

House Record

From: Joe Cochran [joecochran@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:55 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Joseph L Cochran* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

For the past 10 years, we have had the opportunity to travel to remote destinations around the world and have found many ferry systems operating very efficiently and providing significant benefits to the local population, this includes areas around the fiords in Norway, islands off Italy, islands off Stockholm, Greek Islands, etc. Closer to home, ferry systems provide valuable transportation services in areas like Seattle and San Francisco. These systems appear to operate without significant impact on environmental issues and it is difficult to understand how the Hawaii SuperFerry would have issues that are not already considered for other vessels operating out of Hawaii's harbors by the: Navy, Coast Guard, Matson, Norwegian Cruise Line and interisland tugs.

I suspect the real reason has nothing to do with environmental issues but is associated with isolationist issues by a few individuals (homeless, welfare, and natives primarily) who don't want to see their state supported life style upset. The State of Hawaii is comprised of all the islands and anyone living here should have the opportunity to freely explore the other islands, conveniently visit friends

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via their own transportation and at the same time be able to freely transport goods and services as part of their visit. It has been difficult to understand this objection when in the case of a disaster such as a hurricane, the outer islands look to and rely on Oahu for support. The objection to the Hawaii Superferry appears to be a selfish goal in that those who stand in the way of the Superferry and are strongest to object want money and support from the State of Hawaii, however desire to structure Hawaii as independent island nations.

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House Record

From: Hawaii Performance Warehouse [hpw@hawaiiperformance.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:37 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I support the Hawaii Superferry. I would like having this inter-island travel option. This would be a wonderful family vacation without going thru the hassles of flying and renting a car. More time enjoying than wasted time waiting!

Thank you
Danny Luis
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House Record

From: Roger Keese [rKeese@houston.oilfield.slb.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:44 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony for the record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Roger Keese* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is good for the economy and good competition to a "less than open" market. The chance for negative environmental impact is minimal when compared to current levels of traffic.

Roger Keese

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From: Janda Cordero [JCordero@hawaiiimedcen.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Liko Cordero and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We really need an additional and alternative mode of transportation between the islands. This would provide people who are not able to fly airplanes because of health reasons and allow more people to enjoy Hawaii the way it was many years ago. We travel the quickest way possible but sometimes we have to stop and enjoy what makes Hawaii special and unique. I would love to take a leisurely trip to the outer islands. We still would take the fast route and fly but we should still get the chance to see the beauty of Hawaii from a different perspective.

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Thank you.

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From: starkaren@aol.com
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To: House Record
Subject: In Favor of Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Karen Ostlie* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We believe the ferry is much needed alternative form of transportation between the Islands, visiting family and friends, enjoying the sights offered by the variety of differences each Island offers and for outer Islands and opportunity to even shop in a more competitive marketplace.

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To: House Record
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Karla Olson and my family and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I'm in the Navy. My family and I will only be stationed in Hawaii for a couple of years. As much as we'd like to visit and experience islands besides Oahu, doing so by air is limiting. Here on Oahu we have all the gear we need to go to the beach for the day but when we fly to the other islands we can't bring many of the items we want like our boogie boards, chairs, and sun shade. We enjoy camping but aren't going to haul all our gear on a plane and some of it we can't take on a plane anyway. It becomes cost prohibitive to do those things elsewhere if we have to purchase or rent equipment we already have. Being able to take our own vehicle, AND OUR DOG with us on vacation to the others islands would be the best of both worlds.

I fully support having an environmental study and can't imagine what went into the decision a couple of years ago to not do one considering the backlash we now have. It seems pretty irresponsible and short-sighted. We shouldn't make the same type of mistake again and losing the Superferry opportunity for a bunch more years doesn't do anyone a service. I admit to not understanding all the views expressed by the people on Kauai and Maui against the ferry but there are many issues to consider environmentally. Find a way to do both. Impose stringent controls on the vehicles and cargo going back and forth. Limit the number of trips between the islands. Evaluate the routes the Superferry would travel to limit or eliminate the risk to whales. But find a way to keep this process moving forward.

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I do not plan to submit in person.

House Record

From: Pete Young [young_pete@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:47 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Peter W. Young* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I welcome and support the Superferry as an important mode of transportation between our islands. Please allow it to run while the vocal minority continue to tie it up in litigation.

I don't understand how the Superferry can be singled out when other ships can dock in Kauai and Maui without a EIS or EA.

Please do the right thing and amend the law so that it makes sense and can't be easily misinterpreted.

Thank you

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lois T. Han* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Superferry will give the residents of Hawaii an alternative means of transportation to the neighbor islands. This will also help many small businesses in their growth giving them easier access to the other islands.

*Lois T. Han
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House Record

From: PATTI.ARAKAKI [PATTI.ARAKAKI@pruhawaii.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:46 AM
To: House Record
Subject: In support of the Hawaii Superferry

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry!

Patti Arakaki
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House Record

From: Veronica Fajardo [vfajardo@thisweek.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:48 AM
To: House Record
Subject: In support of the Super ferry

Our unique geographical position and distance from the rest of the U.S. dictates a unique interdependence among the islands.

Our markets are intertwined albeit presently at a very limited level.

Small business has been the backbone of our island economy from the state's earliest days. Many bemoan the entrance of "Big Box" stores to our shores at the expense of these smaller "mom and pop" stores. Allowing the Super Ferry will give small business access to "other" markets that at the present have been

financially out of reach.

That's one reason I support the inter-island ferry.

The second is for safety reasons.

Weather at war with man or nature, access to the neighbor islands is crucial for transporting supplies, people and emergency vehicles etc...

Hurricane Iniki

Hurricane Iwa

Pearl Harbor

Countless firestorms that inflict heavy damage on the support services in smaller areas.

For these reasons and more I support the Super Ferry

And finally, we must realize that we are dependent upon one another. Our farmers must ferry their supplies to market.

I remember the summer of 1971 and the dock strikes that drove up the cost of toilet paper from 25 cents to a dollar; the milk from 65 cents to \$1.50.

For too long we have been held at the mercy of the BiG FIve. No more!

House Record

From: Michael Salomon [salomonm001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:48 AM
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Subject: Superferry testimony, HB 1 Hearing, Oct.25, 9 am

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael D. Salomon and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a resident of Hawai'i for 20 plus years, I see the need for an alternate means of travel between the Islands. As a boat owner concerned with the environment, I see the impact of the Ferry to the ocean as minimal. If a disaster hit Hawaii (remember Iniki, when air transport was impaired) relief & supplies could be just hours away, instead of days. And, Travelers in wheel chairs, persons with specially appointed vehicles and others with special needs will have easier Island access.

I would also suggest that the State excuse all harbor fees while the environmental impact study (EIS) is being performed, as compensation for the restrictions with which the Ferry will have to comply. After all, the State is partially responsible for this mess.

Please, don't allow the vocal "Ferry Phobics", with their worst case scenario, to represent the average citizens of our state.

I do not plan to testify in person.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Clifford Kawano* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will provide alternative travel to island residents resulting in:

- *increasing State tax revenue*
- *competition with other common carriers will tend to keep fare prices reasonable*
- *convenience of traveling with automobile and other luggage*

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathleen Ganiko-Orlowski and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Allow cooler heads to prevail – provide the Hawaii Superferry the opportunity to prove itself in our Hawaiian marketplace. The people of Hawaii love this State and do have the best interest of the native wildlife, floral and environment in their hearts and mind.

Be fair to the majority of the Hawaii residents who support the Hawaii Superferry. Let me remind you that special interest groups who oppose the Hawaii Superferry as vocal as they have been, are truly in the minority and do not speak for the rest of us.

Allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate without ambiguity – without the 29 additional requirements imposed by these special interest groups.

You were elected by the majority of voting residents in your community and should not be swayed by a small, controlling group of individuals. I wish you the wisdom and strength to do what's right. At the end of the day – you will live with your legislative decisions. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

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From: Lori Constantino [constantc002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:31 AM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lori Constantino and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have family on both Kauai and the Big Island. It would save me a lot of money (by eliminating the need to rent a car) if I could take my personal vehicle to those islands when visiting family. I also would not have to pack up my child's car seat, put into luggage and hope that it gets to my destination in good condition. Not to mention having to reinstall it in a rental. I have no intention of taking rocks or opihi or anything else. My intentions are to visit family.

As for spreading invasive species, it was my understanding that the underside and wheel wells of vehicles needed to be cleaned (pressure washed) prior to being allowed onto the Superferry. I am completely comfortable with having my vehicle inspected prior to being allowed on board, as I have nothing to hide.

Please allow the Superferry to continue to operate. If not to Maui or Kauai, why not begin service to the Big Island?

Thank you for your time.

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House Record

From: Todd Inoshita [tinosh@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:23 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Todd M. Inoshita* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry is a positive for the State of Hawaii. It provides a different method to travel to the neighbor islands and increases local jobs. It creates a great option for tourists and local residents to see Hawaii from a truly unique perspective.

The people of Hawaii have always embraced the spirit of Aloha. Through the similarities and differences, we always seem to do the right thing for Hawaii. I welcome the service to the islands and give my full support to the Hawaii Superferry crew.

Sincerely,
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House Record

From: Eve [eve3ibiz@yahoo.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: HB - 1

I am writing to say that I support the carrying out of a FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY PRIOR TO THE SUPERFERRY BEING PERMITTED TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS.

I oppose HB - 1.

As a resident of the island of Kaua'i, I am not convinced that we require a SuperFerry at all, and am convinced that permitting such a huge vessel to dock here will create countless problems for those of us living and working on this very peaceful and rural island, which hosts one million tourists every year who come from the Mainland and Europe specifically to enjoy our laid-back, quiet and rural way of life, which I believe would be negatively impacted by SuperFerry operations.

Mahalo.

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From: Melanie Takahashi [melaniet@hawaii.edu]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Melanie Takahashi and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It will provide a viable option to the people of Hawaii not only as another mode of passenger transportation between the islands but also for the shipping of other items. It will be especially helpful if another destructive hurricane such as Iniki strikes the islands. In the case of Iniki, the closing of the Lihue airport left residents stranded on Kauai and friends and relatives on other islands felt helpless to lend a hand and worried about their health and safety. Had there been a superferry back then, this situation would have been averted.

We must also recognize that there are many ships already passing through our oceans and docking in our islands. If we prevent the superferry from traveling between the islands, are we ready to stop all other ships, too? I think NOT!! We must allow the superferry to operate. We can set up safeguards to protect our islands' environment but we MUST NOT stand in the way of progress.

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From: Lui-Kwan, Benedict [bluikwan@honolulu.gov]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Benedict K. Lui-Kwan and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry because in addition to offering an alternate personal travel option it would provide another venue to transport groups of people and their vehicles for scholastic, sports, business and emergency services.

Benedict K. Lui-Kwan

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From: Beatrice Bergamaschi [BBergamaschi@ahldesign.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:51 AM
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Subject: Superferry...YES

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Maria Beatrice Bergamaschi* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Superferry system is very important to keep the people leaving in Hawaii connected to the Islands not only by airline that are getting more and more restrictive . Due to any circumstance, airports can be closed and it will be impossible to work and travel between our Islands...not only for vacation but also for business. Leaving in Maui / Kauai/Big Island you can take your car and come here to Oahu for any kind of purpose from shopping to work to family emergency.

People have to be free to choose their way to travel. I don't believe the ferry can cause more problems than a container boat or a cruise boat or a "tourist" boat can do it.....I believe all the rhetoric is just a very simple economic opposition from "other" economic sources....and if you don't want the Ferry...take the plane..the most polluted system we have for traveling.....are we going to green or just rhetoric?

Maria Beatrice Bergamaschi

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House Record

From: mauibeachguy [mauibeachguy@yahoo.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: OPPOSE Superferry and have an EIS first

Testimony to: HOUSE COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION AND FINANCE

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David Bulliment and I **strongly OPPOSE HB 1 and Hawaii Superferry, and call for an EIS first!**

We need to protect the islands and adhere to court rulings. To bypass or over rule the court indicates some type of corruption in current administration.

David Bulliment

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* I will not be testifying in person

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joel Tessieri. I will not be at hearing to testify, but strongly support operation of the Hawaii Superferry.

I live on Maui and feel that the Superferry will bring a much needed alternative means of transportation to Ohau. I support a bill allowing the Superway to operate while an EIS is being completed.

Please listen to majority of the residents of Hawaii and not the fringe minority who are so vocal.

Joel Tessieri

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Branden Asato* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is a great transportation method for the state of Hawaii. We always needed an alternate mode of transportation and this is it! Not allowing the Superferry to operate in Hawaii will most likely tarnish our image as a business friendly state. A lot of local businesses will benefit from having the Superferry in Hawaii. People will also benefit especially ones who have to travel between the island for medical purposes.

I am a strong supporter of the Superferry and I believe in the long run the state will benefit from it too. Take action and be our voices of the MAJORITY.
SAVE the Superferry!

Branden Asato
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From: Stephen W. Knox [swknox@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:52 AM
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Subject: Superferry

Hello,

My name is Stephen Knox and I live in Kailua and represent my wife, Moira, and myself. We used to live on all the Islands but now reside here. I am the third generation to have been born and live in the Islands.

I hope you find a way to keep the Superferry going because it is the right thing to do. With an overwhelming majority of folks who live in Hawaii in favor of this project, please don't let a few destroy this wonderful opportunity for us residence.

Have courage to allow the ferry to operate while conducting and EA. Thank you. Steve and Moira Knox.
Phone number is 254-4620. E-mail address is swknox@hawaii.rr.com.

House Record

From: GT WILSON [gtwil24@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:23 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Go Superferry!

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Theresa Ann Wilson and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I see this unique way of traveling inter-island as a service to the people of Hawaii. It will not only provide a way of travel for pleasure, but also will increase business opportunities with our neighbor islands. I feel that the Superferry should be allowed to begin service and continue while an EIS is being performed. We are one state, divided only by ocean!

Theresa A. Wilson
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Aloha,
Terry

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From: Vicky Simmonds [admin@benwoearchitects.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:53 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Vicky Simmonds and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. My husband and I were planning on servicing the other islands with our new business of Jawaian food at the many reggae events. We've had visiting customers mention how they wish our Hawaii/Jamaican cuisine would be made available on their island. We see too much division among the people here on Oahu with the west and east side. Hawaii is one state and should start acting like one. Dividing the islands isn't healthy and the Superferry at least helps bring us together.

Vicky Simmonds, Admin.

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House Record

From: Clayton Winger [cwinger@monarch-hi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:56 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for the Superferry

I would like to voice my support for the Superferry to continue operations while the study is being conducted.

I feel that the special interest groups are getting much more attention than is warranted. In fact, we do not know who the people are behind these groups other than their spokes persons. This leads me to believe that they are not long term Hawaii residents but are from out of state agitating a few local residents to further their cause - whatever that may be.

If the Superferry is to be restricted in their operations then the same rules must apply to other forms of transportation. Extensive searches must then be conducted on all containers coming into port from the mainland and when being transported from island to island. All vehicles and construction equipment must be steam cleaned to prevent various organisms from being transported. All aircraft must also be quarantined until it can be confirmed that there are no foreign materials or organisms on board. All water craft must travel at a reduced speed and also be quarantined before they are allowed to dock.

None of this makes sense and it seems that the Superferry is being singled out giving us another economic black eye worldwide.

Please do not let the vocal few prevail.

Respectfully,

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10/24/2007

House Record

From: Cori Meyers [cori@kapoleirealty.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:27 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Strong Support of the Superferry

My name is Cori Meyers and my husband and I are local small business owners on the island of Oahu. We are frequent travelers inter-island for this work. Our business requires shipping of vehicles and construction materials and tools to his job sites. For this reason we have been very excited to see the Superferry begin operations.

Sincerely,

Michael & Cori Meyers
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House Record

From: June Naughton [jnaughton@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:54 AM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Superferry

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 June Naughton and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that it is good for Hawaii and its economy. It also gives us an alternative way to get to the other islands.

*June Naughton
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Honolulu, HI 96813

House Record

From: Amanda Fernandez [amfernan@ksbe.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:50 AM
To: House Record
Subject: In Support of HB 1

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Amanda Fernandez and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support Hawaii Superferry because it gives our residents an alternate means of travel for families and businesses. It will allow families to load and drive their own car to visit ohana on another island. It will help save on the cost of renting a car and time spent getting to the rental car agency. Business will have more flexibility in how they ship their goods, the quantity and it will surely lower their shipping cost. Having a boyfriend who owned his own business, it cost him more to ship to the outer-island, than it was to actually produce the goods. The Hawaii Superferry would have been a great means for him to conduct his business as well as tend to the needs of his clients. Surely there must be a way to work together on this issue so that everyone may benefit from having this wonderful Superferry. We must look to the future of this state and its' transportation needs.

Sincerely,
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House Record

From: Kahumoku, Kanani [Kanani.Kahumoku@airliquide.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:53 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

To Whom It May Concern:

In simplification terms and on behalf of Air Liquide America LP and our 60 employees and their families, we support the Superferry here in Hawaii for the reasons listed below.

- Economic growth – the ability to transport tourists to each island during their stay to flourish the economy statewide and not just individual islands
- State stability – the ability to transport goods and services to other islands in dire need, to share support statewide

There should not be a major environmental issue between this ship and any other Matson, YB or DHX transporting vessels. Regulation standards should apply to all vessel companies alike.

Kanani Kahumoku

Air Liquide America L.P., Hawaii

House Record

From: Leila Fuller [leila.fuller@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:53 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 relating to transportation - support of Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Leila Fuller and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Superferry will provide an economical, environmentally friendly and much needed form of interisland transportation for the people and businesses of Hawaii. I hope the Superferry, should an environmental impact study be required, is allowed to operate during the EIS. I further believe that the Superferry, in their development and planning, has taken into consideration the possible adverse impacts caused by their service and gone far and beyond any other business or entity operating in Hawaiian waters to minimize and/or eliminate those impacts.

Please represent the voice of the majority by securing the future of the Superferry in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Leila Fuller

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House Record

From: nmg.abg@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:51 AM
To: House Record
Cc: nmg.abg@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: EMAIL TESTIMONY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is ANDREA B GEORGE, for ROMAN K. GEORGE, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

PLEASE ALLOW TO ENJOY ALL THAT THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HAVE TO OFFER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ENJOYING KAUAI'S BEAUTY, BIG ISLAND'S BREATHTAKING SIGHTS, AND THE NEVER ENDING ENTERTAINMENT OAHU HAS TO OFFER, FROM SHOPPING, WATER PARK, ICE SKATING, AND THE LIST GOES ON. MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE ABLE TO VISIT OUR FAMILIES ON THE OTHER ISLANDS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION.

ANDREA B. GEORGE, for ROMAN K. GEORGE
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House Record

From: Karen Levitt [karenl@kualoa.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:50 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPERFERRY

I have never written to the legislature about ANYTHING in the 21 years I have lived in Hawaii. But, I feel so strongly about keeping the Superferry that I must send in my testimony.

Please listen to the silent MAJORITY who want to keep the Superferry and let it keep running while the environmental assessments are being taken care of. It is because of a loud MINORITY that this is even an issue. No one complains or tries to stop whale watching boats, dinner cruise boats, parasailing boats, snorkeling boats, cruise ships, etc., so why try to stop the Superferry? What are the odds that a whale will be injured or killed by the Superferry?

As far as invasive species are concerned, those can be brought in by people coming in on cruise ships, airplanes, etc. Do we stop those from docking or landing in our islands?

The Superferry allows local people the option of bringing their own vehicles when they travel to other islands. Some cannot or will not fly and this gives them the freedom to travel interisland.

The few MINORITY voices that are turning this into an business, economic and "personal" disaster for our islands should be overruled by the MAJORITY of people who want to see the Superferry be an exciting alternative to airline travel.

Please, please consider this when making a decision. MAJORITY RULES!!!!!!

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House Record

From: Jones, Ryan S MAJ RES USAR USARPAC [ryan.jones@us.army.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:55 AM
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Ladies and Gentlemen of the House,

I humbly ask for your support in crafting legislation that will allow the Hawaii Superferry to begin service immediately, while the Environmental Impact Study is being completed.

Despite the fact that there is no precedence to conduct this study, I appreciate what the environmentalists trying to protect. In Hawaii, then environment is our most precious resource.

I have served our great country for over 22 years in the Army and have been stationed in paradise for over 16 months. I have a family of five and due to economic reasons we cannot afford to travel to the eastern US annually to see our families. My wife and I have decided our time and money is better spent on enjoying the Hawaiian Islands and the culture. As a part of that decision, staying at the military sponsored resort areas like Barking Sands or KMC are our preferred choices.

To minimize the cost of our vacations, we see the Hawaii Superferry as a great alternative to flying, not being able to take everything you need for a week, and then having to rent a large enough car to fit everyone and their bags.

The Hawaii Superferry has far more pros than cons. For example, in my 39 years, I've seen many of the 48 states just by driving from one to another. In Hawaii, has the question ever been asked, "How many native Hawaiians are afraid of flying and have never seen the other islands in their own state?"

I urge you to consider carefully the message your actions will send to the majority of your constituents who have voted in support of the Superferry and to the tourism and economic communities in the US.

Be a leader and look to the future because the only thing constant in this world is change.

10/24/2007

Yours in service,

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From: Thomas Costa [tcosta@phoenixhawaii.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:59 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Thomas Costa* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Being born and raised on the Islands I really think of the superferry as a plus for all people on all islands. I am not really a boat riding person, but with something like the superferry that we can actually take our own vehicles when going to the other islands I would definitely use it. Also I work for a company that does a lot of work on the outer islands and the use of the superferry would be a tremendous help for our business to make sure we have all the right equipment needed to do the job without a return trip. I think that the superferry would help the outer islands by boosting their economy with all the extra people that would visit and do business with this extra source of transportation and ability to use our own vehicles.

Mahalo,

Thomas Costa

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Subject: Testimony for Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jason Doan. I'm a Maui resident. Please support the Superferry to resume service while an EIS conducted. The cost of living on Maui is alot more than Oahu due to monopoly shipping companies like Young Brothers and Matson. We the people of Hawaii need an alternate transportation between islands, so we can connect our friends and families more often. We live in technology age to make our life easier and better. Please do not let a minority group of people to overcome the majority of Hawaii resident that want the Superferry to operate. Thanks for your support and understanding. We know you will make the right decision by letting the Superferry to resume service while an EIS conducted.

Mahalo,
Jason Doan
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Subject: Save the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Shawn Richards* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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House Record

From: Chris [Chris@2Kauai.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:53 AM
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- * Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007
- * Time: 9:00 a.m.
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TO: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
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Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I strongly OPPOSE HB 1 and call for an EIS first in accordance with existing law and the Hawaii Supreme Court ruling.

It is not fair to the businesses that have already completed EIS's for far less change over the past 30 years. Hawaii should support businesses that follow the law instead of those like HSF that seek to get around our laws by political favoritism. Passing this bill does not provide equal treatment under which businesses can rely upon and thrive. There is no reason to change the law because of poor decisions by the governor and DOT. In the meantime, we can all still freely move about the state.

This is not about turning back the clock or driving a wedge between the good people of Oahu and Kauai. Our visitors and locals are already impacted by near gridlock traffic on Kauai yet there have been no provisions announced to mitigate additional demands created by this new service on roads, DLNR, county/state parks, police and other affected personnel. This is why we need the EIS.

If you pass this bill, please include the 29 conditions proposed by the Maui delegation (based on the court testimony during the recent trial.)

I am a 47 year resident with 36 years in business on Kauai.

Your support is truly appreciated.

Christopher White
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House Record

From: Rev. Jeff - Kauai Earth Network [earth@GoKauai.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:51 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry: The Law is GET AN EIS first!!!!

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: Rev. Jeffrey Charles Fishman
P.O. Box 903
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808-635-2783
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

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

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

MY POSITION: You must honor the Court's decision to require an Environmental Review of the HDOT Harbor project BEFORE allowing the Superferry operate and if you wish to remain in good standing with Higher Law. If you pass this bill, it would be wise to include the 29 conditions proposed by the Maui delegation (based on the court testimony during the recent trial.)

Aloha,
I submit the following testimony on behalf of Higher Law which I AM interpreting in order to bring new Light to your perception of the issues regarding this special session on behalf of Gov. Linda Lingle and the Hawaii Superferry. Thank you for your attention and effort in listening.

Simply put, the virus which has infected the legislature is at such a critical level that, like frogs in a pot of water being heated to boiling, it appears many do not notice that they are about to implode/explode if it reaches that point. You must vaccinate immediately... Are you going to be good lawmakers or sad law breakers? Will you cool things down for the people and the 'aina? Or will you turn up the heat and abuse the will of the 'aina and the caring people??

The flashback I am being told will be catastrophic. You are in a mighty position of power to create great good and set powerful healing forces in motion.... OR you continue to support a regime which is cut off from true communication with the Higher Law and risk great misfortune for Hawaii.
Maybe such a tragedy is needed to wake people up. So be it then.

Maybe we could all buy some expensive riot gear so instead of talk story toward resolution, we just keep fighting like immature citizens of Earth are known to do. We deserve better than to perpetuate our sad history of violence and allowing 'governments' or 'corporations' to continue abusing the general public. It is time to evolve.

I realize it is difficult for you to pull the fire alarm on an

administration gone astray. I understand. The problem is deep and systemic. We can see, we can feel, and it is quite transparent to many of us, how about you? Is it reaching you? The Light of the Most High?!! It gets noisy and challenging to hear, yet like a bolt of lightning, there is no mistake in what has been shown and it takes great courage for me to risk sharing from this place and for you to stand for what is pono. Yet, we must do what we must do. THE TIME IS AT HAND. ALL GOOD MEN AND WOMEN MUST COME TO THE AID OF THE PARTY.... The Conscious Party.

No more FREE WILL ABUSE. Even though many who vocalize opposition are a minority throughout Hawaii, they represent the MAJORITY as far as the Spirit of the Land is concerned. This I know beyond doubt. E ola pono.

Quiet the noise, be still, and know.
Go into session and ADJOURN IMMEDIATELY!
We shall see where to go from there.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jeffrey Charles Fishman
PO Box 903
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House Record

From: csbelnap@pol.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:53 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Support

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

My name is Scott Belnap and I support giving the Hawaii Superferry a chance to operate while the EIS is being conducted. If the EIS shows that the Superferry is going to harm the environment more than other forms of interisland travel it can then be shut down. However it would be a shame to lose this opportunity for the people of Hawaii before this study is completed. Don't let the vocal minority over rule what most of us want.

Thank You,

Scott Belnap
Kailua, Hawaii

House Record

From: Mark Ayers [mark@ferrarochoi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:56 AM
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Subject: Super Ferry publick testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Mark Ayers* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

While I agree that an EIS should be conducted, I see no reason why the ferry cannot operate in the midterm of this study. The Ferry will prove to be an effective, efficient and beneficial addition to our transportation options between islands. These are fragile waters and fragile lands but I for one do not see any dire impact on either by the superferry operation - any more than the current masses of shipping and cruise vessals. I think ALL of Hawaii's residents will benefit from the Superferry!

Mahalo nui loa,

Mark Ayers

Kailua

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House Record

From: Char Higa [char@firstfinancialhawaii.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:36 AM
To: House Record
Subject: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

I am submitting my testimony via email as I am unable to submit in person.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Char Higa* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The State of Hawaii needs an **alternative** inter island mode of transportation other than the 3 airlines that seem to be fighting with each other and on the verge of bankruptcy. The ability to transport our personal vehicle is also a benefit that the airlines do not provide. The State did not require the Super Ferry to complete the environmental impact statement. If the Super Ferry can't operate in the meantime they will probably default on their loan and sue the State which will **cost the taxpayers money**. Ironically, it was the lender that wanted the environmental impact statement waived to ensure the success of the project. It makes the State of Hawaii look **anti-business** which is not good for the economy and the people of Hawaii.

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ATTN: The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
House Committee on Transportation
and Members

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance
and Members

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

TIME: 9:00 A.M., Auditorium, State Capitol

HOUSE BILL NO. 1, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and Members:

My name is Winonah Dukelow and I support the intent of House Bill No. 1. This bill will enable the operation of an inter-island ferry whiel an environmental assessment/environmental impact statement is conducted.

The inter-island ferry will be good for business in Hawaii. For example, my husband is a sales representative for a construction/agriculture/turf equipment company, which has stores on Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Hawaii and has customers statewide. The ferry will enable him to better service his customers inter-island by being able to: (1) load the equipment and his vehicle onto the vessel and book passage for he and a mechanic; (2) do the demonstration at the job site; and be home on Oahu in the afternoon. The ferry will also permit some of his customers, who are tree trimmers, to transport their trucks, chippers and workers to Kauai and Maui, do the job, and return to Oahu the same day.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Sincerely:

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10/24/2007