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From: Greg Lontayao [greg@hnltravel.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:56 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Super Ferry

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Greg Lontayao* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Because we need this!! It's a GOOD THING!

Mahalo,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Elsie Hu* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My family and I want the opportunity to travel to the neighbor islands on the Hawaii Superferry when we visit our relatives, sightsee and purchase the many island specialities that we love so much without worrying about our baggage being over the airline's weight limits. For special occasions, we do take many presents to share with our relatives and friends. The postage costs have risen so much that without the space afforded on the Hawaii Superferry, we just might end up giving gift certificates instead.

Although we plan to experience riding on the Hawaii Superferry to view the islands from the sea, we will still patronize the airlines, the car rental companies and the hotels.

Do keep in mind that the Hawaii Superferry is a safety net for our friends on the neighbor isles as alternative transportation in times of emergencies.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Vickie Tatemichi and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I was born and raised on the the island of Kauai and I would first like to say I am appalled and ashamed that fellow neighbors and friends would act so childish and savage. Why did the protesters of the Superferry choose to fight so hard against it now instead of when it was brought up years ago? I think it's too late. They could have fought this hard back then instead of waiting for it to come here. From what I can see majority of the people of Hawaii want the Superferry. The reason it doesn't seem that way is because we supporters don't go around yelling at innocent people. The people who go to the meetings to support the Superferry and just want to have the same opportunity to speak as the protesters do. I was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting on Kauai and I will not be submitting in-person comments at the Capitol. For a lot of us supporters, writing is the only way to get our voices heard.

I personally would love to have another mode of transportation. I get so stressed at the airports and I only have one child, I can only imagine what those with bigger families have to go through. To be able to pack up the car and your family and just go sounds so relaxing.

Please take the time to consider what I and fellow supporters of the Superferry have to say. I know a lot of people only see the negative when it comes to the matter of supporters and non-supporters. We are writing so that we can be peacefully heard without being overbearing.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

Vickie Tatemichi

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House Record

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Subject: Hawaii Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lori Ann Cabebe* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a single parent with a family of five, the more options of travel available to the neighbor islands will make a definat impact on our travel decisions. And this more so when my son has to go the Oahu to see his specialists. With caring for grandchildren 6 years old and under , travelling as a family is a necessity.

Please kokua families like mine.

*Mahalo Nui Loa****

Lori Ann Cabebe

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Subject: Allow the SuperFery to Operate During the EIS

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kevin M. Birchfield and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Hawaii SuperFerry is necessary to the People of Hawaii.

The SuperFerry will provide an affordable means of transportation to families who might otherwise not be able to travel inter-island.

I feel that we as a state owe it to the investors of the SuperFerry, who acted in good faith with the state of Hawaii, to allow them to operate during the EIS.

I strongly feel that the state of Hawaii will suffer a black mark against any further companies who wish to come to Hawaii. I say this as outsider looking in. The perception is that the state allowed the SuperFerry to invest the Millions of dollars into a project only to have the carpet yanked out from under them by the state of Hawaii.

I implore you to allow the SuperFerry to recommence operations during the EIS before it is too late and the people of Hawaii lose out on a tremendous transportation resource.

Respectfully,

10/24/2007

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House Record

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:58 AM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Meliss Joy Toribio Fernandez and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I travel between Maui and Oahu quite often and have animals. It would be beneficial if the ferry was operational because of the cost and restrictions that the airline places on their customers traveling with large animals.

I also feel Hawaii would benefit because instead of vacationing outside the state, the ferry gives local residents a chance to travel inter island economically, keeping money circulating in our economy instead of somewhere else.

Sincerely,

Melissa Fernandez

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House Record

From: Frank Tanaka [tanakaf006@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:58 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

Dear Sirs,

My name is Frank Kanji Tanaka and I support the Super Ferry because it can't do anything but better the state's economy and make travel easier and more congenial.

I'm sure the the damage to the environment would be way less than the dozens of container ships that come in every day.

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House Record

From: Sharleen Ramones [sharleen@brandvold.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:03 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Public Testimony is SUPPORT of Hawaii Superferry.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sharleen Ramones and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I am born and raised in Hawaii and I feel the Hawaii Superferry is a means of transportation that is long overdue. It would be nice to have a choice and/or option to travel within the islands. Many of us have families on the different islands and the convenience of being able to pack up our vehicles and going for family visits or even to just take a short vacation on the outer islands would be fantastic. There are a lot of local people who would love to take trips to the outer island but many are not able to afford the cost of car rentals as many may not credit cards, which without they would forced to put down a sizeable amount of cash which many just do not have.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion.

Sharleen Ramones

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

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

You know all the reasons why an EIS is wanted before operations begin, but the two biggest reasons why I want there to be no superferry is: 1.) because the Judge has already stated in court what needs to be done by LAW and you are slapping the Judge in the face by not listening to his ruling and 2.) These beautiful islands are not OURS to do whatever we want with them. We have the duty to protect them and keep them as close to how God created them. WE DEMAND YOU TO FOLLOW THE LAW AND DO AN EIS FIRST!! Thank you for your time and attention to this very important decision.

Mahalo and God Bless,

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I will not be able to testify in person

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Teri Lee Montano and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Providing Hawaii residents and our many visitors another option for inter-island travel is a benefit not a detrement. Please do not allow the special interest groups to prevent this opportunity from being available to all.

Respectfully yours,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marianne Curry and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I hope the this can be resolved soon so the Hawaiiin locals can finally have the chance to take the opportunity to freely travel to the neighbor islands with the option of their own transportation.

*Marianne Curry
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [MARY E DICICCO] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I FEEL THE SUPERFERRY IS A REAL PLUS FOR THE ISLANDS. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO WILL NOT OR CANNOT FLY AND HAVE FAMILY OR FRIENDS AND BUSSINESS ON THE NEIGHBORING ISLANDS. WITH THE SUPERFERRY THEY CAN SEE THEM AND TAKE CARE OF THE THINGS THEY NEED TO. AT A BETTER PRICE AND MORE CONVENIENT WAY. TAKE A LOOK AT PUGET SOUND AND MANY OTHER PLACE THAT HAVE FERRY'S. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jenifer Bradley, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This is a very important alternative means of inter-island transportation for residents and tourists alike. Options and choices are a good thing; they breed competition, which in turn breeds excellence. Change is good, as well, and is inevitable. The residents of Hawaii won't thrive if our feet remain firmly rooted in the past.

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From: mary neudorffer [medneu2@earthlink.net]
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To: House Record
Subject: Supetferry Testimony

Please deliver the appropriate number of copies of my attached testimony on the Superferry to the House Committees on Transportation and Finance for the meeting on Thursday October 25, 2007 at 9:00 AM at the Auditorium at the State Capitol.

I do not plan to testify in person.

Thank you.

Mary Neudorffer
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TO: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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Concerning : HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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From: Mary Neudorffer
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Date: October 24, 2007

Subject: Superferry Testimony for HB 1

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the House:

10/24/2007

My name is Mary Neudorffer. I live in Koloa on Kauai and will not be able to testify in person.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 1. The Superferry must have an Environmental Impact Statement before operation.

Do not override the existing law in order to let the Superferry operate before the completion of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Protect Kauai, the other neighbor islands and the marine life in between.

Insist that the EIS be completed before the Superferry is allowed to operate.

If it looks like your fellow legislators will push this proposed legislation through in spite of your best efforts to get the EIS first as the law intended, insist that it include specific protections for environmental impacts that are possible due to Superferry operation.

The proposed bill to allow the Superferry to operate before completion of an EIS is both 1) inadequate in its proposed interim protections; and 2) inaccurate in its postulates.

1) The proposed legislation is inadequate in its proposed interim protections. Any proposed legislation for interim operation until an EIS is completed needs to spell out specific requirements that, at a minimum, protect Kauai and neighbor islands from invasive species; protect Kauai and neighbor islands from visitors taking/harvesting local resources such as limu, opihi and even stones and plants; and from over-crowding our camping areas; and protect to marine life from collision with the vessel. Such safeguards should include limiting Superferry speed and requiring inspections and penalties.

Leaving such details to the governor and her selected staff is totally unacceptable. It would be like letting the wolf guard your sheep or having the fox protect your hen house (or sharks guard monk seal pups). It is definitely NOT acceptable given her track record with the Superferry.

Proposals to limit Superferry speed to protect whales and to require inspections of vehicles and carry-ons, as onerous as they might seem, are the kinds of things that will be needed to mitigate Superferry impacts to the environment.

2) The proposed legislation is inaccurate and intentionally misleading: it says that the existing law concerning EIS needs to be amended and clarified because the legislature did not anticipate the judiciary actions in this case. In fact, all laws expect that the government will abide by them; no law anticipates the government acting as if the law were not made for them. The state government totally ignored the legal requirement to do an EIS for the Superferry, in spite of repeatedly being reminded of the legal requirement and repeated requests to do the EIS first as required by law. The law assumes that, per our constitution, the judiciary can force require the law be followed. **The judiciary action for requiring an EIS before Superferry operation was not unintended by the legislators who passed it; just the opposite. It was expected in a case such as this.**

The legislature and the existing law did not overlook the "special circumstances of the Superferry". Rather they didn't anticipate the government blatantly assuming the law was not made for them.

You should remove language to the effect that the policy needs to be "amended and clarified" because it was not intended to apply in a case like this. In fact, it was the original intent that even for the Superferry the EIS be done before operation begins. And they had plenty of time to do it!!!!

There is not general consensus that the Superferry is needed in operation today. You might get consensus on Oahu alone, but not if you give adequate weighting to the neighbor islands. Waiting until the EIS is completed is appropriate.

Kaua'i has very few people compared to Oahu. It may look to you like there are a lot of people who want it, but most of the people who want the ferry are not from here and they do not understand what it will mean to a place like this. They just want to get away from Oahu to a place that is isolated and not crowded. **That isolation is at the heart of the beauty of Kaua'i and its lure to tourists. The Superferry impacts have the capability to take that away from us, and we need mitigations in place before it operates.**

Again, I strongly oppose all sections which permit operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions; and especially that part which put the governor in charge of setting interim conditions of operation.

I ask you:

Do not override the existing law in order to let the Superferry operate before the completion of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Protect Kauai, the other neighbor islands and the marine life in between by making sure adequate protections are in place before commencing operation.

If it looks like your fellow legislators will push this proposed legislation through in spite of your best efforts to get the EIS first as the law intended, insist that it include specific protections for environmental impacts that are possible due to Superferry operation.

Insist that the EIS be completed before the Superferry is allowed to operate.

Mahalo for your support in this matter.

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House Record

From: Chris [chris@poipubeach.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Opposed to Super Ferry operation prior to EA or EIS completion

Please do not approve legislation to undermine the courts decision which does not allow operation of the Ferry prior to the environmental study completion. We must protect our outer island environments.

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From: jhollhi@aol.com
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To: House Record
Subject: superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Janice J. Holl and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The request for an environmental impact statement should have occurred at the planning stage. No one wishes to endanger marine life or damage the environment. There is no evidence that this ship will be more harmful than the hundreds of ocean liners, barges, whale watching cruises, navy vessels and other methods of traveling our oceans. Is an EIS required of any of them? Can not invasive species be carried on inter-island flights as well as on water?

The Superferry offers a relaxing way to travel from one island to another and lets the passengers enjoy a view of our islands that was reserved for those who could afford an inter-island cruise. It will not just be folks from Oahu invading the outer islands; outer-islanders will be also be traveling to Oahu. The impact of increased people on any island at one time should be minimal.

Janice J. Holl
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From: Noe Mauloa [noe059@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:05 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPERFERRY

Hi, I am responding to the Super Ferry's testimony. I have not ridden it yet but am anxious to. For us older people who are still afraid of flying or cannot fly due to medical reasons, the Super Ferry offers a great way to see our beautiful islands at an inexpensive way. Not only it lets us see the beauty that we can't normally see of our coastal areas but also a great way to travel between outer islands to visit our families. Please don't shut them down without letting us have a good chance of using it for our travel passages thru the islands. We islanders welcome the Ferry. I have noticed that most of the protesters are groups that support our nature but take a good look at a lot of their members, they are the very ones that have bought up a lot of our island land for their own gains. This is something good for the local people to enjoy when traveling between the islands. I have a brother who is older quite ill, and does not fly, this is a beautiful thing for him to go on and enjoy his ride to Oahu to visit where the rest of my family are. SO PLEASE ALLOW THE SUPER FERRY TO RUN IN HAWAII, LET US LOCAL PEOPLE DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THEY SHOULD RUN HERE.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is ANDREA B GEORGE, for NOLAN M. 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.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John A. Lockwood and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that having ocean transportation between the islands of our State is important. It makes options available that do not exist presently.

Please pass the necessary legislation to permit the Superferry to operate while the environmental concerns are being addressed.

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House Record

From: Rocky [riddellr001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:06 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony Regarding the Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I consider myself to be an environmentalist and I support the Hawaii SuperFerry. I am disappointed and disgusted at the turn of events surrounding the SuperFerry debacle. It should be running now. Alaska, Washington and New Zealand have ferry systems operating that are essential to the communities they serve without major environmental impact. I am concerned about preserving our unique ecosystem but I see no reason why the SuperFerry should be singled out among all the other interisland and mainland originating seagoing traffic. Please consider that the only whales reportedly hit in Hawaiian waters recently were by the Whale Watch Foundation, Maui. I hear no outcry about this from the Sierra Club and its cronies. Invasive species? Young Brothers and Mattson transport all kinds of plant material, produce, equipment and vehicles between the islands daily with NO inspection as the Super Ferry has in place. I am concerned with doing the right thing. I believe the benefits of an interisland ferry system far outweigh the liabilities.

Change is often difficult and great things are not done without some controversy. Naturally, there are pros and cons to any transportation system. What we can do is to mitigate the problems concerning the environment to best serve our community. I could wax on regarding the boorish and thuggish behavior of the so called environmentalists who protest the SuperFerry but suffice it to say that they do not represent me.

Sincerely,

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From: nmg.abg@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:01 AM
To: House Record
Cc: nmg.abg@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: EMIAL TESTIMONY

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

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

PLEASE ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII 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.

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From: Guye Lee [LEEA023@HAWAII.RR.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:08 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Please give the Superferry an opportunity to sail

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Guye H. Lee, Oahu resident* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Gentlemen. I respectfully request that you find in favor of allowing the Superferry to sail. The majority of the residents of Oahu have longed for an alternative mode of transportation from island to island. The Ferry will provide residents of Hawaii and tourist with this opportunity. The ferry will boost commerce within the islands. No more will there be limited access and a monopoly of business within the islands. We will have better business competition and flourishion of business opportunities which will only prosper our fine State. Yes, evasive spieces are a concern and is well noted. We must be cognizant that we do not unnecessarily destroy our fragile and unique ecosystem, but we can prevent that with the superferrie's adherence to specific guidelines.

Transportation of people and commerce has been happening for since our great King Kamehameha I and that has not destroyed our eco-system. If we manage it properly, anything can work. Please, as our lawmakers, do not let this detroy what could only help our State. Aloha.

Guye Lee

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From: vershell [vershell@hawaiihomestore.com]
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Subject: RE: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Vershell Rogers* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Superferry is and has been long needed. We should be able to travel more freely with the aid of the Superferry we could seek out better employment be able to visit family, have greater vacation options, and have greater mobility when visiting other islands and not be treated like tourist.

I have my concerns too. Which makes one ask additional questions in regards to all forms of transportation to all of the islands. (Matson, Young Brothers, Airlines) This does not just pertain to Superferry. Invasive species are a huge issue. So what can we do to protect each other? Can we somehow sanitize our vehicles at the Superferry dock? Possibly, running each car/vehicle through what is like a commercial carwash with hot water that would kill any frogs that could cause harm and most likely any other unwanted organisms. Then providing wax to protect the vehicles from any salt air/water. I see this as a win, win. As far as the Whales, and other sea life that would attach to the vessel this problem is related to all sea vessels. I believe that the Superferry has taken a proactive role in minimizing risk to all within current standards available. Traffic is a concern for each Island and there may be signals that need to be installed and some traffic controls put into place. This needs to be addressed by each Island and planning department.

I believe the biggest fear is the Coqui Frogs. The State needs to be more proactive in eradicating the frogs, in the first place. Not by ignoring the needs of Hawaii County, the frogs have a huge impact on all sorts of

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commerce here on the Big Island.

Had the Superferry had any real idea of this invasive species they may have conducted a study of their own.

The State should have considered this as well before a lot of money was spent and people's lives were affected.

I support the Superferry fully as long as we have a carwash or some other form of sanitizing for the vehicles.

Vershell Rogers

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House Record

From: Eric Tema [etema@tmghawaii.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:04 AM
To: House Record
Subject: hawaii superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Eric Tema and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have lived in Hawaii my entire life, 42 years, and have traveled extensively in Tahiti, Samoa, Indonesia and other far less developed and much more pristine locales than Hawaii and all have sophisticated ferry service that is a lifeline for those residents. Clearly the environment is NOT the issue here but rather a vocal minority of neighbor island residents using it as a smokescreen to restrict progress. My guess is if we weren't on the tail end of 7 years of prosperous growth in our State we'd be much more welcoming.

I'd say the fear is way overblown – almost like Y2K. Maybe one way to address is to limit the Kauai service to 3 times a week as a way of easing into service and minimizing the impact, whether recognized or not. With the imminent departure of GO! Airlines and return of very expensive interisland fares I would imagine a few years from now we'll all be glad we have an alternative.

Eric Tema

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From: Charmaine Silva [char@ffhawaii.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:59 AM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Charmaine Silva* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have 3 children who play sports. Having the superferry here will enable us to play teams from the outer islands. It will benefit us in having to drive our own vehicles along with all their equipment that is needed for that sport. Also, for planning our company parties we will not be limited to Oahu only. People of hawaii need to have this freedom of choice- especially when it comes to traveling.

Mahalo Nui-

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House Record

From: Mark Sheehan [mark@lmpmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:27 AM
To: House Record
Cc: All Senators
Subject: HB 1

**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.

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

If the Ferry Godmother wants to give you this TARBABY, you don't have to accept it! The HSF could have followed HRS 343 when they started two and and half years ago, they chose not to. The Gov. told the DOT to wave them through, the PUC gave them a pass. What is needed is an audit of the process that allows out of state corporations with unproven technologies to circumvent the law. Onipaa! Stand firm to honor the Court's decision to require an EIS before allowing the Superferry to sail.

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House Record

From: Fred [yabadab@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:08 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:
My name is Frederick Wang and I support Hawaii Superferry.

I support, at the LEAST, the Superferry being able to operate during an environmental review because it had passed legal reviews and challenges that have transpired over the last 2+ years. It is not reasonable for the current situation to be viewed as an opportunity to re-make the decision to allow or not allow the Superferry to exist. That would mean that the legal expertise and prudence of our decision-makers who have been involved from the start is not effective and has been a waste of taxpayer time & money.

IF the environmental issues are the primary drivers of this current chaos, further review and legislation of ALL inter-island transport of cars, goods and people, including recreational whale-watching and even fishing, may be warranted.

I also don't agree that unreasonable constraints be put on the Superferry should it be allowed to run during the environmental review. Exit plans/clauses may be reasonable in case of dozens of whales being hit. Please give the Superferry a fair chance to prove itself without a "legislative anchor" already pulling it down.

Frederick Wang
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House Record

From: Kaia Hedlund [kaiahedlund@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:55 AM
To: House Record
Subject: House Bill # 1

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

My name is Kaia Anne Hedlund and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will bring long needed services to the residents and small businesses in Hawaii. I am especially interested in the abilities for interscholastic, intercollegiate and amateur sports teams to transport teams and equipment easily and more efficiently for intrastate competitions. The Superferry will in no way impact migration from Oahu or the mainland to the neighbor islands and will have no effect on the total number of vehicles or persons on Maui or Kauai as it is a commuter ferry. I strongly support your quick action that will allow this entity to commence operations as soon as possible.

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House Record

From: Tracey Schavone [tracey@kauaioutcallmassage.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:11 AM
To: House Record
Subject: testimony in opposition of HB1

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

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007 **TIME:** 9:00am
PLACE: Auditorium
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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Aloha. My name is Tracey Schavone. The island of Kaua`i is my home.

I would like to begin by stating that I am in opposition to holding a Special Session for the express purpose of allowing the Superferry to operate prior to an environmental assessment or an EIS.

In reading this proposed bill I saw that it states "The purpose of this Act is also to amend all relevant existing laws".....the definition of amend is "to change for the better"...so in reality this document would be more accurate by stating "this Act is meant to circumvent all relevant existing laws." The definition of circumvent being "to go around or bypass".

I also saw included in this bill the following:

"By encouraging the growing of products on the islands of Kauai, Maui & Hawaii for the Oahu market, the operations of a large capacity ferry vessel company would foster diversified agriculture, helping the state of Hawaii to meet one of its constitutional mandates."

The Superferry fare for a commercial truck is currently \$860.00 for a full load and \$528.00 for an empty

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truck. This price does not include the passenger fares, which are \$52.00 or \$62.00 each way per person, depending on the day of the week. Not exactly a great deal for the farmers.

It is undeniable that the two most important things to sustain life are clean water and nourishing food.

If in fact the government wishes to foster diversified agriculture a Superferry is not the answer. Perhaps you could pass laws that actually protect our agricultural lands from becoming gentleman estates. Perhaps you could pass laws protecting the water rights of the farmers who are currently doing their best to provide diversified agriculture on our island right now, such as those experiencing hardships since the KaLoko Dam tragedy. Perhaps you could pass laws which would allow farmers to live on their land and allow them to provide housing for those who wish to assist them in their agricultural endeavors. Perhaps you could pass laws that would insure that our agricultural lands are being utilized to grow food which will sustain us rather than genetically modified corn seed that is not fit to eat and which may very likely be creating contamination of our soils, air and waters.

And in regards to an oversight task force to study the State's actions...who are we kidding here...this is absolutely ludicrous.

Please support our current laws....respect the decisions of our Hawaii Supreme Court and Judge Joseph Cordoza. The health and well being of our islands and our seas and all who inhabit them depend on your kokua. Please bear in mind that all life is sacred.

Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono

**The life (sovereignty) of the land is
perpetuated in (by) righteousness**

Sincerely,
Tracey Schavone
Anahola, Kaua`i

House Record

From: sfukuda@101thingstodo.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:55 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance Hearing Date:
Thursday, October 25
Time: 9:00 am Auditorium, State Capitol

RE: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Stacey Fukuda and I was born and raised on the island of Hawaii and now reside on Oahu. I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. Not only will the superferry provide an additional means of transportation for Hawaii's residents but will also be a positive step forward for the state's economy. The superferry will provide more job opportunities and also increase tourism which will benefit a lot of Hawaii's small businesses whose revenue relies heavily on tourist spending. Having an additional means of transportation for the islands will also prove beneficial during times of emergency when air travel is not an option. The superferry is an investment, an investment towards a better Hawaii. Please show your support for a better Hawaii and allow the superferry to continue operation.

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House Record

From: nakaohana@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:58 AM
To: House Record
Subject: House Bill 1 On Transportation

Aloha,

We would like to strongly support Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while an EIS is being performed and have every confidence that Hawaii Superferry wants to cooperate as well as demonstrate environmental safety & responsibility.

Please give Hawaii Superferry a chance to prove their commitment to Hawaii and help our state grow more jobs and support our economy. Thank you for hearing our concerns about the future of Hawaii Superferry and the future of the state of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Phyllis & Wayne Nakasone
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House Record

From: Avis, James [JamesAvis@clearchannel.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:58 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPERFERRY SUPPORTER

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

I am a strong supporter of the Super Ferry!

My name is JAMES Avis and I am a resident of Makakilo. I work in the advertising industry and have many clients who are very excited about using the Super Ferry for Business purposes which will give Outer Island Residents much more (cost effective) access to Oahu Business'. And vice versa for Oahu residents.

Personally, I am excited about being able to pack up my family in our truck and take Outer Island trips from a different perspective.

The Super Ferry will also give Young Brothers some much needed competition which will benefit all Hawaii residents and Business island wide!

The EIS issues brought up by the Environmentalists are inane in my opinion. The Super Ferry will have employees to watch for Whales and the invasive species issue is ridiculous. I have relatives that bring plants back and forth between islands on the airlines not to mention Young Brother containers.

Sincerely,

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From: John & Marilyn Hirashima [hirashima@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:59 AM
To: testimony; House Record
Subject: Superferry

Relating to HB 1 Relating to Transportation
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From: Marilyn Hirashima
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House of Representatives
The 24th Legislature
Second Special Session of 2007

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Rep. Joe Souki, chair
Rep. Scott Nishimoto, vice chair

Committee on Finance:
Rep. Marcu Oshiro, Chair
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House Record

From: mmiyashiro@cokecce.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:58 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Maile Miyashiro and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Hawaii Superferry will be a great addition to the businesses of Hawaii. They're providing another option of "inter-island" transportation. If people of Hawaii don't want to use their services, it would be their choice. The people of Hawaii should be happy that they're given options. The staff of the Hawaii Superferry has brought this great service to Hawaii and it's just a shame that "some" of the people of Hawaii can't appreciate it.

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From: Pua Valdez [karivaldez@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:00 AM
To: House Record
Subject: support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kari Valdez* and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

I strongly support the Hawaii Super Ferry, due to the rise of airline tickets that will acure. For our company benefit it will be great to load up our vans and trucks to work on the other island.

It will make life so much easier.. WE all know that in due time the airfares will rise again!!!!!!!

Pua Valdez

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From: Herb Chock [herb@hcahawaii.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:00 AM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Herbert Chock and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am writing my support for Hawaii Superferry since I am unable to make an in-person comment in tomorrow's House hearing.

Superferry should be able to effectively and economically operate while an environmental impact investigation is being conducted and concerns are being addressed. Given that other cruise and cargo ships and airlines that accomplish what Superferry will be doing are "grandfathered" in without any such requirement, I see and have read no irreversible consequences that could occur during this period of time that would be solely attributable to Superferry. As far as the concern for marine mammals, we are able to consider long-term environmental successes in other States. The role of speed in collision risk is currently unknown. A quick internet search revealed that in a study conducted by The Whale Center of New England, no collisions with marine mammals (including humpback whales) in the coastal route occurred in a 5-year period from 2002 to 2006. To what end (and in what time frame) is necessary to prove or disprove a theoretical?

The argument of "invasive species" is curious at best. Can Los Angeles use such an argument on San Diego? Let's cut through the BS and follow your hearts.

Superferry allows us residents to economically enjoy the State as never before. For us Oahuans, a "drive to the country" no longer means going to Kahuku. There is no question the total cost of such trips, or even weekend visits will be cheaper than what is currently available. The published cost study showing that Superferry was a more expensive alternative was skewed because it was conducted during an airline price war, and also did not include the obvious value of convenient and timely delivery of personal automobiles. Superferry will play an practical role in integrating our Island people. We need your legislative leadership to facilitate LOKAHI WITH ALOHA!

To further dream, I as a commuter, can imagine the benefit to having Superferry's first run of the morning being a people-only run from West Oahu to the Aloha Tower.

It is my wish for our Representatives to support the majority of this State without by over-amending the basic solution. We are residents of a State who should not be held hostage by maneuverings of an incredibly small, xenophobic minority. Where's the Aloha?

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From: Steven Read [READS001@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Da Super ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Steven Read and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

I would like to have the services of the Superferry available because I am unable to fly on commercial aircraft because of back and neck injuries suffered from an auto accident. With the Superferry I could lay in a prone position, which would be a relief on the pain I presently would receive from flying. This would making it possible for me to visit my doctors on Oahu on a regular schedule. Presently I have to wait for over six months or longer for my doctors to schedule visits to Kauai.

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ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

First, thank you for allowing public input on this important issue for the entire state of Hawaii.

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

The islands desperately need an alternative form of transportation for local economic reasons including: allowing small businesses a reasonable way to transport goods; providing the option for locals to travel with their own cars to visit family members; showcasing our beautiful islands to the sacrosanct tourist industry; and simply using the ocean for transportation is such an obvious, environmentally sound way to travel that it baffles the mind why it is not done already.

The minor environmental issues are easily workable and it would be nothing short of appalling, selfish, regressive if the Superferry was forced to leave the islands.

Thank you for your time.

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