

House Record

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:35 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

HB1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am in complete support of the Superferry. I see no reason why it cannot run it's scheduled routes while the environmental report is being done. How is the Superferry any different from other cruise ships, and cargo vessels? If it cannot operate without an environmental review, why are any ships allowed to run? Yes, they will carry cars, but that shouldn't add to the number of cars on the outer islands. If we fly there, we would have to rent a car anyway.

Preventing the Superferry from operating is only helping those special interest groups that operate now, such as Young Bros., the airlines, & the car rental companies. It should be fair for all.

Me Ke Aloha,
Judy Rasmussen

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Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Roxanne Perez* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii SuperFerry because I think its a great idea. To be able to transport between islands via boat is a second alternative, especially for people, like myself whom is not too fond of airplanes. We have family on the other islands, which we cannot see as often. I think the superferry is a great idea that should actually bring the islands together, not tear them apart. Its an alternative for business people, tourist attraction, and just family get aways.

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From: Stephanie Stucky [scsmaui@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:05 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Fear of Flying

I support Hawaii Superferry because it is another way of bringing the outer islands closer to the capital and would also provide another form of interisland service other than flying.

Stephanie Stucky
Kihei, Maui

House Record

From: Purcell, Heather D Dr TAMC [HEATHER.PURCELL@US.ARMY.MIL]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dr. Heather D Purcell and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I lived in Washington State for several years before returning to Hawaii and I experienced the benefits of having a well established ferry system to provide an alternative mode to go to the islands in the Puget Sound. There are no reasons which have been presented that make sense to preclude the ferry to run while the EIS is being conducted. The unique structure of the ferry would prevent any sea animals from being harmed while the study was being conducted. Hawaii has waited a long time for an alternative way to go to the outer islands. It seems unreasonable to have families wait further to visit family and friends on outer islands due to a very small minority of individuals who frankly are grossly misinformed about the safety of such crafts and to give them an overwhelming say for the rest of us.

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> Force.
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> Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:
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> My name is Debbie Miller and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry
> because it will enhance the quality of life for Hawaii residents.
> Seagoing travel between the islands will benefit our local
> communities, allowing schools, sports teams, and local residents to
> freely visit a neighboring island to attend community activities,
> visit family and buy and sell goods. Its affordable, convenient and
> gives local businesses and farmers a choice. We need the choices
> Hawaii Superferry gives us. This mode of transportation is not a new
> concept. It works and it is needed. I cannot attend the hearing and
> intend for this email to be placed on the record.

> Debbie Miller>
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

People tend to look for ways to improve, make things easier, more accessible...and I believe that the Superferry will provide the people of Hawaii a different, positive way to ease transportation between the islands.

Thank you,

Lesley Fukushima

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From: Sharla Kalauawa [wilnshar@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:05 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB1 Relatiing to Transportation

I am Sharla Kalauawa and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I believe I am part of the "SILENT MAJORITY" that does support the Superferry. The ugliness of the incidents that happened at Nawiliwili have kept myself, my family and some of my friends away from any hearings that were held. Because of the "VOCAL MINORITY", I felt that if we had attended, it could have become more heated and worse displays of aggression might have happened.

I am not able to be present at your hearings on Oahu, so I am writing in hopes you will consider my reasons for wanting the Superferry. I do believe the concerns of the opponents to the Superferry have been addressed by the Superferry, such as whale avoidance guidelines and procedures, invasive species concerns and security concerns. No other ship in the world has implemented any of these procedures into their policies. I believe the Superferry has proven they are concerned with the environment and the people of our Islands by adopting all of their policies and guidelines. While I do not believe an EIS or an EIA is necessary, since the courts deemed that it is, then I feel that the Superferry should be allowed to operate while it is being done. I also feel that it is very unfair to the Superferry that they are being "singled out" in requiring these environmental statements, yet no one is pushing for any done to Matson, Young Brothers, Horizon, the cruise ships (which discharge their sewage into our oceans – the Superferry does not!) and the Airline companies. One of the concerns of opponents is invasive species ... we already have them on our Island – how did they get here before the Superferry? I will refrain from going on and on about these things, I believe you've already heard them all

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If you think back several years ago when the Superferry first announced the "H-4" – airline tickets were upwards of \$179 round trip per person – which made traveling on the ferry with your vehicle very appealing. Even though the arrival of Go Airlines has drastically reduced airfares, I am still willing to pay the little extra for the convenience of having my own vehicle when traveling. I can bring my own cooler which I can load with blue ice to bring back some goodies which we can't get on this Island, like dim sum, manapua and roast pork. We can get our fishing and hunting supplies which are so limited on Island and bring it back in our own vehicle and not worry about going over the 50-pound limit on the airlines. We never have to worry about lost luggage nor do we have to worry about forgetting something in a rental vehicle.

Every argument has its pros and cons and I feel the Superferry has more pros to offer the people of our State – in time, it will prove to be a valuable asset to our communities. I believe you should give them a chance to operate and prove to the people that their fears were highly overexaggerated.

Thank you,
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House Record

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To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Shelly Cooper and I **strongly support Hawaii Superferry.**

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry as another means of transportation for all Hawaii residents who want to travel to outer islands. I'm sure most of the controversy is over competition it will give the airline industry. However, I am sure that all industries in Hawaii would greatly benefit by having the service, as well as provide new jobs for the State!

I hope you rule in favor of a worth while project such as the Hawaii Superferry.

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From: Bailey Wharton [bwharton@parkerranch.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: SUPER FERRY

Please take note, I would be happy to give public testimony but quite frankly, I am intimidated by facing the very vocal and often angry minority who show up at the Public hearings often simply to intimidate those who might disagree.

I would like to let you know that I am a supporter of allowing the super ferry to operate during the period of EIS preparation, AND I am an environmentalist. I am dismayed that once again, in this state, a vocal minority can run rough shod over the will of the majority. And I am sick and tired of Fear Mongering.

The Ferry is needed. We are surrounded by water and transportation is critical and a ferry system is a natural. It makes complete sense. And we want to drag it down because of fears of invasive species? How do we get invasive species from other islands? It seems that if this were a serious threat we should ban international flights and ocean voyages, no? And the threat to humpback whales. I love them and I love dolphins too, but I really think they can fend for themselves in their ocean world. Hear a boat, miles away, they can tell. I mean do we ban cars because they might hit pedestrians?

We have been waiting forever for alternative transportation and really anticipating the arrival of the ferry. We need alternatives. (Thank God for Go (Mesa) airlines or we would still be hostage to excessive airline rates)

The time has come, please do not let the ferry system leave or be pushed out by a vocal minority.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jade Kamai* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Here's my recent request to my representative, Rep. Tommy Waters:

Rep Waters,

I'm asking for your support and immediate intervention in solving the issues and dilemma surrounding the much needed Hawaii Superferry.

Please don't give excuses; much more so, please provide a solution to the problem. This a great opportunity for our state. Don't let this slip through our fingers.

cc: Senator Fred Hemmings

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Andrea LePendu and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. *I have a family of 5 children who were excited to finally go to the outer islands and see the rest of our beautiful state however plans have been put on hold by the tree hugging dictators you are allowing to tell you how to run the government. These Tree hugging dictators are now costing people their jobs and costing the tax payers of Hawaii to pay more money and making us look like a bad place to do business. I believe the majority of the people would love to use the Superferry when visiting Tahiti many people use the ferry there as I believe local people here will enjoy using it here. I think the tax payers of Hawaii should start a lawsuit against all the environmental groups who constantly insist on studies and push you hardworking legislators and telling you folks what to do with our hard earn tax dollars that we pay every year. We already dish out a lot of money to live in this beautiful state I know we are having the minority dictate to us how we should do business here. Do the right thing give Superferry employees back their jobs and work harder on controlling the drug trafficking on the outer islands which I think the drugs have more of an impact on the environmental and social issue than this whole Superferry thing.*

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Melby Albano* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

House Record

From: Kathi Meechan [KathiM@halm skimchee.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathi L. H. Meechan and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This is an opportunity for the State of Hawaii to not only provide another means of transportation interisland, but an innovative and useful means of transportation for both personal and industrial use in Hawaii.

I know that personally, I would love to see this possible because I have a brother that lives in Kona, who refuses to fly interisland, for personal reasons, however loves the ocean and would be much more open to visiting Oahu and the other islands if the ferry is available. My husband also travels interisland for his business and it would be so helpful if he could take his vehicle rather than have to rent vehicles.

Please fight for the majority – as people that live and work in Hawaii, many of us are unable to go down to the legislature and picket or demonstrate as we have families that depend on us. We have bills and taxes to pay, however we depend on our representatives to do just that – represent us and do what is best for us and our economy. The environmental concerns for many, are just an issue for those who have little more to do – if they were working, effective members of our community, they would be more inclined to stand behind something that would help our economy and our people. We are all tiring of their verbal abuse. Let us see what happens environmentally, and if a problem arises, we will then have a viable concern to deal with.

Mahalo for all that you have done and hopefully will continue to do in the best interest of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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House Record

From: Ellie Snyder [ellie.snyder@rare-dear.com]
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Subject: Please, please and EIS before the superferry sails.

It is tragic and un-American for leaders to flaunt the law.

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House Record

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To: House Record
Subject: Support of the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathryn J Acorda and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I was actually one of the original users of the Superferry back in August. Along with a friend, we took our mnt bikes over to Maui, rode up Haleakala and mnt biked down in 15 hours. We briefly napped and headed back to Kahalui to catch the ferry back only to find that it wasn't running.

I've lived on this island for 10 years and it honestly doesn't cease to amaze me over this controversy. This is yet another example of a small minority ruling over the majority and general public sector.

The corruption and bureaucracy is utterly amazing. I believe in an alternative form of transportation and I believe that companies have the right to do business here in the State of Hawaii. I will support the Superferry. If the government is going to set rules and regulations, they need to be fair and equal to all businesses including inter-island shipping (Matson, etc), the cruise ship industry and all other sea vessels for that matter.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lisa Colmenares and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The environmental requirements placed on the Hawaii Superferry should not be any more stringent than those requirements placed on other inter-island carriers whether for cargo or passenger travel.

The Hawaii Superferry provides a wonderful opportunity for our local community to visit other islands as well as giving our state an alternative to air travel between islands. The vocal minority who oppose the Superferry do so primarily because they don't want additional traffic and people on their island. However, those individuals have no problem coming to Oahu to utilize our resources – roads, medical facilities, shopping, etc.

I urge you to strongly consider the quiet majority's need for a natural, alternative means to inter-island travel.

Sincerely,

Lisa Colmenares

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House Record

From: Melby Albano [mhkhud@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: Fw: In support of Superferry

I just e-mail this a while ago but I forgot to give my phone number so I am resending it.

----- Original Message -----

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Melby Albano* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

A Superferry will give the people of Hawaii a chance to have an alternative way of travelling to the other islands. For residents and tourists as well, it is an alternative way to commuting in a relaxing way. It is affordable--a lot of residents here in Hawaii can not afford to go on luxury ships.

Furthermore, I really don't believe that the Superferry can do more damage than the "BIG SHIPS" that are now operating on a regular basis. It is so unfair that the government did not do their job on their prerequisites for the ferry to start operating and now requiring it at the last minute. Remember, you are hurting a lot of innocent people who quit their jobs to join the Superferry Staff. It is not their fault that all of a sudden Hawaii officials are now saying, "this should have been done". When a company apply to do business here, shouldn't we have the requirements in black and white at that time? I think what is happening now is we are giving Hawaii a bad reputation. I urged that you take a good look at the issue--i'm sorry to say that we all think that this problem has a lot to do with politics.

Thank you.

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From: Kimberly DeYoung [oceanart75@yahoo.com]
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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.

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 Artists of these Islands.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

We would like to give our support to the Hawaii Superferry. We feel the people of Hawaii deserve to have options for inter-island travel. As residents of the Big Island, we would like an alternative to the airlines. We have family on Oahu, and there are times when it would be much more convenient to go by ferry.

Please give serious consideration to allowing the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being completed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Subject: SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Susan James* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This will give all residents of Hawaii an alternate means to visit the other islands. It will provide farmers an efficient way to transport their crops. It will provide an alternate means of transportation in times of crisis. It is a very necessary addition to our current transportation choices.

Susan James

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House Record

From: Larry_Gaddis/NSSB/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:09 AM
To: House Record
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Subject: Support for the Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Albert Lawrence Gaddis and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry

I have lived in Hawaii since 1967 and seen too often how a vocal and politically active extreme minority can successfully oppose projects that would benefit many people in our state. This time the vast majority of voters like myself can see clearly how the vociferous arguments being posed to block this project are completely ludicrous. I too care about the environment, but the extreme oppositionist environmentalists care only about blocking all development without regard to how it can improve our way of life.

The primary blame for this fiasco rests with the Hawaii Supreme Court for delaying their ruling on the environmentalists' appeals until days before the launch of the project. Now the unhappy burden of coming up with a sane solution is placed on the legislature and the majority of voters in Hawaii are counting on you to draft a bill that allows the Superferry to survive until these ridiculous and hysterical objections can finally be laid to rest. We are counting on you.

Larry Gaddis
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From: Gwen Kaopua [gkaopua@harrisrebar.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:10 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Supporting the SuperFerry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gwendolyn S. Kaopua* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly support the Super Ferry as it will benefit everyone across the board within the state of Hawaii! It may pose environmental concerns, but I'm sure those issues are being - and/or will be addressed! Access to our neighbor islands by way of Super Ferry, gives access to those people who can't fly or choose not to, gives alternatives to the high costs we already pay when flying, and is an enjoyable way to enjoy such access! It's a win / win for I believe everyone!

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Gwendolyn S. Kaopua

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Daryl W. Sanborn* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

When we heard that the Superferry was coming to Hawaii, my wife and I thought "what a wonderful way to visit the other islands!" We planned to take our two granddaughters (ages 9 and 12) who, though born here on Oahu, have never been to the outer islands. We felt that it would be very educational, not only for our granddaughters, but all the other island children as well. After all, we are an "island state" and we should have an alternative means of travel to the other islands.

We were very disappointed when the service was halted because of the objections of a very few but very vocal individuals.

Respectfully,

Daryl W. Sanborn

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House Record

From: Cathy Weaver [caweaver@ksbe.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:12 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony supporting HB 1-Superferry NOW

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cathy Weaver and I strongly support HB 1, and allowing the Superferry to operate now while the EIS is being conducted.

In our island state, why should our extended `Ohana not have the greatest access to each other? Superferry is primarily about residents, primarily about family, and about heart.

20 years ago we were raising both our children on Oahu; I remember the infrequent plane trips we were able to take to Kauai to visit our family there. It is difficult for the average family to afford air travel to other islands. I am in support of ANY alternative transportation that allows families to travel more often, more affordably, and more flexibly.

HB 1 is a reasonable compromise. If we delay Superferry operations until after the EIS is completed, we will lose it. Please hear your constituency on this. We overwhelmingly support the Superferry NOW!

I am unable to attend the hearing, as I am a teacher. Please consider my written testimony here.

Sincerely,
Cathy Weaver
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House Record

From: Larkin246@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:14 AM
To: House Record
Cc: hawaiiisuperferry@hawaiiisuperferry.com
Subject: ATTN: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE HB1

Dear Chairs Souki & Oshiro:

My name is Katherine Lucy Larkin and I strongly support the Hawaii SUPERFERRY and HB 1 relating to Transportation. I am testifying by email today in support of the SUPERFERRY. When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to squelch the nuisances who want to limit the progress, that is inevitable, I write this email to do just that. Hawaii is known as a very difficult place to conduct a profitable business. If the SUPERFERRY is forced to leave our state, it will be a profound demonstration of just how hard it is to bring a new business to Hawaii.

Let the FERRY sail or forever deal with the reputation you have created with past legislation that has announced to the world that you don't want any new business in Hawaii.

Instead of listening to the disgruntled demonstrators, start listening to reason and the economic impact that the departing SUPERFERRY will have on this state. Thank you for your consideration of these most important issues.

K Lucy Larkin
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From: Hawaii [mark@bigislandplumbing.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:47 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Transportation vote HB1

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Dear Chairs Oshiro and Souki,

My name is Mark McFadden of Holualoa, Hawaii and I **STRONGLY** support Hawaii Superferry and whatever it takes to get it going!

Why must we always be at the mercy of a few very loud "Don't-change-anything" few? Our island is stuck in this 3rd world mentality and lifestyle. Please help our state and island by doing what you can to take this situation out of the hands of the mob and their threats. We NEED this SuperFerry. NOW!

*Sincerely,
Mark McFadden
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House Record

From: JulieA [julie.trendtex@mac.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Julie Ann Ikeda-Chang and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Super Ferry as a means of transportation to get to the neighbor islands. We cannot rely on the inconvenience of air travel. I travel for work and have used the ferry system in Seattle. I loved it. It was relaxing, comfortable and affordable. We need to give the Superferry a chance to make it in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Julie Ann Ikeda-Chang
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Aiea, HI 96701
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From: Skye Coe [mauiskye1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:48 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony for those not attending hearing in person. Mahalo

Aloha Legislature. I am not against the Superferry. I am against trying to obfuscate the law by creating a bandaid that would not have been needed if the law had been upheld and an EIS performed as required by law. It is NOT too late to still require this. How can an adequate EIS be performed if the Superferry is allowed under special conditions that are intended to replicate the law already in existence. Do the math and require a full EIS please. Mahalos! Skye Coe

House Record

From: Kaalekahi, Lisa [Lisa.Kaalekahi@marriott.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lisa kaalekahi* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that it would be a great addition to the islands primarily for other means of transportation.

What I can't understand is, why we would have an agreement to allow this company to build & spend all that money only to turn around and force them out. This should have all been settled prior to their arrival. We made a commitment, we should stand by it. We go through this all the time when decisions are not thought through, then we PAY for it. Maybe we should have the people that make these decisions pay for it, why should we?

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Subject: (no subject)

I vote Yes for the Super Ferry.

Suzanne Lawson

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From: Steve Saito [SSaito@alliedmachinerycorp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:16 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Stephen H.Saito* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Living and working in the islands is a wonderful experience and also a challenge for residence and visitors alike. The island settings are one of the most beautiful and exciting places on earth. The ability to move freely throughout the islands with the addition of the Super Ferry is positive for commerce in Hawaii.

The transportation industry in Hawaii is limited to our expectations and there is so much room for improvement in our growing communities. The need for infrastructure is necessary to improve the quality of life by modernizing the means of transportation. The ability to move freely is a part of our civilizations.

Respectfully,

Steve Saito

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From: Esther Pahukoa - HI [epahukoa@drhorton.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:45 AM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *[Esther Pahukoa]* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[Convenience and Affordability to the people of Hawaii as well as tourism. This will also increase more jobs.]

[Esther Pahukoa

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER]

House Record

From: Landmark [landmark@hisemail.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:20 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SuperFerry

I cannot attend, but please accept my testimony in favor of allowing the Super Ferry to start operating now.

An EIS won't tell us anything we don't already know from the current operations of other boats and ships that travel between islands. The only unknown is perhaps the speed. However, I don't recall the Hydro-Foils that ran several years ago having any problems regarding the concerns of the environmentalist. So let them run and if there is a problem then deal with it then. There may have to be some revisions, but that is expected in all new operations.

Don't let a few people afraid of change (or whatever), rule our lives.

Thank you.

Phil Fudge

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House Record

From: Jeff Sacher [jsacher@kona.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:20 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Hawaii House members/Sgt. at Arms

Relating to HB 1 - Transportation

Requiring an Environmental Impact Statement and oversight Task force for Hawaii Superferry

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007
TIME: 9:00 am
PLACE: Auditorium

Please distribute copies to House members.

FROM: Jeff Sacher
P.O. Box 44910
Kamuela, HI 96743

I ask that you honor the Court's decision that requires an Environmental Review of the HDOT Harbor project BEFORE allowing Hawaii Superferry to operate. If this bill is passed, please include the 29 conditions proposed by the Maui delegation (based on the court testimony during the recent trial.)

Dear Senators:

Please consider the following before making your decision as to whether or not Hawaii Superferry should be required to prepare an EIS prior to the commencement of service:

- 1) Are the fares and schedules truly affordable and convenient for local families? Please do a quick cost comparison for a family of four as your basis.
- 2) Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park testified that an EIS should be done prior to Hawaii Superferry commencing service

- 3) 32.7 seconds per vehicle is what will be allowed for inspections using Hawaii Superferry's projection of 110 cars per sailing. Can a thorough inspection really be done in this period of time?
- 4) NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association) recommends speeds no faster than 13 knots when whales are present.
- 5) The students of Kanu o ka 'Aina will be losing Kawaihae Harbor as their study site.
- 6) Traffic mitigations that should have been in place at Kahului Harbor prior to Hawaii Superferry starting service weren't put in place until DOT was ordered to do so by the Court. Had the judge not ordered this to happen, it is very likely that it would not have been done.
- 7) Do we want a company that chooses to disregard and circumvent our laws in order to operate their business?
- 8) Overturning the Courts' decisions will send the wrong message to everyone about the dependability of the laws in the state of Hawaii.
- 9) If Hawaii Superferry is allowed to operate while preparing an EIS, make certain stipulations are in place to help mitigate potential problems during this trial period.
- 10) Have you performed due diligence in order to know the facts so as not to base your decision on hearsay?
- 11) It doesn't pencil out. We're going through all of this for a business that apparently can't make it on passengers and vehicles alone. There must be something else. So before moving forward, let an EIS help us determine what that is.

Mahalo,
Jeff Sacher
Kawaihae, Big Island

House Record

From: Matsumoto, Eric [ematsumoto@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:11 AM
To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I place my support for the operation of the Superferry in the state of Hawaii. I feel choices are good for the state of Hawaii and the Superferry is just another way for the people of Hawaii can benefit from such a service. The public will be able to utilize Superferry enabling the public to bring their own vehicle to the outer islands and other businesses will benefit by lessen their expense when providing services to the neighboring islands. The ferry will probably have the same affect on the environment as Young Brothers, Norwegian Cruise Liner, and Matson, which we know has not cause any ecology genocide to our environment.

Eric Matsumoto
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House Record

From: Dianne [yamadaa012@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:21 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support the Superferry

ATTN; House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Sorry I can't go into the meeting, On THURSDAY OCT 25 2007 AT 9:00 AM at the Auditorium, State Capitol ,but here is my testimony.

My name is Dianne Yamada and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I went to the meeting at Baldwin High on Oct22,2007 . I was shocked how the environmentalist and other protestors blame the Superferry for ALL the woes and problems of the state!

1- The invasive species were here way before the Superferry, they mostly came on ships and barges that go to foreign ports or get shipments from foreign places (including the mainland). The Superferry is only going to connect islands to islands! Families to Families!

2- They were saying(protestors) that If Oahu people come over they are going to do driveby shootings, bring their drugs and send over their homeless! They were talking like Oahu people are subhuman or something. It was awful. Many of us have families and friends on the other islands ,they will still wash their clothes and take a bath like the rest of us whether we travel by plane or boat!

3- The Superferry will try to avoid whales and put precautions on their boat , unlike the 58 charter boats that take tourists out to fish or CHASE the whales to get a closer look.

4-We , who have family and kids going off to school on the other islands would like to take over some of the kids stuff(TV, skate or surf boards)over without costing us an arm and leg to ship.

5- The traffic issue is not bringing more cars on the roads just people who come on the boat will bring their own car INSTEAD of renting. On the plus side it will take away some of the traffic away from the airport and costco area. Also I would rather visitors drive a car they know and are use to rather than a rental and they don't know if the brakes work like theirs at home!

And finally and most important is Hawaii needs DIVERSITY & COMPETITION to keep things AFFORDABLE in a very hard place to survive. Soon our islands will be only supporting the part- timers or all the new-comers who don't have people on the islands to visit anyway. Why do they get to decide where and how we visit our kids and families!?

Thank you for listening , Dianne Yamada 295 Kaihoi St. Kihei Hi 96753 808-874-6199

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From: Chris Tronolone [expd@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Chris & Joerline Tronolone* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I Know the Hawaii Super Ferry will be good for the state, you know most all of the people are for it. Do the right thing and let it run, and I'm sure HSF will do the right thing and follow the rules you set for it..

Chris Tronolone
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House Record

From: waynetakamine@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:13 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry: Financial Failure is Possible

Honorable State of Hawaii Lawmakers:

I am concerned about the special attention the Hawaii Superferry (HSF) is gaining through this special session. Even though the HSF is receiving special legislation to operate in Hawaiian waters, I DO NOT believe HSF should receive special treatment by the State of Hawaii for any financial "Bail-out" if they are not successful in sustaining profitability.

The HSF's reported losses and has received "bad press" that may seriously affect future of the venture. Right now, its operation appears more risky than any financial projections they have made in their original business plan.

If the State is going the extra mile to save HSF, then it is vital that HSF make their Financial Reports available to the State Task Force and their findings reported to the public.

I DO NOT believe the State should make any "extraordinary" procedures to financially bail out HSF however, it appears we are on that path. If so, the public has the right to know.

Mahalo,

Wayne Takamine M.B.A.

Manoa Valley

House Record

From: ohai.daniels@gmail.com on behalf of Kuponon [kuponon@aloha.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:22 AM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Noreen Ohai Daniels and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I feel that it is a great alternative to flying and then having to rent cars on each island. My family lives on Oahu and Maui and we visit often and want the choice and the ability to take personal and household items to our families without having to send through cargo or Young Brothers. Shipping costs are now extremely high and damage can occur with very little recourse on our part. We also like the fact that our children and their families can come to visit us for the same reasons. They can pack up their dog and all the baby things they need and not have to hassle with the shipping through the airlines or barge.

We have been whining about the lack of ferry service ever since the last one left about 30 years ago and now that we have one that is fast, comfortable and adequate for our needs we complain. I am sure that once it is running those very people who are out there protesting will be using its services. I know them, their families and their lifestyles and I know that they will be among the most frequent users of the Hawaii Superferry. Mahalo.

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808-822-1515

House Record

From: Lynn Hamada [lhamada@watg.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:24 AM
To: House Record

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lynn Hamada and I strongly support The Hawaii Superferry.

I believe in fair competition and alternative travel choices to be healthy and beneficial for Hawaii's residents and economy.

An EIS feasibility study may not be necessary. Inter-island travel does not introduce foreign species to neighboring shores.

Thank you for your time.

*Lynn Hamada
625 Iolani Avenue #604
Honolulu, HI 96813*

House Record

From: Rhonda Flores [findr58@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:16 AM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Rhonda Leimomi Flores* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry for the simple reason that it provides me, and the rest of the State of Hawaii who chooses, to have a different venue to travel to the outer islands. It's another alternative, and a beautiful one at that! We can travel the beautiful waters of the Pacific Ocean in a very pleasant, and affordable way.

I will not be able to come in person to submit my testimony, please accept this as a valid testimony.

Thank you for your time.

Very Respectfully,

Rhonda L. Flores

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From: Henry Bruckner [acrobat@pixi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:31 AM
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Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Henry Bruckner and I strongly support the Hawai'i Super Ferry. The Super Ferry provides an excellent alternative for interisland travel to residents throughout our state. Failure to enable this enterprise will send yet another message worldwide that Hawai'i is a poor place to invest and conduct business. The legislature had ample opportunity to delve into the environmental assessment issue three years ago before assurances were given and financial commitments made. This project should not be hijacked by politics nor the antics of a vocal and inconsiderate minority. The Super Ferry management team has shown they can and will operate with aloha, It is time we return the favor.

Thank you for your kind attention

Henry P. Bruckner

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House Record

From: Vertical Technologies [vthawaii@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:24 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Keep the Superferry testimony

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My name is Barry Castle and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a business owner and employer, I strongly believe we are in great need of an alternative to interisland shipping and transport. I am forced to use Young Bros. for their very slow and expensive services, which I have to pass on to my customers. It may not be apparent to the few that are against the ferry, but All, will benefit in the long run. Do not allow a fence to be built between the counties, it is not fair to the majority that wish to support this alternative mode of transportation. Businesses will flourish and people will prosper. Local economies will benefit, Young Bros. will not suffer, nor the rental car companies, nor the airlines. Pass this legislation and allow the Superferry to operate while completing the EIS.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Aaron Ah You* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

While I value our environment here in Hawaii as being very unique, special, and delicate, I feel the same goes for our economy. My family and I was priviledged enough to travel on the inaugural voyage of the Alakai. Aside from the protestors who made things very ugly, the trip was pleasurable and non rushed. We felt comfortable driving our own vehicle on neighbor islands, the seating on the vessel was comfortable and cool. All of the employees we came in contact with were very friendly and hospitable. things you don't always find with other modes of transportation. I am also a small business owner, and while talking with my customers and associates, I find that ALL of them think that the Superferry would be good for our families and businesses. It would greatly help the transportation of people and goods to the neighbor islands. Of course I realize that my competitor could as easily come over to Maui (where I live), as I could go to other islands, but competition is good for us. It keeps businesses fair and affordable. I am always trying to find new ways to improve my business and services and rise above the rest. The same can be said for the Superferry, and other modes of transportation in Hawaii. Now that there are more airlines here, We can now afford to travel once again to the outer islands and visit our families "just because" we want to, and not just because of some emergency. The Superferry, will add another mode of transportation to the picture. I think it will serve mostly local families and businesses. The people we need to think about the most. Some tourist and many businesses don't want to spend the time to travel by ocean so will still support the airlines. I also feel that, while I miss how quiet Maui was when I was younger, progress cannot be stopped. We cannot hold our breaths and hope that progress will go away. We should not give in to the minority who are still holding their breaths hoping progress will go away. It not fair for these few tantrum throwers to affect what the MAJORITY wants. As for our environment...I think the Superferry should be able to operate while doing the EIS. If they are found to negatively impact the environment, they should make the corrections and if still found lacking then make more drastic changes. It seems they have made more effort to please hawaii people than most other businesses out there, and what better, more accurate way do do an EIS than while it is operating. I dont recall any other airlines, ships, or large companies being forced to complete an EIS. From now forward I expect to hear more of these studies done for new larger companies. Perhaps they should be required for some larger tour businesses now operating, not to shut them down, but so they can be more environmentally friendly too. Thank you for hearing my testimony.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Stephen W. Dorsch*. I own property on the beautiful island of *Kauai'i* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry sounds like a fabulous facility and and opportunity for many to travel inter-island in a way that would be clean, economic, and very enjoyable. I would support this form of transportation if it can be done right and regulated in a safe, equitable way for all involved.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kevin Y.F. Chong and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry fiasco has created a lot of national attention and it's not favorable. I recently went to a sales meeting on the East Coast and people from all over the country asked me what is happening with the Superferry issue. Plain and simple, it makes us look like a bunch of idiots and gives Hawaii a negative business image. The PR damage may be irreparable, but it is time to put partisan politics aside and do what is right quickly.

The Superferry is a viable means of transportation as an alternative to airline carriers. It helps to connect the islands, not isolate them. Superferrys have been operating in the Pacific Northwest between Vancouver and Seattle, WA for years, so what is the the "environmental" concern? Is navigating Hawaiian waters any different? The answer is NO. The people making all the noise should be correctly labeled "activists", not true "environmentalists". They should have voiced their opinions at the onset of the project, not now when delays in operation are causing the Superferry to lose thousands of dollars a day.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dean Nakamaru and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need alternative modes of transportation within this island STATE. It does not make any sense, when we are already using inter-island barges that do not undergo any additional scrutiny or inspections. These few who oppose the Superferry, fail to realize that this operation will help the majority of HAWAIIANS not only in time of need or emergency but also offers a unique travel experience for islanders of all ages for years to come.

Mahalo!

Dean Nakamaru

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bonnie Harwick and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry because:

- * I feel that it will promote social interaction and allow families to participate more fully in significant events such as weddings, graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Many people are reluctant to fly because of health or other reasons. Traveling by boat will allow people to move between the islands more easily.
- * I feel that the Superferry will promote tourism. Despite our efforts to draw meaningful industry to our islands and to promote a diverse economy, we still rely on tourism most heavily. Tourists will find that inter-island boat travel is a compelling reason to include Hawaii in their vacation plans.
- * I feel that it will increase inter-island commerce and promote free-trade among the islands. While we recognize that the USA economy is part of the global community, we need to recognize that our island economies are isolated because of the natural restrictions imposed by our geography.

The Superferry is one solution to promoting inter-island interaction on social and economic levels. The Superferry provides alternatives that are not available with the airlines, most notably a social event of a boat ride combined with vehicle and large item transport. It also allows Hawaii to join with other sea-faring localities around the world that have successful water-transport systems.

I do not plan to submit in-person comments.

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