

House Record

From: Loretta O. Hussey [lohussey@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:55 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Re: Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is James Ferguson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

For many years we've prayed for another mode of transportation between and among our islands and this affords us this opportunity. We can finally travel with our ohana, with our vehicles to other islands to visit more ohana and actually see the beauty of our islands from another perspective.

It actually allows even our small farmers on all islands, another means of transporting their products. I truly believe this is really a good thing, such as what goes on in Seattle, with many ferries, and boats in and out of all the harbors on all our islands. It allows us, residents, as well as visitors more choices when traveling, as well as providing more job opportunities.

Mahalo for allowing me this opportunity to share my manao,

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House Record

From: Esther Ohta [esther2007@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:56 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Legislatures,

I strongly support the continued services of the Superferry. Hawaii needs another means of transportation to move goods and services throughout our whole state.

Sincerely,
Esther Ohta
Waimanalo Farmer

10/24/2007

House Record

From: Donna Howard [dhoward@ntbg.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:56 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1: Transportation

My family lives on Oahu and has been coming to Kauai for 2-3 weeks each year since 1969. We would like to be able to save some money by bringing our car.

Donna Howard

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House Record

From: Tim Lawler [makaisls@aloha.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:54 AM
To: House Record
Subject: super ferry

Aloha,

I support the Super Ferry 100%. I am tired of a very vocal and misguided minority affecting adversely in our future here in Hawaii. I lived on Kauai for 15 years and all the people I know there also support the ferry. Please move forward with letting the ferry run.

Mahalo,

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House Record

From: VES, Inc. [vince@veshawaii.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:09 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPERFERRY SUPPORT

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

My name is Vince Doran and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. It would be a great benefit for myself and the people of Hawaii. I truly believe it would be a great loss to all if the ferry service is not allowed to run.

Sincerely,
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House Record

From: EarSmith98@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:57 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

I a writing in support of allowing the Super Ferry to operate while an EIS takes place. Please note that all of the leaders of the minority protesters have stated that "if the EIS had been conducted in 2004 the Super ferry would be in operation now". You must conclude that they all think the EIS will affirm the right of the Super Ferry to operate.

It is in the best interest of the majority of the people of Hawaii to allow the Super Ferry to operate now.

Kona Smith
Honolulu, HI

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From: Skip Morgan [cbm@alakaimedical.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:58 AM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Clark B. Morgan and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I urge the legislature to do everything possible to allow the Superferry to operate. To do less would be a grave injustice to the Superferry, the state and its citizens. Most, if not all, of the perceived hazards to the environment already exist with present interisland travel and commerce. To single out the Superferry from the other interisland sea travel for special restrictions and regulation is hypocritical and defies logic. Please make it possible for this worthy enterprise to proceed.

Clark B. Morgan
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From: midpacaq [midpacaq@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *John Gallipeau, a resident of the State of Hawaii*, I, and my family support the Hawaii Superferry.

We live on the Big Island of Hawaii on the Hamakua coast. I have seen all kinds of disasters and the need of assistance which is very limited and restricted because we are 239 miles from Oahu. Our only mode of transportation is the unstable air lines. Yes, we do have the barges but they are for goods and not a means of transportation. We are in many ways cut off from the rest of the state because of our geographical location. When we first heard of the Ferry we was delighted. Finally, we will have alternate means of transportation. No one cared about having an EIS until the system was ready to operate. Then the Old Boy Network started. The California based Sierra club came on strong, telling us here what we can and cannot have. If these environmental groups were so concerned why wait until now to protest. I believe the Super Ferry complied with all the requirements and then some when they came here. But now they are being stone walled by a select few. They bring up things like saving the whales. The Super Ferry is doing all they can to insure they do not run over whales. And this state of the art vessel does not have props to gouge the whales like the sight seeing boats do. The ferry is concerned about the whales. And invasive species? You have sent us all that you have had. We would not have the frogs if your agriculture department had done its job. So that also is a lame excuse. And as for the Hawaiian cultural sights? Wow, out in the ocean? Give me a break. We need the ferry system. We do not need Young brothers, Matson, American Savings Bank and of course the Hawaiian Electric Industries which is the provider to those against the ferry. They do not want the ferry because they will not own it. Those are the ones prompting those who are against it. This is Hawaii. We are a state of seven islands. And the only way we are going to be united is with the ferry. I want you all to vote in favor of the ferry running while the EIS is being prepared. If not then we will lose the one chance to unite all our islands together. And the Hawaiian people should be told the truth, the ferry generates funds which go to the DHHL.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Elizabeth Ferguson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

For many years we've prayed for another mode of transportation between and among our islands and this affords us this opportunity. We can finally travel with our ohana, with our vehicles to other islands to visit more ohana and actually see the beauty of our islands from another perspective.

It actually allows even our small farmers on all islands, another means of transporting their products. I truly believe this is really a good thing, such as what goes on in Seattle, with many ferries, and boats in and out of all the harbors on all our islands. It allows us, residents, as well as visitors more choices when traveling, as well as providing more job opportunities.

Mahalo for allowing me this opportunity to share my manao,

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House Record

From: Troy Wright [twright@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:01 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are: Troy & Deborah Wright and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*We are imbarased over this matter as state of Hawaii citizens! The Northwest, Seattle & Canada, both utilize ferries as a major means of transportation and continue to have wonderful ecology! This is not really an environmental issue and will **discourage future capital investments in the State of Hawaii**. We need to bring this state up to par in transportation solutions and be the setting trend! We love Hawaii, grew up here, and will be here forever. We want to see Hawaii be the best place for play and **business!***

Troy & Deborah Wright

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House Record

From: Doug Phillips [dphillips@PacificCasual.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:19 AM
To: House Record
Subject: DO NOT ALLOW SUPERFERRY TO OPERATE BEFORE EA IS COMPLETE

Relating to SB 1 - Transportation

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

DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007
TIME: 10:30am
PLACE: Auditorium
Please distribute 35 copies to the Senators.

Please do not allow HSF to commence operations prior to conducting an Environmental Assessment.

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

And no matter what happens, please investigate under what circumstances the EA exemption was granted.

Let the Court rulings stand. NO ferry service until an EA is conducted.

**Doug Phillips
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House Record

From: james paul mauro [mr_jp_mauro@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:34 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I have supported the Superferry since the beginning. I believe it is important to move Hawaii forward, not keep it in the dark ages. Hawaiian airlines has already said the plan on raising fares as soon as possible (pending the ongoing litigation with Go airlines) We need to have choices, their needs to be competition in the trave industry. I have listened to the opponets and although they are entitled to their opinions, their motives are selfish and self supporting, not in the best intrest of all of Hawaii. These ships are the most advanced ships available today and although an environmental impact study needs to be done, they should be allowed to conduct business like any other ocean going company in Hawaii. They should not be made to jump through hoops that other companies have not had to in the past. Many of the ships that come to Hawaii and transit between the islands are 20 plus years old and lack many of the high tech systems built into the Superferry making them more susectible to fuel spills, sewage spills and any other sort of problems inheirent with sea travel. Do not add restrictions to the Superferry that others do not have, do you check every single container that Young brothers, Matson or Horizon ships between Islands? I think not. I am a voter in this state and all of you as our duly elected officials are charged in representing the voice of the majority, not the special intrest groups and in this case the majority, by a margin of 9 to 1 say we need and want the Superferry NOW. Heed the voice of the voters or feel their wrath at the polls in the next elections.

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James Paul Mauro

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Loren Mochida* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

An alternate transportation means for the State of Hawaii that we need now. Agriculture, Education systems, and sports teams would benefit most from the Superferry.

Why have an EIS at all if the Superferry is not able to operate? The EIS will be moot if the Superferry pulls out of Hawaii.

Thank you for testifying on HB 1.

Sincerely,

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House Record

From: mark cardinale [mark.cardinale@gmail.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Hawaii is my home away from home. I Have been to and from the Hawaiian Islands for 28 years and know a number of residence that have and currently live on the Hawaiian Islands. The Hawaii Superferry is a economic and reliable way for the people of Hawaii to transport themselves and vehicles around the islands. i Understand the argument some people have that the Boat is bad for the economy, but is it really causing a problem compared to the benefits the ferry provides to the residence of Hawaii. What about the cargo ships, the battleships, the aircraft carriers, and the oil tankers using the same passageways everyday? The Superferry is a small fraction of the harm to the economy, that these business and government ships are causing. The Superferry has too much of a benefit to the community to consider getting rid of it because of the small effect it may have to the environment. i would hate to see the superferry go.

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House Record

From: Sam and Kim Souza [samandkimsouza@hawaii.rr.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Halford Souza Jr.* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a businessman and native to Hawaii I believe the Superferry will provide an inexpensive way to travel interisland and allow us to spend more time with loved ones in a more cost effective, economical way. I also feel the reduced fares will help promote healthy business competition amongst interisland carriers, something which we haven't had for several years. The Superferry will also create many more job opportunities for islanders and add to the island's economy.

Halford Souza Jr

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From: Wendell Kau [wkckau@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:59 PM
To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wendell Kau and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel strongly that the Superferry will be a positive thing for Hawaii. First of all, it creates many jobs for it's people. Secondly, it provides alternate transportation between islands. Finally, it gives tourist an optional way to see and enjoy the islands.

This opposition against the Superferry is but a small percentage of people who are not weighing the pros and cons and seeing the big picture. Hawaii will benefit immensely by having Superferry in operation. It will attract more future big business to Hawaii.

The opponents of the Superferry claim it is bad for the environment. How, when cruise ships already operate regularly in Hawaii. They claim whales will be hit by the Superferry. This is nonsense. Whales are smart creatures with sonar ability. They are able to sense a large moving vessel approaching in advance. They are able to swim away before any physical contact is made.

In closing, not allowing the Superferry to operate in Hawaii will be regretful for it's people and future generations.

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House Record

From: Smlmoney@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:00 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPER FERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Sandra Moneymaker* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I believe the SUPER FERRY will benefit all islands served. It is not only Oahuans who will use the service. It would truly be a shame if the state does not demonstrate some forward thinking and ensure the operation of the SUPER FERRY during the EIS and beyond. An alternative mode of inter-island travel is long overdue. The majority of residents are in favor of the service. The majority is who elected you and election time is not far off!

Please support the SUPER FERRY service.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jozan Buckley* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I live on the Big Island and agree that the Superferry should be able to come here. We have the NCL ships come here in Hilo and those ships are so much bigger than the ferry and probably cause more harm to our enviroment. We also need a more affordable mode of transportation. The cost to ship a car or for grandparents to fly from the outer islands is a hardship to many families especially here on the big island. Why must we suffer? Majority of the people support the Superferry. Why not atleast try? We all vote for you all to be in office and make the correct choices; please do so and let the Superferry provide us with the transportation that we need in order to see our ohana elsewhere in Hawai'i.

Ms. J. Kaleo-Lani Buckley

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:00 PM
To: House Record
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TIME: 4:00 pm, Wahiawa, Hawaii

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Nelly C.E. Munoz* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Superferry will not only be a benefit to myself and residents of Hawaii but also to businesses that can easily access the outer islands daily. I also do not believe that this is an environmental issue since our ocean is well traversed by many other shipping companies to bring in all our goods including cars for sale to all our island ports.

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House Record

From: Roselani Oga [roga@TGHAWAII.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:12 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Please Support the SuperFerry!!
Importance: High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Roselani Oga and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii needs to keep the Ferry. I don't see why they have to be singled out for an EIS when you have hundreds of other vessels from around the world coming to Hawaii on a regular basis and using our harbors. It doesn't make sense.

As far as the whale issue, I truly believe that the SuperFerry does NOT want to ever hit a whale or calf! I think they will take every precaution to prevent such an accident. That would be common sense.

I'm so tired of seeing the minority in the headlines of the media. Don't they realize they are protesting against their own fellow islanders going to and from? It's so sad that there is a small group of people who will protest every single thing that comes along. It's not only sad...it's irritating and ignorant. They need to open their minds and look at the bigger picture. This Ferry could do so much in bringing our island families closer.

I hope you will do what is right and support the majority of us who want the Ferry. Wouldn't it be nice to load up the kids and the car and take a cruise to another island? YES IT WOULD!!!

10/24/2007

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From: Nathan Purdy [chromehero@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:00 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Nathan M. Purdy* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will provide a new method of transportation around the Hawaiian islands in support of the local people as well as supporting the tourism industry.

*Nathan M. Purdy
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House Record

From: Colly Norman [colly@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:01 PM
To: House Record
Subject: no special legislation

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

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Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

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

MY POSITION: 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.)

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From: Russell Taira [russellt@nogins.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:00 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1-Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I continue to support the Hawaii Superferry because it's good for business and our economy. It provides residents and businesses with additional venues for commerce, transportation options, as well as cost savings, so desperately needed by all of us who live and do business in Hawaii. I believe that this vessel should be allowed to operate during the environmental assessment period and such operation should be allowed with reasonable regulation and environmental mitigation measures.

It upsets me to see a vocal minority attempting to derail such a needed service supported by the majority of people in Hawaii to satisfy their special interests. Please don't succumb to their pressure.

Therefore, I support the HB 1 and the operation of the Hawaii Superferry during the environmental assessment period.

Russ Taira

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House Record

From: John Kevan [jkevan@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:01 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPPORT THE HB 1 AND THE SUPERFERRY!

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

I continue support the Hawaii Superferry because it's good for business and our economy. It provides businesses with additional venues for commerce, transportation options, and cost savings, so desperately needed by all businesses in Hawaii. I believe that this vessel should be able to operate during the environmental assessment and such operation should be allowed with reasonable regulation and environmental mitigation measures. Therefore, I support the HB 1 and the Hawaii Superferry. Please do not let another opportunity get away.

Please continue to work on trying to create a business friendly environment in Hawaii.

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House Record

From: Takekawa, Steve Mr CIV USA USARPAC [Steve.Takekawa@us.army.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:04 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Steven H. Takekawa, a registered voter of Hawaii, residing at 734 Twin View Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817 and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As I recall buying power generators for my friends on Kauai after the hurricane, placing it on Aloha Airlines and hoping that they would receive it safely – what a difference the Hawaii Superferry would have made. (Drive on, drive off, and personally deliver the generators and fresh food and water from Oahu!)

As my Christmas present of homemade ohelo jelly from the Big Island got taken away by TSA, it was given to me at the very last minute by a dear friend as I was at the Hilo airport waiting for my flight back to Oahu – what a difference the Hawaii Superferry would have made. (Drive on, drive off, drive to Christmas Party, drive back to Superferry and drive off and home)

As I hurriedly packed both my golf bag and my wife's into their travel cases in the Wailea Golf Course parking lot, one on the rental car trunk and the other in the rental back seat since they become so bulky in travel bags – what a difference the Hawaii Superferry would have made. (Drive on, drive off, drive to the golf course. No need to pack golf clubs into travel cases)

As I watch the Neighbor Islanders coming to Oahu for their shopping as I wait for a flight to another island – how much easier would it be to drive your car onto a ferry, come to Oahu, shop, drive back to the ferry and drive back home?

The Hawaii Superferry deserves the chance to offer an alternate means of transportation between the islands. Like all other businesses, the general public will "vote" with their feet and with their dollars – allowing the

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Hawaii Superferry passage between islands does not guarantee their business success, just grants them permission to ply their business model like all other sea transport vehicles. Young Brothers, Matson, NCL, Princess Cruises – in fact, isn't NCL moving a ship because of a lack of business?

I strongly support the right of the Hawaii Superferry to attempt their business enterprise in the Hawaiian Waters. Then let market demand determine their business fate.

I am a silent majority voice that feels a vocal minority is implying that they speak for me – they do not.

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

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Caveats: NONE

House Record

From: Pamela Tsuru [pamt@UHPA.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:14 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony relating to Transportation, HB1

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 *Pamela Tsuru* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

While I can understand the concerns expressed by our neighbor island citizens with regard to the safety of our marine life, I question why they never protested when Young Brothers, Matson, and other boats or cruise ships visited their islands? The Hawaii Superferry not only brings employment and income to those islands, but it allows those who cannot travel by air by way of a different vehicle. There are many people who cannot sit for long periods of time, or they are confined to a wheelchair, or may even be bedridden and may require medical treatment on Oahu to either see a physician or go to a hospital. This would allow these people to travel without having the high cost of special arrangements. It would also be less costly for those who are too obese to sit on the interisland carriers unless they pay for two or more seats.

Please weigh the benefits the Superferry will have for many. Wasn't it only a few years ago that there was an outcry about the construction of H-3? This is the best thing that could've been done. It takes people from the Windward side about 15 minutes to get to the airport, and people visit the Windward side from the Leeward side more often due to the H-3. It is difficult for those who do not want to see progress and to keep the country, country. I believe the Superferry should not alter their lifestyles.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Aloha,

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House Record

From: AARON YAMAMURA [a.yamamura@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:03 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Save the Superferry (10/25 hearing)

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

My name is Aaron Yamamura. I was born on the island of Maui, and have lived here all of my life. I just wanted to go on record as stating that **I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY!!!**

I myself am one of the hundreds of employees who were laid off due to the ongoing discussion about whether the Superferry should sail. When I was working at the Superferry gate I had literally dozens of people come up to me off of the street saying how excited they were about the Superferry, and how they were looking forward to traveling with their families to Oahu & Kauai (this is while we were prepping & before the Superferry was even in service). I myself was looking forward to traveling on the ship to visit my sister and extended relatives on Oahu. My girlfriend and her family were excited because the Superferry would allow her uncle, who is in poor health and had his foot amputated, to travel to Maui to visit his siblings and extended ohana. Needless to say, we were all crushed when certain groups such as the Sierra Club, Maui Tomorrow, Pacific Whale Foundation, and the Harbor Coalition put a stop to that. Make no mistake about it, they are NOT the majority. How can the Pacific Whale Foundation say it worries that the Ferry will kill whales when the PWF are the ones who are doing most of the killing. Perhaps there is business revenue at stake for them? Hmmmm...

When analyzing the informal public opinion polls it is obvious that the people of Hawaii DO want the Superferry to go through. It is only a small group of activists, and companies with their own agenda, who do not want the Superferry to sail. In effect these small groups of people are driving a wedge between the people of the State of Hawaii. They are literally saying that Oahu holds all the evils of the world. I do not blame the people of Oahu for looking at Maui and Kauai with disdain. We are setting a bad example of what true aloha is. I am ashamed of my fellow citizens on Kauai for their barbaric actions in trying to stop the Superferry. Jumping in the water, splashing the Coast Guard, cussing out the passengers of the Ferry and banging on their cars! Many of the people in these cars were their very own relatives. Do not let these people get their way! They have acted liked uncivilized cavemen. Giving in to what they want will only strengthen their resolve to do it again should they not get their way. Giving in will send a message that violent protesting is the only way to get results. They do not own Hawaii. We are all citizens of this beautiful state and we all have the right to visit each others islands.

The passengers aboard the ferry are not just a bunch of criminals. We are Fathers, Mothers, Brothers, Sisters, Uncles, Aunties, Cousins, Friends...people just like you and me. Do you honestly believe that the majority of passengers are people just waiting to pilfer and pillage the outer islands and leave destruction in its wake. We are residents of different islands, but we are citizens of one State. No one wishes harm upon the other islands. Drugs, harmful species, traffic, crime -- all the islands have them already. Why now are we blaming the Superferry for something that will happen and has happened already. Has anyone ever heard of airplanes, Matson/YB containers, cruise ships? Do the barges go through such extensive screenings of cars & cargo? Do airlines do background checks to make sure criminals dont fly to other islands? People are getting carried away to the point of being ridiculous. When did the Superferry become responsible for holding the key to the

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destruction of Hawaii?

With all the scrutiny the Ferry has been under I am positive that efforts will be tripled to make sure that no harm comes to any of the islands. I as an employee would personally work extra hard to make sure nothing passes through without the proper screening. Mr. Garibaldi and Mr. O'Halloran are men of integrity. They have tried to work within the law. They have been excellent, humble, down to earth bosses who genuinely care for their employees and the State. They have treated us well and have earned all of our respect during this trying time. Please support whatever actions it will take to allow the Superferry to sail while the EA is being done. Do not let this small minority of activists ruin it for the rest of the State. I urge you to PLEASE LET THE SUPERFERRY SAIL!!!

Mahalo & Aloha,

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House Record

From: Lucy Dean [globalbizso@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:05 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry I vote YES

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

I continue support the Hawaii Superferry because it's good for business and our economy. It provides businesses with additional venues for commerce, transportation options, and cost savings, so desperately needed by all businesses in Hawaii. I believe that this vessel should be able to operate during the environmental assessment and such operation should be allowed with reasonable regulation and environmental mitigation measures. Therefore, I support the HB 1 and the Hawaii Superferry.

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House Record

From: BonzaiMaui@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:17 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Supporter

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House
Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bonnie Swink and I and my husband Jack and sons Joey (17) and Jake (15) strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We feel that the Superferry will give residents another transportation choice. It would also be beneficial in times of crisis. We would go to testify at local meetings but do not want to be harassed by opponents. No one wants to be called names and yelled at. We are very much in favor of the Superferry. Please don't let the vocal minority dictate to the majority.

Mahalo and aloha,

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House Record

From: Luly Unemori [luly.unemori2@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:00 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry Bill

Dear Legislators,

I would like to see the Super Ferry allowed to continue operations while an EIS is being done, provided there are appropriate measures to reasonably minimize negative impacts.

I live on Maui and was looking forward to using the Super Ferry. I know of others who were also looking forward to the Super Ferry, such as families and farmers. While I personally believe an EIS needs to be done (and should have been done much earlier), I also think the Super Ferry can be beneficial to a lot of people. I understand this is a complex situation, and I hope you can find a way to avoid throwing out the baby with the bath water.

Thank you,
Luly Unemori
Wailuku, Maui

House Record

From: Audrey Ragragola [audrag@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:08 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

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

My name is *Chazz Dean Ragragola* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry because it gives kamaaina & tourists alike an alternative means to travel to the Outer Islands. Superferry should be allowed to operate while an environmental impact statement is under review. I have confidence in the crew of the Alakai to ensure passenger safety and have safegaurds to protect the environment. We the people of Hawaii need to give this new mode of transportation a chance. Please allow the superferry to operate. Signed the "Silent Majority".

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