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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:16 PM
To: House Record
Subject: re

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 *Robert Todd Payes* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Reasoning for my support is to help grow our local economy and making inter island more affordable to transfer people, auto, produce and goods to and from islands.

I also think the superferry will be a safe guard for the state before and after WHEN we have a major natural disaster like a hurricane and or tidal wave.

Thank You,
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House Record

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To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I'm tired of loud mouth minorities taking their 'law' into their own hands. Whomever is at fault for this EIS problem, why can't we work together to fix it. The general consensus is to have the Superferry operate. We need the Superferry. We need more like it. There are numerous benefits this type of business provides, especially in disasters. If I take my car with me I don't need a rental car. I can buy what I need and bring it back with me, which would improve commerce on other islands. I don't like to fly and there are no other alternatives I know of to travel. I can't wait to ride it when it comes to the Big Island.

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House Record

From: Jason D. Groode [shakuraloha@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:23 PM
To: testimony; House Record
Subject: Superferry Legislation

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Aloha Dear Representatives:

I just want to share my position on the proposed superferry legislation.
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.)

House Record

From: Legal-Ez [legalez@pixi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:23 PM
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Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Betty Marais and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have lived here 25 years and could not understand why we did not have a ferry connecting the islands - like many other islands off the mainland. Now we have the ferry and we are keeping it tied up! No other ship has to go through what the ferry is going through - it simply is not fair. I love to camp and would use the ferry often to spend some time with friends on all islands. I firmly believe that this 'study' is being requested to line the pockets of other organizations wanting to make some money off the ferry. But if we must have the study, please allow the ferry to run while this 'study' is completed.

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House Record

From: Cheryl Kekona [kekonat003@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:15 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of Hawaii Superferry

Att: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007
Time: 9 am Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshero,

MY NAME IS THOMAS KEKONA AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY.

We are a kamaaina family from Maui with ohana spread throughout Hawaii Nei. Recently one of my sister's moopuna got married on Oahu. The wedding was Saturday, October 6, but true to local style the celebration started Friday lasting through Sunday. There were more than twenty of us who flew to Oahu from Maui and Big Island for the happy event. Needless to say, it required airfare for each of us as well as the cost of renting several cars to accommodate the "off island" families. We could not all get the same flight (or airfare I might add). It required a lot of wasted time getting rental cars at different times of arrival and having to wait around to get the family members and their luggage in the right car to go to stay at a relative's home or a hotel. How much better had we been able to pack our own vehicles, go one time as a family, without spending the extra time and money. Just going to a wedding becomes a major undertaking and expense for a family. It seems evident that low airfares are artificial and will soon be a thing of the past. In addition, plans are already in place for additional parking at the airports. I wonder what the cost will be when the airfares have returned to their increased prices and the parking spaces set empty because local families will again have to curb their frequent travel due to high airfare along with the above mentioned costs of current inter-island travel? Those in opposition to the ferry do NOT represent the majority of the kamaaina of our Hawaii Nei. Nor have they admitted that their reasons for opposition are not new issues nor are they specific to the Superferry. Invasive species, potential whale collisions, damage to our environment and all the rest have happened on a bigger scale than will be posed by the operation of the superferry.

GIVE OUR KAMAAINA A CHOICE.....SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated support of the Hawaii Superferry.

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House Record

From: Neil Copeland [copeland@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:18 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Willim Neil Copeland and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please allow unrestricted operation until the EIS is completed.

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House Record

From: Albert Morgan [hanco1@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:19 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

Hello,

I am in support of the Superferry being able to operate with or without the EA or EIS.

I find it a disturbing day for our Democracy when our elected representatives having given the Superferry the approval to start are held up by a bunch of unelected and unaccountable (to the voters) Supreme Court Judges.

The legislature must act now to approve this bill to get the Superferry operating!

Thank you.

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House Record

From: Kearn Sukisaki [kearn@banyanharbor.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:15 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry
Sensitivity: Confidential

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kearn Sukisaki and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry. I support the Hawaii Super Ferry because competition is good. All these past years the airlines was our only way to travel between the islands and having another type of interisland transportation to transport vehicles and goods to our island might bring the cost of these goods down.

People are protesting because of the impact the cars will have on our roads, etc. Don't they realize that if these people come by air they will still rent a car? The Cruise Ships also have an impact on our roads with all the extra busses and rental cars on the road but we did not have them do an Environmental Impact Statement.

The Hawaii Super Ferry should not be penalized due to the error of the Department of Transportation.

Mahalo,

Kearn Sukisaki

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House Record

From: Karl Gottling [karl@gottlingltd.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:18 PM
To: House Record
Subject: What is the issue

Aloha,

So far I have never heard nor read, what exactly is the real problem with the super ferry. They mention about that it may bring species that are unwanted? Is the super ferry going further than the Hawaiian Islands? If not there are thousands of ships that does cross into international waters and that should be the focus of the environmental groups attention, not the ferry going between the islands in our waters.

I was on the ferry for a trip between Maui and Oahu and was amazed over how such a large vessel could maneuver with such a precision and ease when it enter the harbor. No cruise ship on this planet can do this and it shows the ferry could avoid whales if needed.

I also noticed that the water pushing the ferry instead of the propellers creates less swell than any tugboat or cruise ship existing in the waters of these islands, so why is there so much protests against the ferry? Is there more that's behind this than meats the eye?

So far I have not heard a single issue hold up as a complaint against the ferry that is justified. Let the residents enjoy this ferry by being able to visit friends and family on neighboring islands. Show your Aloha.

Karl

House Record

From: Kevin Rooney [kevin@rooney.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:28 AM
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Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kevin Rooney* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaiian islands are in desperate need of a high speed inter island ferry service. We are probably one of the last civilized islands of the world not to have any type of marine inter island passenger service. The reasoning behind it's current shutdown is ridiculous! Cruise ships have been operating in our waters for many years, causing an environmental impact at least 10 times greater than anything the "Alakai" could generate.

The Hawaii Super Ferry is being opposed by several private environmental groups pushing their own agendas at the expense of the Ferry Service. The popular majority of Hawaiian residents are losing out to a few voices that do not have any valid arguments.

Please restore service to the Hawaii Super Ferry. I am looking forward to their arrival in Kona in 2009.

I am a current Maritime Officer and Marine Engineer.

Best Regards,

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House Record

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To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joanna L. Miranda and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Keeping the Superferry in Hawaii is in the best interest for our State. It will provide a very innovative alternative to our current line of transportation between our islands.

It will help our economy in many ways; one important way is transporting large amounts of cargo, produce etc., at one given time at a much lower cost than the present way of transporting. Our outer island farmers will be able to transport their produce between islands at a much larger capacity, allowing them to market their produce on a larger scale, this will definitely help the agriculture market, keeping our cost of produce down, and allowing us to purchase our own Hawaii grown products.

It will provide jobs for many people. And please let us not forget the help it will be able to provide if we have a natural disaster.

Not allowing the Superferry to operate in our islands would be a very foolish decision.

Please allow the Superferry to continue to operate in our Hawaiian Islands. After all that is what the majority wants.

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House Record

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Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert Stephenson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

In my humble opinion, the Hawaii Superferry will be a far greater benefit to the people of Hawaii than a detriment. It will be able to stimulate the economy of neighbor islands, provide a reasonably priced alternative for inter-island travel to those who do not have the economic means to travel otherwise, and show the world that Hawaii can be a model for reasonable progress while protecting the environment as well.

The arguments that the opposition are making are inconsistent and irrational, do not seem to conform to any sort of logic and have not been imposed against any of the other modes of inter-island travel to include, cargo ships, barges (cargo and vehicle transport), airlines adding routes, cruise ships, and private air and sea craft. Opposition for the sake of opposition is irresponsible to both the peoples and the economy of this great state of Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

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House Record

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Subject: Testimony in support of HI Superferry

Importance: High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marc W. Nuzzo. My wife Seiko and I are homeowners in the Hawaii Kai neighborhood of Oahu. I am an attorney who has moved to Hawaii to set up a family here with his wife and to share in the great culture and diversity Hawaii has to offer. We both VERY STRONGLY SUPPORT the Hawaii Superferry and the interisland link that the Superferry provides. It is a symbol of progress. Moreover, the Superferry is significantly more environmentally friendly (no discharge, special bottom paint, whale avoidance routes) than any of the numerous cruise liners and day charters that operate in between virtually every harbor in the Hawaiian Islands on a daily basis, with no similar regulations. I find it ironic that locals in some islands do not pick up a similar argument against the tour boats and cruise liners, but we all recognize the tourist dollars these operations provide. The only real difference between the cruise liners/tour boats and the Superferry appears to be that actual Hawaii resident ISLANDERS will primarily use the Superferry. Given all these facts, this debate does not strike me as an "environmental" question, but rather a subversive isolationist-elitist question. Hawaii is a state in the Union. If a county in any other state in America sought to isolate itself, it would be laughable. Additionally, the civil unrest and riotous behavior that was tolerated in Nawilili was shameful, dangerous, undemocratic and, actually, criminal. The legislature should recognize and consider that, too. We have an overriding societal interest in linking our islands with the Superferry.

Striking a critical blow to the Superferry is not only a step backward from what was promised to them, but a warning to other new businesses and young families looking to set up in Hawaii to think twice about coming here. Hawaii cannot hope to continue to survive on tourism alone and remain a viable homeland if we continue to scuttle progress. As your constituent, I ask you to hear the voice of those of us who chose to voice our opinion in the proper democratic forum. Please support our Hawaii Superferry.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to speak further. I am not able to submit in-person comments due to my work schedule.

Very respectfully,

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House Record

From: John & Sheri Kerr [kerrs@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: In favor of Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sheri Kerr and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to testify in favor of allowing the ferry to operate while an EIS is being conducted. Since we are a state separated by water in the middle of the ocean, it makes perfect sense to have a ferry transportation service. I live on Maui and have used the ferry to Molokai and Lanai many times. My daughter's soccer team has benefited from having that service. It will be a major boon to farmers, sports teams, businesses, and visiting ohana.

I am afraid if the Superferry cannot operate during the EIS, this good company will not be able to wait it out and they will go elsewhere to do business. The local people will lose out and the world will know that Hawaii is not a place to do business in or a place of aloha. I feel a travesty has been committed by a small group of selfish individuals. I also feel that their emotions have gotten out of hand. They are not thinking rationally. Boats and ferries have operated in these islands for years as a benefit for the residents.

Thank you,

Sheri Kerr

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House Record

From: Barbara B [berringeb001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:32 PM

To: House Record

Subject: SuperFerry hearing Thurs Oct 25th

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I, Barbara Berringer, write to express my strong support for the Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii's economy and people will benefit from the Superferry so much. Please do all you can to allow the company to operate while the EIS is conducted. The temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force is an excellent idea. There are cruise ships all over the islands and they are not halted! Please allow our Superferry to travel Hawaii waters.

Mahalo,

Barbara Berringer

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From: Doc Bailey [docbailey@yahoo.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Doc Bailey* and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.
As a business Owner in Hawaii i see the value the ferry will bring in both supporting the islands daily needs as well as crisis needs. The fact that the ferry itself will cause more harm to the ocean and coast line is absurd. I believe the agencies behind this stopping effort are not interested in Hawaii's issues as much as they say, and it is believed that they are being funded by those companies that would be in direct competition with the Super Ferry service. The islands currently have not expeditious method of moving people and/or equipment from and to the islands. This single company can improve the quality of life and economics of the Hawaiian Islands.

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House Record

From: Susan James [sjames@ilhawaii.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:45 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Susan James and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. It will be an economic advantage to Hawaii, especially those of us on the Neighbor Islands. I'm sure that a way can be found to allow the ferry to operate while the EIS is performed. It isn't right that they were allowed to proceed this far & spend so much money only to be stopped at this point. I am in favor of environmental protection as much as the next person but sometimes some compromises must be made. I believe that most voters agree with me.

Sincerely,
Susan James
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House Record

From: Kathy_INFIESTO/KAPOMID/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:27 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

I am for the Hawaii Superferry. The Hawaii Superferry provides students of Hawaii an opportunity to expanded their awareness of Hawaii's environment. Maui offers an exceptional aquarium & Haleakala offers a unique environment. The Big Island of Hawaii offers yet another unique environment of lava flows & snow. Then there is Oahu, the "big city" environment, with the only freeway. One teacher, who taught on Moloka'i, brought her students to Oahu to find they did not know what an elevator was or how to use an escalator. These are the little things that we as adults, take for granted. The Hawaii Superferry will provide an opportunity for students to go to other islands and study these environments and unique features.

Mahalo,
Kathy Infiesto
School Improvement Team
Science Chairperson

House Record

From: Joleen Yamaguchi [noaguchi@hotmail.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

My name: Joleen H Yamaguchi
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Delivery method: Commentary via email form; Unable to deliver in Person

To the Committee of Transportation and the Committee of Finance:

Realizing that your decision to meet is whether to proceed with or to stop the SuperFerry, I can only ask that you consider "allowing" the Super Ferry to operate without delay. When I heard the Super Ferry was going to begin business in Hawaii, it was welcome news to Hawaii's residents just as news of a third interisland air carrier, GO Airlines, was welcome. Offering an alternative means of transport can only strengthen Hawaii's economy. It does not surprise me that you would receive opposition. Taking this long to respond to the needs of the people of Hawaii, however, does surprise me.

- SuperFerry will provide an alternate means of transportation, business and personal, for everyone who lives and visits the state of Hawaii.
- SuperFerry will provide more jobs to persons in the fields of: travel, nautical, customer service, etc.
- SuperFerry will bring down costs of shipping products for business and personal use, interisland.
- SuperFerry will make travel by boat, interisland, affordable and fun.

It is a business venture and like all other businesses, the success of any company is dependent upon its operators and its supporters! Let them operate.

Mahalo nui.

Mrs. Joleen H Yamaguchi

House Record

From: Kight, Ira W CIV USAG HI DES W Mr CIV USA USARPAC [ira.kight@us.army.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:02 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *IRA W. KIGHT* and I strongly support Hawaii's Superferry. *I visited the Superferry during the time it was open to the public. I, like many, many others, support the superferry and want to see it in operation very soon. Stop all the motions to stall or abort the operation and apply your efforts to get the job done! Your effort in this regard will be appreciated.*

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Caveats: NONE

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House Record

From: DCAMELID@aol.com
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To: House Record
Subject: SUPERFERRY

I FEEL THE SUPPERFERRY SHOULD BE HELD TO THE SAME STANDARDS AS THE AIRLINES INCLUDEING FREIGHT SERVICE, FISHING BOATS,BARGE SERVICE,SAILBOATS AND THE REST OF INTERISLAND TRAVEL TO HAWAII FROM ALL FOREGIN & DOMESTIC PORTS.ALL THE ABOVE CARRY PLANTS,LIVESTOCK,BIRDS & PETS.

THANK YOU

DOMINIC CAMELI

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House Record

From: Elizabeth McDermott [bmcd50@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:07 PM
To: House Record
Cc: Elizabeth McDermott
Subject: No Superferry bail out

Aloha House members,

I am an Oahu resident who would like to see ferry service available between our islands one day, but I am **ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED** to any attempt to alter our environmental laws in this single case, on behalf of a single company, to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate immediately before the proper assessment is completed.

This will be seen as a bailout, pure and simple. And the long term damage will be immeasurable, reaching far beyond Superferry, if suddenly 30 years worth of carefully crafted environmental laws are changed to fix the mistakes of the Lingle Administration, DOT, PUC and executives of Superferry.

The Bush Administration has made a policy of changing and ignoring the laws they don't find convenient. Let's not allow our state government to follow suit.

We cannot reward businesses that operate irresponsibly in our state. **This sets a very dangerous precedent** and flies in the face of the sustainability doctrine the Legislature is currently attempting to forward.

Superferry executives have stated that there are other places they could put the ferry to use while the proper EA is completed. What is the rush?

People are aware that the Superferry spent more on lobbying these past few years than almost any other organization. I will be looking closely at where that money went and hold accountable on the next election day every single legislator who votes to compromise our environmental laws, should that be their decision.

The current Superferry fiasco should not be used as a lever to gut the laws that protect our environment and ensure public participation. Think carefully about the repercussions of your actions today.

Mahalo,

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House Record

From: LibbyStruve27@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:08 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY

ALOHA:

Several months ago I participated in a survey over the telephone and told them I was IN FAVOR of the Superferry. My family and I would definitely travel to the other islands IF the Superferry was available. I hope this situation can be resolved soon.

Please take some positive action.

Mahalo!

Mary Struve

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House Record

From: Jeanne Alford [Jeanne.Alford@sunshinehelicopters.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:08 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HawaiiSuperferry

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 *Jeanne Alford* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As an alternative method of transportation for those who need it.

As long as the appropriated dollars go to Kawaihae Harbor infrastructure to support it.

J.Alford

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Kamuela HI 96743

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House Record

From: Nancy Rowe [rowe@aloha.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:55 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nancy Rowe and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will provide accessible, cost effective transportation between islands and will be particularly useful for transaction of business and access for handicapped or disabled persons. Based on the guidelines already in effect for the Superferry, systems are already in place for appropriate and safe operation at sea. An EIS for the harbor improvements should have no bearing on vessel operations.

Nancy A. Rowe
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House Record

From: Lori Vandermeer [vedhead13@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:44 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Relating to HB 1 Relating to transportation

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

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007 **TIME:** 9:00am
PLACE: Auditorium
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FROM: My Name Lori Vandermeer(Your Signature)_____

My Address
Tel 408-916-6528 Email: vedhead13@yahoo.com
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE SECOND
SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

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

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

MY POSITION: 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.)**

Protecting and caring for our environment should be something as simple as breathing -

it's just simply something you gotta do to stay alive.

I attended the first day of court testimony here on Maui.

I realized I was becoming much more aware of the facts sitting in court.

It opened my eyes to what was really going on.

I oppose this bill and do not want to see it passed;

it will strip our islands of the protections that we have through state environmental review law, which was upheld in the Supreme Court and 2nd Circuit Court rulings.

I think it is irresponsible to pass a special bill allowing the superferry to operate during the time it takes to prepare an EA or EIS.

In my opinion -- it must be illegal if the law has to be changed to allow them to operate.

We are a community surrounded by ocean -- and part of our lifestyle that makes living here even more special.

Which makes even more sense of why we need to take care of our ocean.

It seems that this company has gone out of it's way to stifle the proper environmental reports.

And Im confused --- why isn't the state alligning itself with the preservation of our islands?

You have to ask yourself -- "why this tolerance for deception"

We kind of think "oh this is how it works"

But at some point it has to stop and we are responsible.

This is our chance to let the Nation see how modern environmentalism is about doing business well and proper.

It is not a case of our own environment slowly eroding.

It is aggressively pulled towards colapse and sacraficed for the profit of very few.

I oppose this bill and do not want to see it passed.

peace, love & aloha

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Felicia L. Brazile and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I truly believe that Hawaii needs another form of transportation between the islands. As a former mainlander, I can tell you that having just one option for travel is harmful to everyone. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE allow the Superferry to do business while the EA OR EIS is conducted. All of Hawaii will benefit (they just don't know it yet). Mahalo for your time.

*Felicia L. Brazile
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Phone: 625-2984*

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From: Honland Realty [honland.realty@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:14 PM
To: House Record
Cc: acagustin888@aol.com
Subject: SUPPORT HAWAII SUPER FERRY

October 24, 2007

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is **Antonio C. Agustin** and my wife's name is **Estrella V. Agustin**, and we **both strongly support the Hawaii Superferry**. I really like the **Superferry** because: 1) I need to bring my car to the other island when I get a business transaction there. As a realtor, I can really save some big money when I can bring my own transportation instead of renting a car. 2) The **Superferry** also creates employment for our local people. 3) And finally, the **Superferry** is good for Hawaii's economy. I just do not understand why the **Superferry** is being singled out, when the other big boats are not; i.e. the cruiselines, Matson, etc. Were they given also an environmental study before they start operation? I like to know. May I ask your honor, to please pass the bill concerning the **Hawaii Superferry**.

Thank you very much for your kind considerations regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours and God bless,

Antonio C. Agustin, RA,GRI
HONLAND REALTY and
Estrella V. Agustin-wife

Email: acagustin888@aol.com

House Record

From: Judy Dew [jdew@wikel.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:49 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Judith E. Dew and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am supporting the interisland Superferry as it will give much more versatility to the business schedules of the islanders, and also promote business between the islands. This will definitely boost the Ohana Spirit!!

Judith E. Dew
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House Record

From: Michael Dinneen [mdinn511@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:13 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael W. Dinneen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is wrong for a handful of people opposing the Superferry keep the residents of Hawaii from this viable alternative form of transportation. This service will bring the Hawaiian Islands closer together in a way that air transportation can never do. It will provide a more cost effective way to bring products to market. Third world island nations have ferry service, it is time for Hawaii to move into the twentieth century and hopefully we will soon be able to approach the twenty-first.

//signed//

Michael W. Dinneen
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From: John Guzman [john@royalcontracting.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:12 AM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION- Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John G. Guzman Jr. and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It would create another means of visiting the outer islands and would add another piece to the puzzle in strengthening our economy.

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From: Jamie Lawrence [jamie@mauihelicopters.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:01 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Support Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am a Maui born part Hawaiian. I was very interested in testifying at the hearing on Maui because I feel both sides need to be heard on this issue. At the hearing, those against the Superferry heckled, booed, and made extraordinarily rude comments to try to intimidate those that were in support of the Superferry. I for one was not comfortable testifying under such hostile conditions. This speaks volumes about the Superferry protesters. They are obsessed with stopping the Superferry at any cost, and feel it is just fine to intimidate, threaten, and "bully" the rest of the people of this state. To those inconsiderate protesters I would say that those bully tactics may have worked in school, but this is the real world. That is not how it works if there is to be any order whatsoever. I pray that you, the legislators, will not be intimidated by these threats. To hand the protesters a victory would open a "Pandora's Box" that will bring more and more protests and threats. This kind of behavior must not be rewarded. We should not stand idly by while a small minority of protesters tramples over our right to enjoy this wonderful alternative transportation system. I pray we never see another day like "9/11" but if another "9/11" happened tomorrow, everyone would welcome the Superferry with open arms. The Superferry would be indispensable in statewide emergency situations. If the Superferry is forced to leave our islands we will all regret this mistake. For the good of the people of Hawaii, for the good of the reputation of our great state, because it is the right thing to do, I implore you to allow the Superferry to remain here in Hawaii and operate while the EA is completed.

Respectfully,

Jamie Lawrence

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House Record

From: Grayson Inouye [grayson@pacflor.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:55 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry

October 24, 2007

To the House Committee on Transportation and Finance

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I've not been active politically in the past. This has been my policy. However in this case, I feel compelled to make a statement based on two very fundamental reasons. This does not include the arguments that the superferry will provide jobs, reasonable inter-island transportation and contribute to the millions of dollars worth of harbor improvements that were done in the past few years.

- 1) Why wasn't an EIS required before the ferries were built? It seems unfair that this has become an issue after they have invested hundreds of millions of dollars to build the ferries. It seems like someone has changed the rules after the game was being played.
- 2) Hawaii is comprised on over a million residents. Many of who were born, raised and work here that constitute our great, silent majority. Why are a few hundred protesters determining our future? Shouldn't government and our laws represent the majority of us?

I strongly urge you to allow the ferry to operate pending a resolution to the request for an EIS. If it is determined that one is necessary, please allow them to operate pending the results and completion of such a study.

Mahalo for your time,
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Keaau, Hawaii
Ph 966-7427

10/24/2007

House Record

From: Judith C. Page [pagejc@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:20 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Judith Page and I live in Hanapepe, Kauai. I will not be submitting comments in person, but wanted to take this opportunity to say that I support an interisland ferry endeavor and hope that the Hawaii Superferry (HIS) is allowed to undertake operations so that we can see if their business model will work in providing alternative transportation between the islands. I am not convinced that they will be successful, but feel that the company should be allowed to try to operate its business in Hawaii.

I am not clear why HIS is being treated uniquely in the larger shipping and transportation arena. What doesn't arrive by ship, arrives by air, and this includes people as well as goods. How is HIS different than Young Bros., Norwegian Cruise Lines or any of the freighters, yachts, fishing boats or any other vessels that call in our ports or have modified them over the years? And, aren't these US ports that are places for ships to load or unload people and goods? For that matter, everything arrived by ship before the era of the airplane, so I'm not clear what the objections are and have a hard time explaining it to people outside Hawaii why a ferry shouldn't be able to use a harbor.

Please don't listen only to the very vocal minority on Kauai who have made it difficult to participate in open hearings. I was at the jetty at Nawiliwili and was intimidated by the vehemence of the protestors. The behavior of protestors when the Governor was here was not conducive to the exchange of information and ideas, in fact it was shameful. There was no way that I would have felt safe going to the meeting this past Sunday and I think there were many others who support the ferry who felt the same way. Who needs to be ridiculed and shouted at when trying to express an opinion?

Judith C. Page
pagejc@hotmail.com

House Record

From: Walter Wright [wrightw001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:07 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Superferry

Dear Speaker, Leadership and Members:

I have watched quietly while a fanatic fringe minority of our citizens have tried to block reasonable development of the Superferry alternative for inter-island transportation. The participation in and exploitation of this foolishness by legitimate conservation organizations, such as The Sierra Club, makes me doubt even their credibility and usefulness.

I urge you and all of your colleagues to move forward with legislation to prevent this abuse of due process, and allow the Superferry to operate during a reasonable additional inquiry into its possible effects on the environment.

What in the world can those few opponents on Kauai and Maui be thinking about as they stand at the shoreline brandishing their protest signs against a few hundred ferry passengers while behind them, every day, at the airport and elsewhere in the same harbor, thousands upon thousands of visitors use other transportation to come to their islands and sustain their economies?

When I was born in a plantation hospital in Hawi, on Hawaii Island, in 1939, surface ships and boats were the primary way for people and goods to move between islands (and to and from the Mainland for that matter), a condition which continued until long after World War II without any huge damage to Hawaii. I never heard of anyone jumping in the water to stop those vessels.

In fact, most of the jumping was done by cattle who were dropped overboard to swim to shore, or, in Honolulu, by kids diving for coins tossed into the water by visitors and residents aboard the Lurline and the other beautiful ships which are part of our seafaring heritage. Earlier in our history, I am sure, the first people of these islands also jumped into the water to greet the voyaging canoes that also had made the perilous journey from the South Pacific.

I have travelled to the Greek Isles, where blocking a ferry would be unthinkable for a region steeped in maritime history.

Certainly an island chain like our own, discovered, populated and sustained by ocean-going vessels throughout all of its recorded history, can find a way to accommodate these new ships.

Thanks for your continuing hard work. Please share my sentiments as widely as you can in the Legislature.

Aloha,

Walter Wright
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House Record

From: Tom Markson [markson@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:23 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the superferry SB1

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tom Markson and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. Hawaii superferry will be good for Hawaii jobs, small businesses and provide a much needed alternative to air travel between the Islands. While mistakes were clearly made, we must put poltiics aside and do what is right for the citizens of Hawaii. I do not plan to submit my comments in person, but want to have my voice heard.

Respectfully,

Tom Markson
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House Record

From: Norman Wong [divebrakes@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:43 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Mary Helen Wong* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will benefit not only the people living on Oahu, but also the inhabitants of the other islands. The increased commerce between all of the islands will most certainly impact all of the islands in negative ways, but the economic benefits will more than make up for the problems caused by the increase of traffic. The Superferry will need to remedy any problems it causes, but a lot of these problems will not be recognized or fully understood until it is actually in service. It seems that the majority of the people in this State want the Superferry, now. The legislature should give heed to the wishes of all, not just the shouters and hecklers.

*Mary Helen Wong
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House Record

From: Gary Jennings [gjen808@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Fwd: Hawaii Superferry - Testimony in Support

I totally agree with Mr. Comcowich.
Gary Jennings
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I Support the Hawaii Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jerome M. Comcowich and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This is a crazy situation we find ourselves in.

Hawaii Superferry will provide us with an alternative mode of travel between our islands at a reasonable cost.

It will benefit Hawaii residents ---- business persons, tradesman, agricultural truck farmers,

and those who wish to visit family or vacation on other islands. In addition the Superferry will serve the life blood of our economy, Hawaii's visitor industry.

Regrettably, the Governor and her administration screwed it up by not following the laws in place to protect our environment.

It's time for the Governor to acknowledge that mistakes were made. However, let's put that aside and move forward. Pass this bill and let the Superferry operate while an environmental impact statement is drawn up. Once that has been completed the governor and the legislative leaders can then make a determination of what needs to be done to keep Hawaii's Superferry running without violating our laws or corrupting our environment.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make this statement in support of the Superferry.

Jerome M. Comcowich
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House Record

From: Tommie Suganuma on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:26 PM
To: House Record
Subject: FW: Superferry

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From: Bobbiel777@aol.com [mailto:Bobbiel777@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:54 AM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans
Subject: Superferry

Dear Representative Evans:

I need to get this to the following committees. Can you please help me get it delivered or advise their email address. Thank you in advance for your attention to this request.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Roberta Logan and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that an additional alternative to travel between our beautiful islands will only benefit the majority of the people of Hawaii. Whole families can take advantage of this form of transportation to visit relatives on the neighbor islands. It is a must for our great state.

10/24/2007

Roberta J. Logan

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From: fae and wally [wallyfae@telus.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:42 AM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry

We also live on an Island (Vancouver Island, Victoria, B.C.Canada) There are many whales in our area with many boats - cruise ships, whalewatching ships, etc. plying these waters daily -- no problems. Also, for tourists such as us staying on Maui, or Kauai, to be able to get to the other islands via a beautiful ship that you have, would be very meaningful to us.

Please keep the ship operating.

W.J. Helliesen
#408-105 Gorge Rd. E.
Victoria, B.C. V9A6Z3

House Record

From: Gayle Fung [gfung@thebus.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:33 PM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gayle K.S. Fung* and I **strongly support** Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to see the SuperFerry operate between the islands. As a mother of five and with lots of family members/relatives on the outer-islands, it is quite difficult to travel economically with a family of seven. I believe that the SuperFerry would meet that need as we would be able to travel with our automobiles. The SuperFerry has a potential to bring many families together.

Secondly, I feel for those employees who are now without an income because the Ferry is not allowed to operate. How are they to survive the huge cost of living in Hawaii without employment?

Thirdly, How can the few who oppose it have a greater voice to the SuperFerry not operating?

Please do as much as you can to allow the SuperFerry to operate, as I know that many in Hawaii would like the SuperFerry to operate but are not willing or able to voice their opinions.

Sincerely,

Gayle K.S. Fung

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Email: gfung@thebus.org

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House Record

From: Don Reeser [donbunr@maui.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:30 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Fw: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

From: Don Reeser [mailto:donbunr@maui.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:05 PM
To: testimony
Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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Testimony on behalf of Friends of Haleakalā National Park
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During the EIS process for the expansion of Kahului Airport a biological assessment was required in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act to assess the project's impact to the biological resources of Maui. A Technical Panel was assembled to prepare the assessment which was the basis for a biological opinion rendered by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The significant conclusion of the biological opinion essentially was that alien species that become established on Maui as a result the expansion can have far reaching and irreversible effects on endangered species throughout the 728 square mile island including Haleakalā National Park.

The same is most assuredly true of this new Hawai'i Superferry transportation mode to Maui: it too will have far reaching and irreversible effects to the environment and endangered species. There has been no legally valid analysis, no biological assessment and no biological opinion required during an EA/EIS process.

The legislature must acknowledge that an analysis of the no-action alternative, inherent to the EIS process, is impossible if it allows the Hawai'i Superferry to operate during the preparation of the EIS, simply because the operation becomes the no-action alternative. This makes the EIS process not only meaningless but ludicrous. The court, after weeks of testimony came to this same conclusion. Please don't subvert our precious environment laws. Don't be held hostage by the superferry, which threatens to leave unless our laws are modified to suit their wishes. Don't allow the Hawai'i Superferry to sail until the EIS has been completed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Donald W. Reeser
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House Record

From: cempty@aim.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:20 PM
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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Clayton M Taparra and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think it will be good for our state as a whole. The business and income it will bring to the neighbor islands should be accepted with open arms. I also want to get this done with an approved Enviromental Impact Statement.

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From: Freesia Garcia [freesiagarcia@gmail.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT SUPERFERRY!!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Freesia Garcia and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

With this useful service, small businesses like mine will be able to bring goods back and forth more easily. It is also beneficial for traveling and visiting family. If this service leaves Hawaii, it will be a loss for all of the residents.

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House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *ANDREW WILLIAM STASIOWSKI* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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

The Hawaiian islands need an alternative mode of transportation besides airlines between them. It's time to move forward and give the people a reasonable choice of inter-island travel. The Hawaii SuperFerry is a smart and ready service that will open new and exciting travel to the Islands.

It certainly will help inter-Island commerce and increase merchant's profits while offering travelers choices that would otherwise not be possible. Being able to transport my vehicle between the islands means I could vacation at any of the islands connected to this service. It also offers me and my family the wonderful opportunity to experience a "mini-cruise" along the way through the beautiful Hawaiian waters. Additionally, it offers competitive rates compared with airline travel and more flexible travel departures and connections.

Failure to allow the Hawaii SuperFerry service to operate within the Hawaiian Islands would be a tragic mistake by the Hawaiian government. It would send the people a negative message on transportation alternatives and negatively impact future innovative business ventures.

Finally, this service is wanted by a major majority of the population and to disregard that fact would be a huge political blunder.

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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David Fillmore and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

In particular, I believe the people of Hawaii need an alternate form of inter-island transportation in lieu of air travel. Also, the Superferry would help support local businesses through its services and help our State's economy.

David Fillmore - Senior Auditor/Analyst

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To: House Record
Subject: RE: SUPPORT FOR SUPERFERRY

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Dominic Cameli and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Superferry should be held to the same standards as the airlines, fishing boats, barge services, sailboats and all other vessels traveling to Hawaii from both foreign and domestic ports. All of the above carry plants, livestock, birds and pets.

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