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From: GenieW@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:34 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaiian SuperFerry

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Virginia Ward* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We, the people of Hawaii need an alternate means of transportation between the Islands, if we have a catastrophic disaster we will have the means to get supplies in and out and to send injured to *Oahu for medical help.*

Virginia Ward

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House Record

From: Amy Evans [curtisamy@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:36 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii County Council Resolution 432-06

The people of the Big Island have already expressed our will through our elected County officials. We want the Superferry—and all big business—to follow state environmental protection laws.

Nearly a year ago, on October 31, 2006 our Hawaii County Council voted 7 to 1 to adopt Resolution 432-06 (Draft 2) which opposes Hawaii Superferry service at Kawaihae Harbor until "economic, social and environmental concerns" are addressed.

PLEASE HONOR THE WORK OF OUR HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL and the decisions of the people of the Big Island!

Mahalo,
Amy Evans and Curtis Malia

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From: Candice.A.Komoda@hawaii.gov
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Candice Komoda* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think it is a very good alternative to the air fare wars that are going on and gives them a good run for their money. I also think it is very economical for families of 4 or more. And by the way the rental car prices are outrageous in Kona! It gives the local people a chance to keep the money within the state instead of spending it in Vegas.

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House Record

From: David Dunham [david@kawikaspainting.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:09 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Aloha my name is David Dunham and as President of Kawika's Painting and Waterproofing for the past 25 years i wish to express my support for the Hawaii Superferry. I have been eagerly awaiting this new form of transportation between islands for many years. This Superferry opens options for small business to be less dependent on the huge quasipublic corporations that control how commerce is done in Hawaii. Parts of our economy will expand and help us achieve greater self sufficiency. Competition is critical for survival in the most expensive state in our country. I apologize for grandstanding but its time the naysayers, DOT, legislature, Govenor to make this work without 27 reasons to stall it. Mahalo David Dunham

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From: Boysen [b_aipolani29@hotmail.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Roxanne Galase and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would just like to put on record that I strongly support the Super Ferry. It makes more sense to travel to Maui and Big Island using the Supper Ferry than flying. I could take over my own car instead of having to rent a car. Please allow the Supper Ferry to continue in their service to Hawaii.

Roxanne Galase
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House Record

From: Eliot Merk [eliot@jemerck.com]
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To: House Record
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Subject: Support for SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Eliot Merk and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

For years, Hawaii has had the reputation as being a VERY POOR place to do business because of gross overregulation, endless challenges to businesses and developers trying to stop private capital from entering the state.

Hawaii desperately need an alternative method of inter-island transportation. It is unconscionable that Hawaii residents & visitors cannot have alternatives to air transportation. The supposition that there will be an increase of "invasive species" transported between islands or that the whale population will be decimated as the result of two high-speed ferries operating between islands is ludicrous and merely a "smoke screen" for those who want to stop any kind of economic development from bettering the people of Hawaii.

Please do the "Right thing" and listen to the majority of your constituents who support this critical new venture for Hawaii.

Thank you and Aloha

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Importance: High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Barbara J L Purdy* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My support for the Hawaii Superferry stems from the pending court battle that Hawaiian Airlines and Go Airlines have with each other. If Go Airlines loses their fight, we will be back to having higher airline fares, no superferry and that is ridiculous. Having the Hawaii Superferry gives the people the option to use another means of transportation that is suitable to their needs and I can also see it in the case of Natural Disasters when a superferry like this one can assist moving people by ocean instead of land. It gives the people a CHOICE to use a service like this one. I travel only once a year off island because it is a hassle to deal with long lines and waiting on runways but with the Hawaii Superferry, I can travel with my own family, my own luggage and my own vehicle and get to where I need to be in a shorter period of time. I can shop off island and not worry so much about extra weight and being charged for oversized luggages. I am Hawaiian and I place my name in support of the Hawaii Superferry!

Mahalo,

Barbara J L Purdy

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From: Donica Stephenson - Hamakua Coast Realty, Inc. [Donica@hamakuacoast.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Support for the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Donica Stephenson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I want another way to travel inter-island. I would rent a car anyway so why not bring my own.

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Mahalo Nui Loa,

Donica Stephenson, RA

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From: Stephanie Suzuki [ssuzuki@l-a-law.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:16 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPERFERRY Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *STEPHANIE SUZUKI* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This new mode of transportation presents an alternative method to get from island to island, allows residents to ship their cars expeditiously, and provides jobs in our major market of tourism. I hope you will seriously consider allowing the SUPERFERRY to run. If it succeeds, it will benefit many. If it fails, let it fail because it is not economically viable.

Allow healthy U.S. capitalism to determine its fate.

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From: Judy Kocis [jkocis@smpent.com]
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Subject: superferry

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I am a staunch supporter of the Superferry being in Hawaii and being an alternate method of traveling to the outer islands.

I also want to see the Superferry operating as soon as possible.

The environmental study can be done(in which the results wont't be known for 2 years)in concurrence with the Superferry running.

I am in the majority in believing in the Superferry - and in a democracy the majority wins!

Judy Kocis
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House Record

From: J. M. Comcowich [comco@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:38 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry - Testimony in Support

I Support the Hawaii Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jerome M. Comcowich and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This is a crazy situation we find ourselves in.

Hawaii Superferry will provide us with an alternative mode of travel between our islands at a reasonable cost.

It will benefit Hawaii residents ---- business persons, tradesman, agricultural truck farmers, and those who wish to visit family or vacation on other islands. In addition the Superferry will serve the life blood of our economy, Hawaii's visitor industry.

Regrettably, the Governor and her administration screwed it up by not following the laws in place to protect our environment.

It's time for the Governor to acknowledge that mistakes were made. However, let's put that aside and move forward. Pass this bill and let the Superferry operate while an environmental impact statement is drawn up. Once that has been completed the governor and the legislative leaders can then make a determination of what needs to be done to keep Hawaii's Superferry running without violating our laws or corrupting our environment.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make this statement in support of the Superferry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are *Robin & Keli Cypriano* and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This shall serve as email testimony in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

We have long awaited the Superferry in Hawaii for personal and business reasons:

- The Superferry is a cost-effective alternative to current interisland air travel.
- The Superferry is a more pleasant alternative experience to travel than the hassle to fly.
- The Superferry negates our necessity to rent a vehicle when traveling interisland.
- The Superferry enables us to transport our family, pets and goods when traveling intrastate.

We support the environmental impact study, but wish that the Superferry be permitted to conduct business while the study takes place. After all, Matson barges and large leisure cruise ships are permitted to conduct business in our waters for generations now. How did those environmental impact studies turn out?

Mahalo for hearing our voices,

R & K Cypriano
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Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tom Kerley and I am a property owner from Kohala on the Big Island and I strongly oppose the Hawaii Superferry coming into the port of Kawaihae.

My reason is simply that there is no infrastructure to support such a service now, nor do I see any hint of anything happening by 2009. Harbor improvements; road upgrades; parking; traffic control; pedestrian routing; public transportation; terminal facilities; waste handling. This is a disaster in the making ... a project which has moved forward with very little planning to ensure that the consequent impacts on the immediate area are mitigated.

Tom Kerley

Kawaihae

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Aaron Park, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think the Superferry will bring in and attract tourist from all over and will create hundreds of jobs for local people.

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House Record

From: Dana G. Gray [dgg@oilsofaloha.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:10 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I have asked most of our employees about their opinion on the Superferry -- so far all of them support and hope that you allow it to happen.

Certainly, the vast majority of people living in Hawaii are for this innovation -- good for business, for those of us who want to easily move back and forth to the other Islands, and for our Visitors who don't get to take ocean boat rides.

This ferry makes good sense!

Dana G. Gray
CEO

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I live on the Big Island and attended the meeting Tuesday but since I work until 5 o'clock and there was not time for my spoken comments. I cannot come to Oahu in person so I am sending my email. I support the Superferry running while an EA or EIS is completed. I support having another option for traveling. I encourage you to create an alternative that keeps this ferry running while the EIS is completed. It'll actually give you an opportunity to see in the real world what occurs, not the hypothetical of an EIS, and provide a limited timeframe to boot.

Those people on Kauai and Maui don't represent the majority. Make the extraordinary effort to get the EIS now.

Sincerely,

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From: Hawaiian8heart@aol.com
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *FRED BANDACK* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

THE REASON I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY'S CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN OUR STATE IS BECAUSE THE TIMES ARE CHANGING AND WE NEED MORE METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION INLAND AND IN THE SEA SO THAT WE CAN KEEP UP WITH THE SPEEDY GROWTH OF THE POPULATION, VISITORS AND BUSINESSES THAT DEPEND ON THE SUPERFERRY'S OPERATIONS.

PLEASE KEEP THE SUPERFERRY OPERATIONAL DURING YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDIES WITH THE NEEDED RESTRICTIONS TO HAVE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE OCEAN.

WE CANNOT MISS THE BOAT!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are *Thomas J. & Cornelia DeDona* and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We feel that The SuperFerry would be a great asset to the LOCAL people of Hawaii and would in the long run support our economy as well as the economy of the neighbor islands.

Thomas J. DeDona

Cornelia DeDona

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From: Robin Newbold [robin@mauirobin.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:36 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Oppose Superferry - EIS FIRST!

To: House Committee on Transportation
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Date: 25 October, 2007

Re: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Honorable Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Superferry must get an EIS before sailing to the neighbor islands. Please uphold the Hawaii's current law! Do not allow Superferry to sail without an EIS so that we can minimize impact to our island.

I urge you to uphold our current law and require Superferry to conduct an EIS before beginning service. The fragile nature of our island state and the constitution of our land are being threatened by the Governor's request that the law be changed for one business.

Please do not overturn the rulings of our Supreme Court which stated that according to Hawaii state law, Superferry must have an EIS before operating.

Please do not force Superferry on the islands of Maui and Kauai after the Maui Court ruled that the Superferry must have an EIS before beginning service and the County Councils of both islands passed a resolution in favor of an EIS being completed before service is begun. Please respect the voice of the people on the neighbor islands.

Superferry knew Hawaii's laws before building their vessels; they had plenty of time to comply with the law but choose

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not to -- possibly because they knew an EIS would demonstrate grave environmental and social consequences to our islands. Giving them special consideration now by rewriting our laws would be a violation of your oath of office. Please don't let the Governor use you in this way.

I trust that you will require that Superferry prepare a complete and proper EIS before operating in Hawaiian waters.

Robin Newbold
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From: Dan Fosso [cyberfossil2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:36 AM
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Subject: Superferry should proceed during EIS

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Daniel Fosso and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I, Daniel Fosso, resident of the Big Island in Kailua-Kona, hereby testify under penalty of perjury as follows:

We have invited the Superferry in (albeit under the apparently mistaken assumption that no EIS was necessary) and they should be allowed to operate during the pendency of the EIS. There are good reasons to believe they will prevail on the EIS and that the operation will show how little it affects the environment relative to any other transportation service:

1) I grew up and lived on Whidbey and Fidalgo Island which are rural islands in the northwest corner of Washington state and served by ferries as their primary transportation service. I moved here about 5 years ago due to the demand for employment here as well as the beautiful location and wonderful culture/people. Each of those islands has more than a dozen ferry arrivals (Fidalgo has 18 per day alone--see <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries>) receives many times the amount of daily car arrivals that the Hawaii Superferry will produce and all are served by regular two lane roads (one in each direction). The impact is absorbed and little disruption is noticed by residents of these islands. The average person in Washington state uses these services as a more cost effective way to bring families and businesses between islands rather than high cost flights.

2) Again, both these Washington State ferries and the B.C. ferries of beautiful British Columbia, Canada (to the north) operate among a tremendous amount of marine life and marine mammals including the famous Killer Whales without affecting their sustainability. If anything, those areas have a more dense population of marine mammals in the subject areas than Hawaii. While most of those ferries run under 30 miles per hour, they have deeper drafts that make whale strikes more likely. Also, there are

high speed ferries operating there including the Victoria Clipper (www.victoriaclipper.com) even at night. The insubstantial difference in type of cargo between this mode of transportation and airplanes or barges does not increase the effects on the environment or invasive species.

3) Although my schedule will not likely permit me to utilize ferries rather than airplanes between islands, clearly the beneficiaries of this service are the youth, schools, and groups such as sport teams that need to bring equipment between islands. It is also extremely beneficial to have ferries in case of emergencies where planes are not available. This has been demonstrated where I grew up as the average island resident in Washington state and British Columbia uses these services as a more cost effective, safe and dependable way to bring families and businesses between islands rather than high cost flights. Those islands remain rural and Seattle/Vancouver folks have not overrun the islands just because they can take a ferry there-- it's too far out of the way. By comparison, the once a day run between Hawaiian islands of the Superferry is a small fraction of the traffic carried to these rural islands of the northwest mainland.

Thanks for opportunity to testify.

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House Record

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To: House Record
Subject: Support the Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Farouk Mohideen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am a voting member of the often thought of silent majority who is cannot remain silent anymore. I am voicing my opinion on this issue. Allow the people this state to benefit from of Hawaii Superferry. Put party politics aside and do not play the blame game. Special interest groups should not sway your better judgement. Please support the Hawaii Superferry.

Thanks,
Farouk Mohideen

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gayle Hughes* and my husband, Michael, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

For ten years I lived on a sailing vessel and traveled over 20,000 miles in the beautiful Pacific. From Canada all the way down to the southernmost waters of Mexico and back again and again. Also from Acapulco to Oahu and Kauai to Vancouver Island. I can't tell you how many whales I've seen and so many varieties. They are amazing. Anyone that has been on the ocean as much as I knows that whales are very easy to spot. The last time that my husband and I took a NaPali trip I saw more whales than even the ship's captain! I can look out in the ocean and tell exactly what is there from a long distance, be it whales, a school of fish, dolphins, etc. And I was at sea level in this 42 foot sailboat. From the deck of the Superferry it will be a no brainer. And between the equipment they have the weather and water we enjoy here in Hawaii, I'm just not concerned. Plus, whales aren't stupid and unless they're asleep, they will take care of themselves. And have you seen how maneuverable the ferry is? We saw the film of it's making and also saw it one day off of Kauai practically doing wheel stands! It was designed for Hawaii and for whale avoidance. And don't forget, they are very motivated not to hit a whale because of the damage it will cause their vessel.

I'm originally from the Seattle area where there are tons of ferry boats. The Victoria Clipper races from Seattle to Canada plus there are many huge ferries up around Vancouver Island. My husband spent years sailing in California to Catalina Island which also has ferry service. He and I have never heard of a single incident involving these ferry's and a whale.

In regards to the traffic concerns on Kauai, I really don't think the ferry will have much impact. There are over 5,000 rental cars on this island on any given day and that is why we have traffic issues. And that is also why we have an economy - we need the tourists. People that visit from Honolulu or the other islands would simply rent a car if they have no ferry to bring their own car over. The only "additional" vehicles, in my opinion, would be the farmers and other local business owners that would be able to transport their own goods.

Let the ferry run. It's here to provide us with a wonderful service and most people do want it to happen soon. Whether or not an EIS was done when "some" of the people on neighbor islands asked for it is now a mute point. And this controversy should not be about the counties having their feelings hurt when the governor didn't agree that an EIS was needed. We have to solve the problem that we have currently which is there will be no ferry in our island state unless we figure out a way to let it the Superferry operate very soon. They are trying to run a business and to offer a wonderful service for the people of our state.

Gayle (and Michael) Hughes

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House Record

From: Marsha Stern [sternjm@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:46 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

This is another example of Hawaii's anti-business posture. Why would the Superferry be treated any differently than Matson, the cruise ships, tour boats, fishing vessels or any other? This attempt to stop the Superferry is typical of the small-minded thought processes in this state. It's the very, very vocal few who do not want any changes, a very small minority creating havoc for the rest of us. One has to wonder what part, if any, the rental car companies and airlines have in this mess. No doubt they are concerned about their bottom lines and don't care about what the majority want.

I am a strong supporter of the Superferry and hope you will follow the will of the MAJORITY of your constituents.

Sincerely yours,
Marsha Stern

House Record

From: Hawaii [inga@bigislandplumbing.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:40 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Interisland transportation

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

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Inga McFadden of Holualoa, Hawaii and I **STRONGLY** support Hawaii Superferry.

Please do not take this transportation opportunity away from us because of a few loud and dangerous anti-ferry protestors. We see this same reaction to any change, good or bad. The threats and abuse we take from these people is out of control...it is crazy to be afraid to attend a public hearing because of the repercussions from the "angry locals". My family would benefit greatly from the ability to ferry between the islands, both leisure and business-wise. We trust you to do your job and support the needs of our state.

*Sincerely,
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House Record

From: Bruce Soll [bsoll@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:59 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Please Help Get Superferry Running

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Bruce A. G. Soll, M.D.* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please help the people of Hawaii have another choice for travel between islands. The Superferry would allow us to travel with our own cars to visit family outer island and would allow us to easily transport items too large to check as airline baggage.

I see that ferries operate safely on the west coast of the mainland and would love to see them operating here. We deserve to have the same travel option that serves so many so well on the mainland.

Please do not put restrictions on ferry travel that are more stringent than those on airlines or other means of ocean travel. I ask you to work to find a solution that will allow the people of Hawaii access to ferry travel between our islands.

Thank you.

Bruce A. G. Soll, M.D.

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House Record

From: Kimberly DeYoung [oceanart75@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:47 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Von Thomas DeYoung, HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION, Testimony

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kimberly DeYoung and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Topic: Support the Superferry Now, Support Your Local Artists

Thank you for your time and please take into consideration how supporting the Superferry now, supports your local art communities. Currently it is very difficult and expensive for local artists to transport art, attend and participate in art festivals and art related events on neighboring Islands. With the introduction of the Superferry many local artists will be able to share their works at these events. There are several other benefits to consider:

Benefits

- 1. **Supports New Artists**- Helps new artists gain greater exposure by being able to participate in Art Festivals and Events on neighbor islands and being able to afford to do so.*
- 2. **Supports Established Artists**-Allows for more cost effective transportation of original art to galleries and festivals on other Islands. Helps reduce shipping damage.*
- 3. **Networking**- Expanding participation at events helps artists build networks with other artists within their craft, who may not have been able to do so without the Superferry service.*

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4. **Diversity**- Allows for a greater diversity of local art at festivals and events.
5. **Tourism** –
 - a. Gives Tourists the option to see the art work from multiple islands even though they may only visit one island.
 - b. Ferry service could help increase attendance at these festivals and events, the visitor(s) may not know about the event until they arrived on the island, a day trip on the Superferry could be an inviting option as opposed to getting on another flight.

Why Now?

1. **Missed Events** - There are several events in the upcoming months that would be otherwise missed without the Superferry. The Artist could wait over a year for another opportunity.
2. **Planning** – Several festivals require advance judging and registration, knowing the Superferry will be available will allow for proper planning.

Why should Superferry be allowed to run during the EIS interim?

1. **Responsible Passage**- The articles and news reports I have seen lead me to believe that Superferry is taking environmental precautions in the interim.
2. **Not Fair to Discriminate**- There have been and are currently vessels on these water ways that travel as fast as the Superferry. There are cruise lines and shipping barges that have been taking these routes for years. It is not right to hold one group to a completely different standard than the others.
3. **Local Jobs** – Local responsible people have been hired and trained by the Superferry organization. What about the impact to them and their families?

Please take this heartfelt and sincere statement into deep consideration, for myself and the other Artists of these Islands.

Von Thomas DeYoung, DeYoung Fine Art,

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From: Kanani Sang [Rod.Kan05@netscape.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Support the SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lynette Kanani Sang and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think we should allow the SuperFerry to operate while the EIS is being made. We already have other commercial ships going in and out of our harbors and I don't see them being made to do a an EIS. I'm sure the state would not have approved the operation of the SuperFerry if they did not feel the environment was in jeopardy. The SuperFerry will bring competition to Hawaii's inter-island travel and it also brings jobs.

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From: Hope Kallai [lokahipath@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:49 AM
To: House Record; All Reps
Subject: Kauai House testimony Hawaii Superferry Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007 **TIME:** 9:00am

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007**

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

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**Re: HB 1 Relating to Transportation
Hawaii Superferry
Environmental Impact Statement,
Oversight Task force**

Hope Kallai
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Aloha Representatives:

Mahalo for the opportunity to address the proposed bill concerning large capacity inter-island ferry vessel. I feel there is inadequate environmental information available to make any decisions on potential impacts of the Hawaii Superferry, Inc. (HSF) to endangered species of Hawai`i and I am very concerned about the proposed bill. Hawai`i, the hotspot of extinctions, has more endangered species per square mile, than any other place on the planet, yet the state of Hawai`i is proposing to overturn the regulations of the Hawai`i Environmental Protection Act (HEPA), to allow fast-tracking of the proposed high speed inter-island ferry before beginning the EA/EIS process.

No matter what actions the state of Hawai`i takes overturning Hawai`i Revised Statutes 343, the Hawai`i Environmental Policy Act (HEPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prevails and NEPA regulations must be adhered to. No initiation of service can be made without National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq.) considerations, including Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP) and Incidental Take Procedures (ITP) for every potentially impacted endangered and threatened species; low income and cultural impacts; cumulative impacts; and project alternatives and potential impacts to critical habitat areas and

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environmentally sensitive areas.

Authority: NEPA, the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), sec. 309 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7609), and E.O. 11514 (Mar. 5, 1970, as amended by E.O. 11991, May 24, 1977).

Section 102(2) of the NEPA contains "action-forcing" provisions that ensure that federal agencies act according to the letter and the spirit of the law prior to any impacting action. The HSF is a major federal project due the federal funding received by the HSF through the United States Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD) Title XI loan of \$139,731,000.00 to Hawaii Superferry, Inc., and NEPA must be considered in regards to all the endangered species of Hawai'i and it's waters. HSF received major Title XI funding through the United States Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD). MARAD had reservations about the lack of environmental scrutiny: On March 28, 2005 MARAD, in granting their Categorical Exclusion stated:

Based on the information available at that time, there appeared to have been very little, if any, NEPA or state environmental work performed related to the proposed ferry service that would be adequate for MARAD's responsibilities under NEPA. ..

But based their Categorical Exclusion on the Hawaii state Categorical Exemption issued by Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT), qualifying that:

MAR-820 recommends that the loan guarantee contract contain the requirement that Hawaiian High Speed Ferry (HSF) Corporation comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

Serious consideration needs to be given to the validity of the MARAD Categorical Exclusion that was based on the Hawaii State Department of Transportation Categorical Exemption, since the ruling No. 27407 of the Hawaii Supreme Court on August 31, 2007, invalidates the state DOT Categorical Exemption. Wouldn't the MARAD Categorical Exclusion be invalidated also

As required by sec. 102(2)(C) of N 8). Significantly (Sec. 1508.27). Affecting (Secs. 1508.3, 1508.8). The quality of the human environment (Sec. 1508.14).

d) Environmental impact statements shall state how alternatives considered in it and decisions based on it will or will not achieve the requirements of sections 101 and 102(1) of the Act and other environmental laws and policies.

(e) The range of alternatives discussed in environmental impact statements shall encompass those to be considered by the ultimate agency decision maker.

(f) Agencies shall not commit resources prejudicing selection of alternatives before making a final decision (Sec. 1506.1).

I have many concerns about the lack of input by any federal wildlife agencies on the Hawaii Superferry project. There are many dozen federally listed endangered species with potential for significant impact by this inter-island, federally funded, ferry project. Potential impacts of invasive species transfer vary by island. There is a serious lack of NEPA compliance with regards to endangered species. There have been many environmental red flags raised on this project by various different agencies, yet the fast-tracking of the permit process has covered up those flags.

In *Hawaii Superferry: Commitments and Actions to Address Environmental Concerns*, prepared for Hawaii Superferry, Inc., February 2007 by CH2M Hill, there are no comments included by

any wildlife agencies. It is stated that the DAR of DLNR was contacted in 2006, but no comments were specified. I'm not sure why Aquatic Resources, not Marine Resources, was contacted, but Kauai Aquatic Resources was not asked for input to potential impact to Huleia River (D. Heacock, pers.comm). Page 24 of *Hawaii Superferry: Commitments and Actions to Address Environmental Concerns*, includes:

3.10 Agency Consultation

As mentioned throughout this document, agencies were consulted by HSF for applicable functions.

That's all. This is horribly inadequate and does not satisfy NEPA requirements.

The only wildlife species mentioned in the document are migratory humpbacked whales, Hawaiian monk seals and green sea turtles, but no contributing agency input. There are many other whale species afforded endangered species protection and other listed sea turtles. There is no mention of potential impacts to endangered and migratory birds. Potential impacts to all federally listed threatened and endangered plant and animal species must be given full consideration under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) before any potentially impacting action is taken. Section 7 consult must begin with federal wildlife agencies.

Potential impacts to federally-listed threatened and endangered plant and algae species by introduction of invasive species of plants and animals is monumental and must be considered on an island-by-island basis due to the unique biological diversity of each island and cumulatively, to the entire state. Introduction of mongoose to sensitive habitats for ground nesting birds could have population extinction potential.

NEPA consideration of potential impacts to threatened and endangered Hawaiian species must include: `Alae `ula, Hawaiian moorhen, (*Gallinula chloropus sandwichensis*); `Alae ke `oke `o, Hawaiian coot, (*Fulica alai*); `Ae `o, Hawaiian stilt, (*Himantopus mexicanus knudseni*); Koloa maoli, Hawaiian duck, (*Anas wyvilliana*); Nene, Hawaiian goose, (*Branta sandwichensis*); `Ua `u, Dark rumped petrel, (*Pterodroma phaeopygia sandwichensis*); `A `o, Newell's shearwater, (*Puffinus auricularis newellii*); `alala, Hawaiian Crow, (*Corvus hawaiiensis*); Band-rumped storm petrel, (*Oceanodroma castro*); *Manu o ku*, White tern, (*Gygis alba rothschildi*); `io, Hawaiian hawk, (*Buteo solitarius*); Short-tailed albatross, (*Phoebastria albastrus*); `akohekohe, Crested Honeycreeper, (*Palmeria dolei*); Nihoa Millerbird, (*Acrocephalus familiaris kingi*); *Kauai Nukupu `u*, Kauai nukupu `u, (*Hemignathus lucidus hanapepe*); *Maui Nukupu `u*, Maui nukupu `u, (*Hemignathus lucidus affinis*); `O `o `a `a, Kauai `O `o, (*Moho braccatus*); `O `u o `u (*Psittirostra psittacea*); *Palila*, palila, (*Loxioides bailleui*); *Maui Parrotbill*, (*Pseudonestor xanthophrys*); *Po `ouli*, po `ouli, (*Melamprosops phaeosoma*); *oloma `o*, Molokai Thrush, (*Myadestes lanaiensis rutha*); *kama `o*, large Kauai Thrush, (*Myadestes myadestinus*), *puaiohi*, small Kauai Thrush, (*Myadestes palmeri*); *ilio holo i ka uaua*, Hawaiian monk seal, *Monachus schauinslandi*; *koholà*, Humpback whale, (*Megaptera novaeangliae*); Sperm whale, (*Physeter macrocephalus*); Blue whale, (*Balaenoptera musculus*); Fin whale, (*Balaenoptera physalus*); Sei whale, (*Balaenoptera borealis*); North Pacific right whale, (*Eubalaena japonica*); Olive ridley turtle, (*Lepidochelys olivacea*); Leatherback turtle, (*Dermochelys coriacea*); Loggerhead turtle, (*Caretta caretta*); *Honu `ea*, Hawksbill turtle, (*Eretmochelys imbricate*); *Honu*, Green sea turtle,

(*Chelonia mydas*); and the `Ope`ape`a, Hawaiian Hoary bat, (*Lasiurus cinereus semotus*):

The following birds are offered protection under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act: Eurasian Skylark, (*Alauda arvensis*); House Finch, (*Carpodacus mexicanus*); Northern Cardinal, (*Cardinalis cardinalis*); Kōlea, Pacific Golden Plover, (*Pluvialis fulva*); Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, (*Oceanodroma castro*):

White-tailed Tropicbird, (*Phaethon lepturus*); Wandering Tattler, (*Heteroscelus incanus*); Bristle-thighed Curlew, (*Numenius tahitiensis*); Pueo, Hawaiian Shorteared Owl, (*Asio flammeus sandwichensis*).

The Hawaiian archipelago is home to 22 species of breeding seabirds, three of which are endemic to the islands. Presently 75 % of known Hawaiian seabirds are extinct or threatened with extinction and listed on the Federal Endangered Species List (USFWS 1985). Island seabird populations have been declining worldwide. Seabirds within the Hawaiian archipelago are vital to a well-balanced marine ecosystem. The following sea birds are found in Hawaiian waters: Mōli, Laysan albatross, (*Phoebastria immutabilis*); Black footed albatross, (*Phoebastria nigripes*); `A, Brown booby, (*Sula leucogaster*); `A, Masked booby, (*Sula dactylatra*); `A or Mahi, Red-footed booby, (*Sula sula*), `Iwa, Great frigate, (*Fregata minor*); Black noddy, (*Anous stolidus pileatus*); Noio koha, Brown noddy, (*Anous minutus*); Blue noddy, (*Procelsterna cerulean*); `Ou, Bulwer's petrel, (*Bulweria bulwerii*); Bonin petrel, (*Pterodroma hypoleuca*); Christmas shearwater, (*Puffinus nativitatis*); `Ua `u kani, Wedge-tailed shearwater, (*Puffinus pacificus*), `Ewa `ewa, Sooty tern, (*Sterna fuscata*); Kōa e `ula, Red-tailed Tropic Bird, (*Phaethon rubricauda*); and Kōa e ke `o, White tailed Tropicbird, (*Phaethon lepturus dorotheae*) must be considered.

A system of monitoring and documentation of impacts and individual species takes must be designed by qualified wildlife officials, not HSF. Official agency observers must be present on each trip, not HSF employees. Monitoring of introduction of invasive species must be performed by qualified wildlife officials, not HSF employees.

I have concerns about the sustainability of the Hawaii Superferry project. The Superferry claims it is more environmentally friendly than air travel, but is burning an expected 5,600 gallons of diesel fuel per one way trip really sustainable?

Australia has just begun a really alternative ferry system of hybrid powered boats with solar panels (www.solarsailor.com) and a state-of-the-art 600 passenger solar and wind powered hybrid electric ferry named *Miss Statue of Liberty* in New York Harbor is being constructed in partnership with Australia's Solar Sailor Holdings Ltd. This ship is like a hybrid car; it determines the most efficient combination of energy sources for the moment: wind, solar, electric battery, or fossil fuels (diesel). It is designed to emit zero emissions at slow speeds. This ferry's maximum speed of 13 knots would be more whale friendly and not carrying cars would be more environmentally acceptable. If the Hawaii Superferry, Inc. is only a vendor of our ports, and if they are really threatening to take their boats elsewhere, maybe we could follow the Australian ferry example of truly alternative travel and really get a more appropriate ferry for Hawaiian waters.

In Part IV, SECTION 12 (a) of the proposed Hawaii Superferry legislation, the department of transportation is authorized to establish a temporary Hawaii inter-island ferry oversight task force to examine the environmental impacts of the ferry. Suggested makeup of the taskforce does not include any wildlife official (the BLNR member is not necessarily a wildlife appointee). Qualified state and federal wildlife endangered species agencies must be included, like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Pacific Marine Fisheries and Hawai`i Department of Land and Natural Resources endangered species specialists and the invasive species committees of each island. The temporary Hawaii inter-island ferry oversight task force shall meet monthly, commencing with December 31, 2007. With service attempted to begin late October, 2007, that would mean a 60 day gap in impact reporting or invasive species transfer. That is unacceptable. Where is the monitoring mandated? The temporary Hawaii inter-island ferry oversight task force is scheduled to "submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to legislature and governor no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2009". 2009!!!!. Entirely unacceptable.

It seems the environmental system of checks and balances has repeatedly failed on the Hawai`i Superferry project. It is not time to continue these mistakes. State and federal wildlife agencies must be included in Hawaii Superferry discussions. There is inadequate environmental information to properly evaluate potential impacts of a high-speed inter-island ferry to each island and the waters of Hawai`i. There is no emergency dictating beginning of service. There is no reason to overturn existing environmental legislation to aid a company that has operated in blatant disregard of environmental policies.

- NEPA consult must begin immediately with qualified state and federal agencies on all the endangered species of Hawai`i potentially impacted with this new mode of high speed travel, as mandated by law. HSF must adhere to NEPA.
- Qualified federal and state agency endangered species and wildlife biologists must be included in the temporary Hawaii inter-island ferry oversight task force.
- Agency monitoring and more rapid reporting/response time must be mandated as part of this new law. The governor cannot wait until 2009 to be informed of the status of impacts.
- The status of the MARAD Categorical Exclusion must be reevaluated since the revocation of the Hawai`i DOT Categorical Exemption.
- Please reevaluate the Public Utilities Commission Permit Decision and Order No. 21524 and reconsider if the Hawai`i Superferry, Inc. is truly in the public interest, need and necessity and if it is based on proper math

- **HSF must adhere to all state federal and county laws.**

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. These decisions you are making will affect many generations of our grandchildren and their quality of life in these islands.

Sincerely,

Hope Kallai

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From: Michelle Garcia [mgarcia@thisweek.com]
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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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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michelle Garcia and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

It would be a huge disgrace to our fine state to not allow the Superferry to begin operations. It would not only show the rest of the world how unfriendly it is to do business in Hawaii, but it would also confirm to us, the people of Hawaii, how corrupt our local government has become.

Please respond responsibly by representing those that have placed you in power, the voters.

Respectfully,

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House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Arline A. S. Valmoja, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Despite all the opposition, I strongly believe the Superferry will bring more economic & social assets to our State of Hawaii. We must at least try to help, rather than hinder, its' beginning.

submitted by:

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ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Please act immediately to support the Superferry.

Yes, our environment is precious, but the Superferry will employ unprecedented precautions to deter the spread of invasive species and avoid whale collisions.

Let's not allow a vocal minority to sway us with their unfounded fears of economic growth and "outsiders". The Superferry opens great new possibilities for many businesses and residents.

Please vote YES for progress.

James Sequin
Owner, Aqua Pumping LLC

House Record

From: Carl Berg [cberg@pixi.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: HB1 Superferry bailout

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
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I believe strongly that the legislature should not be meeting in Special Session and discussing the draft bill.

The bill is unconstitutional, illegal, and definitely not in the best interests of the Moana, Aina or the Ohana. This bill must NOT be passed as it stands.

The only part that should be enacted is Section 14 enabling a complete investigation of the Administration's role, but it should be broadened to include an investigation of

Representatives who have been key in pushing the business venture.

This bill will be overruled by the Supreme Court and we will be back to where we were two years ago. EIS first!

Key aspects of the Bill will be overridden and enforced by the Federal Government through the Marine Mammal Protections Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Protection Act. The State is setting itself for federal lawsuits.

This Bill is blatantly wrong in numerous cases.. The Superferry is not in the best interests of the public. It is not of critical importance. It is not a required public convenience and necessity. It is a frivolous adventure thrill ride for tourists and rich of Oahu. It is like a horizontal thrilling high speed roller coaster, where you vomit for 3 hours but have the added excitement of maybe seeing a whale killed.

What local families can afford to take off time from three jobs to come over to the neighbor islands at the outrageously high prices HSF is charging? The price of oil just exceeded \$90 a barrel and both Matson and Young Brothers are already raising their fuel surcharges. Can you imagine how expensive it will be to go fast on Superferry?

The State law HRS 343-5 is quite clear, an environmental assessment must be done before operation to avoid damage. Judge Cardoza stated, after hearing four weeks of expert testimony: "Plaintiffs have demonstrated the possibility of irreparable injury with respect to the environmental impacts of the Hawaii Superferry operations on natural resources, protected species, increased introduction of invasive species and causing social and cultural impacts."

IRREPARABLE INJURY. Legislators what don't you understand? This bill is proposing taking chances, playing "Russian roulette" with our natural, social and cultural environment for over a year, or until the Bill's study is completed. No! EIS FIRST!

Being reasonable, and assuming that the Legislature will not stand up to the Unified Command of the Governor, DOT and HSF, what conditions might I suggest while the Bill's study is being done?

1. To protect the marine life, HSF must go <15 knots and travel only in daylight hours. Speed kills!
2. To protect against invasive species, no vehicles
3. To protect against traffic congestion, no vehicles
4. To protect social and cultural damage, don't come to Kauai. Its presence has already done enough damage to our society.

NO EIS, NO SUPERFERRY TO KAUAI !

Plain and simple. Legislators do you get the message?

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Without night cruising, and by going at a safe speed, it is likely that HSF will only be able to make one trip a day. By going to only one island, there need be increases in agricultural inspectors, DOARE officers, and infrastructure improvements in one place. Most of the

tourists are on Oahu and Maui. That is where most of the Superferry customers are. But that is where the whales are. Don't sacrifice Maui also! Don't go to Hawaii until the EIS is completed!

As evident in the demonstrations that occurred in August, the Superferry is not welcome on Kauai until an EIS is completed.

EIS FIRST !

Specific comments on the Bill:

Page 2, Line 9. It is not in the public interest just for an alternative means of travel. This shows how trivial this operation really is. Just for variety?

Page 2, line 13. It may take only four hours actual transit, but if the Superferry arrives on Oahu late at night the produce sits in the truck another eight hours. Better produce travels in cheaper refrigerated trailers on barges. Farmers don't want Superferry.

Page 3, line 1. Gen. Lee, head of Hawaii National Guard, testified that in recent events the military and commercial shipping/flights adequately handled neighbor island emergencies. The military capability is huge. The Superferry does not add appreciably to the State's emergency capabilities.

Page 3, line 5. The need for "as soon as possible" is not substantiated. Judge Cardoza declared that the operation would cause "irreparable injury". What is the rush? According to page 49 of the Harbors Operating Agreement between DOT and HSF, the HSF must carry business interruption insurance. So the insurance pays off the \$40 million. Has the legislature seen proof of coverage and the pay-off that HSF is getting?

Page 5, line 20. There is no documented or established "critical importance" that warrants overriding HRS 343.

Page 8, line 5. Conditions set by the governor? That is like asking the fox to set the conditions on guarding the hen house! She has no expertise and blatantly favors the Superferry position. The legislature must set the conditions. EIS FIRST.

Page 11, line 14. The Superferry must not be declared "a required public convenience and necessity". It is at best a frivolous adventure ride.

Page 12, line 3. It is un-constitutional for this bill to pre-empt County regulations, approvals, and permits. You will have the Counties laying suit against this precedent.

Page 12, line 10. The Gov. cannot not ethically impose such conditions because of her obvious conflict of interests. The Legislature must impose all conditions. The role of an EIS, done BEFORE operation, is to determine best mitigation measures.

Page 13, line 11. These conditions MUST be in place before the operation of the Superferry.

Page 41, line 10. The Task Force must not be under DOT. Conflict of interest yet again. Put it under OEQC or DLNR.

The State agency employees and HSF representative must be non-voting members of the

task force, again, for reasons of conflict of interest.

How is the task force going to obtain information? Will there be DOCARE officers or NOAA/NMFS officers on the Superferry to record incidents? Will the hull and jet intake ports be examined for body parts after each voyage? Will the Task Force get weekly reports from DOCARE and Agriculture Inspectors? Will there be a "black box" on the HSF to monitor speed and collisions?

The Superferry must stop all operations if it takes an endangered marine mammal or turtle until an appropriate fine or settlement is made with the controlling State and Federal government agencies. Same goes if an invasive species (eg. Mongoose) is introduced to Kauai.

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House Record

From: Lauryn Galindo [lauryn@poai.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:34 AM
To: House Record
Subject: EIS First

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Devaki Holman and I strongly OPPOSE HB 1 and Hawaii Superferry, and call for an EIS first!.

I believe there is a huge risk to our marine life and I feel we should not take that risk without proof that I am wrong.

The EIS should have been done before this project got off the ground. Better late than never.

Please do not make exceptions for Big Business and special interests. Very bad precedent.

Thank you!
Lauryn Galindo

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

HR 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is E. Alvey Wright.
FMR State Director of Transportation for 11 years.
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy(Ret)
Naval Architect.

I strongly support the Superferry in Hawaii.
A favorable destiny for our State depends on it.
The design of the Superferry is superlative.

I have had a stroke, and shall be unable to submit in person,

Aloha,
/s/E. Alvey Wright

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