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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:35 PM
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Subject: ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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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 Jinger Thies Guerrette and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am in full support of the Hawaii Superferry continuing business here in Hawaii while the DOT perform the EIS. I believe the Hawaii Superferry will bring more good to all islands through small business transactions, kama`aina tourism and transportation. There are solutions to all the issues being disputed against doing business with the Superferry. Many people feel that the only ones affected by the actions against the Hawaii Superferry are the CEO's of the company, but they have not thought about the people who have been working so hard to make sure the Hawaii Superferry runs smoothly. New jobs have been created since the start of the Hawaii Superferry. When we turn our back on the business, we are turning our back on our friends and neighbors who wake up before dawn everyday to work for this company. They put their heart and soul in their jobs and they believe in it. They were also given the thumbs up from the state to continue moving forward with their job without the EIS. Please continue the operation of the Hawaii Superferry. I urge the Committee to think about all the issues in support for the business instead of the small percentage that is against it.

Thank you,

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"Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it."
--George "Papa Bear" Halas (1895- 1983)
American football pioneer, coach, owner & player

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Subject: Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Carolyn Corrigan and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I really enjoy travelling by ocean to the neighbor islands. I also feel it is more environmently friendly than airplanes.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael Street and I strongly support Hawaii's Superferry.

The Superferry will provide additional opportunities for residents of all islands to travel between communities. The Superferry has the potential to also help during times of natural disasters. It also will help the many small businesses that do work throughout the State. The Superferry has already addressed many of the environmental concerns raised by others and has proposed mitigation plans to those concerns. Please support this legislation and help the Superferry become a reality.

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House Record

From: Nagashima, Nicole [Nicole.Nagashima@marriott.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:34 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Superferry!

Aloha Chairs Souki & Oshiro,

My name is Nicole Nagashima and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I will not be submitting my comments in person, but am providing you my testimony via email. I am not affiliated with any organizations, but am a salesperson for a Waikiki property. I believe that the Superferry will add to our economy and will offer Hawaii residents alternative means of transportation throughout the islands.

I feel that this is such an unfortunate situation where a few misguided individuals would cause so much disruption to the release of the Superferry that will benefit the entire state. I am hoping that my email will help to push for the release of the Superferry in the islands and not have to be shipped to overseas.

Mahalo,
Nicole Nagashima

House Record

From: Holly Waters [Hollyh2os2001@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:40 PM
To: House Record
Subject: in support of the Superferry

My name is Leonard David Waters and I am in support of the supperferry. Please send my testimony to the house thanks. I am a co owner of Holly's Hawaiian Dressing. Please have the special session and let the Supperferry sail. Thanks

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House Record

From: Kenneth Boyd [boydk002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:37 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Keep Superferry afloat

I have been a Hawaii resident and small business owner for over 30 years. I'm totally in support of the Superferry operating in Hawaii.

They have satisfied any doubts that I might have had, about their sincere efforts to address any possible negative environmental concerns. These folks have done their homework and gone the extra mile to assure safe, environmentally friendly, operation of their vessel.

Instead of hindering their progress, we should be lending a helping hand to make sure this much needed service stays in Hawaii. Where's the Aloha hiding?

Kenneth Boyd, Owner
Import Car Repair

House Record

From: Jsearsconsulting@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:40 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry Testimony

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I will NOT be present to testify

Aloha Kakou,

These are such difficult times for us as a state. It is distressing to see differences of opinion reach such high levels of disrespect and anger. There are good points made by both sides of the Superferry controversy, yet we have a reputation developing that will impact our state and residents for years to come. The emerging reputation is that **Hawaii doesn't keep its word**. Between Hokulia and now the Superferry controversy, major business coming to our islands should be taking a second look. What is approved today may change after your expenditure of development funds. We have to find a way to stop this practice from becoming a way of life. Remembering 9/11, and the displaced residents who were visiting another island - business meetings, Dr. appointments, etc., we must find a way to keep our state operating when other incidents occur. The plight of the farmers who were anxious to sell their specialty items to Oahu restaurants only because they could move produce in refrigerated trucks allowed on the Superferry are now out of a potential contract.

We have always been a generous people - that Aloha spirit is part of living in Hawaii - and now there are angry voices of those who don't want to share their camping space and beaches with their neighbor island brothers and sisters? What is happening to us?

Another means of transportation should be a welcome event for Hawaii residents. No one is coming to take another's property, just to enjoy their island with them and share their own island in return.

We need the benefits of the Superferry and should have found a way to fulfill our part of the agreement to let them sail. This delay for the now necessary EIS will only create time for this controversy to fester. No matter the outcome of the EIS, some will still try to stop the Superferry any way possible.

Mahalo for allowing me to express my feelings. I wish you well in your deliberations and hope that a consensus can be reached quickly to allow employees of the Superferry to return to their jobs and our islands can begin to heal.

Janice R. Sears
Waikoloa Village

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House Record

From: Bill [wsp2nd@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:32 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is /Bill Painter/ and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

/For locals, t//ravel amongst the islands has been tenuous and expensive at best.
/

/Conducting business in the State Capitol from Maui (and the other islands) is also difficult and expensive.
/

/I might add that few families can afford the \$200 per person price tag to see relatives living intra-island, and therefore, family "get-togethers" are unreachable for most./

/The Super-Ferry can make that happen!

AND, I might add..... more taxes collected for a very hungry bureaucracy!
///

/Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Christopher R. Laird and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My reason for support is because I firmly believe this service will benefit our economy for the following reasons: 1. Creating more jobs with the potential to grow into more jobs down the road. 2. Allowing businesses to be able to transport bulky equipment, such as survey, testing, etc. In addition to creating a positive effect on the economy, I also believe the SuperFerry will give us local folks a welcome diversification in travel options to outer islands as well as make inter-island travel more encompassing by allowing people to take their own vehicles and recreational equipment with them. I have been and will continue to look forward to using the SuperFerry soon. In addition, I think as a law-abiding taxpayer in the peaceful State of Hawaii anyone who claims & carries out the use of "chaos & anarchy" to achieve their selfish end result should be subject to punishment at the fullest extent of the law.

I respectfully submit this testimony.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Emma Wilson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Having the super ferry will enable us locals to travel to the other islands to visit friends and families. Instead of going to the mainland for vacation, now we can just visit more often the other islands. Not only it will boost local economy but also it will bring family and friends closer. So I hope that the desire of the majority (and not the special interest groups) will prevail and that the superferry will stay and serve the people of Hawaii.

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House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [LUANN LEE TAVARES] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[BRIEFLY AND SIMPLY DESCRIBE WHY YOU SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY (I FEEL THAT IT'S A GREAT WAY FOR US LOCAL PEOPLE TO TRAVEL ISLAND TO ISLAND FOR SHOPPING OR VISITING FAMILY)]

[LUANN TAVARES

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Subject: In support of Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Miriam Martinez* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry because I think it is a great option to have when planning to visit the neighbor islands. A big plus for me and my family is that we are able to bring our car with us. That saves us from having to rent a car when visiting another island.

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House Record

From: David Lim [djmlim@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:48 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support of the Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is David S Lim, Jr. and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I am the Scoutmaster for Troop 35 Boy Scouts and our troop is currently planning a summer camp trip in June of 2008 to the island of Kauai. We were planning to travel via the Superferry. The scouts in our troop were very disappointed to hear that we may have to plan for an alternative to the Kauai trip via ferry. This trip on the superferry was to be an educational as well as a first time trip to an outer-island on a boat for many. The logistics for our troop to be able to drive on our vehicles rather than barge vehicles with our camping gear makes traveling to an outer island more affordable and simple. The red tape of shipping things on a barge, the drop off and picking up of goods takes up a lot of time and effort.

We need to save the Superferry for the people of Hawaii to have an alternative to outer island travel, transporting of vehicles, business opportunities, and being a victim of existing inter-island shipping and or transportation.

Please take into consideration all the positive benefits that we the people of Hawaii are looking forward to.

Mahalo nui loa,

David S. Lim Jr.

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House Record

From: JEINDIAN@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:50 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Ferry Transportation, October 25th Meeting

I am in full support of having the Super Ferry get started as it will allow the customers an alternative transportation to the monopoly of current transportation. It will allow a cheaper mode for farmers to get their products to market. If you look at it, the Airlines cost is still cheaper and much faster for residential flights so those companies are not going to lose out.

I cannot understand why all of the fuss, It is a win win situation all of the way around.

In other words I am for the Superferry.

John Eppling

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From: Doug Brocker [dlbrocker@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:12 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the super ferry.

The Hawaii super ferry would be a great addition to our Hawaii transportation system. I would appreciate an alternative to air travel between islands. It would help our economy, and improve our environment.

Please join me in supporting the Hawaii Super Ferry.

Thank you,

Douglas Brocker

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From: Winston Chinn [manakai001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:51 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

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

Man Kai Maui

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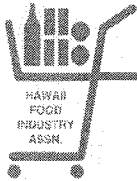
From: Pat Elizares [pelizares@panda-group.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 3:54 PM
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I am and have always been in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.....Not only does it afford people of all different backgrounds and financial status, the ability to travel between the islands at an affordable rate, and most importantly, it has created jobs. Jobs that many people need to support their families.

Long before the Superferry was built and completed and sailed to Hawaii, where were all those demonstrating anti-ferry people? Why did they not voice their concern long before it came here? If you ask my opinion, these protesters are ignorant and want to "make noise" for what??? I don't believe for a minute that all of these anti's are all so concerned about the aina....

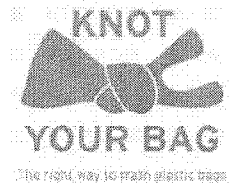
In addition, there are many different businesses and organizations that have been affected by the injunction of the Superferry.

We need another mode of transportation other than the inter-island carriers....I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY 100%!



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October 25, 2007

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Re: HB1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Chairs & Committee Members:

The Hawaii Food Industry Association supports allowing the Super Ferry to continue operations while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. In fact, this is the most logical means of conducting an environmental statement, since speculation will not be a part of the study. The study will be in actuality format. This will also allow immediate modifications to any situation that may arise, especially with respect to traffic patterns.

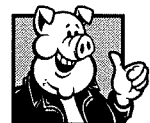
Short of this, the mode of transportation being offered by the Super Ferry is the final vital link that has been attempted as far back as the John Hulten attempt to link our Islands together via a ferry system.

The Legislature must think of this mode of transportation as vital and important as is mass transit for Oahu. If the Legislature creates an atmosphere that will sink the success of this system, then the State should purchase the ships and run it as a State operation, making it the H4 mode of transportation, linking the State together for the common good of all islands and counties. Funding can be created in a similar manner as was the Oahu Mass Transit scheme.

Justification:

- Much of our agriculture is Neighbor Island based. Inter-island transportation as offered by the Super Ferry will allow a greater opportunity for the sustainability of a local food supply.
- Neighbor Island firms wishing to be an exhibitor in the Made In Hawaii Festival produced by HFIA, will have a far greater opportunity to present their products to buyers from Oahu, the Mainland, and the Far East without leaving the State. This will provide an opportunity not now available to small firms that do not have the capability or financial resources to market their products otherwise.
- Neighbor Island businesses will have far greater access to repair services at less expense, since service representatives that repair equipment will have the opportunity to take their vehicles and repair equipment with them to provide regularly scheduled service visits.

Let's not play the Little Piggy game where your constituents will be crying "wee wee wee" all the way home. We must be the one that went to market in order to maintain a strong local economy.



Inter-Island Ferry

House Testimony

From: Suze Salm [suzeandrod@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:29 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Super Ferry

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While the Super Ferry was a potentially wonderful new mode of transport, the concessions made for it were absolutely wrong. There is no point in creating laws if they can be ignored. The laws requiring environmental impact statements and assessments were put on the books for a reason and were there after Matson and other shippers plied our waters, but before the Super Ferry was built. No further allowances should be given to the company until all of the proper environmental assessments have been done.

I am frustrated that Hawaii's reputation as "bad for business" continues to grow, this time with the help of the Lingle Administration and the State Legislature. By circumventing the law, they created this debacle.

Suze Salm

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TESTIMONY OF NAOMI KANNA
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OCTOBER 23, 2007

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007
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HB 1

RE: RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Good Morning chairs Souki, Nishimoto, Oshiro & Lee and members of the Committees on Transportation and Finance. I am Naomi Kanna, Hawaii Resident living in District 8 – Aina Haina.

I am writing **IN SUPPORT** of the Hawaii Superferry to be allowed to operate and provide inter-island ferry service between the islands of Oahu, Maui, Kauai and Hawaii while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. I feel that it is vital that we provide the residents with another alternative for transportation between the neighbor islands besides air transportation. Although I will most likely use it for leisure travel, many other residents will use the ferry for business purposes. For them, it is a matter of economics and we should not deprive them of the opportunity to conduct business on other islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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House Testimony

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From: PER TYRIN [mailto:ptyrin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for proposed "Superferry" service.

To: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATE OF HAWAII

From: Per R. Tyrin

Subject: Testimony for proposed "Superferry" Inter Island Service.

As a retired Seafarer(Chief Engineer), it is evident to me that Hawaii is overdue for alternate and upgraded mode of transportation between Honolulu and the Neighbor Islands. The Superferry Vessels appears to be ideally suited for such service with their unique hull configuration and speed to accommodate reasonable voyage underway time between ports.

As this is a new concept here, much uncertainty and worry appears to surface during public meetings, testimonies and in the media. Some of this would be understandable, but it appears that some special interest forces are afoot to prevent the ferry service to commence.

The added port loading caused by the Ferry at the outside Island ports may not be as significant as assumed by some groups. The turn around time for the ferry is much shorter than that of the other Users, such as Young Brothers, Matson and NCL. The cargo carried by the ferry is Roll-on, Roll-off vehicles and material and do not have to be pre-staged in the port facilities for any length of time. Passenger loading and unloading can be accomplished using method as the NCL vessels.

The underway voyage between ports is governed by US Coast Guard and the Ferry Captains have to obey by the US Coast Guard rules of the roads as well as adherence to traffic lanes and other special rules pertaining to enter and leaving Port. The vessel certification and licensing of crew is also under authority of US Coast Guard.

Possible encounters with migrating whales may be an issue that is better addressed with US Navy and US Coast Guard rather than the General Public. They have been operating high speed vessels between the islands equipped with sonar for several decades and may data available for review. Since the Coast Guard have not raised this issue, it may not be of

significant safety concern. It appears that the issue was brought to life by special interest groups as a tool to prevent the ferry operation to commence.

Annual dry-docking and repairs of the vessels will take them out of service for a period of time and the service will be disrupted. It would be good for the Superferry company to explain what will be provided during such periods and if vessels can be dry-docked at Pearl

Harbor or go to a West Coast port.

Like so many other new projects, the Ferry Service may work out great when it get started and the "bugs" worked out. Don't see any reason to be concerned.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bob Dewitz and I am the CEO of American Electric, a large electrical contractor serving all of the Islands. I strongly support all measures that will enable the SuperFerry to go into operation as soon as possible, and without excessive and costly restrictions that will detract from its value as an important new link in our inter-island maritime transport system.

Having this new means of transportation will allow us to perform work more cost effectively, which will help lower the cost of living on the neighbor islands. It will also be a great benefit to our union workers, who are sometimes temporarily assigned to neighbor island jobs and wish to have their vehicles with them.

Finally, as one who has sailed between the islands many times, I sincerely desire that our all important tourism industry will be able to offer our visitors this breathtaking means of seeing our islands from the sea.

Very Sincerely,

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WRITTEN ONLY

RE: HB 1 – Relating To Transportation

Good Morning Chairs Souki, and Oshiro and members of the House Committees on Transportation and Finance. My name is Bonnie Bedoya, I was born and raised on Kauai and now reside on Oahu.

I am writing to you in SUPPORT of the Hawaii Superferry operating while an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is done. The Superferry is “new technology” in these Hawaiian waters according to a Maui Judge. It is so new that I think it’s unfair to compare it to any vessel currently sailing in Hawaii or to assume that it will cause permanent damage to the environment. This is why I feel that an EIS be done while it operates so we have an idea on what it can and can’t do or should and shouldn’t do.

Having lived on Kauai, Big Island of Hawaii, and now Oahu, I feel that another transportation option for Hawaii residents is a good thing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

House Testimony

From: Jann Lau [jann@bnlh.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:22 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY

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PLEASE VOTE TO ALLOW THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY TO OPPORATE

WE AS A STATE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD AND TO ENCOURAGE
NEW BUSINESS TO EXPLORE THEIR POSSIBILITIES HERE.

WE CAN NOT AFFORD TO ALLOW AN IGNORANT, SELF SERVING
MINORITY TO DECIDE THE FATE OF NEW JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

OUR PLANETARY ENVIROMENTAL ISSUES ARE VERY IMPORTANT
AND NEED TO BE ADDRESSED, BUT NOT AT THE CLOSER OF A
SINGLED OUT BUSINESS.

PLEASE LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE AND CONSIDER YOUR DECISIONS
TODAY WILL IMPACT ALL OF OUR FUTURES.

YOU ARE OUR ELECTED LEADERS, SO DO IT!

Jann Lau
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House Testimony

From: Desiree Lee [DLee@chaneybrooks.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:25 PM
To: House Record
Subject: My family needs the SUPERFERRY!

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I SUPPORT THE SUPER FERRY.

I am a mother of a recently graduated High School athlete and I also served as Volunteer Fundraising Committee Chairman for numerous years and multiple sports at my children's high school as having two Student Athletes in the past eight years. The Super Ferry would be so economic not only for our communities and Isles but a huge benefit for our Athletics here in the Islands. My children's teams made numerous State Tournaments that were played on outer-Islands and vice versa for the Outer-Island teams when the events were held here on Oahu. Our Committee would work intensively anticipating the seasons progress to be sure we would have the finances say our teams would be blessed to be participating in the State Tournaments only to fall short, due to last minute travel arrangements and overall air/ground transportation costs to where the families would have to pay up a large chunk for our team and coaches. The money our families and schools athletic departments would save by the utilization of the SuperFerry. It would also expanse the exposure (collegiate recruitment) for our Student athletes from the outer-islands to participate in inter-island leagues by loading a bus and traveling inter-island by ferry to compete. (We have such talented athletes that should be receiving the BIG DI scholarships.) Our greatest cost for travel was ground transportation and additional luggage charges (piece count & excess weight) to transport all of the equipment required for an athletic team event by air. Now my recently graduated High School Athlete is a Collegiate Athlete at the University of Hawaii @ Hilo, and I've been so anxious awaiting the operation from Honolulu to Hawaii Island.

#1-Alternative Inter-Island travel for my family here on Oahu to proudly attend his Collegiate games in Hilo & Kona, where I could bring up our family pet that someone would normally need to stay back to tend too. #2-Inter-Island moving for my child between islands during summer session breaks. He could pack his truck and load on to the ferry to return for the summer and reload and drive on to return to College for his next year session. #3-My parents who has recently adopted 4 of my grand nieces & nephews who reside in Hilo, there biggest travel setback is traveling by air with 4 young children, with check in, baggage, security, etc., one of us here on Oahu needs to fly up to assist with her travel here to Oahu, where as to Grandma could pack her van, load up the kids, drive on to the ferry, kids won't be so restricted locked up in an airline seat and Grandma could enjoy the ride and the fresh Ocean air to come for doctors visits, and IMPORTANT family affairs with the added ease of traveling via the comfort of the "HAWAII" SUPERFERRY!

I do not see why such an issue. Have we not vaster issues these peoples should focus all their energies to? AUWE! LET & SET SAIL!

MY FAMILY NEEDS THE SUPER FERRY!

May God guide and bless us all! ALOHA!

Sincerely,

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House Testimony

From: Grif Frost [griffrost@vrhi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:16 PM
To: House Record
Subject: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance Thursday, October 25, 2007 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

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Aloha!

As the #1 business broker on Hawaii Island who works daily with business owners wanting to sell their businesses and business buyers from the mainland and around the world who want to buy businesses I can tell you that there is near 100% support among this group to allow the Superferry to begin operations while securing the EIS if required.

While protecting environmental assets is critical at the same time protecting economic assets is also critical...small business will be able to grow their businesses profitably by utilizing the increased transportation options offered by the Superferry.

Please find the correct balance between environmental and economic issues which will allow the Superferry to begin operations while securing the EIS if required.

With Aloha;

Grif Frost (S)

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:28 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

To: House Committee on Transportsation, Chairman Joe Souki

Aloha Chairman Souki,

My name is Sharon Pomroy. I am writting in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I live on Kaua'i. I am a farmer on 6 acres of Hawaiian Homestead land in Anahola on the eastside of Kaua'i. The Hawaii Superferry would benefit me greatly by allowing me to transport my crop(s) to market.

Thank you for your continued support of the Hawaii Superferry.
Sharon Pomroy P.O.Box 600 Anahola, HI. 96703. ph: 346-6725

House Testimony

From: Kauanoë at Home Is Hawaii [aloha@homeishawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:03 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I support the Superferry

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To whom this may concern:

I am in support of the Superferry's continued service between the islands. I was a passenger on the first Ferry ride to Nawiliwili and was appalled by the behavior of the Kauaians that met the ferry at the harbor.

The Superferry is good for the people of Hawaii; it's good for Hawaii. Let the Superferry operate while the EIS is being conducted.

Mahalo,

Kauanoë Maunakea-Coelho, Owner

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rona Adams and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend your meeting in person.

I feel that the Super Ferry can only be of benefit to the islands, not only for the tourists but for those of us that live in the islands. Many of us travel among the islands for either business, family matters or pleasure. We may need our cars or some more items than we can take on a plane. The super ferry would be ideal. Financially, it would be a benefit and you already know that. It would also be a blessing in the case of a natural disaster...You already know that also.

There are only a small majority of the population, the "activists" that are protesting. Many of them are totally unrealistic and object to change, any kind of change. They would like to see Hawaii return to the "kings" day when they could plant their taro and surf. However, I don't think they would really like to live like that without the modern conveniences that change has brought about.

This super ferry is a good thing, it doesn't need to endanger the whales or the turtles or the seals.... Please do your most to support it.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak out.

Rona F. Adams
Rona F. Adams
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House Testimony

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To: House Committee on Finance, Chairman Marcus Oshiro

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Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate during the EIS process.

Thank you for your continued support of the Hawaii Superferry.

Sharon Pomroy P.O.Box 600 Anahola, HI. 96703. ph: 346-6725

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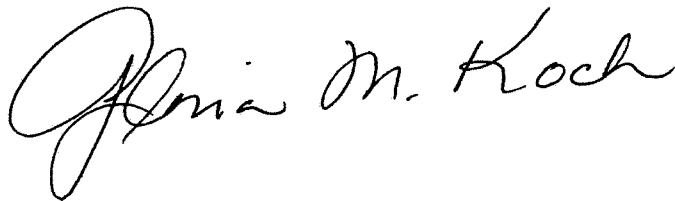
Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gloria M. Koch and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry because it is an excellent alternative to air transportation to the neighbor islands. I was looking forward to utilizing it for a mini-vacation with my mother and husband. We were greatly disappointed when it was ordered to stop operating. I believe it is a shame that Hawaii is blocking free commerce and enterprise and not listening to the majority of the people.

I strongly recommend that you support my request to have the Superferry operate while the required environmental issues are resolved.

Aloha.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gloria M. Koch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jason T. Okuhama and I strongly support the Hawai'i Superferry ("Superferry") and the special session of the Hawai'i State Legislature to find a solution allowing the Superferry to operate throughout Hawaiian waters while the Environmental Assessment is being conducted. I strongly believe that the Superferry's impact to our environment, sea life and port facilities will ***not*** be any greater than the cargo ships, cruise vessels, barges and other large vessels that operate in Hawaiian waters. And once the novelty of riding on the Superferry diminishes, there will be consistent but not overwhelming amount of passenger vehicles that will transverse the islands on a daily basis.

If the Superferry permanently leaves Hawai'i, I believe the biggest losers will be the commercial businesses that can utilize the on and off, same day ferry service that the Superferry provides which is not provided by the inter-island barge service. In numerous polls, the majority of people in Hawaii have voiced their opinion that we want an alternative inter-island transportation option namely the Superferry. We feel that the Superferry will bring many benefits to our state and it is the majority of people of Hawai'i who are the ones that will truly benefit.

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option, protect Hawaii's business climate and dispel Hawai'i's reputation as being an anti-business state.

Sincerely,

Jason T. Okuhama
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To the Hawaii Legislature:

You are proposing a blatant attack on democracy, and the constitutional principle of separation of powers. You seem to want to eliminate the function of the judicial branch in Hawaii, and just have legislative and executive branches of government.

Article 3, Section 1, of the Hawaii Constitution, which you all took an oath to uphold, says that the powers of the legislature must be consistent with the Constitution of the United States. The US Supreme Court ruled, in a case called Plaut v. Spendthrift Farm (514 US 211), that for a legislative body to overrule a final judgment of the highest court in the jurisdiction is a clear violation of the constitutional principle of separation of powers.

The final judgment of the Hawaii Supreme Court was not an injunction. It just said that the Superferry Company has to *proceed* under our main environmental law, HRS 343. That would set the project back, but would not enjoin it from eventually happening. All it takes to put the Superferry on hold for awhile is money.

The Maui court was forced to issue an injunction because Superferry Company refused to comply with the final decision of the Hawaii Supreme Court. Superferry Company refused to come up with the money to put the project on hold.

Pass this legislation, and the Superferry Company, along with the Dept. of Transportation, are just going to end up back in court, possibly for years. And, I believe the bottom line is that the courts will not let you get away with this. –Because this is America, and the Kingdom and State of Hawaii – not some communist bloc country back in the 50s.

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**Written version of oral testimony.
Hawaii State Senate Hearing, Maui
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To: House Record
Subject: Sup.port of Superferry

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I want to let you know I support the superferry.

Aloha,

Blake

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Pam Carey-Goo and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have been a nurse for 30 years. I find the superferry as an answer to a prayer for the state to have a way to quickly answer the call to a disaster such as a hurricane or a pandemic. Supplies and emergency personnel will be able to reach the island(s) needing the help by utilizing the ferry. After the many disasters on the Mainland where emergent help was hampered in arriving to help in a quick manner (relatively speaking), I am surprise we are not embracing and supporting the superferry being here. Civil service and DOH would at a drop of the hat be able to request the ferry to become an emergency transport.

The ferry would allow my family and other families to visit on neighbor islands bringing the family car and supplies. Contractors can more easily help with construction and renovation by bringing their own truck and equipment. I believe if the ferry has to leave the islands because they can not afford to stay and wait for the EIS, then we will have lost a valuable resource and an emergency support. The ferry is a transportation source and an emergency source that surprisingly has not been already established.

From all I have read, the ferry wants to be around to help and they take environmental concerns seriously. Many of the restrictions requested by the environmental group on the ferry seems obsessive and it seems to me it is being used as a way to cripple the industry.

Pam Carey-Goo

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House Testimony

From: Karl Spence [kdspence2@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:59 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Testimony

As a visitor to Kauai I strongly support operation of the Superferry. It is environmentally safe and offers an inexpensive alternative to air travel. It is also a convenient way to carry vehicles between the islands. If the Superferry is prohibited from running because of environmental objections it is curious that no one seems to object to cruise ships which have propellers, stir up the bottom and disturb marine life. Of course they provide tourism income which apparently is more important than environmental protection. I'm amazed that a small group objects to the Superferry which is far less of an environmental hazard than a cruise ship. Keep the ferries operating. I will look forward to traveling on them. Thanks for an opportunity to cast my vote for the Superferry. I will not be providing a Testimony in person. Karl D. Spence, 122 Colonial Estates Parkway, Clovis, NM 88101. 505-762-6313. Email - kdspence2@msn.com

House Testimony

From: Jana Holden [Jana@HoldenHospitalSupply.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:57 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jana Holden* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that Hawaii businesses and residents will greatly benefit by this transport system. It will improve local commerce, add variable means of travel to tourism, and what a better way for residents and visitors to explore or work in our islands than traveling by water. It's done the same way all over the world where crossing waterways is necessary. The rest of the world would not be allowing a negative impact on their environment by allowing similar type of vessels in their waters. Our government continues to cripple our islands with unnecessary protocol therefore prohibiting healthy and needed advancement and just pure and fair commerce. If this environmental law is forced upon Hawaii Superferry, it will have to be forced upon every activity that has any environmental impact on the Hawaiian Islands without exception.

We need to protect Hawaii's future by supporting the local businesses and community which feeds and nourishes our island population. I welcome the Hawaii Superferry and hope everyone else does as well. Those who do not support the Superferry do not have good will towards their community and our state.

Thank you,

Jana Holden

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House Testimony

From: RNSJrKnight@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:21 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert N Silva Jr and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry because of the things it can do to help me and my family member enjoy the other islands without having to pay so much. To be able to bring my own vehicle over makes things better. And I find it hard to comprehend how a few ignorant people can cause so much trouble and hardship for the employees of the Superferry.

Thank you for your time,

Robert N Silva Jr

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**From:** Michael Fricano II [monsieurgrand02@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:27 PM  
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**Subject:** Support for the Superferry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael Fricano II and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Hawaii Superferry is essential to our Hawaiian Islands. It provides an easier means of transportation for all types of companies, including farmers, construction, etc. The Hawaii Superferry is also great for our economy because it causes needed competition which ultimately can lower costs for the consumer (as we've seen with the airlines). Hawaii thrives on the tourism industry but locals also rely heavily on inter-island travel to visit friends and family and having the Hawaii Superferry creates variety and allows us to save money by driving our own vehicles between islands. Although, I believe the government made a terrible mistake by not allowing an EIS to be conducted prior to the opening of the Superferry, I also believe that if our government doesn't take this necessary action, we will lose something that is vital to Hawaii. Sometimes we have to make decisions that aren't accepted by all, but are beneficial to all. Make the right decision, save the Superferry.

Michael Fricano II



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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kimberly Weaver and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I own a small handmade soapmaking business here in Hawaii on Maui. I strongly believe that the Hawaii Superferry will help my business to grow and be successful. It will allow me to expand and sell my products through out all of Hawaii and not just Maui. I can load my vehicle with my products and drive aboard the ferry for the gift, craft and trade shows on Oahu. I've waited for several years, looking forward to the day the ferry would start service.

The ferry would also allow the me to spend more time with my brother and sister on Oahu, who moved away many years ago because Maui could not offer them the employment opportunities they needed. I have chosen to stay on Maui, but if I cannot make a living for myself and family, I'll be forced to sell my home and move to the mainland, away from my family and friends.

I have a dream, to be able to support my son as a single parent, pay my mortgage and have a successful business. I NEED the Superferry. I ask that you find solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

Mahalo,

Kimberly Weaver  
22 S. Laelua Pl.  
Paia, Maui, Hawaii 96779

October 23, 2007

To: The House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.. State Capitol Auditorium

We urge your support and passage of the bill to permit the Superferry to operate while an environmental impact statement is prepared.

We believe this is fair to all concerned and that the Superferry should not be singled out for special (negative) treatment or held to higher standards than other ocean going vessels.

Further, as an island state, everyone would benefit from having another transportation alternative.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Kathy Clarke [kathy@KathyClarkeHawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:35 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** I AM IN FAVOR OR THE SUPER FERRY

**Attachments:** kathy.vcf



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As a small business owner on BOTH the Big Island of Hawaii AND Maui, I WANT THE SUPER FERRY TO OPERATE. It provides huge savings in my operations between the islands. I also do business on Oahu and Kauai. I am an Event production company. I can put my props in my box truck, and ferry it to the island I am doing the event on and save a huge amount of money in labor, shipping and rentals. I am very upset that that a few detractors are setting the course for Hawaii. Please LISTEN to the BUSINESS COMMUNITY and not the vocal few.!!! All environmental concerns can be addressed and solved.

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