

House Record

From: Alan Mefford [alanhawaii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:05 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Hearing

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [YOUR FULL NAME] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry for the flexible inter island transportation it brings and the jobs and economic improvement it adds to our State. Superferry cannot survive with out income while the Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared. I urge you to allow Superferry to resume operation now. I urge you not to place unfair and unneeded restrictions on Superferry's operation. Weigh restrictions against what is being required of others (Young Bros., cruise ships, charter boats, etc.) and use best science, not emotional demands in the name of "environmental protection", to decide restrictions. If the restriction need is unknown, then allow for testing it.

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From: JOHNNA DELCASTILLO [JDELCASTILLO@queens.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:31 AM
To: House Record
Subject: I would like to see the Superferry get a chance!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My understanding regarding the plight of the Superferry is that some not- so- on- the -up -and- up, "shady" ways were originally taken before the Superferry got here and so now we have to back-pedal and make it right.....

The Hawaii residents are counting on you and your peers to represent our needs and make this situation a win-win situation for all involved.

I personally feel that the Superferry is a good thing for Hawaii---I coach outrigger paddling for keiki and would love to be able to take the entire team with our canoes and equipment on the Superferry to the states whenever it's on an outer island. I think about all those estranged families that would love to be closer if they could be but live on all different islands. I see more resident vacation dollars staying in the islands if we could take our cars and explore other islands with our kids instead of flying to the mainland, renting a car, and spending more money on lodging there. I see a whole new world opening up for residents who want to visit the rest of our state but are bound to a wheelchair and need that special van to get around or are too big to fit into an airline seat...

I think that the State owes it to the Superferry to at least have a trial period of carrying on it's business and then re-visit the need, especially since it looks like we have most everything in place except for the EIS. Let the Superferry run and see how popular it becomes in let's say, a year or so. Will it fill an unrecognized need? We won't know unless we allow the Superferry to run! And maybe after a year, the Superferry might be losing money and may decide to leave just like those cruise lines, but it won't be through the fault of legislation or the fact that the right steps were not taken.

Make it pono....and remember, we are a STATE, not 7 different island nations....

J del Castillo
Kailua, Oahu

House Record

From: Shimabukuro, Sharon at PROP_MAUI [sshimabukuro@abprop.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:32 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Recall: SUPPORT FOR SUPERFERRY

Expires: Friday, October 26, 2007 8:32 AM

Shimabukuro, Sharon at PROP_MAUI would like to recall the message, "SUPPORT FOR SUPERFERRY".

House Record

From: Donna Kooiman [Donna@auw.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:43 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Donna M. Kooiman* and I **STRONGLY** support Hawaii Superferry.

I don't get to travel much and the cost of flying over to another island is not worth my money. I can go to Vegas instead. But, I've always loved traveling by the sea and have been looking forward to using the Superferry as a sort of mini luxury cruise as I can't afford the real thing. I am outraged that a few have hindered my dreams and have the nerve to tell me (a tax payer) that it's their island. If that's true, could they pay my taxes! I am also appalled and demand that whatever requirements you impose on the Superferry, that you also impose on the Navy, Cruise liners, Young Brothers, and everyone else traveling by sea to the outer island. It is only right that you hold everyone accountable to the same rules. I, for one, will do what I can to make sure the public is aware of the double standards should you only required the Supperferry to comply. A double standard is no way to lead and will only vote for leaders in the future.

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House Record

From: wai [wai.lee@conferencehub.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wai Lee and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry for the future of our State and all my fellow citizens, good and bad.

The Ferry has been besieged by the political machine to humiliate our 3 branches of State Governments. As elected officials, please rise above the unruly protestors, the agitators and staged Judiciary dissent allow the Ferry to prove itself worthiness while the EA is conducted. Until a system is tried, there are only speculations and Fear, Uncertainty and Doubts.

Stopping the Ferry with "Special Conditions" without any verifiable fact is against all we are teaching our children. The opposition is telling our children the wrong message.

Let historians applause your courageous actions, not regrets. Please lead us with visions not fear.

Sincerely Yours

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House Record

From: Shimabukuro, Sharon at PROP_MAUI [sshimabukuro@abprop.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:32 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPPORT FOR SUPERFERRY

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *SHARON SHIMABUKURO* and I strongly support Hawaii SuperFerry.

My reason is simple.....we need another means of transportation in Hawaii and it is good economic sense!

Thank you,

SHARON SHIMABUKURO

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From: hapai4maio@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:34 AM
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Subject: Support Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

The SuperFerry will not only offer another means of transportation to our outer islands, it will also boost the economy on all islands affecting the small businesses and companies. Each island has their own special products and goods to offer. By traveling on the SuperFerry, families can experience the beauty of the islands at eye level instead of from an airplane hundreds of miles above. Granted traveling on an airplane cuts your arrival time down to minutes, the SuperFerry can offer spacious surroundings without the hussle and bussle of an airport, baggage area and parking.

I am in total support of the Hawaii SuperFerry and hope that you will permit the operation of this vessel prior to completion of the EIS.

Wendy Maio [SIGNATURE]

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From: Shimabukuro, Sharon at PROP_MAUI [sshimabukuro@abprop.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:34 AM
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Subject: SuperFerry Testimony

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Hatsumi Hayashi and I strongly support Hawaii SuperFerry.

I think it will fun to ride the SuperFerry as well as keep airfares low.

Hatsumi Hayashi

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Felita L. Dadulla-Miranda* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry

I am all for the Hawaii Superferry to operate. I have rode a similar ferry in Washington State from Seattle to Victoria B.C., Canada several years ago and I thought, "hey this is great Hawaii should have something like this".

This would be another option of traveling inter island with the air fares being so ridiculous. I don't feel that the Hawaii Super ferry has been treated FAIRLY & JUSTLY!

If the Hawaii taxpayers get stuck with this bill, I say let the counties of Maui & Kauai taxpayers pay for IT!

Fei Miranda

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From: Rich [cyclone97@earthlink.net]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Richard H. Ashley and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry is very much needed. As an alternate means of transportation in times of crisis or emergencies, or as an affordable way to travel to Oahu for goods and services from the outer Islands, Hawaii needs this system. The notion that large crowds of people will be flocking to Maui or Kauai is ill-conceived, the flow of people will be in the opposite direction for the obvious reasons. The time for the Superferry has arrived, lets not let this opportunity slip away.

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House Record

From: Ching, LoriAnn K. [LoriAnn.Ching@ggp.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:35 AM

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Subject: Testimony for the HB 1: Hawaii Superferry

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TESTIMONY

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lori-Ann Ching and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I believe the people of Hawaii want and deserve interisland transportation choices. The Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to our state.

Thank you,
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House Record

From: Steven Thompson [sthompson@construction-r-us.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:31 AM
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Subject: Superferry! LET SUPERFERRY BE SUPER!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Steven C. Thompson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would love the opportunity to travel to other islands via the Superferry. Other parts of the world employ a ferry system without any problems. When I ship my car to Maui via Youngbrothers, they dont make me spray my automobile down, or harass me by searching through my belongings. I dont discount the fact that an EA or EIS may be the best way to go, but at least have the Superferry in service while they are bring conducted. Lets do the right thing for the MAJORITY of the people of Hawaii, not the handful of minority! Mahalo!

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:29 AM

To: House Record

please listen to the voice of the people and keep the hawaii superferry, we live on an island and need all the travel options possible.

House Record

From: Dick Mayer [dickmayer@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:34 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Vote "NO" on Proposed Superferry Bill

**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: Prof (Economics) Dick Mayer
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
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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: I am opposed to HB 1.
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.)

The whole basis of the proposed law is an assumption that is just NOT true.

"the immediate operation of a qualifying ferry vessel is in the public interest"

Actually, it is that very "public interest" that is threatened by both the proposed ferry vessel and by this law.

Judge Cardoza listened to 22 days of testimony, with both the HDOT and the HSF able to present their case, and he determined that there is the strong possibility of potential irreparable harm if the ferry were to operate before mitigation measures were in place.

It is YOUR obligation, senators, to protect us, the public, and the state's economy, and the state environment from that irreparable harm.

It is not even in the public interest to go into a special session to overturn the protections offered by HRS 343.

It is not in the public interest to hand over power to a governor and who has consistently shown reluctance to create or support the necessary safeguards.

It is not in the public interest to establish an oversight task force which is so stacked in favor of those protecting this so-called "qualifying ferry vessel".

It is not in the public interest to create an alternative environmental review process, that does not even require the "qualifying ferry vessel" to obey required mitigation measures which the EIS will suggest.

It is not in the public interest to deny all of the county governments any authority at all to regulate the "qualifying ferry vessel", or to mitigate the impacts of such a vessel.

HOWEVER, it IS in the public interest to recognize that the schedule of the ferry is very inconvenient, especially for farmers ; that its prices are high, even charging for a baby; that it is disruptive to traffic into our congested harbors and on our streets.

It is unwise, and perhaps illegal, to give a single company special privileges that allow it to operate, despite the determination of our judicial system that there is the potential for irreparable harm to be done.

Finally, it is not in the public interest go into a special session; and it is certainly not in the public interest to pass this law.

House Record

From: Kathy Cassity [kcassity@hpu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:35 AM
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Subject: Testimony in Support of Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathleen Cassity, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Since my job prevents me from attending the meeting in person, I am submitting my testimony via email.

Hawaii needs transportation alternatives for its residents and small businesses. The existing law that halted Superferry is faulty because it allows cruise ships--a use that provides only minimal benefit to our people--while halting a much-needed transportation alternative that local folks need. This law needs to be changed to allow for reasonable and necessary uses such as Superferry.

Although I am normally on the side of environmentalists, I believe they are sadly misguided in this instance. Considering that we already have cruise ships, commercial shipping, and airlines, one more boat is unlikely to have the kind of adverse effects hypothesized by these alarmists. It is true that Hawaii has been diminished by many modern practices: greedy overdevelopment, excessive commercialization, inadequate management of traffic, high taxation, and money-hungry landlords. Unfortunately, **many people are using the Superferry as a scapegoat** for their valid frustrations over other issues. As is so often the case when something is scapegoated, this hostility is misplaced. We should be working together to fight poverty, bad development, overpriced real estate, and other real threats to our environment, while supporting residents, small businesses, and the services that will assist them. **Superferry is a red herring diverting our attention from the real threats to our islands--both the physical environment and the human environment.**

People are often afraid of change, and the Superferry represents something new. But change is not always a bad thing. Sometimes it takes time for people to accept something new and different. I believe that **if we give Superferry a chance, the fear may abate and in time people will see that it is a boon, not a threat.** The hysteria will die down, and ten years from now as we all enjoy this service, we will look back, chuckle at how many prophecies of doom failed to materialize, and marvel that this a wonderful service had to face so much unnecessary controversy at its inception. Perhaps once the initial Superferry hysteria has faded, we can come together as a community to address the issues that **truly** threaten our islands--Superferry not being one of them! But this can only happen if you, our elected legislators, have the courage to do the right thing and pass a law that will allow Superferry to operate.

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Most people, over time, will come to understand that this is a valuable service and that initial fears of change were both misplaced and overblown.

Give Superferry a chance, and **listen to the majority of your constituents**. Polls show that almost all Hawaii residents want the Superferry service. Thus, the political process is being hijacked by a vocal, rowdy and disrespectful minority--and a misguided one at that. I expect protestors will show up in droves to testify, while supporters may not. That is because the majority of Hawaii's people, who support the Superferry, are also hardworking folks who bolster Hawaii's economy by holding down a job (or two). We working people do not have time to float around in the ocean causing trouble, and most of us are too busy to show up at the Capitol and rudely shout down anyone who disagrees with us. **Please listen to the voices of Hawaii's working people who want this ferry**. We may be quieter and more orderly, but we are equally passionate and **we are the majority**.

One protestor recently went on record stating that if the Superferry Bill is passed, it will lead to "political and social revolution." Please do not cave in to these veiled threats of violence. With only 5% of the island's population opposed to Superferry, I seriously doubt this is true anyhow--but anyone who attempts to spark a "revolution" should be dealt with legally.

My family and I hope you will do the right thing for the majority rather than cater to a vocal, pushy minority. **The true threats to Hawaii's environment do not stem from the proposed Superferry, but from human greed**. The Superferry will have positive benefits for Hawaii, and I personally look forward to patronizing this wonderful service. Please support the Superferry!

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House Record

From: Barbara J Tavares [btavares@hawaii.edu]
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To: House Record
Subject: Save the Superferry

Please do what is possible to start Superferry service.

Whatever mistakes have been made on either side, the bigger issue is that this is a service that is decades overdue for our state. My first eye opening was on a trip to New England 10 years ago. We used ferries to travel between the mainland and Nantucket Island, and saw similar service to Martha's Vineyard. A few years later on a trip to Vancouver, Canada, we saw an even better example of how such an operation serves the populations of the many offshore islands of Western Canada. At the time we wondered why our state did not have such a service.

I am not unsympathetic to the fears expressed by some of the dissenters. There is a provincial attitude that the Superferry will mean undesirable impact not already happening from air and barge service. Frankly, I feel that "train has left the station." Over population, too many cars, the over use of resources is happening with or without a ferry service, and it will take other measures to stop the progression of these problems. Meanwhile, the so-called environmentalists have many more immediate challenges, including land fills, recycling, mass transit, reduction in one-person-one car habits, etc., that would have far greater impact on our island communities. Why this ferry service has been targeted, I do not know. The cynical part of me suspects there are personal motives fueling the fires of these groups, and that it has nothing to do with the environment, rather the desire to limit competition.

It is obvious pro ferry people cannot have a fair turn to testify at the community meetings. Why would anyone subject himself or herself to harassment they would endure to give testimony in support of the Superferry? I will be watching closely to see who in the legislature is exerting leadership and who is caving in to populist pressure. Barbara Tavares, Coordinator of Special Services Office of the State Director for Career and Technical Education University of Hawai'i Lunalilo I, Lower Campus Rd. Honolulu, HI 96822

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From: Carolynn Milner [Carolynn@Karenkline.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Carolynn Milner* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I remember as a youth going to Maui on the Seaferry and we had a blast! We had all our camping gear packed and ready as we got off the boat prepared to hike through Haleakala. How easy.

I support the Superferry for the alternate transportation options this business offers. We look forward to visiting friends and family without needing to borrow a vehicle once we reach our destination. We can meet up with each other and have all of our items without the hassle/restrictions of baggage claim.

Carolynn Milner

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Len Fukushima and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am a surfer, father of a 2 year old and born and raised in Hawaii. So, I have many reasons to protect my environment and make choices that will benefit my family and these islands for years to come. The Superferry should be allowed to operate because:

1. It will insure there are sufficient modes of transport between the islands and increase competition in a reasonable manner. Competition will lead to heightened scrutiny of all transport company's environmental impact, not just the Superferry's.
2. With rising oil prices, we cannot allow only 2 interisland freight companies to dictate the cost of operations.
3. To date, there are no incidences of harm to the environment or marine life on the Pugen Sound, Indonesia, Victoria Island. All operate a ferry system without incident and is a vital part of a transport system.

Len M. Fukushima
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Milton Parks, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry is something we need in this state to help sustain our everyday life and not have to rely on just barge companies and airlines to move us and our goods from one island to another. I believe that we supporters are the majority in this matter and our representatives should be listening closely to what we are saying.

Yes, there should be cautions and controls on what, when, where, and how the Hawaii Superferry operates, but within reason for both the environmental and safety issues. It is ridiculous to totally shut down the operation of the Hawaii Superferry during an EIS, considering what they already have in place to safeguard environment and safety during operations.

I pray that the correct and right decisions are made on this matter, and we move forward and let the Hawaii Superferry operate. And I thank all our representatives for their consideration and hard work on these matters.

Milton E. Parks
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From: Mark "Doc" Goldman [mgoldman@ilhawaii.net]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mark Goldman, I am from Hilo, and own a small business: Communication Center of Hawaii. We do telephone work.

Often we are called upon to work on other islands. This involves use of tools, parts (e.g. wire, circuit boards, etc.), etc. Flying, renting a vehicle, and especially taking parts on today's flights is not easy.

With the Super Ferry, we could take our service van, with all that we may need, and do our service calls on other islands, much more efficiently.

Please support the Super Ferry, for the sake of small businesses.

Aloha,

Mark 'Doc' Goldman, Ph.D.

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From: sean mason [kawi6rr@hotmail.com]
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Subject: I support the Super Ferry

I'm in complete agreement on needing the Super ferry in Hawaii. Think about the people who are terrified to fly, Closter phobic, or are too large to fit comfortably in the tiny seats that airlines provide. This would provide those minorities a comfortable way to travel through their home, our islands. This is not just about the few environmentalists whom have rallied their troops to show that Hawaii is not in support of the Super ferry. The majority of Hawaii's people are in support of the Super ferry and the state needs to be aware of this.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Helena Orris and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry because it's another way to travel outer-island, without having to bother with airports and airport security, check-ins and lines, it seems to be more economical for traveling families staying over two-days because of rental car costs. I also believe that it contributes to the environment, I read an article about global warming and jet propulsion changing the air temperatures and causing glaciers to melt quicker. I'd just really like to see this work, for Hawaii's sake. It'll help the economies on other islands as well, and be easier for people such as myself to be able to afford a family vacation not having to worry about additional rental car costs. I am looking forward to seeing this work.

I don't plan to make an in-person statement/comment. Please take this as my official stand on this issue.

Aloha,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Carolyn Reid and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Firstly, Hawaii needs an alternative to get passengers to all islands and why should Superferry be singled out for different treatment??

Larger cruise liners, barges etc already operate and would bring the same "problems" (e.g. drugs, seeds, frogs, soil etc) to other islands. Why do the residents of Kauai and Maui think it is OK for them to come freely to Oahu but they want to restrict the Oahuans coming to their islands?????

Superferry is simply an alternative means of transport – it is not a danger to the aina and I believe they are taking all precautions to avoid problems with whales etc (don't all vessels???)

This protest is making a laughing stock of Hawaii, around the world. It is time to move into the 21st century.

Secondly, unless Hawaii wants to entirely lose this option, it needs to allow the ferry to operate while the EIS is done. It cannot be expected that the ferry will wait around for this situation to be played out. Also, it will be a good "test" for the whole operation and hopefully people will calm down and be more accepting.

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From: Sue Nako [suetamura76@hotmail.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Susan Nako and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I believe it is another mode of transportation for the people of all the islands. It will allow people who are unable to fly due to physical disabilities and/or has a fear of flying. It will also benefit those people who operate small business by affording them to take their products to the other islands without having to pay additional shipping costs. It will also benefit our youth sports events. Every year there are baseball or basketball events for our children on other islands. The Hawaii Superferry allows the parents to more easily travel to those islands, with their vans/cars, loaded with all the sports equipments etc.
Mahalo,
Susan Nako

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Adrienne L. Wilson-Yamasaki* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It seems to me that the Superferry is being unfairly targeted by a very small vocal minority of residents and that no matter what the Superferry does to comply, its not enough. If this is the case, then all ships, fishing boats, airlines etc should have an EIS. Let the Superferry be in service while this study is being done. All the rest of the modes of transportation and shipping are running. Why is this one being held back. This whole thing should be brought up for vote by the general public. This is not the time for grandstanding by a few politicians that are looking to the future for governorship or higher. It seems very strange that the airlines and the shipping companies etc have been completely quiet. Who is really behind all this. And last but not least, let those vocal minorities pay for the EIS.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Bryce Paul Covington* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think it would be a shame to waste the oppuritunity the Superferry is bringing. I know everyone is worried about the environment, but how will we truely know how it will be affected until we let it run? Once it gets going, the we could work out the kinks then.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Debra Saromines and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support Hawaii Superferry because the people of Hawaii should have an alternate form of inter-island transportation.

Debra Saromines

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From: Renee Mariano [rmariano@cades.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is ***Renée A. Mariano*** and I **strongly support Hawaii Superferry.**

Living on the West side of the island is nothing short of a nightmare. As most people know, traffic can be an absolute mess at times and commuting to and from work can take 1 1/2 each way. The Superferry would alleviate some of the traffic on our streets and also provide an alternate route in times of freeway accidents and/or shutdowns. I strongly support the Superferry and its mission. I ask that you please vote in support of the Superferry as well.

Aloha,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kerry I. Tanimoto and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think that allowing the Superferry to run while conducting an EIS would seem to be the REASONABLE thing to do to a REASONABLE person if REASONABLE precautions are taken during the interim. Unfortunately, reason seems to be lacking in most of the discussions on this subject.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Karey Estepa and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry should go forward. I believe that it will make a tremendous impact on the economy. The residents and tourists now have another alternative for visiting the neighbor islands.

What's the difference between the Hawaii Superferry going from island to island versus the cruise ships that go from island to island? Was there an environmental impact study done for the cruise ships also?

It is very disappointing to see something with such great potential be shut down because of a few unhappy people.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Charlene Lee and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The SuperFerry is the answer to our prayers. For a number of years, my parents refuse to fly because of their age. They're both 85, disabled, and my mom has mild Alzheimer's. They were both born on Maui and would like to someday go back to visit before their time is up. But they refuse to fly...

My mom's brother had Alzheimer's and died a couple of years ago with no ability to hear and see and no memory. Please have the SuperFerry operating while my Mom still has her senses and while she can still remember...

Mahalo!
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From: Margaret Tung [mtung@topofwaikiki.com]
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Subject: Support the Hawaii Superferry

I'm strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

Tai Ming Tung

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From: Steven S. Leong [gumbyhi@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Hawaii needs other modes of transportation for interisland travel.

Steven Leong

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From: Michael Lescak [lescakm001@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Anna Lescak and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will provide local residents with alternate means of transportation within our islands. This service will allow local families to see each other more easily and will facilitate inter-island business. The fact that the EIS was initially waived should not be held against this company and they should be allowed to operate while it is being completed.

Respectfully,

Anna Lescak

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Guy Nagata and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We do need cheaper, alternative ways to ship products between the Hawaiian Islands. We need a cheaper alternative for Travel between the Hawaiian Islands.

Guy Nagata

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dan Alden Woolley and I strongly support Hawaii Super Ferry.

Hawaii's unique geography limits transportation modes between our islands. The unavailability of land transportation between islands increases both to the cost and inconvenience of moving people and materials. The Super Ferry will positively impact travel and transportation, and will add a competitive check to existing transportation firms that routinely raise rates.

I support strong oversight of the Super Ferry's operations while the EIS is prepared. In my view, the technological advances incorporated in this vessel makes it no more likely to cause damage to sea life and environment than other vessels currently sailing in our waters.

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