

House Record

From: Sharee [ShareeJ@ilc-inter.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:39 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

I am in support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

I support the Hawaii Superferry because it will provide stability to our economy.

Sharee Lee

House Record

From: Andrew S [astasiowski@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:37 PM
To: House Record
Subject: 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 *ANDREW WILLIAM STASIOWSKI* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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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From: Christina Lee Tom [christinaleetom@yahoo.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is CHRISTINA LEE LING TOM and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I currently live in Hana, Maui, but born and raised in Honolulu, Oahu. With fluctuating interisland airfares and air wars, the Supperferry would be an additional mode of transportation for interisland travel (residents and tourists).

Thank you for your time.

Mahalo,
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From: Dana Bell [Dbell@maunalani.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: In support of the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dana Bell and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am sending this email to you to express my support of the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawaii' while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I understand the public's concern in the effects on the environment and I am all about protecting the ocean and our wildlife, but I don't see how the Superferry would do anymore harm than what the interisland cruise ships or Matson and Young Brothers Barges would create.

Being born on Oahu and raised on the Big Island, I would like to have the opportunity to experience the interisland ferry service. I have family on the outer islands and travel interisland about 6 times a year. I feel the option to fly or take the Superferry would boost our economy and help keep it affordable for kamaainas to travel.

Sincerely,

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House Record

From: Jaydon2@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:52 PM
To: House Record
Subject: for superferry

aloha we are residents of keahou estates on the big island . we and all our friends of the keahou area have overwhelming support for the superferry. some of the reasons are lower prices,comfort, more accessability to doctors, able to have own vehicle,greater ability to visit other islands and just easier than the hassle of airline travel. we all feel it is a win win situation from every aspect! mahalo, jaynie and don reich and members of keahou-kona yacht club. 808 324-0605 ----jaydon2@aol.com

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House Record

From: dk h [todkhoe@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: A REAL HAWAIIAN says: Hawaii needs the Super Ferry NOW

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David Kealii Hoe and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We the majority of the populace of the State of Hawaii as shown via all opinion polls done on this issue, need you to pass legislation **NOW** that will ensure that the Super Ferry can start operations immediately without any outrageous operational restrictions that will hinder it from being a successful business venture that will serve the majority of the people in the State of Hawaii.

You cannot let a minority group of mainland power mad "WACHO ecologist" types, (quote from The Kauai Garden Isle News), who are new comers to the islands, and who have no interest in the real people of Hawaii, hijack the the islands of Kauai and Maui and by ex facto the whole State of Hawaii, via the "biased media with an agenda".

The "biased media with an agenda" is complicit in this issue in by promoting such biased one sided viewpoints against the Super Ferry article after article after article, one in particular "to incite a riot" 'bloggers quote' i.e. surfers blocking legal access to a public harbor, past and future.

Again the will of the of the majority of good people who have lived here for generations need the services that the Super Ferry will offer them.

Act **NOW** and pass the legislation necessary to get the job done! Your job is at stake here! All the working local people that know and talk to want this to happen **NOW**.

A Law change precedent? Well yes, women were not allowed to vote, and blacks were slaves until the laws were changed. So **CHANGE THIS LAW NOW!**

Aloha, David Kealii Hoe, Hawaiian born, Hawaiian blood heiritage, a **REAL HAWAIIAN.**

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dk h <todkhoe@yahoo.com> wrote:

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Legislators of the State of Hawaii,

We the majority of the populace of the State of Hawaii need you to pass legislation NOW that will ensure that the Super Ferry can start operations immediately without any outrages operational restrictions that will hinder it from being a successful business venture that will serve the majority of the people in the State of Hawaii.

You cannot let a minority group of mainland new comers to the islands hijack via the media the will of the majority of people who have lived here for generations and need the services that the Super Ferry will offer them. Act NOW and pass the legislation necessary to get the job done!

Aloha, David K. Hoe

House Record

From: George Krischke [GeorgeK@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:56 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Pro - Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is George Krischke and I'm strongly in favor of allowing Hawaii Superferry to sail.

The Superferry is by far the cleanest, most economical and environmentally friendly way of inter island transportation. It is welcome by the vast majority of Hawaii residents and will improve the quality of life as well as improve the way business is done throughout the Island State. It would be a shame and regrettable to allow a small minority to keep the State of Hawaii hostage by disallowing positive change and improvement.

Thank you & Aloha

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House Record

From: Randolph McCreight [rmacpam@hawaiiintel.net]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Randolph McCreight and I strongly DO NOT support Hawaii Superferry.

I am highly upset by the way Governor Lingle and certain lawmakers have approached this entire situation. The attempt to by pass the requirement for an EIS with slick legal rational is totally irresponsible and indicates more desire to please the big money behind the Super Ferry than to deal with the concerns of the public. There has never been a satisfactory method described to insure that whales and their calves will not be damaged or killed by this vessel traveling at 45 mph with virtual blades cutting through the water. There is no comparison with Young Brothers or Matson ships traveling at 12 mph without those blades. So the argument that the Super Ferry is being singled out is ridiculous.

These current efforts amount to ramming this through without sufficient time for public debate. As mentioned above, the Department of Transportation will perform an EIS only for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. There is no mention at all about addressing the question of damage to whales, or transport of invasive species between islands, or control measures for any residue from transporting Stryker Brigade vehicles or equipment.

This entire process smells to high heaven.

Randolph McCreight

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House Record

From: Russell Winkelman [russwinkelman@hotmail.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Russell Winkelman and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We cannot undue the past three years of activities of proponents and opponents of the Hawaii Superferry and any discussions about those activities are wasteful. What we can do is untangle this mess in a timely fashion. If not allowed to operate during the EIS the Superferry will most assuredly leave the islands. Additional requirements during the EIS would be understood except for speed of the vessel. Any restrictions on speed of the vessel would most likely force the company to leave as well and that would be a huge loss for the state.

I believe the indirect financial impact to be far greater than the actual operation of the ferry. In my opinion, this is now on par with the "Hawaii 5-0" television series and Elvis performing at Aloha Stadium. While big events in their day, no one could have imagined the long-term positive impact they have had on the islands. The Superferry is not just another submarine ride or a new cruise ship; this is a culturally iconic change in the islands. If you would have supported the filming of Hawaii 5-0 and the Elvis performance, then please adopt the changes necessary to keep the Hawaii Superferry operational.

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House Record

From: Dan I Carpenter [dic9944@hawaiiantel.net]
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Please register my support for the Super Ferry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rebecca Young and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel the Superferry will benefit all Hawaii residents whether for recreation or for business. It will also become a tourist attraction for the islands, boost economy, and provide jobs for local people. Oahu, Maui, Kauai, Big Island...we are one state, lets work together!

Rebecca Young
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House Record

From: Kerry Lum [lumk@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:49 PM
To: House Record
Cc: Jason Lum
Subject: SuperFerry support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kerry Lynn Lum// and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is a natural addition to the islands for support of transportation inter-island. I believe that they will comply with the EIS as necessary. But think they should be allowed to operate until completion of this EIS. For many reasons, the Superferry is good business for Hawaii. Please support the Superferry on my behalf.

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From: Bruce Whale [brucewhale1@mac.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *BRUCE ANDREW WHALE* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I urge you to allow this service to establish itself with immediate effect. I will be a frequent user of this service as my design business is expanding to the islands of Maui and Oahu and it will very negatively affect my business if this service is halted. I expanded my advertising

in anticipation of the ferry being in service.

Thank you

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House Record

From: Alicia Starsong [konabreeze@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I Support the Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Alicia A Starsong* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Although I think it was a huge error on the part of the government agency that decided to side set a law that was in place (requiring EIS) and tell the Superferry to proceed in developing their business without it. BUT once the ferry company was told they had to OK to operate in Hawaiian waters it is an even bigger injustice to now force this business to get the EIS before operating. If the state now requires EIS the Superferry will go out of business before they even got started. That will waste millions of state tax, and federal tax dollars, not to mention the millions that the business has spent. As a tax payer I don't like waste.

If the state refuses to let the ferry operate after it gave it approval for this enterprise, and the company loses lots of money, the state will more than likely get sued for damages, so there is more tax dollars that get wasted.

So let look at the basics, it's only a boat, if it doesn't work out you can just make it go away, it's not like you just bulldozed a big chunk of the island to make a new shopping center. I somewhat understand others feeling that there must be an EIS, but wouldn't the best way to figure out what the impact of the boat is, is to run it and monitor what happens. See if any whales are harmed, check out the invasive species problem, traffic, and how many rocks from Maui get stolen. Now that the Superferry sees that some people just can't be trusted to do the right thing (don't bring harmful things to other Islands and don't take things that aren't yours) I would expect that they will put tighter regulations on their passengers.

I think a having an alternate to air travel is prudent for an Island state; ferries are used extensively in many other parts of the world.

If this ferry system doesn't happen, then ten years from now people will be asking, why don't we get a ferry system here? What businessman in his right mind would want to risk starting a ferry system here, after seeing what happened to the last guy.

Sincerely,
Alicia A Starsong

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Subject: I Support the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tony Ng and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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

Mahalo!

Tony Ng

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House Record

From: Kathy Dubord [dubord@interohi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:04 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kerry Lynn DuBord and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please do not let a bunch of uniformed attention seekers keep us from getting much needed transportation to our islands. The Superferry is much needed by residence as well as business owners.

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House Record

From: Stuart Wilson [wilsons@dtsemaui.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:50 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony in favor of Hawaii Superferry

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To the Hawaii State House of Representatives,
 House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
 RE: Testimony regarding legislation impacting the Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I will not be able to testify in person. Please accept my written testimony in favor of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate, without restrictions that have significant adverse impact on its business model, and without avenues for continuation of the public relations and legal circus that has ensued in recent weeks.

Benefits of the Superferry are manifold. Its opponents have engaged in a campaign of distortion with the thinly disguised goal of altogether preventing the service's operation. They must not succeed.

1. The Hawaii Superferry is a great transportation resource for the state.
 - a. It will enhance intra-state commerce by giving smaller islands viable shopping access to the Oahu market.
 - b. It will reduce costs of service companies who do business state wide.
 - c. It provides a tremendous resource for disaster aid.
 - d. It brings new competition to intra-state shipping and travel.
2. Superferry service is favored by a majority of state residents.
 - a. This fact has been confirmed by numerous polls.
 - b. A minority, no matter how vocal, should not prevail over the voice of the people.
3. The supreme court's ruling concerned harbor improvements at Kahului. It is an unfortunate fact that this act has resulted in a counterfeit referendum on the service as a whole. The legislature should act with swift leadership to restore order and determinism to the state business climate.
4. Recent arguments of the SuperFerry opponents are without merit.
 - a. The so-called expert testimony in Judge Cardoza's court regarding timelines for tactical whale avoidance was laughably pessimistic.
 - b. The imu rock incident on Maui is something easily overcome by appropriate state guidelines.
 - c. Suggestions by Issac Hall that any legislative action would be unconstitutional and threats of further litigation are moot. These, along with criticisms of "over-ruling the courts" reflect a complete misunderstanding of the separation of powers. A well thought out bill would pass constitutional muster. I am sure that Mr. Hall understands this. His remarks are either little more than an attempt to cast doubt, or a chilling endorsement of judicial tyranny.
5. Longstanding arguments of the SuperFerry opponents are without merit.
 - a. The Superferry is not responsible for traffic problems. Among the tired lines of Superferry opponents is that the Superferry will worsen vehicle traffic congestion.

- i. Attempts to demonstrate congestion in Maui proved the opposite.
 - ii. Other venues, such as the weekly Maui swap meet, result in far worse congestion.
 - iii. If Superferry patronage grew so large as to cause congestion, there are multiple avenues for mitigation.
 - iv. Traffic congestion is due to scarce infrastructure, and is a statewide problem. Its application to the Superferry is a red herring.
 - b. The Superferry is not responsible for drug problems. Drugs can be and are shipped by many means. If, as the opponents suggest, the Superferry service became a drug conduit, it would be a boon to law enforcement, captivating drug traffic in an enclosed area easily inspected with a dog.
5. Emotional appeals to whale welfare cannot be allowed govern the state.
 - a. Other animals are frequently victims of vehicle collisions, yet there are no calls for banning cars.
 - b. The Superferry is not the only operation that poses a risk to whales, yet it has been treated as if it is.
 - c. Comparisons to other parts of the world by Superferry opponents are not fair. A favorite, the Canary islands, not only has a year-round whale population, but also has far more than two vessels operating high speed ferry services. Further, statistics drawn from this venue assume causality that is unproven. It is also worth noting that pictures on anti-ferry websites show animals which were clearly victims of propeller cuts.
 - d. Given the political climate, and its efforts to date, one can safely assume that Superferry will do its utmost to prevent harm to marine mammals.

House Record

From: asuncion [asunciond001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:04 PM
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I am very much in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I was very disappointed to hear the verdict made by the Maui courts for the Superferry not to resume operations at Kahului harbor and having a small group of protestors and environmentalist that delayed and are trying stop operations completely for the Superferry is mind boggling. I am very much in support for the Hawaii Superferry from now and into the future of Hawaii. We need other means of transportation between the islands beside just the airlines and if it wasn't for Go! Airlines the price for a round trip airfare wouldn't be affordable. If Go! Airlines and the Hawaii Superferry leave the state we will go back to NO alternative other the Hawaiian and Aloha airlines. This will lead to higher price for a round trip airfare to the other islands. Then were going to wish we had the Superferry as an alternative. With the Hawaii Superferry everyone will enjoy another alternative to visit the other islands for business, vacation or even visit family members.

Mililani Resident

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To: House Record
Subject: SUPERFERRY

ATTENTION: House Committees on Transportation and Finance

October 25, 2007 9 a.m. Auditorium State Capitol

To: Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chairman, Transportation Committee
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chairman, Finance Committee

From: Robert E. White, Jr...Retired, Amfac, Inc.
Phone 946-9901

Re: SUPERFERRY

In 2005, both the Maui Circuit Court and the U.S. District Circuit Court approved a 'go ahead' for the superferry. Then after two years, during which time the staff of the superferry and the Department of Transportation worked out plans to mitigate the concerns of the environmentalists, the Hawaii Supreme Court in its wisdom reversed the prior rulings. WHY???

From recent polls taken over the entire state, it is apparent that a 'whole lot of people' want this important means of travel to become a reality. Let's not allow a small vocal minority to become the voice of us all!!!

And don't place restrictions on the ferry's operations that make it impossible to be successful. We don't want Alakai to follow the other ferries to the Hong Kong-Macao run.

PLEASE LET THE SUPERFERRY SAIL FREE!!!

House Record

From: Virginia Cruse [viriniacruse2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:59 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

Attn: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
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I am writing to show my strong support for letting the Superferry begin operation as soon as possible. I think its operation here in the Hawaiian Islands is so very important on many levels. I also think the environmentalists' arguments against its operation do not justify stopping it. I think their time and energy would be better spent cleaning up beaches and coastal waters for the benefit of our sealife. Thank you.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gail T. Kawaguchi and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry, because it gives the people of Hawaii an alternate way of travel, especially if you do not like to fly by plane.

Gail T. Kawaguchi

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House Record

From: MauiHOGDirector@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:06 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Attention: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance.
Date: Thursday, October 25th 2007
Time: 9.00am Auditorium State Capitol

HB1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro.

My name is Stewart D. Norrie, I am a **MAUI RESIDENT for 30 years**. I am the President of the Maui Chapter Of The Harley - Davidson Owners Group (H.O.G).
I represent our 130 people **MAUI** membership on HB 1.

Please support the **Hawaii Super Ferry and Make It Run !!** -- We (as a group with our motorcycles) travel four (4) time per year to outer Islands. Currently we send our motorcycles via Young Brothers Inter Island Barge which is extremely costly -- **Please for once put politics aside and do the right thing for the majority of Hawaii's people !! -- Don't let this opportunity to better Hawaii's economy slip by !! --- Please support the Super Ferry and make it sail !!**

Thank You in anticipation of your support

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From: Peter Cannon [peter@hawaiianresources.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:41 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Please Support Super Ferry

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

My name is Peter W. Cannon and I very strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii desperately needs additional methods for moving people, vehicles and products between the islands of our state.

My business, Hawaiian Resources Co. Ltd., strongly supports the Superferry and all 15 of our employees agree that they support this alternative method of transportation.

It appalls me that we cannot just see the big picture about invasive species. I understand the 20 or 30 new invasive species arrive in Hawaii each year. Why does the State of Hawaii not require an agricultural INSPECTION for every visitor arriving in our state at the place of debarkation or even after arrival in a sterile room? Hawaii provides an agricultural inspection to protect the mainland but this protection is not provided for Hawaii.

Yet here we are arguing about protecting each island from invasive species from the other island. How sad! It's too late already. These species will eventually travel between the islands on airplanes, on Young Brothers, on Matson and yes on the Superferry anyway. It is only a matter of time. They need to be stopped before they reach our state. This is the real issue.

Just like with the H-3 freeway, the Sierra Club and others in a vocal minority will kill the Superferry forever within the court system if you do not allow her to sail now.

Please allow the Superferry to become a reality in Hawaii. Please set up the best safeguards that you can and get the Superferry back to work for Hawaii before we lose her forever.

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10/24/2007

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House Record

From: Merle Lam [mlam@ilhawaii.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:10 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1

Honorable Representatives Joe Souki and Marcus Oshiro,

I am a life long resident of the Big Island, and I would like to see the Super Ferry running during the time of the environmental studies. We need this alternative mode of transportation. It would make it easier for us to visit relatives on other islands, and more importantly, I believe it will assist farmers in delivering their products to a wider market.

You know us locals will not appear at your public hearings, but you need to hear our voices.

Mahalo,

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House Record

From: ROSALIE SMITH [loke808@yahoo.com]
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To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rosalie S. Smith and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.
Here in Hawaii we have too many companies that have the monopoly of whatever business they are in and I believe the Superferry would help our economy by being a competitor to the Young Brothers Barge and Interisland Airlines and also bring more jobs to Hawaii. I, too, believe in save the whales, but I believe you can have stipulations made whereby it would be reasonable for both concerned and not cut off one completely. We have already sunk money into this project which we will have to pay for one way or another so why not give it a chance.

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From: Erik G. Olsen [careyhawaii@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:08 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

As a small business owner here in Hawaii, I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

We need a commonsense solution enabling the Superferry to operate during the assessment. Please do not let this critical transportation alternative leave our islands.

Now is the time for political courage.

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To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathleen Marie DuBord and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will bring an avenue of travel and shipping to the Hawaiian Islands like never before. I could actually go to Oahu purchase a car, household items and clothing that are not available on the Big Island and not have to pay the outrageous shipping costs or be denied shipping period because many companies will not even ship here. As you know our resources on the Big Island are very limited. Business just do not want to come to the Hawaiian Islands and especially the Big Island because of the opposition they receive and I can not blame them. We can not even get medical Doctors to stay because of the backwardness of a few uninformed residence who are determined to stop any progress because of their unfounded fear. Please do not let this be another let down for those of us who have been waiting patiently for many years for just a little progress to make our lives a little easier.

If the Superferry is shut down I say we shut down all cruise ships, barges and any other form of transportation that may carry unwanted species from island to island until the environmental study is complete! See how the opposition reacts to that. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: Debbie Alameida [alohadebbie@gmail.com]
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Subject: superferry

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

My name is Debbie Alameida and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The benefits of the Superferry will greatly improve the economic, social and quality of life the the residents of Hawaii. The residents will be able to travel inter island more easily to visit relatives. For the tourism business this will increase tourists to visit other islands, even for a day, to leave an impression on the m and this may encourage them to return to the outer island to spend their next vacation.

I do honor our environment and the humpback whales and understand that the impact of the Superferry has addressed this by a comprehensive science based mitigation plan to diminish the danger to the whales. I do believe whales have some instinct to avoid collision as well. What are the impacts of the Young Brothers and other shipping vessels who travel island to island? and are they subject to the same environmental restrictions? In this world of machinery and vehicles used for transportation, we will always have some impact on the environment. It appears that the Supperferry has addressed this issue.

It is time for Hawaii to step up and welcome new business and support them, epically when the state and federal government has invested millions of dollars into updating the harbors, for the purpose of using the Superferry. This can help create jobs, increase tourists, create other industries and other types of business and residents can benefit as well.

Thank you for your support,

*Debbie Alameida
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House Record

From: Neil Olsen [olsen1929@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:10 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Fwd: Superferry

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From: Robert [RSOUZA001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:39 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert H K Souza and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The HAWAII SUPERFERRY will provide for ALL the citizens of the State opportunities not afforded before, and at a reasonable rate. I am an avid Motorcyclist, and a currently displaced drag racer. The HAWAII SUPERFERRY Would benefit others like myself who would like to venture to the outer islands, but without the exorbitant cost of using Young Brothers. The cost of transporting a race car, trailer and tow vehicle via YB is approximately \$1100, compared to the HAWAII SUPERFERRY which will transport the same vehicles with the operator for roughly \$600, and the transport can be done in ONE DAY versus several days to drop off, fly by plane, then gain transportation to the dock to recover your transported vehicles. The HAWAII SUPERFERRY is a drive-on, drive-off operation as well as personnel transport. With Motorcycles, the same thing applies, cheaper, and no loss of use of the vehicle through the transportation process and lower expenditure.

Please help your constituents move forward, not backwards. The opportunity is NOW, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. Allow the HAWAII SUPERFERRY to operate as it was intended, as a high speed, interisland ferry system. To impose speed restrictions would hamper it's effectiveness.

Sincerely,

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10/24/2007

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House Record

From: Gabrielle Savage [hawaiiisavages@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:46 PM
To: House Record
Subject: WE SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

We strongly support Hawaii Superferry. We need the interisland service the Superferry will provide. The environmentalists are mis-using the laws to stop legitimate businesses from succeeding. Also, what does an environmental assessment on the improvements have to do with the Superferry running in the waters? The improvements have already been made and approved. The Superferry should be allowed to start pending this last hurdle.

We were just on Maui, and they are busy building vast improvements to their highways-- these improvements have a much greater affect than the harbor ones. This EA is just a ruse. This past weekend on Maui we noticed the GIGANTIC cruise ship in there with all its alleged harmful "invasive species" latched on to the bottom, no doubt, with all the tourists with their bugs and invasive species stuff with them happily disembarking. O'ahu, Maui and Kauai seem to survive all this activity. We doubt that they are in any danger in the first place.

The Superferry has met all the extensive requirements to protect our whales and other wildlife and not to adversely affect the islands. It will have far less an environmental impact on the islands than these cruise ships and shipping vessels have, and they were not required to have an EA.. Actually, the Superferry is the only one that has been required to have this done.

This is an outrage. Let the Superferry start!!! The improvements have already been made. The vessel itself is no danger to our environment given its agreed upon parameters.

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House Record

From: Tammy C. Yamauchi [yamauchitc@hamiliakina.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:37 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Tammy C. Yamauchi* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As an employee of a small disadvantaged business in Hawaii, it is our biggest challenge to for us to provide competitive costs to our outer-island clients. With the current resources available, we unfortunately have additional down-time for our technicians when our vehicles and employees mobilize to the outer-islands. If there were any way for us to cut that time down and still be able to maintain a consistent workload, the Hawaii Superferry would be an outstanding resource for our Company. As a start-up company, there are always flaws and bugs to fix. They just need a chance to try to survive and make the adjustments.

As a resident of the State of Hawaii, I support the Hawaii Superferry, due to the fact that efforts had been made in the past for a ferry system to be a mode of transportation but have not been accomplished to this day. It would be beneficial to both residents and visitors of Hawaii. Although it may affect the other modes of transportation, overall it would be another "choice" for people to utilize in travelling throughout Hawaii.

With respect to the environment, all modes of transportation have impacts on our air quality, water quality and waste quality, etc...What makes Hawaii Superferry so different from the current Maui-Lanai-Molokai ferry or the cruise ships or the freight liners? Looking at the Hawaii Superferry website, they have made all efforts to follow "the rules" and spent a lot of money and time doing the research needed to do business in Hawaii. Please let the Superferry conduct business while waiting for the Department of Transportation to perform the EIS, that way they can collect data and additional information while conducting the survey. In my opinion, if the Hawaii Superferry has to undertake an environmental impact statement, why do the other methods of transportation not have the same requirements? How is the Hawaii Superferry so different from any other method of transportation?

With respect to the employees of the Hawaii Superferry that are currently on furlough, I feel for them as now they may have to look for other jobs. With the cost of living in Hawaii being so high, I can't imagine what they are going through. People talk about taking care of the land and the ocean and the air, but what about taking care of the residents of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,
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House Record

From: Carlan, Kit CDR PACOM J83 [kit.carlan@pacom.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for the superferry

My wife and I whole heartedly support the superferry and plan to use 3 -4 times a year. I believe the issues surrounding the superferry can be resolved. The list of rewards is huge and range from recreational to disaster relief.

Please pass the legislative bill in special session.

Regards,

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House Record

From: Albert Shigemura [albert@pvtland.com]
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To: House Record
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Albert Shigemura and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the need for additional modes of inter-island transportation is critical to our island state. The Superferry can provide emergency shuttle service during times of disaster when airports and runways are disabled. Providing fast and efficient transportation of large pieces of equipment and supplies during critical/emergency periods. This mode of transportation can be useful when rapid response to an emergency is necessary.

Additionally, I would like the alternative choice of transportation to visit the outer islands. Airports and flying have become a hassle and are no longer enjoyable. I would appreciate time on the water to enjoy the views entering various harbors/destinations. My experience with ferry service on the Mainland has always been good. I am certain that Superferry can provide, at the very least, the same level and means of safe transportation.

ALLOW SUPERFERRY TO DO BUSINESS IN HAWAII!

Albert Shigemura

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House Record

From: Karecomp4@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:57 PM
To: House Record
Subject: House Testimony Comments

Name of person submitting the following comments: **Karen Nicholson**

Organization affiliation: **None**

Do NOT plan to submit comments in person.

Contact info. (e-mail): **Karecomp4@aol.com**

I think good quality, high-tech vessels such as the Superferry will set a presedence to actually help "clean up" and replace those high-polluting, rusted vessels currently in our Hawaiian waters.

Also, regarding traffic worries, if given the chance, the Superferry will become very popular, and while bringing cars from neighboring islands, will ALSO simultaneously ferry cars OFF of islands!

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From: Harold L Conner [connersrh001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:53 PM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Harold L Conner Sr.* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would very much like to see this matter be addressed in favor to the Hawaii Super Ferry operations since I am on a fixed income and believe the operation of the Ferry would greatly benefit me and my family in our travels to the outer islands. I also believe the Ferry will greatly benefit the business communities of all islands in support of shipments of produce and goods in a more competitive and timely environment for keeping service going for the growing customers of all goods and service state wide.

Harold L Conner Sr.

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House Record

From: Diedre Suenaka Chase [diedre@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:57 PM
To: House Record
Subject: In support of Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Diedre Suenaka Chase and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry would provide travel opportunities and experiences like no other in the state. It would be a great alternative that allows passengers to have a different perspective of the islands and would enable us to transport large items such as vehicles with convenience at reasonable rates. It would also give cyclists the option of doing bike tours on the neighbor islands without the added inconvenience and expense that we would if we traveled via air.

Additionally, our company does business on the neighbor islands and would find it helpful to have the Hawaii Superferry as a means of alternate transportation. I believe that there is a place for the Hawaii Superferry and anticipate it will enhance our economy in many ways.

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House Record

From: Mayfield-Dial, Patricia [Pat.Mayfield@uhf.hawaii.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:52 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry House Testimony

I, Patricia Mayfield-Dial am in full support of the Superferry being allowed to operate while an environment impact statement is conducted. It is essential that the residents/visitors in Hawaii have as many alternative options of travel between the islands as possible. Family relationships can be established/re-established creating a stronger ohana. Business opportunities can be realized and expanded. The wealth of Hawaii's economy can be more effectively shared through expanding the buyers market between the islands by servicing the people who can not/will not fly.

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From: bkimjoe4evr@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:55 PM
To: House Record
Subject: testimony for hawaii super ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kimberly K. Hinau and I strongly support the hawaii super ferry because it will make it alot easier for my ohana to travel interisland with the convenience of our own vehicle. Please let it happen... Mahalo.

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House Record

From: Kathy Ebey [weetrees@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:01 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION -- SUPERFERRY TESTIMONY

For Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathleen Ebey and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I have been a resident of Aiea for over 30 years and continue to be amazed by this state's propensity to keep anything "haole" or "Mainland" out, be it 7-11, Sears, rapid transit, etc. And the really sad thing is that it is a very vocal minority that rules how the rest of us law-abiding citizens live. And why do most of these folks seem to be haoles from the Mainland rather than local folks? And how do we know that the same rabble-rousers aren't going from island to island to attend the forums, making it appear that there is a large "anti" group in the State? And how do we know that these folks aren't being "sponsored" by the airlines, the rental car companies, Young Brothers barge company -- the only real folks that may suffer monetarily by introduction of the Superferry?

I believe the Superferry provides a great opportunity for residents and tourists alike to travel interisland easier and more pleasantly than flying. It will also allow people with disabilities to travel more conveniently and to take their specialized cars with them. I personally know handicapped people that currently cannot travel interisland, even to visit family, without incurring major hardships.

As far as introducing invasive species to the outer islands, note that our red ant and coqui frog infestations on Oahu came FROM the outerislands, and came without the help of the Superferry. As long as you have vehicles and "stuff" moving via Young Brothers barges, you will have invasive species transfers. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that out.

With respect to introducing illegal drugs to the outerislands, where do these folks think most of the pot sold on Oahu comes from now -- the outerislands!! And who really believes that you can't transport drugs on interisland air flights?!

With respect to overcrowding the roads and beaches of the outerislands, what is the difference if I come by Superferry or by plane, and whether I drive my own car or rent one there? I'm driving on the same roads and going to the same beaches either way. After all, the Superferry really is more expensive than flying so I don't think hundreds of people who would otherwise stay home are going to jump aboard the Superferry "with great abandon"!

Finally, I too am very concerned about the whales, but I believe that more damage can be done to them by slow-moving dinner cruise boats (who seem to be the only ones hitting any recently), ocean-going cargo ships, and personal watercraft such as speed boats, jet skis, etc. I believe what has been said about the bulbous front of the Superferry "pontoons" -- that they are designed specifically to push things such as whales and dolphins out of the way rather than to run into it.

Bottom line -- let's not allow the CAVEpeople (citizens against virtually everything) dictate one more time how we live our lives. Please be Statesmen instead of politicians. Do what is right for the State and the majority of the people, not for your vote count and a few vocal, non-law-abiding people. Support the Superferry.

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"If you keep your cool when everybody else is losing theirs, it's probably because you haven't realized the seriousness of the problem." (Kathy Ebey)

House Record

From: Alicia Starsong [konabreeze@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I Support the 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

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 *Alicia A Starsong* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Although I think it was a huge error on the part of the government agency that decided to side set a law that was in place (requiring EIS) and tell the Superferry to proceed in developing their business without it. BUT once the ferry company was told they had to OK to operate in Hawaiian waters it is an even bigger injustice to now force this business to get the EIS before operating. If the state now requires EIS the Superferry will go out of business before they even got started. That will waste millions of state tax, and federal tax dollars, not to mention the millions that the business has spent. As a tax payer I don't like waste.

If the state refuses to let the ferry operate after it gave it approval for this enterprise, and the company loses lots of money, the state will more than likely get sued for damages, so there is more tax dollars that get wasted.

So let look at the basics, it's only a boat, if it doesn't work out you can just make it go away, it's not like you just bulldozed a big chunk of the island to make a new shopping center. I somewhat understand others feeling that there must be an EIS, but wouldn't the best way to figure out what the impact of the boat is, is to run it and monitor what happens. See if any whales are harmed, check out the invasive species problem, traffic, and how many rocks from Maui get stolen. Now that the Superferry sees that some people just can't be trusted to do the right thing (don't bring harmful things to other Islands and don't take things that aren't yours) I would expect that they will put tighter regulations on their passengers.

I think a having an alternate to air travel is prudent for an Island state; ferries are used extensively in many other parts of the world.

If this ferry system doesn't happen, then ten years from now people will be asking, why don't we get a ferry system here? What businessman in his right mind would want to risk starting a ferry system here, after seeing what happened to the last guy.

Sincerely,
Alicia A Starsong

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House Record

From: Walter Guild [world@myhokua.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony on Supperferry

Dear Legislators,

I am a multi-generational part Hawaiian citizen of Hawaii, born and raised in these islands. I spend a great deal of time on the on the neighbor islands visiting friends and family, participating in sporting events such as canoe races, and just enjoying the beauty of our State.

I strongly support the operation of the Supperferry and would like you to work towards a solution to allow the ship to sail while the environmental studies take place.

I believe it is very selfish and short sided of those that appose this form of transportation. I feel this company is being unjustly singled out for scrutiny.

Thank you for your consideration.

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House Record

From: Larry Isemoto [kumukoa@ilhawaii.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:18 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry

Please allow the ferry to sail to all desitinations as planned in accordance with the rules of the original permit.

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House Record

From: C264396@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 2:19 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Madeline J. Hope and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is the best thing that ever happened to Hawaii. Its the best way to travel interisland.

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