ( United States Soccer Federation ) official. I Referee for MYSO ( Maui Youth Soccer Organization ), HYSO ( Hawaii Youth Soccer Association ), and I am also an official for the MIL ( Maui Interscholastic League ) . I also hold a NFHS ( National Federation of High Schools ) membership for soccer officiating.

I give back to what's important to me, our community and our Ohana. What a great option for our sports teams to be able to travel together with equip. in such a wonderful way.

I can't express to you enough, how important this is to everyone I come in contact with. From Coaches, Referees, Players, Co-workers, Friends, and Ohana. I have heard from all of these arenas but only one thing, " How sad this is to have happened to something that is so important to so many." Please don't let " THE CLASS CLOWN " ruin this for everyone.

Thank you for your time,  
Mahalo Nui Loa

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## House Record

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**From:** Douglas, John MD [JDouglas@STRAUB.NET]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:51 AM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Attn: House Committee in Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Re:HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John Douglas, and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I believe we need the superferry as an alternative means of transport between the islands. To limit ourselves to air-only public transportation is ludicrous in a tropical island archipelago. Every citizen on every island has a right to easily traverse the channels with their vehicle and family. Many of my patients are disabled and find it difficult to endure the multiple transfers and cramped conditions on the airlines. To limit their access to medical care on Oahu, as well as their friends and family on other islands, is an insult. Please consider your responsibility to the many citizens of Hawaii who want and need the Superferry.

Thank you.  
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