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From: Andy Melamed [andy@kongradio.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:02 AM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry

Aloha..i am traveling on business to the mainland..this note is to verify the fact that I (a 40 year resident on Kauai) with family and friends on both kauai and other islands am a wholehearted supporter of the superferry because of its convenience, value and a choice that would be offered in our transportation needs.. pls consider my support (along with my family of 5) while deciding whether or not the service be allowed during these sensitive time.. mahalo and aloha...

Andrew Stephan melamed...808 8269291

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House Record

From: Lianne Thompson [lili808@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:08 AM
To: House Record
Subject: RE: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lianne Thompson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think, as an island state, the Superferry will serve as a great unifier for our people. It will increase relations between the communities of all islands, facilitate commerce and most importantly, give Hawai'i's people another option for inter-island transportation.

The Superferry is a step in the right direction in regards to Hawaii becoming a more self-sufficient state. The Superferry will increase relations between the islands because many kama'aina have 'ohana on the various islands, and the Superferry will enable people to visit friends and relatives with ease. In terms of commerce, produce and other products can be shipped between the islands for farmers' markets, and craft fairs and more. It will grow our visitor industry by allowing visitors a dynamic way to visit all of the islands.

Another consideration are the people who will benefit for health reasons: individuals who travel from neighbor islands to Oahu for medical treatments that have special medical considerations, (ie, oxygen). Additionally, in the unfortunate event of a disaster, if air travel is suspended, we will not be at the mercy of the mainland. Neighbor islands will be able to send help to any affected area of the state.

I understand that the Superferry is a controversial entity, but it is a gentle (I think) step towards the future. I believe that the Superferry's benefits for the state as a whole far outweigh any negative effects that it may bring. I believe that it is feasible for the Superferry to operate during the EIS. Please allow our state to sail into the future by enabling the citizens of Hawai'i to partake of this useful service.

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House Record

From: Tim Kelley [timkelley@stott.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Testimony in Support of the Hawaii SuperFerry

My name is Tim Kelley and I live at:

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I don't plan on providing testimony in person.

I support the Hawaii SuperFerry for the following reasons:

1. Young Brothers already ships cargo to and from the neighbor islands. Therefore, the Hawaii SuperFerry will not be creating any additional risk of spreading invasive species.
2. The State of Hawaii has already made a commitment to the Hawaii SuperFerry and should honor that commitment.
3. The Hawaii SuperFerry will provide an excellent opportunity for all the islands to visit their neighbors in an efficient and constructive manner.
4. Preventing the SuperFerry will not alleviate any traffic problems. The rental car companies will always be able to fill the need for leasing automobiles.
5. The State of Hawaii should not ignore all the benefits the Hawaii SuperFerry would bring because of unproven fears.
6. The Hawaii State Taxpayers should not have to bear the costs of another failed initiative.

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House Record

From: Margie Jenkins [margiejenkins@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: testimony-Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marjorie Jenkins and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support Hawaii Superferry because of the convenience and also because I will be saving money by being able to drive my own car when visiting family & friends that live on our neighbor islands.

Please make Hawaii Superferry become a reality for all the Ohana, especially with young children, so that we may all enjoy getting together with our loved ones more often. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Marjorie Jenkins

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House Record

From: David Gross [dygross@cox.net]
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To: House Record
Subject: Testimony

Hi,

We support the Superferry for the Hawaiian Islands for the following reasons:

1. It will provide an alternative to flying which is the only current option as a way to get between islands.
2. It will allow local businesses to move produce and other vital services (like home contactors) between islands in a more economical way.
3. It will allow residents a more convenient way to travel inter-island with their own vehicles – visiting family and also, making one able to shop on Oahu and thereby have access to more services/businesses than on the other islands.
4. It will allow tourists an opportunity to explore the islands, providing a richer cultural experience and more economic activity for local businesses.
5. In the event of an emergency, local governments would have access to a much needed resource to more easily move disaster equipment, supplies and personnel.
6. The environmental concerns are understandable, however, one trip per day to each island is a small amount of boat traffic, compared to all the power boats, sailboats and passenger liners that are constantly plying the Hawaiian waters and yet no Environmental Report is required for any of that traffic. Whales are important no question, but again, that a trip 3 times a day between islands can impact them that much more than all the other boats in the water seems a bit thin for a plausible argument.
7. During peak hours, off loading of cars and trucks will probably congest the roads more – proper traffic management is required to ensure locals will not be inconvenienced in their daily commutes. (Why is the Maui ferry off loading in Lahaina rather than Maalaea Bay – a better drop-off point for access in Maui?)

In Washington and other states in our country, ferries have been plying the waters for many, many years with very little negative impact on their communities and a much more positive benefit to local residents, businesses and tourists. Please consider all the positive impacts of having the Superferry run – we think that they far outweigh the concerns of a small and vocal minority. I think a voter referendum would be useful if the Legislature is unable to resolve this – let the voters decide!

We will NOT be submitting in-person comments.

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House Record

From: Nancy Carr [carr1@pixi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:05 AM
To: House Record
Subject: testimony for Superferry

To: Legislators special meeting regarding the Hawaii Superferry

From: Nancy Carr
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Submitting Testimony for the Hawaii Superferry:

I have lived in Honolulu for 27 years and for 27 years, I have hoped for a interisland ferry system. My husband and I moved from Washington State and the ferry system is available there and very important to the economy of the State of Washington. I feel that the Hawaii superferry will also be a boost to the economy of Hawaii and the local farmers and small businesses. Also, it will be a much needed additional form of transportation to connect the other islands for Hawaii families. I feel the protest is the "Not in my back yard," syndrome. People on Kauai and Maui should be assured that just because others will be able to visit their island, doesn't mean that we want to live there. On the contrary, I wouldn't live on Kauai or Maui if you paid me. Especially now after seeing how the backward people reacted to anything new.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dawn Marie Lyon and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.)

As most locals know, each island is unique and has a different experience to offer. With the superferry we can more tap into these experiences.

In addition, travel is an important part of educating one's children, and the Superferry creates an opportunity for those of us who live here to incorporate that education and create a wonderful family experience while doing so.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Morton Cotlar and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As an Aerospace Engineer and an Emeritus Professor of Business Administration at the University of Hawaii, with many years in business endeavors, I have a deep understanding of the importance of bringing new enterprise to support Hawaii's economy and social structure. Too many people leave Hawaii for gainful employment elsewhere, fractionating family fabric, because opportunities here are scarce.

The business world is watching the outcome of our legislative strategy, as an indicator of the outlook for introducing new high technology enterprise here. Endorsing and encouraging the Hawaii Superferry would be a strong signal that business is welcome and supported in Hawaii.

I urge you to enhance the prospect for this organization, that received many indicators of support as they pursued their endeavor, only to be thwarted at the final stage. Your actions will have great impact for the future well-being of our society.

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House Record

From: Thom Sheets [Thom.Sheets@swgas.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY HEARING TESTIMONY

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding legislation which would permit operation of the Hawaii Superferry while environmental issues are addressed. We will not be testifying in-person.

My wife and I own two properties on the Big Island. We urge the Hawaii State Legislature to identify a solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while an environmental assessment is being conducted. Frankly we are perplexed that, after the Superferry commenced operation and after tens of millions of dollars in state and private funds have been expended, questions about environmental compatibility are still at issue.

The nature and motivation of the Hawaii state courts' recent actions effectively rendering the Superferry dead in the water are questionable at best considering the seemingly disparate requirements imposed on other inter-island transporters. The 11th hour timing of these decisions makes them even more suspect given that years have passed by since the announcement of the development of the Superferry. These decisions do little to counter the notion that Hawaii is a provincial place when it comes to doing business.

The people of Hawaii, including those of us who consider Hawaii our second home, want inter-island transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative which will bring benefits to full and part time residents and to the businesses of Hawaii. Please don't let this alternative be cast away.

The questionable timing of the decisions affecting the Superferry service shouldn't be allowed to now deprive the islands of this valuable transportation alternative. At the very least the legislature should promptly act to allow the Superferry to operate while the issues are sorted out. Conditional operation would allow a living, real time laboratory for evaluating the alleged detrimental environmental impacts as well as preserving the Superferry option. Inaction by the legislature or anything less than some sort of conditional operating status will likely result in a permanent loss of this transportation alternative for Hawaii.

Mahalo,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kamila Dudley* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I suport it because it gives more option for our farmers abling them to sell their goods on the other islands, it will be also easier to visit the other islands without wasting time trying to rent a car and just to have another option than flying.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Charles Kimoto and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry would allow me a way to travel interisland with my truck. I'm from Hilo but live in Honolulu. If they eventually offer services to and from Hilo, I'd like to go back and forth without having to depend on my parents for transportation. I would be able to bring my own truck back which would allow me to move large things such as yard debris, old furniture, and trash when we're trying to clean the house. The superferry would greatly increase my ability to be helpful to my parents and decrease my dependence on them for transportation. I also don't like to rent vehicles for this purpose because of the potential for damage to the rental. My parents are getting older these days and I would love to have the option of traveling with my vehicle back home.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gloria Erber*, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I believe it would be beneficial all around for all of us living in Hawaii to have other means of traveling to the other islands and not only by air. It would benefit our state with more jobs for our people, more tourists, more economic growth, etc. I believe we, the people of Hawaii, as a whole support this Superferry and only a few who are against it. It would be a drastic mistake to let this opportunity go as we may not have a second chance again. Let's move forward, not backward!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *David Cadiz* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The ferry will be good for commerce and inter-island travel by residents and visitors. In 2004 the Legislature was unanimous in its' support for the ferry. Now special interests groups are blocking progress by demanding an EIS. Common sense tells us the ferry will not pose a greater threat in transporting vermin or other invasive species than other inter-islands carriers that have been operating for years. The whale issue is a non-issue for 6 months of every year and the boat is equipped with sonar. Whale pods are contained and easy to locate and avoid. I believe if the ferry were to operate for a year, none of the harms suggested would occur.

There will be lawsuits whichever decision you make. So you might as well let ferry sale for the benefit of the majority of residents and turn the issue over to the lawyers and courts. The court action could drag on for a year or more and by that time we will have real time results of the harms/versus benefits of the ferry.

Let the ferry sail. I want to travel inter-island on a boat..and take my car.

David G Cadiz

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From: Cecilia Dernbach [ccdernbach@verizon.net]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Cecilia Dernbach* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a tourist visiting your beautiful state I would appreciate the convenience of inter island travel. The super Ferry would provide this at an economical price.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Milton S. Kubo* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a business partner here in Hawaii, I feel that the State has "faulted" on a couple of issues:

1) The SuperFerry proceeded as they were TOLD to do as a COMPANY. I feel that the business should NOT lose money possibly due to someone else's error. I know that if I followed the instructions accordingly, that my business should NOT be left "holding the bag". This is what I believe is happening to the them now.

2) The State has locked ourselves into the major economical income of tourism. Because of this, traveling between the islands can be "cumbersome", even for us "locals".

I believe that the SuperFerry is a great alternative for those tourists that would like to see the outer islands and get an idea of where they would like to visit NEXT! Everyone has put so much "emphasis" on Maui, but the economics of Kauai (AND The Big Island) justify an added "feature" as the SuperFerry to help boost those economies.

In addition, the outer islands have always brought concern about their higher cost because everything comes to Oahu FIRST, Thus, they have added freight costs (as realized now by the recent 7.5% rate hike by Young Brothers.) The SuperFerry is an ALTERNATIVE to assisting them in bringing goods and services to these islands.

The long-term thought for this: When the previous hurricanes hit (specifically Iniki on Kauai), WHO helped them recover? TEAMS of construction workers from OAHU. The SuperFerry allows transport not only of large groups of people/workers, but also their trucks, supplies, TOOLS, and necessities to help the recovery process faster, and I believe at a much lower overall cost.

So what happens the next time a hurricane hits and we DON'T have the SuperFerry? Do we "block out" many of the seats on the inter-island

airplanes to give "priority" to those going over to help? Or do we ADD more flights to get the people there quicker? What kind of "Environmental Impact" could THAT cause?

Important thought: Where were these "Environmentalists" when "Go!" was allowed to start flying? Doesn't additional airplanes have an "environmental impact" on NOISE and POLLUTION as well? It may not run in the ocean directly, but the added plane noise and exhaust can still affect it.

I hope that we can make this work. It is a GREAT alternative, and a VERY BEAUTIFUL "presentation" to people for whom this State deems VERY IMPORTANT to our local economy: TOURISM.

*Thank You,
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Erik Taylor* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Supperferry in Hawai`i as I believe a healthy economy is one that supports competition in the market place. For years the people of Hawai`i have been forced to pay more for goods and services because of a lack of competition in the market place. Supperferry provides a safe and convenient mode of inter-island transportation. The Supperferry can also provide inter-island transportation in times of natural disaster or terrorist threat.

Mahalo ke akua

Erik Taylor

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Thomas A. McDonald and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry and request that you allow the Superferry to continue service to all islands while the EIS is being completed. There is no difference between the Superferry and any other vessel that uses our waters today!

Don't let the minority speak for the MAJORITY!
The majority hold the VOTES to get reelected

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Cc: Rep. K. Mark Takai; Rep. Joey Manahan; senespero@capitol.hawaii.gov; Sen. Clarence Nishihara; Sen. Fred Hemmings; Sen. Russell Kokubun
Subject: Adamant Support for the Hawaii SuperFerry

To The Honorable Representatives of the State of Hawaii:

I am writing as a private "voting" citizen to voice my ADAMANT support of the Hawaii SuperFerry.

The need of alternate transportation between the Hawaiian Islands have already been demonstrated by natural disasters (Hurricane Iniki specifically), and a man-made disaster (September 11).

Ironically if the Hawaii SuperFerry was operating at the both these historical events the people of Kauai may not have been as severely impacted by the lack of transportation to their home island.

As far as the environmental issues presented, the "invasive species" have already set roots on the islands most vehemently against the Hawaii SuperFerry courtesy of all airlines flying directly to their "island" destination, and all ships and barges transporting goods from one island to another.

The Hawaii SuperFerry is a HOT issue and as "Representatives" of the people, I urge you one and all to support the Hawaii SuperFerry, for the future of all Hawaii instead of your individual political future.

Make the tough decision the RIGHT decision for the majority of the people you "represent."

The "vocal" minority was heard but now listen to the rest of us.

Respectfully,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

*I am in support of the super ferry. I am a firm believer in letting the ferry stand on it's own merits. I urge you to let this private enterprise make it or break it on their own. Not allowing them to operate because of a minority of protesters is in violation of the rights of the vast majority **and** private business. As our chosen leaders in a democratic society where the majority rules, how can you allow this to happen?*

If you listen to the underlying tone of the protests, they have nothing to do with the environment. The biggest objection in their voices is having more access to "their" island. Who made it "their" island. Are we not a "state"? Giving these people the power to control who visits "their" island is an awfully dangerous precedence to set. It also opens up the door to discrimination litigation against the state.

I believe the ferry offers options to the local people and local businesses never available to them before. Just imagine how it will open up more trade opportunities between the islands and the income that will over follow into the communities, not to mention the jobs the ferry itself provides.

On a side note: Who will pay for the harbor improvements that have been made? I certainly do not want to absorb these costs, do you?

*Please listen to the majority.
Mahalo,
Darlene Ordenstein
Resident of the State of Hawaii*

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House Record

From: elizabeth brantley [elizabeth__brantley@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:16 AM
To: House Record
Subject: I SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY!

My name is Elizabeth Florine Brantley and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I live on the "Big Island" and there are many benefits in supporting the Hawaii Superferry! To travel between the islands at a much more affordable rate for various reasons, including visiting family on other islands, cultural events throughout the islands, and many other personal reasons including medical care. Here on the Big Island there is a huge shortage of medical staff and equipment to care for patients here. Many times patients are flown to Oahu to be referred to doctors and medical care that is not available on the Big Island. The Superferry would not only save a lot of money to travel to Oahu but also large numbers of patients could be sent by the Superferry and save lots of money on medical care in the long run by getting the care that patients need in a timely and life-saving manner.
Elizabeth Florine Brantley
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From: Jocelyn Leroux [lerouxj002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:15 AM
To: House Record
Subject: In Support of The Hawai`i Superferry

MEMO

To: Chairs Souki and Oshiro

From Jocelyn Leroux

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. This is an island state. Why should we keep the islands separated by the ocean, which can be used effectively for transportation? It's already there; no money has to be spent to build pathways. The ancient Polynesians moved about freely on the water. Modern Tahitians continue to do it today with no repercussions. In fact, it is commonplace in the case of island groups all over the world.

Closer to home, we have people (e.g. geologists) going from O`ahu to job sites on neighbor islands in the process of doing their work. For lack of options, they are forced to send work equipment by plane, then wait several hours or days to retrieve that equipment, resulting in lost time, which translates into increased costs.

Were Environmental Impact Studies ever done in the case of cruise ships, Matson vessels and other watercraft that ply the Hawaiian waters? If not, shouldn't they be done now? Someone should enlighten the protesters. If they think their islands would be overrun by "outsiders", somebody needs to remind them that many (or most) of them were once "outsiders" themselves, perhaps very recently. Besides, people from other islands are not outsiders.

Also, please tell them that people who take their vehicles to Maui and Kaua`i from O`ahu have no intention of leaving them there. Those people are not foreigners, but inhabitants of Oa`hu, a sister island, part of the same state. As for invasive species, those surely must travel faster by plane. They travel by cargo ships too, and cruise ships. Regarding the danger to whales, when was the last time a whale has been hit by any ocean-going vessel in the Hawaiian islands?

To the residents of Maui and Kaua`i: please give the Hawai`i Superferry a chance and you'll soon see that you have nothing to lose but much to gain. You can visit O`ahu too. When the Superferry is finally a regular mode of transport, you will come to know how beneficial it is, and you'll wonder why you ever allowed a few saber-rattlers to sweep you into a feverish frenzy before you engaged some good old-fashioned commonsense to weigh the facts sensibly.

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House Record

From: Linda.C.Martin@hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:20 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol
HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Linda Martin and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. There are numerous reasons for supporting this endeavor. Here are just a couple:

1. Provide alternate, and less costly, mode of transportation for state residents who frequent visiting other islands.
2. Provide to a better state-wide business environment for state business owners.

I do not plan to give testimony in person.

Sincerely,
Linda Martin

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From: Scott Seaton [ghs.scott@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:10 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB1 relating to transportation: Hawaii Super Ferry

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Subject: HB1 relating to transportation: Hawaii Super Ferry
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From: Scott Seaton <ghs.scott@hawaiiintel.net>
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ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance Meeting on 10/25/07 at 9:00AM Auditorium, State Capitol

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Scott C. Seaton and I strongly support Hawaii SuperFerry.

I have been the general manager for a local farm & nursery supply business on the Big Island for 22 years.

The Super Ferry will help the each islands' economies to unify by allowing a new shipping alternative for local industries & farmers as they supply their products statewide.

The Hawaii Super Ferry will also allow another travel alternatives to our local families and in tourism.

Since the 1980's - starting in Europe, there has been a rise in the eco-tourism market - this new travel alternative will promote more "green" tours using bicycles & hiking.

Just these two small points I am making will cause more entrepreneurial opportunities throughout the state as each of these industries develop to their fullest potential - meaning more state revenue, less of a "Brain Drain" as our state college graduates find more opportunities here at home - and in turn, further increasing the standard of living for our citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Aloha,

--
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House Record

From: Ron Ardis [ronardis@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:20 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Save Hawaii Superferry...

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ronald E Ardis and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry is badly needed for inter-island travel for all.
Please allow it to provide service to the islands NOW.
Don't let special interests(airlines?) sink the ferry... again.

Mahalo.

Ronald E Ardis
Mountain View, Hawaii 96771
808 895-0775

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House Record

From: Cyrus B Hall [hallcb@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:19 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Cyrus B. Hall* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is time Hawaii have an alternative to interisland transportation. While the Airline industry, notably Hawaiian Air and Aloha Airlines have served up interisland transportation over nearly the last 3/4ths of a century, they have also limited and lowered expectations with regard to transportation among the islands. On the mainland, to visit friends or relatives, I might load up my car, board a train, or get on board an aircraft. Here, I must use essentially Hawaiian or Aloha, wait at the airport, and finally board and sit in uncomfortably small chairs. Once at my destination, I then go to the car rental office for ground transportation. With the Superferry, I now load up my car and drive to the ferry, enjoy a leisurely trip in comfortable surroundings, and then, at my destination, drive to my final destination.

Of course you know all that. The Superferry is so reasonable I have a hard time understanding why there is any opposition at all.

Firstly, understand that the EIS is merely a ploy to keep the Superferry docked until there is no choice but bankruptcy. The timing of the opposition makes this obvious. There is no real concern for the environment from the opposition. There is no real concern for security from the opposition. There is no real concern for potential criminal activity for the opposition. There is real concern from the opposition for change, any change. Change can bring about the unknown, and the unknown is frightening to many. The same arguments were used to keep K-Mart out of the islands for years as well, and none of the predicted disasters has befallen our

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islands.

The ferry uses the same sea lanes as Young Brothers, the cruise liners, the military, by international and by national shipping resources. What is the additional environmental impact that should keep the ferry from sailing and the rest doing business as usual? To force the Superferry to cease operations until the environmental impact is studied without also requiring the other users of the sea lanes to do the same is patently unfair and discriminatory.

The ferry brings over cars. The "issue" that this will increase the number of cars on the neighbor islands is bogus as most will add a car anyway because of the need for ground transportation and rental cars as well. The issue that cars may carry invasive species is countered by the fact that so can cars carried by Young Brothers or Matson, by any of the airlines, and so on.

The ferry will allow people to "smuggle drugs and contraband" again is false. Drugs and contraband aren't being transferred by other carriers at this time?

The point is that all transportation leads to problems that must be addressed and resolved. But to say that the Superferry would bring such havoc to the islands is just ignorant.

Cyrus B. Hall

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House Record

From: Pete Peissner [icbolsh@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:55 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry testimony

My name is Peter Peissner,
I live on Maui, I am married with 3 kids. We work as volunteers at Youth With A Mission Maui. I am not able to travel over and give my testimony in person. So I am sending it via email.

We do not have a big budget for travel and have been looking forward to the function of the superferry to get from one island to another in an affordable way. We are waiting to visit friends and family on other islands. The superferry is completely supported by us.

Also everyone in our organization here on Maui supports the Superferry (85 people in all).

-Peter Peissner
Operations Director
Youth With A Mission Maui
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From: Reservation [rsv@hankyu-hawaii.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:17 AM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPPORT HAWAII SUPER FERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *LE, Candra* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I was so happy to find out about the Hawaii Superferry. Now I am saddend that I might not ever get a chance to ride on it! I support the Hawaii Superferry because it gives some people the option to travel to either Kauai, Maui, or Hawaii isle. It can get a little costly for a family to travel to another isle, with air, car, hotel fees. Also it give you the freedom to take your own car. What we have here in Hawaii is all monopolized by the airlines & rental car agencies. When airlines are booked up, people can turn to another alternative to get to another isle. IN the long run, it can only bring income to the islands. How can Hawaii get ahead, if we keep going backwards?! Some people are afraid of flying on airplanes, but are ok with boats...so they might opt for the Superferry and visit another isle. Of course I am concerned with the envnviroment and the damaged that might be cuased becuase of the Hawaii Superferry. But what is the difference between the cruise ships, container barges, and the Superferry? Its just really sad that some of the people of Hawaii oppose the Superferry. We are the laughing stock of the country! Does Hawaii have to go thru more shame & riddicule?! I surely hope not! I urge you to vote in favor of the Hawaii Superferry to operate!

Le, Candra

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House Record

From: Mike Tindall [mc208b@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:56 AM
To: House Record
Subject: one person on Maui regarding the Hawaii superferry

Please allow the HSF to operate while an EA/EIS is being complied with. Please ignore the preposterous 29 conditions that the plaintiffs in the Maui County lawsuit are demanding.

I could not attend the meeting here on Maui last Monday and can't attend the hearings on Oahu as I have a job and have to be at work!

Most of us here on Maui are not buying into this hysteria of the HSF being in essence, a ship of doom!

This is one boat and I bet it is the 'greenest' one in Hawaiian waters.

Please allow the majority of Hawaii's citizens access to another option of travel around these islands.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Tindall
Wailuku, HI
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From: WALT HASKINS [haskins2@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:01 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [YOUR FULL NAME] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[BRIEFLY AND SIMPLY DESCRIBE WHY YOU SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY (TESTIMONY IS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN KEPT TO ONE PAGE)]

***[SIGNATURE
ADDRESS
PHONE NUMBER]***

House Record

From: merle bartel [merlebartel@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:24 AM
To: House Record
Subject: The Superferry

Aloha,

You have my support and I contact people daily and for the Superferry.

Merle S. Bartel The Big Island.

House Record

From: Wayne [kbkwayne@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:23 AM
To: House Record
Subject: ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wayne Dzik and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry because of two reasons that would affect me. The Superferry would allow my Family to visit the other Islands and see sites we have never seen. We are interested in the Culture of Hawaii and being able to travel with my own car would reduce our expenses greatly. My wife adds that she would love to visit the neighbor islands to shop at Christmas time and be able to return in our car which she says would give her an added sense of security traveling in her own vehicle.

The second reason is in a declared State of emergency such as we had during Hurricane Iniki or a catastrophic Earthquake. The Superferry has the capability to evacuate large numbers quickly and most importantly has the ability to bring to a stricken area vast amounts of relief supplies quickly.

All the citizens of Hawaii over the years would benefit greatly having the Superferry in Hawaii.

Thank You,

Wayne Dzik

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House Record

From: Linda Mew [mewg002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:49 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Transportation by Superferry

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

My name is *Linda Mew* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My neighbors returned from living in Hong Kong when the Superferry first tried to run. The news did not make Hawaii look good. They said that Hong Kong is laughing at Hawaii.

Yesterday, a friend returned from Greece, where the Superferry problems were reported in International newspapers. She said that the Greeks could not believe what they were reading. Ferries there ply among the islands several times a day.

Finally, if the Superferry leaves Hawaii, it will not return. People who were counting on using it for their businesses will again be unable to move their goods, except by Young Brothers and the airlines--if they are able to sail or fly.

*Linda Mew
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Phone 808 262-5593*

House Record

From: Naomi [naomi1@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 11:34 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Evangeline Inoue and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry because I truly believe it will bring much good to Hawaii...our economy, the people and our governing system. Like anything new, it should be given a try and together we should help to make it work.

At this point, I am even more convinced that the Superferry should sail for it will prove that Hawaii does not operate on public opinions and behavior that show no respect for others and authority. I am a retired educational officer and I am very concerned about these protestors modeling behaviors and ideas that we certainly would not want our future generation to practice. We teach our children to work towards harmonious relationships by becoming a part of the solution and not a part of the problem. They need to see that "rightful" behaviors bring about "rightful" actions. I am counting on you to stand firm on having the Supperferry sail for the sake of the people, especially the children of Hawaii and for the overall good of Hawaii.

Evangeline Inoue
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House Record

From: Tion Buehler [tion@lokahipacific.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:42 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry (HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION)

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Deborah Buehler and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am one of many Big Island residents that want to see the Superferry move forward and provide a much needed service that will improve the lives of all residents both economically and socially. Economically, this will give all businesses and consumers access to a broader market, expand available goods and lower costs. The Superferry will also bring about affordable inter-island travel and strengthen tourism from residents and abroad. Socially, all of Hawaii stands to gain from lower cost of living and expanding their leisure. The Superferry will help with the quality of life here in Hawaii. Please allow the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted. Losing the Superferry will be a lost opportunity to do something good for the state.

Sincerely,
Deborah Buehler
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From: Steve Joseph [steve@pvtland.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:29 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of HB1

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

As a taxpayer in the State of Hawaii, I wanted you to know of my support of the Superferry. I would hope that the Legislature would find a way to get DOT Harbors out the fix they are in. I have worked with DOT Harbors in the past and this seems like something that they need to fix. The Superferry has met all the requirements that others have with regard to environmental issues. It seems that a vocal minority backed by special interests is holding the wishes of the majority hostage through legal red tape. I would hate to think that as a taxpayer I am going to get an additional tax burden as the Superferry sails into the distance. With the tax burden from H-Power, the Sewage System, and Mufi's Railroad, I am thinking about leaving the State of Confusion (Hawaii). Thank you for listening to a concerned taxpayer, Steve Joseph, West Loch Estates.

Stephen E. Joseph

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House Record

From: Ellie Montalbo [olaloa_activities@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:26 AM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the HI superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Eleanor Montalbo* and **I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.**

The HI SuperFerry would be a welcome alternative means of travel, as it allows families to take their car & to visit family and friends.

We rode a ferry from Seattle to Canada where we saw lots of, orka (killer whales) & seals in the water. It works elsewhere I urge you to support the local community who welcome this new service.

[Eleanor Montalbo

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House Record

From: Allan Burt [allan.burt@mac.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:25 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

I am a citizen of this state. I am NOT employed by the Super Ferry or the Sierra Club, or Young Brothers. I am not able to attend the meetings due to working and paying taxes. I also do not trample on the rights of other people by trying to shout down what they wish to say. I believe the Super Ferry is a positive addition to the people of Hawaii and will give us a choice. Let it run and rise or fall on its own merits. Any conditions required of the Super Ferry should also apply of any other shippers

Allan Burt
allan.burt@mac.com

House Record

From: tim@styleadvisor.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:06 AM
To: House Record
Subject: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Aloha,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tim Hailey and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I strongly believe that the Hawaii Superfery is an essential part of the Hawaiian economy and is needed for tourism, as well, as kaamaina that commute inter-island.

We really need this mode of transportation in the Hawaiian islands and I urge you to stand up for keeping the ferry going.

Tim Hailey
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Wailuku, HI 96793
530-545-1517

House Record

From: Karen M. Senn [ksenn@neeley-anderson.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:34 AM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Superferry!
Importance: High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Karen Senn and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have been an Oahu resident for 18 years and I am fully aware of the issues surrounding the Superferry. I certainly do not want our environment to be harmed in any way, nor do I want our neighbor island friends to be upset. Still, I believe that the Superferry is desired by the vast majority of the population of Hawaii and that the potential for environmental harm is minimal and can be addressed while allowing the Superferry to operate. I do not believe the Superferry will have any negative consequences on our State, any more than all of the other commercial and private vessels that travel between the islands. However, this can certainly be studied and determined by experts over the course of the next many months, while the Superferry cautiously operates.

I want to have added choice with regard to my personal and professional inter-island travel. I do not want to see the Superferry leave Hawaii. I think that it would be tragic if this were to happen. The Superferry will serve our community and is good for our economy. It offers a service that is *needed* and *desired* by most of us. Please don't let political agendas, unfounded fears, non-law-abiding protestors and extremist groups determine the outcome of this situation.

I will not be testifying in person, but I wanted to voice my opinion.

Aloha,

Karen M. Senn

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House Record

From: Reservation [rsv@hankyu-hawaii.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:32 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Re: SUPPORT HAWAII 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 *Le, Angelina* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I was so happy to find out about the Hawaii Superferry. Now I am saddend that I might not ever get a chance to ride on it! I support the Hawaii Superferry because it gives some people the option to travel to either Kauai, Maui, or Hawaii isle. It can get a little costly for a family to travel to another isle, with air, car, hotel fees. Also it give you the freedom to take your own car. What we have here in Hawaii is all monopolized by the airlines & rental car agencies. When airlines are booked up, people can turn to another alternative to get to another isle. IN the long run, it can only bring income to the islands. How can Hawaii get ahead, if we keep going backwards?! Some people are afraid of flying on airplanes, but are ok with boats...so they might opt for the Superferry and visit another isle. Of course I am concerned with the envnviroment and the damaged that might be cuased becuae of the Hawaii Superferry. But what is the difference between the cruise ships, container barges, and the Superferry? Its just really sad that some of the people of Hawaii oppose the Superferry. We are the laughing stock of the country! Does Hawaii have to

go thru more shame & riddicule?! I surely hope not! I urge you to vote in favor of the Hawaii Superferry to operate!

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From: Werner, Frederick J 2LT NGH1 [frederick.werner@us.army.mil]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Frederick Joseph Werner and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Superferry has a right to do business in this state and should not be held to a higher standard than any other company that currently uses the sea lines as well as air to transport goods and people between the islands. I have watched long enough as the opposition has continuously tried to stop this and believe that they are wrong in their efforts. They do not represent the state nor do they represent most of the people that I have spoken with on this issue. Friends and family of mine were looking forward to the possibility of an alternative form of travel. After vacationing to the outer islands, I understand the concerns of some of the residents. Maui and Kauai are not set up to handle the traffic congestion and it would take away from their smaller island charm but, they would have opportunities to also come to Oahu and do things they are not able to do. If we lose the Superferry than I believe that we will never have a chance like this again to help out our own residents. Tourists will continue to travel to other islands but, residents have a chance to connect with other islands on a more personal level. Isn't that what we should be fighting for? I see these protesters and the majority of them do not look like they were born here or grew up here. It seems as though they are trying to protect their own interests and preserve their vacation and retirement homes. To me, their twisted testimony of EIS is disheartening. Nobody stopped them when they tried to visit and they have not right to do it now.

Very Respectfully,
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From: toby.kravet@hawaiiantel.net
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Toby M. Kravet, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that we need an alternative form of transportation among the islands, especially one which will permit us to take our own vehicles at reasonable cost.

With the exception of possible increased danger to whales, most of the arguments against the Superferry could very well be levelled against air travel, cruise ship travel, and barge shipments. If the argument against invasive species, in particular, is to be considered valid, we might as well mandate that the soles of all shoes, worn and packed in baggage, be sterilized by agriculture inspectors before arriving airline passengers are allowed to leave all island airports.

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House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Scott Correia and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

One of the main reasons is, I am a rather fat guy, (obese) and it would save me a lot of money by not having to buy a first class seat on a plane, also I am more comfortable driving my own car rather than renting a car and having to see if I fit.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Scott J Correia

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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THANK YOU

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