

Attention: House Committee on Transportation, and
House Committee on Finance
Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007
Time: 9 AM, House Auditorium, State Capital

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Chairs: Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David M. Reed and I strongly support the Hawaii SuperFerry.

My comments relate to who should become a part of the "commission" to oversee the SuperFerry during this interim period, as the environmental impact statements are prepared.

I think there should be two representatives from the Super Ferry:
One from top management The other from the staff who can provide information when needed.

I think there should be one member each of the State House from Maui and Kauai Islands.

I think there should be one member each of the State Senate from Maui and Kauai

I think there should be one member of the Executive Branch.
I think there should be one member of the Department of Transportation.

I think there should be one private citizen from Oahu
I think there should be one private citizen from Maui
I think there should be one private citizen from Kauai
I think there should be one private citizen from Hawaii
I think there should be one private citizen from Molokai

That is a total of 13 individuals.

None of them should be related to one another.

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Lois Miller

To: HouseRecord@Capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki- and Oshior:

My name is Lois Cassel Miller and I strongly support the Super Ferry. Please do what you can to get it running and quit letting the tail wag the dog,,,,,the vast majority of us want this,,,,



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House Testimony

From: Angela Mowinski
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Angela Linda Mowinski and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I do support the SuperFerry in every way.

I think of it as a great opportunity for more business in Hawaii. I don't see that the traffic would be any worse. It would be a pleasure to travel between Islands.

We have two to three cruise ships at one time in Kona and it would be nice to actually travel somewhere. The airlines have a monopoly in travel in Hawaii.

Give us a chance to have a choice of different travel.

Thank you.

Angela Linda Mowinski



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House Committee on Transportation
House Committee on Finance

Re: Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro;

With this letter I wish to inform you of my strong support for the Hawaii Superferry. This is a much needed addition to the State making it easier for residents, and tourists alike, to travel between the Islands, as well as bringing considerable and much needed revenue that would otherwise be lost. I am in full agreement that we need to protect our magnificent sacred waters and the sea life existing therein. After giving that issue careful consideration, I fail to see how the environment will be detrimentally impacted by the Superferry. This is, in my opinion, a win, win situation for the people and the State. Please consider my testimony when discussing this issue.

Respectfully,

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House Testimony

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am in support of the Super Ferry for many reasons some of which are - less reliance of Gas consuming air travel, ability to take kids on day field trips on a bus to the outer islands (I work in an environmental Non Profit that educates DOE kids), increased commerce between islands, big savings to do it now with Federal Funding available.

We need to get into this century. Hawaii and Kauai will grow no matter what and we need to put infra structure in place to support the growth or migration. In the Bay Area Marin county refused BART for very similar reasons to Kauai's opposition to the Ferry, now it is cost prohibitive to build and they regret their decision. Look to the future.

Respectfully submitted

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is George Cabanting and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the ferry will open up commerce between the Islands for individuals as well as Companies.

As a small business, I would welcome the ability to purchase items on Oahu and transport them back in my own car rather than pay shipping fees.

This would also allow both tourists and locals the ability to see the Islands by water rather than incur the costs of a cruise. It is unfortunate that the press shows irate locals and ignores the majority of people and businesses who support the ferry for the business possibilities. The State has already invested funds, employees have been laid off, due to a minority of people. I feel strongly that a compromise can be reached to allow service to start while still doing an impact study. I personally do not see the ferry causing any more impact than the cruise & cargo ships which are the lifeblood of the Hawaiian Islands.

Thank you.



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Written Testimony for: Hawaii State House of Representatives

House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

October 25, 2007 9:00 am, Capitol Auditorium

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

I am writing in Support of The Hawaii Superferry

Aloha Representatives,

Please support the operation of the Hawaii Superferry while the environmental studies are being done.

This vital service is not only wanted by a majority of the citizens of Hawaii, but desperately needed.

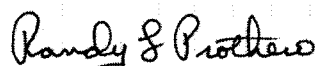
Besides providing the ability for our citizens to travel between the islands with vehicles, it will provide many of our businesses the ability to send equipment, trucks and agricultural goods back and forth.

Many local businesses have already made investments based on the expected start of the ferry service. They are out their investment. The employees and investors of the Hawaii Superferry are being hurt, when they played by the rules and did everything asked of them. In the end our state has already taken a huge hit on our reputation as being business unfriendly. We need to do the right thing and get them operating as soon as possible.

My last concern about the possible loss of the Hawaii Superferry is the needed emergency services it can provide. In time of emergency it can send needed emergency responders, equipment and supplies between the islands quickly. For those citizens who can not fly because of medical restrictions the Hawaii Superferry may be their only practical mode of transportation.

Please vote to get the Hawaii Superferry operating immediately.

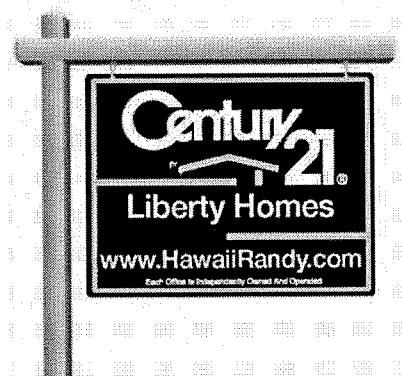
Mahalo in advance for your attention to this critical issue,



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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dan Abrahamsson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Superferry is an excellent means of transportation between the Hawaiian Islands. The Superferry is a friendly alternative that will enable families, relatives, and friends to meet each other more often and strengthen their relationships. It will also provide the tourism industry a new marketing perspective and an attractive alternative to air travel between the islands. This will create new tour products and an increase in the interest for tours to and within the Hawaiian Islands. The Superferry will also enable local entrepreneurs such as agricultures to provide other islands with fresh local products.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Randolph K. Botti and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

On behalf of the 225 members of the Hawaii Island Paddlesports Association, I would like express strong support for the Hawaii Superferry. The Hawaii Superferry will usher in a new era in transportation for Hawaii's people and will bring Hawaii into the modern age. I would strongly encourage passage of the HB1 Relating to Transportation.

Randolph (Randy) Botti
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert J Becka and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We are a state of islands in the middle of the Pacific. We are surrounded by water. Boats are made to go in the water. We need more mobility and choices to ensure a great future for our great state. Please do not tolerate illegal protests and do what it takes to get Superferry back in business. It is not about saving a business, it's about saving our state and our choices of transport.

Robert J Becka

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:
My name is Gary M. Bland and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.
I think that the Super Ferry will improve my transportation through out the islands.
What are you waiting for??

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:10 PM
Subject: Hawaii Superferry Hearing

Attention: Committee on Judiciary and Labor; Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Transportation & International Affairs, Senator
Kalani English, Chair
Committee on Energy & Environment, Senator Ron Menor, Chair

Aloha,

My name is Teri Leicher. My family owns and operates Jack's Diving Locker, which has 2 Retail Dive Stores, 5 Boats and 40 employees in Kailua Kona.

I could not testify in person as I am about to board a flight.

As a Business we have been actively involved in and dedicated to marine and environmental conservation for over 25 years. We have been recipients of the Living Reef Award, The Hero of the Year for the Environment award and others.

Because of this I was asked to volunteer my expertise to help the Superferry with potential community concerns. I was amazed to see how open to change and willing they were to work with the community on issues. They made major changes to mitigate potential problems.

I am very disappointed with what is currently happening with the Superferry. I feel that an environmental assessment is not a bad idea and should be done for the entire shipping industry...but not just the Superferry. We have cruise ships on an almost daily basis dumping muddy bilge water in our pristine Kailua Bay. The Superferry doesn't even have ballast or bilge water. The cruise ships dump sewage in the waters off of our shores. The Superferry uses the Honolulu sewer system.

As far as folks taking our fish, they can already do that using Young Brother's or Hawaiian Airlines. We need different laws to protect our resources.

The roads are already overcrowded with visitors and locals. I do not think the Superferry will have much of an impact there. During the blessing at Kawaihae there were over 2000 visitors to the harbor. Traffic was not a problem. The roads are due to be improved anyway.

Many local folks are eager to see the Superferry start so they can go to Honolulu to shop, take their race cars to the drag races, take their horses for a parade, take their canoes for the races, go surfing and many other activities.

I would recommend that the Superferry not be made a last minute "Scapegoat", but be allowed to run. At the same time the State of Hawaii should do an EA or an EIS for the entire shipping Industry. It's long over due.

Respectfully, Teri Leicher on behalf of Jack's Diving Locker and crew

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From: Art Kalahiki [artkala@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Art Kalahiki and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Having the Hawaii Superferry ensures that I will have the opportunity to travel with my family to the neighbor islands at a reasonable fare and most enjoyable experience.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is George Moyer and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I support Superferry for several reasons: first, Superferry provides transportation options to the people of Hawaii; the Superferry can be used to assist Neighbor Isles in the event of a natural disaster; the Superferry can be used by the military to support needed operational training exercises on Neighbor Isles; the Superferry offers the potential of more jobs in and around Superferry transit locations. Finally, I do **not** believe the Superferry poses a significant environmental hazard, but I do agree that they should be allowed to operate while undergoing an environmental assessment.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Willaim J Billock and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Super Ferry as I believe that competition keeps our transportation and shipping companies in check! Competition is good for Hawaii. Business is good for Hawaii. Let's send the message that Hawaii is GOOD FOR BUSINESS!



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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lenora K. Asuncion and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii needs more choices of inter-island travel. My son plays sports year round and the air fare & rental car prices are ridiculous. I would like to be able to take my whole family to support my son when he plays sports on the neighbor islands. We have cruise ships 5 times bigger than the super ferry coming in and out of Maui all the time. The super ferry would benefit the schools as well as the community sports in traveling to the neighbor islands to compete. IMUA SUPER FERRY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Ronald H Nading Jr]* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hello,

My name is Ron Nading, I am currently on duty in the US Navy and have lived here in Hawaii for the past 2 years. I believe that the Super Ferry is a good thing for Hawaii. Its good for business in all the Islands it exposes more people to the rich culture and diversity that the Islands offer. I know my family of 6 ito travel to the islands is expensive to fly then rent a vehicle and it has limited us to seeing the other Islands. Please reconsider and don't let the unlawful action of a few stop the economic growth that could make the island even better for everyone to enjoy. People do not like change, an example every time Walmart sets up a new store nobody wants it but guess what after about a year or less many business springs up, property value increases and nobody really cares anymore. People need to get beyond their closed minded thinking. It either is going to start now or it will happen in the future. You can't stop progress. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Ron Nading

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dolores Elms-Beattie and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Twenty years ago my Step-father Nathan Daniel proposed an inter island ferry system for the waters of Hawaii. He invested large sums of his own money to develop the "Super Outrigger". Sadly his idea failed to come to fruition, however if he was alive today, he would be pleased to see a similar, though different technology on the verge of fulfilling a dream he believed could make a difference for the people of Hawaii.

Sadly, a very vocal minority desires to see this needed system fail. They day the Superferry sails from Hawaii's waters for a foreign port and people that understand the benefits of a reliable ferry system airfares will rise, interisland barge freight charges will rise, and within a short period of time people will again be grumbling for an option.

Our best option is here, now. It's time for you, our representatives, to listen to the quiet majority who has dreamed of this day for many years. You have the ability to make efficient surface transportation between the islands, and the dreams of the majority of the people a reality. Don't fail us.

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House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sally Lloyd and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. We need alternate methods to travel interisland. The hurricanes we have experienced as well as the blackout tied to the earthquake show us how fragile our transportation system is.

Please keep the safety of all Hawaii's residents in the forefront of this issue.

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October 23, 2007

FOR THE RECORD
IN SUPPORT OF
THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY

To Whom It May Concern:

We, God's Country Waimanalo, submit this letter for the record in support of the Hawaii Superferry.

Mahalo for giving us the opportunity to show our support of the Hawaii Superferry.

God's Country Waimanalo respectfully asks the Committee to support the Hawaii Superferry.

Mahalo and God Bless,

H. Ilima Ramseyer
Director of Operations

House Testimony

From: David S. Porteus [dsporteus@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:17 PM
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Cc: David Porteus
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Hawaii needs the superferry to stimulate and sustain the economy, especially now.

David Porteus
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Sincerely,



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House Testimony

From: Jed Baricuatro [jedb@clearwire.net]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jedwin K. Barciuatro and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am submitting this testimony in lieu of a personal appearance of testimony.

I support the SuperFerry and the State of Hawaii in its effort to offer yet another convenient choice of travel between the islands. I believe the benefit and positives of the SuperFerry operation greatly outweigh the concerns of the so called "environmentalists" and island defenders who are against the "invasion" of people from the island of Oahu. I personally do not plan to cause any harm or achieve any gain from use of the SuperFerry. I support the operation of the SuperFerry 500%!

Thank you!

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

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

October 23, 2007

Re: HB1—Relating to Transportation

In Opposition

Laws protecting the environment are particularly important in Hawaii and should not be lightly overturned. This bill seeks to do just that.

If an EIS were completed before the Superferry is allowed to operate, and if it found no problem, then we could be assured that its design features would likely work as intended. Without the EIS, and with the exemptions this bill provides, there is no protection. And there is ample reason to be concerned.

- 1) Whale detection and avoidance appears to be badly flawed. The Superferry proposes to watch for whales with binoculars. **This clearly won't work in the dark**, in fog, or in heavy rain. If this bill is to be passed, it should require that the Superferry not operate under those conditions.
- 2) Neighbor island residents, including their county councils, have expressed concerns that will be ignored should this bill pass. Oahu residents may not care, but laws should not be passed because a majority wishes to stomp on the legitimate concerns of a minority.
- 3) Farmers have shown little interest in the ferry, and without facilities such as rental car agencies, toilets, and so forth, it is not certain that the ferry will attract enough passenger revenue to succeed.
- 4) The military uses of the ferry have not been adequately discussed and may have impact on all islands. The subfloor of the ferry has been reinforced beyond what is required for passenger cars and trucks. It's clear that military usage is intended and that the public is concerned.

If the Legislature seeks to overturn decisions of Hawaii's courts, there will be a separation of powers question raised which will likely lead to further litigation on constitutional grounds.

For these and other reasons, I recommend to the Chairs and to the Committees that this bill should not be passed.


Larry Geller

House Testimony

From: Margaret E. Murchie [MargaretM@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:07 PM
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Subject: Let the superferry sail

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100% for expediting the Superferry beginning business in Hawaii. Let's not make this a finger pointing, blame game and get on with the business of doing business here in Hawaii. I suspect that the competition is behind the vocal minority, who hate any type of progress or change. We are always chastised for not speaking out by Chamber of Commerce, etc. Hey, we are hard at work, striving to pay ever rising egregious taxes, medical and all other costs of doing business that never seem to end. Small business people need this to promote their wares from island to island. This is not the time to question the eis. There was nothing to stop our legislators then from asking then the questions they have now. Hopefully, the legislators will not try to promote their careers to the detriment of us all. Everyone had an opportunity to verbalize their feelings and that was a long time ago. The resolution was signed in 2004 and then would have been the time for the questions, not now! We taxpayers do not want to be stuck with the \$40 million bill for harbor improvements. We, too are environmentally conscientious but to single out on form of alternate transportation is ludicrous. Let's move into the 21st Century and get the Superferry sailing! Then fix Hawaii Supreme Court so that issues like this don't have to make us all look like idiots.

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Warm aloha,
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I have written today to support legislative action to let the superferry operate while a Enviromental Impact Statement is prepared.

One: I have been a professional boat captain with a Coast Guard 100 ton licence for ten yrs. I have spent 3000 days operating a boat between Kihei and Molokini Island and between Kihei and the Island of Lanai. The boat I operate commonly operates at 40 knots. Only five times has a whale surfaced when I had to take immediate evasive action to not hit it. This was in shallow waters between kihei and Lanai, not in deep water where the superferry will operate.

Two: The problems with traffic and invasive species are NOT the fault of the superferry. They are problems with the D.O.T.

Let the superferry operate and fix the D.O. T.

Thank you

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Testimony in Support of the Hawaii Superferry

Dear Representatives,

I attended the hearing that was held on Maui yesterday and found it quite distressing due to the often rude, inconsiderate behavior of the people opposed to the ferry. I spoke today to someone who I had seen at the hearing and he indicated that he had signed up to testify but left early on because he felt very intimidated by the crowd.

I hope you all realize when looking at the faces of the majority of the people who testify against the ferry on all three outer islands, that they are not a representative cross section of our population. Unfortunately many of us "locals" are either unable to take off in the afternoon on a moments notice, working two jobs, and/or are busy with our young families to come out to voice our opinion. Many of us by cultural upbringing are taught not to "make waves", particularly when there is controversy. This does not mean we don't have an opinion but rather we are not so bold and outspoken to want to speak in front of a crowd, particularly an unfriendly raucous crowd. By contrast, many that I heard speak love the sound of their voice and feel the need to constantly push their opinion on everyone.

One of the major points I wanted to make last night is that there is a lot of criticism claiming illegal actions by the governor, the DOT and the Superferry. There are accusations that they all colluded to break or by pass the law. If this is true then Judge Cardoza would have had to have been party to this manipulation. If the law was so obviously being broken by not doing an EIS then Judge Cardoza would have ruled in the plaintiff's favor two years ago. The fact that after listening to hours of testimony, he ruled in the State and the Superferry's favor says a lot. The way I understand it, it was the Hawaii Supreme Court's interpretation of the law that reversed everything. With this new interpretation of the law, Judge Cardoza had no choice but to change his ruling.

I hold Judge Cardoza to the highest regard and would never question his honesty and integrity. It seems clear to me that there are no "bad guys" or illegal actions here, after all if a judge told any one of you it was alright to go forth with your plan wouldn't you feel you had a legal right to do it?

Please don't play partisan politics with this issue, it is too important. Please do the right thing and allow the Superferry to continue operations while the state does an environmental review. Don't punish them for following the law when Judge Cardoza initially ruled in their favor.

With much Aloha,

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House Testimony

From: John S. Ritchie [johnsritchie@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:38 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robin Ritchie and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a teacher in Hawaii I see a real need for the Superferry as it will allow student sport and academic teams to travel interisland using school buses and vans. This will expedite each trip and the trip itself will be a learning experience.

As a private individual I will really appreciate the opportunity to travel with my own vehicle interisland. This will afford me the ability to shop on Oahu at stores not available on the Big island. I also love to travel by boat and would enjoy being able to sail to the other islands on a frequent basis.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message.

Robin Ritchie

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House Testimony

From: Henri [henri@hawaii.rr.com]
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It's a no brainer, we need more than one mode of transportation between the Islands. It's great for the residents, small businesses, and an alternative mode of transportation in case of emergencies. It is akin to the people of Waianae wishing for a second road to go to work or come home when their only road is shut down for some reason. It's seems amazing that when the members of the legislature are campaigning for our votes , they seem very intelligent and have common sense, but the minute they are voted into office they loose all common sense and are not able to properly serve the people who put them in office. Why is that? Just do it, why do they have to be dragging their feet on this. Now, here we have a small minority group of people (who seem to have mainland roots) passing as activists, proclaiming the spread of invasive species and such. The big Island has coqui frogs, banana bunji etc, we have our own frogs here in Kaneohe, Kauai has their Marijuana growers, (really, I thought they were pristine!) Maui has their growing pains, none of which came on the Superferry. All these so called activists are nothing but carpet baggers. If they don't like the progress, they should pack up and go back to where they came from, they have overstayed their welcome. Our legislature is made up of locals who have apparently forgotten about the silent majority of Hawaii. We expect our elected officials to do right by us. Now get off your butts and do it, before Hawaii suffers another black eye..and another business goes down the tubes!

Sincerely, Lowell Carreiro
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Susan L. Bradford
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October 23, 2007

Dear Senate,

I am very dismayed by the Senate's attempt to overturn both the Supreme Court ruling and Judge Cardoza's decision. It will strip our islands of the protections that we have through state environmental review law.

For two years, the Governor, the legislature and the Superferry people have been alerted that by-passing environmental laws is NOT acceptable. Hawaii is too precious to railroad this through with:

- a. No specific protections for marine animals
- b. No specific safeguards to protect each island from invasive species
- c. No provision to mitigate traffic and harbor congestion
- d. No protection of residents from inter-island crime and drug shipments
- e. No protections for the outer islands from the thefts of natural and cultural resources.
- f. No regard for the Environmental Protections Act
- g. No ability by the individual counties to regulate the Superferry

I am not opposed to ferries. I have taken many wonderful ferry rides in various places. But to thoughtlessly railroad this through without honoring laws that have been established to protect our fragile environment and all the reasons above, I am opposed to allowing the ferry to operate until an EIS has been completed and mitigation of any potential concerns is in place.

The Senate bill adds insult to injury by passing the buck of enforcement to the Governor, knowing full well that she has no interest in complying with our laws. What an obvious sham on your part!

Please stand up and be counted for looking at the long range protection of all aspects of our island. VOTE NO on allowing the Superferry to run without the above.

I am against allowing it to sail without the EIS. Minimum conditions would be NO CARS, low speed and the other conditions offered. But, just a pretty list of conditions does nothing without enforcement. And, NOT by the Governor who has already proven her disregard for these measures.

By the way, I was called in the poll. I was asked whether I supported the Superferry. I said I supported having a ferry but ONLY after an EIS etc was done. She marked me down as in support of the Superferry! That isn't what I said. Polls can be skewed in any direction and evidently there was no room in that poll for a thoughtful answer.

Please act to protect our precious islands.

Aloha,
Susan Bradford

To: HouseRecord@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Subject: I suport the Super Ferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [Donna L Malano] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My husband & I were so looking forward to the arrival of the Super Ferry. He & I are both from Maui and now live here on Oahu because of his job with the military. We were both born & raised on Maui, in fact I am part of the fifth generation of portugese immigrants.

For obvious reasons, we want the Super Ferry to run, we would love to visit our families and friends as do many others. Maui is and will always be home, for now we reside on Oahu.

Imagine if you would, if an EIS statement had been needed way back in the 1890's none of us would be here arguing about this now. But the fact of the matter is, we are all here, brought over by huge ships from all over this great big world to this melting pot called "Hawaii" and the seas and oceans have survived our passages, but will our ALOHA survive?

Sincerely,

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House Testimony

From: Clyde @fffhawaii [clyde@fffhawaii.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Clyde Tobias, and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

Supper ferry will develop a great business venture between the local, visitor and business operator here in the state of Hawaii, Might lower Young Brother rate or there so excuse's why rates should be raised, just look how GO Airlines has impacted rates between inter islands, and I don't recall ever seeing a EIS asked for, look at the economy cruise liner are generating between these shores, we have local cruise liner, international and other domestic cruise liner entering our harbor with NO EIS required of them, I sure there doing some kind of raw sewage dumping with Hawaii State boundary, But do we have an EIS, requirement for those vessel's, Think about it, look what this Super Ferry can do for us, you, me and the economy.

If a Temporary Task Force is needed to be established, than so be it, Whale season won't begin for another 2 - 3 months, but than EIS should be done, if we allow the Super Ferry to establish some kind of revenue for now, and have your Task Force monitor all activities, at lease we as a state can keep them afloat and support them, look at the millions Super Ferry has committed to this project and the state of Hawaii, now look at what we are doing to this company, and what are we telling the rest of the WORLD. Hey come and invest in Hawaii, so we can ----- in the ----- . So in closing, please do the right thing be Supporting the Super Ferry, Keep them afloat, Establishes a temporary Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jo-Anne Braden and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Superferry has followed the procedures adequately and ethically to earn their right to do business in Hawaii. It appears that other similar methods of transportation had the same potential of coastal damage yet operate daily. Please regard this as my testimony to allow the Superferry to operate in Hawaii.

Jo-Anne Braden
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House Testimony

From: liz ronaldson [growinggreens@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:00 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha Senators:

Regarding the SUPERFERRY: your decisions will determine whether the service will continue or not, as a farmer looking to the future, the SUPERFERRY is not only a viable form of transportation, but a necessary alternative to Young Bros. If we are truly concerned with Homeland Security it will have to begin with the production of foodstuff. As you all know 90% of our food comes from foreign sources; which if the cost of energy continues to rise, and I presume it will, the impact of the cost of living for all of us will continue to escalate and the greatest impact will be on the poor. Agriculture is not a panacea for all our economic problems, but it can dramatically cut down on our outside dependency and all the negative side affects such as, invasive species and disease that come with the importation of food and other commodities. The farmer, in order to stay solvent and still grow low cost fruits and vegetables will have to EXPORT. Some form of specialty crops like the Kona Coffee or other high end value added niche products make farming attractive as a business and will be the key. Again, EXPORT is the key and that is where the SUPERFERRY will be most beneficial. Getting the product to market, getting the product to the distribution centers and getting the product to the processing plants is of utmost importance. Our present interisland transportation is not the answer, the SUPERFERRY is and we need a flexible and viable form of transportation for our farmers and farm products.

Aloha,
William and Liz Ronaldson
Kauai

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RE: *Superferry Hearing Testimony*: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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

Please submit testimony from Karin and Zachary Phaneuf in favor of the proposed legislation to allow the Superferry to sail to and from Maui while the Environmental Assessment is completed. We feel that our state should be allowed the benefits other states enjoy and that the *majority of voters in our state want this vessel to be permitted to operate in the Islands.*

Since last Wednesday I have met 4 people who were “displaced” off of the cruise ship on Maui. These people have all settled on Maui and one of them had two family members join her from the Mainland. These people are from Kentucky, Texas, France and Colorado. If I have met 4 this week – imagine the others who have been dumped off on Oahu and Kauai! To me – this is the epitome of “Invasive Species” and should be included in the EIS that you require the Cruise Ships to perform! *Stop picking on the Superferry, a service vessel in the islands for Hawaii residents – not tourists!*

The Superferry is performing a valuable service to the “regular people” of Maui and we deserve to have access to this method of transportation. Please hear the voices around you and give “regular folks” a chance to visit inter-island destinations without having to fly. Regular folks include disabled travelers, people who do not fly, animal lovers, rodeo participants who need horses and gear, special van drivers/users, families with children, service dog owners, sports teams and more. Please help the people who reside in the islands and stop focusing on only offering services for tourists.

Sincerely,

Karin & Zachary Phaneuf
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

House Testimony

From: Kupaakani [kupaakani@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:27 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Support for the Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Constance M. M. Williams and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in full support of the Hawaii Superferry. I have lived & worked in Hawaii for over 15 years. While I realize that does not make me an expert on Hawaii, I have immersed myself in Hawaiiana. I understand the fears & concerns of the people of Hawaii. However, I saw the faces of the kupuna @ my church, who for the 1st time in many years, would have the opportunity to visit their family & the places where they grew up. Because they fear flying or cannot be accommodated on flights because of physical limitations, the Superferry was an answer to their prayers!

The Superferry is an opportunity to take jobs to little towns on the Big Island, Maui, & Kauia. Money can be earned, rather than forcing people to live off of government stipends. Produce & other goods can be transported through an alternative means. Ohana can travel together!

Please consider allowing the Superferry to operate in these islands.

Constance M. M .Williams

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Scott J. Innes and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. As a small business owner on Maui, I urgently request that you support legislation that gives the Superferry authorization to operate, without undue restrictions that make the operation unfeasible, while an environmental impact statement is prepared. This is important for our state and our economy. It will be a new transportation option which will allow new industries and promote economic diversity and prosperity. This is crucial to the long term sustainability of our islands.

There are numerous other reasons that the Hawaii Superferry should operate, including giving us an alternative inter-island travel option. If the current court cases end up shutting down GO! Airlines and we go back to the air fares are \$80-\$100 each way then we need to have a different option. Please consider this important issue.

Give Hawaii the option and infrastructure to help our long term sustainability.

Aloha,



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October 22, 2007

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL RELATING TO HAWAII SUPERFERRY (HSF)

I am strongly opposed to this bill, but since it appears that the Legislature is intent on passing it regardless, I would like to suggest some amendments to it, which would allay some of my concerns:

Conditions of Operation

1. The conditions and protocols to mitigate any significant environmental effects of the ferry operation should be imposed by the Legislature rather than the Governor, given her track record on environmental protection regarding this issue. The Legislature should also be the body to require DOA inspectors and DOCARE enforcement personnel on each inter-island voyage. You could always allow the Governor to impose conditions and protocols she deems necessary, in addition to those imposed by the Legislature, by executive order.
2. The conditions I would like to see are the same as those offered by Maui Tomorrow Inc. on October 18 and rejected by the Legislature in their entirety. I believe the least contentious conditions are #3, 4, 12, 13, 16, 18 & 20, and should be given your full consideration. The next least contentious conditions are #5-10, and should also be considered.
3. Condition #3 should be amended to include turtles.
4. Condition #4 should be amended to include turtles and any other species listed as endangered or threatened in Hawaii or Federal statutes.
5. A condition should be added that there shall be two qualified DOCARE inspectors present and participating in natural resource inspections at all times of embarkation and disembarkation at each port. The DOCARE inspectors shall supervise all HSF screeners.
6. A condition should be added that the DOT, in conjunction with the Governor, the Legislature, and the DLNR shall forthwith allocate positions and funds for the additional DOCARE positions necessary to staff the inspection personnel set forth in the above paragraph.
7. A condition should be added that no ferry operations take place after sunset.
8. A condition should be added to mitigate the traffic impacts caused by the ferry, similar to what the other judge (not Cardoza) required on Maui.

Temporary Hawaii Inter-Island Ferry Oversight Task Force

1. The Task Force should not include the following members:

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- a. The Director of Transportation – I don't think it appropriate to include the individual whose actions are being studied.
 - b. The Director of Business, Economic Development & Tourism – I don't understand the logic in including this individual.
 - c. The Attorney General - – I don't understand the logic in including this individual. Furthermore, he is too closely associated with defending the DOT in exempting the ferry from the environmental review process.
 - d. The president of the ferry company –I don't think it appropriate to include the individual whose company's operations are being examined.
2. The Task Force members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House should be appointed by someone else, possibly the Vice-Speaker, given the Speaker's conflict of interest caused by his son's employment by HSF.
 3. The monthly reports should include any adverse environmental impacts possibly caused by the operation of the ferry and any mitigation measures proposed to deter or minimize such impacts.

To close, I would like to quote from an editorial in last Monday's Honolulu Advertiser by Larry Lee, since he seems to express my thoughts in this area better than myself:

If each time the majority feels justified to change the law to suit its purposes and wishes, we are reduced to a nation of men, not of law. The law then ceases to protect the minority. (I believe this is called 'tyranny of the majority.")

The environmental laws, locally and nationally, were not enacted to merely be an inconvenience. They are intended to address very important needs and to cure serious problems that will affect us, in the long run, much more than the success or failure of the Superferry.

Holding a special session now to change the law to accommodate the Superferry would be potentially more harmful than beneficial. Once a precedent of changing the law on the spur of the moment merely to accommodate a popular cause or business has begun, it becomes easier to do each subsequent time.

We often complain that our system is too slow to get anything done. Yet the framers of our government deliberately fashioned a system of checks and balances with the executive, legislative and judicial branches. Even the Legislature, with its bicameral system, is designed to promote slow and deliberate decisions. Wisdom should control, not emotions and transitory feelings of urgency. Each branch of government should respect the other and not try to blatantly circumvent each other.

If the Superferry can work things out and operate profitably within the requirements of our environmental law, then we all benefit. If it can't, someday there will be a ferry or other mode of transportation that can.

House Testimony

From: John Dwyer [JDwyer@dwyerlaw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:27 AM
To: Govt
Subject: Superferry

To Senate Committees: (1) Judiciary and Labor, (2) Transportation and International Affairs, and (3) Energy and Environment

I strongly support any Bill that will allow the Superferry to conduct ferry service between and among our Islands. Our Government should not allow a small group of activists to stop this tremendous possibility for all of us on Oahu, and undoubtedly the outer islands as well. The ability of Oahu residents to visit outer islands should be made available to all, not just those who can afford to rent a car.

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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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is BONIFACIO M. MISOLA and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We badly need the superferry as an alternative transportation in Hawaii. I have lived in Hawaii for the last 27 years and this superferry makes it easy for everybody to visit the other islands. Superferry must operate while the environmental study is being done. It's really unfair for the few rich Kauai and Maui residents to oppose the superferry while letting Matson, Young's Bros., and all the interisland airlines get away with murder regarding the rules. Their demands are really outrageous and demonstrate their hidden, personal agenda on issues. Watch the few boisterous demonstrators on TV and they DO NOT represent the majority. Please listen to us, the silent majority. Pay attention to the survey where the majority of Hawaii residents are in favor of superferry.

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

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007 TIME: 9:00am
PLACE: Auditorium
Please distribute copies to the House members. Mahalo.

FROM: Jeffrey Parker
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007
Committee On Transportation
Committee On Finance

MY POSITION: The Court's decision to require an
E/AEIS of the HDOT Harbor projects PRIOR to the startup of the
Superferry must be allowed to stand. Please do not pass any
special laws to benefit this one out-of-state startup corporation. If
you must pass this ill-conceived bill, at least please include the 29
conditions proposed by the Maui Plaintiff groups (which are based
on court testimony during the recent trial.)

To:
All House of Representatives Members
And Committees: Transportation and Finance

10-23-07

From:
Jeffrey Parker
President, Tropical Orchid Farm, Inc.
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Subject: **Opposing un-numbered Draft House Bill relating to transportation
(Superferry).**

Dear House Member,

My name is Jeffrey Parker, owner and operator of Tropical Orchid Farm, Inc. I am a member of the Maui County Farm Bureau. I have lived on Maui for 37 years and I am celebrating the 30th successful year of my business.

I was present at the first public forum on Maui regarding the Superferry which was the PUC Hearing in November 2004. At that hearing 50 out of 51 testifiers begged the PUC to exercise their power to require an Environmental Assessment for the Superferry project. 3 years later, we now have a unanimous Supreme Court ruling and a Circuit Court ruling that the exemption from HEPA granted by the DOT was improper.

But now this disingenuous House Bill threatens to undo all the progress that has been made over the last 3 years. The bill is so full of misinformation that its origin must be extremely suspicious to all of you. This Bill must be rejected by any of you who still have respect for our State's laws and for the well-being of the environment.

It is easy to understand some of what has been going on here: Surely all Legislators have been paying attention to the **Bush Administration's assault** on the nation's environmental laws – his administration has worked overtime to reverse or weaken many of those laws. Linda Lingle is a Bush ally – a crony of Bush. And the true owner of the Superferry, J.F. Lehman is a Bush Neo-con, a close ally of Bush representing the Military Industrial Complex - and an architect of the Iraq War.

So, it all makes sense: a Republican governor and Bush ally decides to attack and weaken Hawaii Environmental Policy Act.

What I don't understand is why any Democrat would support weakening our law.

In the beginning of the Draft House Bill, references are made to the Superferry being a great thing for farmers on the outer islands. I was shocked by the twisting of reality. Who inserted this into the bill?

The only farmer that the Superferry could get to come as their witness in the Circuit Court hearing admitted several things under cross-examination:

1. That there would be no impact to his farming operation if the ferry were not allowed to run during the EA preparation period.
2. That the scheduled arrival and departure times do not really work for Maui farmers: the ferry arrives too late on Oahu to make the morning vegetable markets – and then the driver of the truck would have to spend the night on Oahu in order to return to Maui the next day.
3. That refrigerated shipping is available currently (without the Superferry).

On Page 3 of the Draft Bill is stated "Operations of a large capacity ferry vessel company would foster diversified agriculture, helping the State of Hawaii to meet one of its constitutional mandates." Where is the proof of this? Once again, who is the supposed expert on agriculture who inserted this into the Draft?

As a farmer for 31 years I can tell you that what would actually help protect and foster farming is to allow the EA/EIS process to be completed prior to the startup of

the Superferry. So that the real threats to agriculture can be studied – for instance the threat of the Tiny Fire Ant – which is known to travel in automobiles – and which is already impacting agriculture on the Big Island (farm workers refuse to enter infested fields to harvest crops).

Regarding Section 13 of the Draft Bill (calling for an audit of the Lingle Administrations' actions in granting the exemption for the Superferry). I understand that the Governor wants this section taken out before she will call the Special Session. Don't you dare take that out! That is the only good part of this charade bill.

Much lip service has been paid to the idea that we have to get past the divisions in our community caused by the Superferry issue – the need to begin the healing process, etc. If you gut our court decisions. If you ignore, in the words of Judge Cordoza “the likelihood of irreparable harm to our environment – the so-called healing process will NEVER begin.

The core of HRS Chapter 343 is injunctive relief. It simply is not possible to conduct a fair study of a project's impacts while a project goes forward. For example, how do you deal with study of the “No Action Alternative” if the action is already underway?

And finally I want to make sure that all of you saw Superferry Board member Tig Krekel's statement in the New York Times article – **that the real plan is to have 5 vessels – with 4 voyages a day to each of the outer islands.**

So, if you pass a special law for the Superferry – you really will be exempting up to 5 vessels..... with 5 times the impacts to the environment.

I am opposed to any new law to exempt a single startup up corporation from Hawaii's environmental law. At the very least any attempt to do this will be completely corrupt unless it contains many of the 29 conditions proposed by the Plaintiff groups.

The idea that the Legislature will act – and then leave it up to Lingle to put in the safeguards to protect the environment - is a complete travesty. Lingle cannot be trusted and will only look out for the interests of the Bush business allies.

I urge you to soundly reject this absurd un-numbered House Bill – or at the very least insert many of the 29 protection conditions suggested by the Maui Plaintiffs groups.

Thanks and aloha

Jeffrey Parker

House Testimony

From: Joanne [joanne@harbormall.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:45 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joanne Allen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My family and I live on Kauai. The Superferry is a great alternative to flying and renting a car on another island. It will be cheaper for us to take our car on the Superferry than to rent a car big enough for the six of us. We plan on using the Superferry often, in fact, we were at the pier waiting to board the Superferry the night it was turned away by the protestors. It will also be cheaper for our church, sports and school groups to take trips to another island when we can take our own transportation with us. The savings will greatly benefit these community groups and will enable us to enrich the lives of our children by providing a wider variety of life experiences.

I am also involved in two businesses that will benefit from the Superferry. For one business, it will be more feasible to take on a job on another island when we can take our truck with all our tools loaded up and ready to go. The other business will benefit from the dollars spent by the additional people that the Superferry will bring. In both cases, many families will benefit by the increased money brought to Kauai.

If the Superferry has to wait for the EIS to be completed, I fear it will never get to run. I know of a case in Arizona where the EIS process was dragged out for years. The environmentalists kept taking it back to court claiming the study was not good enough. Those opposing the Hawaii Superferry will continue to prolong the process until the Superferry is forced into bankruptcy. Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate prior to the EIS completion.

Sincerely,

Joanne Allen

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Attn: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
Re: HB1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION
Auditorium, State Capitol, 9:00 a.m., Thursday, October 25, 2007

Aloha, Chairmen Souki and Oshiro:

As president of Moku O Hawaii Outrigger Canoe Racing Association and on behalf of its 15 member clubs and 1,835 paddling members here on the "Big Island" I strongly support the effort to allow the Superferry to operate unimpeded by further requirements, pending the completion of the EIR. As I read the press, the e-mail and the blogs, the opponents of the Superferry predicate their opposition on four main issues:

1. The spread of invasive species: the damage that the Superferry would do pales into insignificance compared to the potential damage daily created by existing modes of transport. For example: Matson Navigation Company departs Oakland, CA for and arrives in Hawaii four times each week; it's ships depart Portland, OR and arrive in Hawaii one day each week; it's ships depart Seattle, WA and arrive in Hawaii one day each week, and it's ships depart the Long Beach/LA Harbor and arrive in Hawaii two days each week. These ships also go to and dock at each of the main islands on a regular schedule to deliver their freight. One of these ships also travel to Shanghai, China, Nimbo, China, Guam, Yap, Palau, most of Micronesia and to the Marshall Islands and returns to dock in Hawaii. I brought a car here to the Big Island that had traveled over most of Europe, then across the United States, then all around Southern California, and the only inspection Matson did was to inventory any scratches or dents in order to avoid damage arguments and to ensure that I had only a quarter tank of gas, or less. Young Bros. visits all islands twice each week, except Lanai and Molokai, which it visits once each week, and it has twelve scheduled visits to Honolulu. Cruise ships arrive at anchor here in Kailua Bay two to three times each week and actually dock at the other main islands. The major foreign and domestic airlines arrive here from countries all over the Pacific Rim, from many places in the U.S., and some planes are also used on the transatlantic routes. Many privately owned boats of every description travel daily among the main islands.

Therefore, whatever invasive species that the Superferry might transport is comparatively insignificant. It doesn't do to argue that one more carrier with any amount of foreign species is too many. The real answer to that kind of argument is to require cleaning and inspecting of all of the above carriers.

2. As to damage to Hawaiian culture, I have read nothing specific from anyone, but as I have lived here only 21 years and am not of Hawaiian descent, I will not respond.
3. Will create excessive traffic. This is a zero sum matter. The measurers proposed by the Superferry would appear to diminish this possibility substantially, particularly where the vehicles disembark, and I am sure that each County can easily remedy whatever problem that may arise.
4. Will harm the whales. I am not an expert, nor am I informed beyond what the proponents and the opponents have to say, most of which seems to be speculation, so I will leave that to someone else.

Finally, we need to point out that regardless of the validity, or lack thereof, of the various expressed concerns, the Superferry will be a net benefit to the people of Hawaii for all the reasons that you have heretofore heard and read. In this connection, I need also to point out that, as President of Moku O Hawaii Outrigger Canoe Racing Association, the island-wide canoe racing association, and Vice President of Kai 'Opua Canoe Club, our young people will benefit by enabling them to transport their Koa canoes to races and events on the other islands, a need that is currently being denied due to the cost (over \$1,600.00 round trip). Hawaiian outrigger canoe racing is the State's team sport, and its fulfillment is significantly being denied because of the cost of transport. Thank you for considering our views.

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House Testimony

From: keatinge001@hawaii.rr.com
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Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of the Superferry

Importance: Low

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

My name is Edward N. Keating, a resident of Mililani Town on O'ahu, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I will be unable to submit comments in person.

The Hawaii Superferry will greatly benefit the local residents of this wonderful state. An alternative to air travel has been needed for years. Local residents should be able to travel and enjoy other Islands with the option of using their own vehicles. Tourists will continue to travel to outer Islands via air using rental vehicles since they are typically on schedules and do not have personally owned vehicles here. I don't see how the Superferry would damage the environment; cruise and cargo shipping have been the norm for years.

I believe the Kauai and Maui residents objecting to the Superferry are using the environmental issue as a "smoke screen" to protect what they feel is an imposition on their way of life. The numbers of residents supporting the Superferry far outnumber those opposing it. Those objecting to this service have inflamed the State with an "us and them" philosophy. The state of Hawaii is diverse in people, cultures and Islands...but we are all tax paying residents of this beautiful place. Inter-Island travel for residents should be made as easy as possible. Please permit the Superferry to begin service to Kauai and Maui while the environmental impact statement is conducted. If significant environmental issues are discovered, permit the Superferry to address them.

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October 25, 2007

Representative Joe Souki, Chair
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Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Committee on Finance
State Capitol Auditorium
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Chair Souki, Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committees on Transportation and Finance:

The Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii) expresses its strong support for the Hawaii Superferry as an alternative means of transportation between our islands for individuals and businesses. Small and medium sized businesses can benefit from expanded opportunities for their goods and services on other islands.

The Hawaii Superferry offers a choice in travel modes and another way of shipping supplies between islands. Many of our contractors conduct business on neighbor islands and would benefit from the option of transporting their workers and cars to the job sites on neighbor islands.

BIA-Hawaii's support of the Hawaii Superferry is offered with due respect to the Legislature's ultimate decision on the requirements of the legislation.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary K. Flood
President Elect
BIA-Hawaii

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael Kohn.

It is unfortunate that many who oppose the Hawaii Superferry associate with it further residential and commercial development. It is no secret that land developers have successfully argued for decades, that agriculture lands that are not being used should be made available for construction. This trend will continue unless agriculture lands are indeed being used to grow crops.

Today, thousands of acres of agriculture land are not being used in our islands. To turn them into profitable farms, growers and shippers need access to markets. Access has to be fast, reliable, frequent and quality preserving. Hawaii agriculture can not compete on cost in world markets and not even here in Hawaii. It can only compete on quality and reliability. The Hawaii Superferry could contribute to a sound logistical infrastructure that is so essential to help Hawaii agriculture grow in our island state.

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Kohn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Honolulu, Oct 24, 2002

House Testimony

From: Polly Cosson [pc@masonarch.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Superferry support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Polly Jennifer Cosson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am writing in support of the proposed bill to allow inter-island Super Ferry service while an Environmental Impact Statement is undertaken.

My reasons:

1.

1. My mom had a job with the superferry as a steward - she was subsequently furloughed, but is now working as part of their interim, part time skeleton crew until the fate of the Super ferry is determined. My mom needs and wants this job!!!

2. 2. This bill would respect the EIS process (albeit in a somewhat unconventional approach that probably shouldn't be repeated)

3. 3. I want the Super Ferry for my own use! I would love to be able to take my car and gear to an outer island to go camping, or even take my scooter there!

4. 4. The Super Ferry company should not be held accountable for the under-the-table-dealings of the DOT. The DOT made the mistake of being so brazen as to think they could disregard NEPA/the EIS process. The Super Ferry company should not be held financially liable for this pathetic, Hawaiian-kine back door politic-ing.

5. 5. This is baaaaaad for Hawaii's business climate. If Hawaii's economic development bureau, or whatever its called, posted signs saying "Mainland Companies, Don't Come to Hawaii to Do Business, Don't Bring Any Good Ideas Here, Because We Will Just Shut You Down", they couldn't have been more effective in raising a red warning flag to businesses considering coming here.

6. 6. Did I mention my mom needs this job??

Please consider getting this bill signed into law.

Aloha,