

## House Testimony

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**Subject:** (no subject)

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gayle E. Green*, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*There are several reasons to keep the Superferry in the Islands.*

- 1) This is one of the most beautiful ways to show kamaina's as well as visitors our islands, not only on land but on the sea.*
- 2) The Superferry brings to our islands an alternative transport to those who are afraid to fly, and mind you there are many who would never leave the island due to fear of flight. How very sad that many kamaina's have never left their place of residence on the island (any island). However, if they have the choice to venture on sea, many would chose the sea verses the airlines. Please open this opportunity for them.*
- 3) The Superferry is not a means to destroy, but a way to improve our transportation system. How wonderful to be so close to improvement in the transportation system within islands.*
- 4) One island is not the State of Hawaii, but all islands, so all people that pay taxes in the State of Hawaii, should be allowed to travel to a from any island, not only by air, but by sea! The Superferry offers this option.*
- 5) Whenever there is a need for help (this could be many things but an example, is in the plan for bioterrorism), where the Superferry could be of great support. Imagine the many uses to help all the islands in case of emergencies.*

Lets all think proactively! As there are many positives and negatives to everything, so let's work it out to keep the Superferry in Hawaii.

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**To:** House Record; House Testimony  
**Subject:** PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SUPERFERRY

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From: m\_corba@hotmail.com  
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Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT SUPERFERRY  
Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 09:03:39 -1000

Aloha,

I am business owner/building contractor/ & 35 yr. resident from Maui and didn't go to the meeting Monday to STRONGLY SUPPORT the ferry and do battle with all the "MALCONTENTS" nor can I come to Oahu on short notice this time. Most people here think and want our island to be 'NEIGHBORLY". I don't know why some people on Maui can't be neighborly or show the Aloha Spirit? The folks voicing there concerns opposing superferry aren't very smart or represent the majority of residents or tourists that come.

- 1) If Oahu folks come visit via air...don't they rent cars? No more cars vs. people because of superferry
- 2) Everybody knows, even Gov. Lingle, that the owner of Pacific Whale Foundation just bought a bunch of boats and would feel his livelihood threatened when superferry runs thru his territory to the Big Island. Thus the lawsuit. He makes a business out of aiming his boats straight at the whales to disturb them while they're calving, then cutting the engines...calling it legal. Some businesses here even take tourists to swim with the whales, NAKED!! Something highly illegal. Who is the invasive species? Is it HUMANS? I don't see protesters up in arms about that. Greg Kaufman is an intelligent business owner operating under the guise of a tax shelter foundation. He is also the only one to do a subdivision/gated community at Makena Beach and no one protested that. Attorney Issac Hall makes money whether he wins or loses, probably more if he loses, because he can charge more to continue in a higher court.
- 3) Since when does a business need public support to open shop? I thought only government or public utilities need that. If a business fails, it is their own doing. No business except government should be given this scrutiny.

4) The behavior of the 'MALCONTENTS' should not be rewarded. What's next? shut down sugarcane?Pineapple? Tourism? Abortion clinics? The Malcontent behavior does not reflect "ALOHA spirit at all or showcase Hawaii as the aloha state. Something many of us have worked hard for generations to establish. The DUKE would roll in his grave if he saw this. Young Hawaiians use to greet the boats by diving for coins in the 'good old days'. King Kamehameha I would crack heads to unite the islands.

5) With oil prices shooting to \$100 barrel and the US dollar falling equally as fast, I think we should all be careful about our future and where our tourists and dollors are coming from, etc. A falling dollar will generate more foreign tourists coming here, our best hope if most americans' income becomes reduced, because of the economy.

**ECONOMY EQUALS TAX REVENUES!!!**

As we always say during an election year" It's the economy, stupid" Will the Superferry add to the economy and tax revenues and tourism? Off coarse it will.

I hope higher intelligence will prevail here and the aloha spirit will come thru. Our Islands are all about tourism and only aloha and uniting us will be in our best interests...not dividing us more, or rewarding the malcontents!

Mahalo,  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** DebKaai@aol.com  
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**Subject:** superferry support

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House  
Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Debora Kaai* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*It gives an alternative to airline flights only. It will be beneficial to people who need to bring supplies with them when they go inter-island. It will benefit the "locals" the most.*

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**From:** Norm Chai [norm\_chai@hotmail.com]  
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**To:** House Record  
**Cc:** norm\_chai@hotmail.com; Lori C; Charlie Chai  
**Subject:** Support for Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Norman Chai and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. The Superferry should not be discriminated against because it is no different than riding a ship, shipping your car via interisland barge or traveling interisland on an airplane. There are no restrictions on cars being shipped via the barges, and people riding on airplanes concerning agriculture inspection or cleaning vehicles. People traveling by the Superferry would not rent a car therefore no increased cars on the neighbor islands. If Superferry has a speed limit on it, all other ships/boats should be restricted to the same limit. The Superferry has no propellers so whales won't be killed by propellers.

The Superferry should be allowed to use the same EIS as the Pride of Aloha and Young Brothers Barges.

Please pass the law to let the Superferry sail!

Mahalo,

Norman Chai  
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**From:** Kenny Ray [KennyRay@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:13 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

To whom it may concern,

I am all for the Superferry. I love it and was ready to ride it. Hawaii needs the Ferry. so you politicians do something right for the state of Hawaii for once.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** James Nakagawa [jknakagawa@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:47 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Super Ferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is James K. Nakagawa, Kei K. Nakagawa, Lynn K. Nakagawa & Neal Y. Nakagawa and we strongly support the Hawaii Superferry because:

1. We would like an alternative means of transportation.
2. Disaster relief could be provided.
3. Business commerce between the islands would be enhanced.
4. I don't feel that this mode of transportation should be held to a higher standard than ones that are currently in use.

We are the silent majority and are making our voice heard in this democratic process. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** littleal1158@aol.com  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry should sail

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

The Hawaii Superferry is a critical movement in today's news. Why must we be tormented with others selfish decisions. What did the Superferry have to do to deserve this? When the idea came up a while back, everyone was all for it. But, now it sits, wasting time and money. The frikin protestors and their own selfish desires made over 200 people lose their job. How would they like it if they were to lose their jobs because other people didn't like what their companies were doing to the environment? The Hawaii Superferry is totally safe. I heard recently and I quote from Michael W. Perry on KSSK, "The Hawaii Super Ferry hasn't hit any whales yet, and the group that tries to protect the Humpback whales already hit two, or more with their propeller."

I am 15 years old. I sail, so I am around the water. It would be nice once in a while if I could pack my boat and take it to a neighbor island to sail around. Even Canoe paddlers would benefit from the Superferry. They have a bunch of canoe races, as well as sailboat races, from other islands that finish on Oahu. It seems kinda inconvenient to have to ship your boats which could take a couple a days just to get from one island to another. The Hawaii Superferry already has its rules and limitations that were submitted to the state. They use water jets instead of propellers. They do inspections of items that go on searching for hitchhiking species. They don't even run at top speed. Heck, Matson and Horizon Lines cargo ships go as fast as the Hawaii Superferry can run, because of the seas. They even have a schedule where they alter their course during certain seasons to avoid potential whale migrating/breeding areas. They are totally safe. Also, I haven't been hearing any protestors protesting **TheBoat**. They run at just like the Superferry, except smaller of course. Or even fishing boats, they don't protest the fishing boats, yet, they stuff their mouths with all kinds of fish.

If the protestors don't want it, fine, just don't let them on. It doesn't concern them anyway. I was watching the news recently and saw a recap of past Hawaii Superferry voyages and saw that not only were the protestors on private property, they were vandalizing personal cars. Blocking the channels of the harbors, making the Coast Guard an essential part for the running of the superferry is a crime. They shouldn't have to baby sit the protestors. They can do whatever they want, just tell them to go protest **vegetable growers or farmers**, they grow plants, then sell them. Basic enough, but when you think about it, you are eating the earth. They are doing harm.

Please let the Hawaii Superferry sail. The islands really need it. Without it, Hawaii will be known as the chicken shits that cared too much. The so called Aloha spirit is slowly dieing out, and no one is helping it.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Russell Paul Seeney and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I own a small computer business here in Honolulu and I have several clients on Maui that I visit once per month to provide technical support. I believe being able to bring my car over and some of my equipment over when I work would benefit my business (and I would pay more taxes) and I think it would give my Maui clients improved quality of service that my Honolulu clients expect.*

*Unfortunately there seems to be a small but very noisy and rude group of people who wish to speak for the masses (who based on the polls are for the SuperFerry) and possibly endanger the business climate in Hawaii as HSF could soon be forced to leave the islands for economic reasons and that would be a great loss. But it is already easy to see the impact in the LA Times, in London papers and in the Venture Capital newsletters where they are all talking about Hawaii surfers stopping the SuperFerry. Doesn't speak well for Hawaii as we try to get away from tourism and agriculture and diversify into other clean industries.*

*I am FOR the SuperFerry.*

*Good Luck in your decision cycles in the next couple of weeks.*

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**To:** House Record  
**Cc:** hawaiiisuperferry@hawaiiisuperferry.com  
**Subject:** Superferry Legislation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marc Lefebvre and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the availability of this superferry is imperative to the safety and welfare of our state. We have been lucky so far but all it would take is another major earth quake or other disaster and evacuation would be impossible. The superferry would be able to provide that first layer of defense against such incidents. For that, they are a welcome member of our community.

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**From:** Milton Allione [schippi@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support for Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Please allow the Superferry to proceed while an environmental study is performed. This transportation is needed to support the many needs of Hawaiian residents as well as visitors who wish to vacation and travel to the various islands. Also many of the arguments against the Superferry are false. For example thousands of cars are shipped to Hawaii from all parts of the world with no environmental inspection. Also large navy and cruise ships travel Hawaiian waters without environmental constraints.

Thank You

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**From:** msquiltbee@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:14 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I respectfully ask that you allow the Hawaii Super Ferry to operate while the EIS is performed.

I feel that the Hawaii Super Ferry is important to Hawaii's future financial growth, the ability of Hawaii's citizen's to travel freely about their state, and it's usefulness in natural or manmade disasters. I think it can be a proud symbol of what we can do to improve our quality of life throughout our islands, instead of the destructive and disrespectful element that have brought such hate and anger into our communities.

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**From:** Thomas Plum [tplum@plumhall.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:13 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Cc:** Thomas Plum  
**Subject:** Superferry - pro

I am writing in support of legislation to keep the Superferry running while an EIS is completed. Air travel has a much higher carbon impact than a ferry.

I'm just one of many ordinary citizens on the Big Island who really want to have the Superferry some day, so I won't be traveling to Oahu to testify in person.

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**From:** Fr Bill Miller [fatherbill@stmichaels-kauai.org]  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

I live on Kauai. I support the Superferry. We need this transportation option. William Miller

## House Testimony

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**From:** Marie Kober [mkober@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:15 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Maria Kober, resident of the Big Island, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I don't have a lot to say, except that I'm tired of being held hostage by the Interisland air carriers. They have tried everything in their power to get rid of competition, and keep rates high. We are a state of islands and we certainly should have more than one means of getting from one part of the state to the other.

I would be delighted to take a relaxing trip to one of the other islands, go shopping in Honolulu, etc. with my own car.

I believe that the ferry service will benefit the residents of the islands greatly, and I am really looking forward to using the service.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Mark Yarbrough [yarbrougm002@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:15 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** PRO Superferry testimony for the record

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Dear Chairmen Souki and Oshiro,

I cannot attend in person to present my opinion on the Superferry issue. Please accept this written testimony into the record.

I urge you to implement legislation allowing the Superferry to operate while an EIS is being prepared and with minimal added conditions or limits to operations.

I feel the Superferry management has already done a good job of self-regulating, especially in regards to marine operations. I feel the safeguards already in place are sufficient to adequately and reasonably protect the marine wildlife of the State. Please do not single out this shipping business with unprecedented limits to operations. The benefits of the Superferry to Hawaii and it's citizens far outweigh the minuscule impacts on our environment. **These Islands survive on shipping, always have and always will.** An additional means of transport between the islands will certainly have beneficial social and economic effects.

The arguments presented by the opposition are intended to incite fear in those concerned for our environment, rather than to address the real issue, which is the fact that the opposition is just plain against progress. They don't want the Superferry at any cost. The environmental issues are just a ruse. This is, in reality, just a N.I.M.B.Y. issue and only serves to expose the bigotry and selfishness of some of those residing in our state.

Please don't allow this vocal minority to spoil this chance for progress. Some changes are good for everyone and **the Superferry is a good change for all.**

Mark Yarbrough

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Aamanu22@aol.com  
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**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY

Please support the Superferry. We certainly need another means of transportation to the neighboring islands. Please note that majority of the oppositions are really transplants from the mainland. Pretty soon they will want to call Kauai and Maui "their own islands".

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**From:** Diane Roberts [zinkroberts@msn.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Diane Zink Roberts and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. My family and I have been looking forward to the arrival of the Superferry, not only for the additional transportation for the State of Hawaii but because we believe it will help those that are incapacitated and are not able to travel by air. Additionally, in the event of an emergency, it would be another mode of transport for the people of Hawaii. While many people think that this is a disaster ready to happen, we are confident that the issues that have been discussed regarding alien species and removal of natural resources from our island of Maui, will be addressed and handled by those who have been trained to do so! We are believers in the people of our island and know that they will do the job right in order to preserve our beautiful state as well as provide additional options for the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for working on our behalf.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** David L. Bigelow [up\_country@hotmail.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David L. Bigelow. I would like to submit written testimony in favor of the Bill allowing the SuperFerry to operate while environmental studies are completed. I will not be able to attend the hearings in person.

I am one of the majority of the citizens of Hawaii who believe the SuperFerry is a good thing for the State of Hawaii and it's people. As representatives of the people, you are duty bound to accomplish the will of the majority - not be swayed by a loud and rude minority!

Don't believe for a moment that the people who attended the neighbor Island meetings represent the majority. You saw the rude and obnoxious behavior towards those who testified in favor of the SuperFerry. Is it any wonder most people in favor of the SuperFerry stayed away from those meetings? You've seen the polls, and know what the people you represent want. Please act accordingly.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Sherrie [sherg1@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:09 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY SHOULD RUN

THE GERBERS' TESTIMONY REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

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### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

We are Michael & Sherrie Gerber, we live in Washington State. We **STRONGLY** support Hawaii Superferry. In fact, we have **reserved and paid** for a ferry ride for December when we arrive for our vacation to Hawaii!!! (And now don't know if we will be able to use it. We booked this sometime around JUNE!) We live in Seattle, Washington and try to visit the Hawaiian islands yearly.

*Here is what we don't understand: Hawaii now has several HUGE Norwegian Cruise Ships, going daily around the Hawaiian islands – **7 days a week**. In fact, we took one of those cruises just this January (2007)! (Which by the way, we **DID NOT LIKE**, and have told everyone we know not to waste their money! – For those who wish to experience Hawaii, it is best to do one island at a time! Arriving at a commercial dock in an industrial park, on some days, the rainy side of the island, is not our idea of seeing Hawaii!) This Superferry is a great option – a vacationer can visit an island for a few days/week/or more, then see another island – while getting a nice boat ride/scenery in at the same time. We were **VERY** disappointed in the Cruise Ship way of seeing Hawaii, and will never do that again. But what is their EIS? Where were all the complainers and problems then? Where is the ship's waste going? What about all the private yachts, boats, jet skis, personal watercraft? They have been playing in Hawaiian waters for years!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Do they have any EIS required??? Here's our second reason why we support the SUPERFERRY: Inter-island flights. What a mess. We have experienced at least 2 times getting bumped on our reserved flights to other islands, due to the loyalty and commitment of the locals who push their ways to the front of the lines- and the airline personnel say nothing! No matter that we booked and paid for our seats 6 months in advance – many locals resent tourists – understandable – but regardless, we are much of your bread and butter. But we are treated like enemies in the lines of the inter-island flights. This is a fact you must know, deep down, whether you admit it or not... Well, the SUPERFERRY would eliminate that mess – it holds HUNDREDS of people! No reserved seating... what a nice, de-stressing way to visit another piece of paradise known as Hawaii. In fact, we stopped doing 2 islands per vacation just to avoid ANY inter-island flight. Too bad we'll be experiencing that again this December – and let's hope both flights go smoothly – otherwise, the Caribbean is sure a beautiful place to go! Thank you for your time.*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Thomas Deponete [depontet001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:16 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** WE the Farmers of Hawaii support the superferry

The owners, employees, and families of Maui Land and Pineapple, Kauai Coffee, Grove Farms, Big Island Candies, small local farmers, large farmers, and most business all support the superferry and it options to us. Don't stall the superferry and let it run. The will of the majority should always prevail in our democratic society. The small minority of under 500 protestors on each island should not mandate the majority's wants and needs. Another point to ponder is that many of these protestors and environmental groups have received huge donations from Young Brothers, Matson and the 2 major airlines. (Aloha and Hawaiian) many of the sign holders at the Kauai Harbors were paid \$100-\$150.00 cash for their actions by Young Brothers Management. They were encouraged to bring their children and families to make the number look big. What a dirty tactic. But I guess all is fair in Love and war.

S. Dupont. Maui resident and farmer for over 50 years. Up country Makawao. I wont be testifying in person as I have to manage my farms. Please hear my testimony and use in wisely. IMUA

## House Testimony

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**From:** Ellen [helenica8008@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:51 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Attn: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance  
Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007  
Time: 9:00 AM Auditorium, State Capital

Re: HB1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ellen Fajardo and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii superferry will allow seniors, like myself, who wish to visit the other islands the chance to do so without having to spend so much money on air travel. A ferry ride would also be more pleasant as we can enjoy the sun and the sea breeze and be able to walk around the ferry.

The superferry will also greatly improve trade among the islands.

Please consider an affirmative vote in favor of the Hawaii Superferry.

Thank you.

(signed) Ellen Fajardo  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Kylee Tyx [kyleetyx@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:17 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kylee Tyx and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. The people of Hawaii need options when it comes to interisland travel and the Superferry is a fabulous alternative to flying. Most travel by nature effects the environment and if the Superferry is not allowed to continue to operate then all other forms of interisland travel/commerce need to be reevaluated. An op-ed piece this morning touched on this subject and mentioned that Matson and canoes should be stopped if the Superferry is stopped. Please allow the Superferry to continue to operate and allow citizens the chance to travel while gazing at the beautiful ocean.

Thank You,  
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I will not be submitting my comments in person.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Helena Rachner [certik@aloha.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:47 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Helena Rachner* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Our family and numerous friends are looking forward to visit other islands, enjoy the scenery and having our own car to drive. We also remember being cut off after hurricane Iniki and were hoping the Superferry would be a huge asset when next storm strikes. It is unbelievable that a small group of people is trying to dictate rules for all citizen of Hawaii.

Helena Rachner

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Kenny Noe [kenny@kenscohomes.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:15 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Superferry

House Transportation and finance committees;

I will not be able to attend the public testimony hearing in person because of work. Please accept my hope that the Superferry will be allowed to run while the environmental study is done. It's the right thing to do.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** LEDON EVANS [ledon\_evans@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:51 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is LeDon Evans and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I travel to your beautiful Island once to twice a year for pleasure. It's more of a home away from home for me. I enjoy the supper ferry because I love to enjoy the different scenery on the other Islands and the ride is very pleasant to. Starting in 2008 on my next trip I will be joined by my new beautiful wife. I would like to share the joy of the superferry with her, but the happiness I wish to share with my wife and my children rests upon your shoulders.

Thank you!

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Don Holloway [holloway@fastnethi.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:19 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Fw: Support for Super Ferry

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

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

All this negative press about this wonderful new service is unfair and biased to the extreme. I would enjoy the services of a ferry such as this. Denying the Superferry to function while an impact study is underway is wrong; and will cause anyone planning to start a business on the islands to rethink just how "unfriendly" we are to any sort of progress.

The Hawaii Superferry uses the latest technology to protect whales and the ecology. Ferries like this have been proven safe in all parts of the world. The Hawaii Superferry should be allowed to operate and prove just how safe and beneficial it can be to all residents.

*Mary A. Baumler*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** cygnus\_x10 [cygnus\_x10@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:52 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is William Lang and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii is lagging far behind other places, most notably Alaska, in inter-island transportation. The ferry system would benefit the state greatly by giving people a choice besides flying. When I lived in Hawaii, I could not believe I had to make a trip to the airport to travel between islands, which was such a hassle. I hope when I move back I will have the option to take the ferry when I need to hop to another island. Please don't let this opportunity for locals and tourists alike fly out the window. Thank You

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## House Record

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**From:** Thomas Baldrige [thomasbaldrige@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:22 PM

**To:** House Record

The Super Ferry will be the best thing for the hawaiian people since the arrival of WalMart and Home Depot and Costco. We can't imagine any progressive citizen not supporting the ferry.

Tom Baldrige

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**From:** karen ann kamakele [karenann2752@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:26 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Please keep the Superferry in Hawaii!

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Karen Ann Kamakele* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*It is really a no brainer. The superferry will literally allow families and friends to travel affordably and the money spent by the visitors will boost the economy of that island that is visited. Furthermore it will create jobs and income for the State. Hopfully our tourists are not being driven away by the violence the non-supporters have created. Please do not drive the Superferry away.*

*God Bless the Superferry. Aloha.*

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**From:** jim mueller [jimguitars@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:29 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Please save the ferry

Aloha,

I won't be able to be there in person because I'll be working... But I am strongly in favor of allowing the ferry to operate while the EIS is done. It will, no doubt, be a great asset to us eventually.

If it means having restrictions during the inter-rim, that's okay with me too. As long as we don't lose it altogether.

It's sad and ironic that a great new means of transportation would actually divide our state... I hope you can also find a way to make some peace, but through reason. Some opponents seem so emotional about it that they'll never be happy with any compromise. Please don't let them win since they're clearly a small minority. Don't worry about pleasing them either, since you can't do that without angering the majority.

But I think some of the opponents are reasonable enough to accept a compromise, try to work with them instead.

Thank you. Sincerely,

Jim Mueller  
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**From:** Lad1142@cs.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:42 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** superferry

10-23-07

9:10 am

Why restrict free enterprise and waste taxpayers money. Let the superferry operate. If it is not an asset for the people of Hawaii it will be out of business in a short period of time. On the other hand if it is an asset the public will benefit and operation will continue. All should be treated equally.

L.A. Dougherty  
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Maui

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## House Record

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**From:** Ikaika Soo [ikaikasoo@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:49 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** HB1 Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael Ikaika Soo and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is my belief that Hawaii is in need of multiple options for interisland transportation. I think the Superferry is unfairly being singled out and should operate under the same rules all all other commercial ocean vessels. Please pass legislation to allow the Superferry to operate during the EIS.

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## House Record

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**From:** Kathy Kuikahi [k.kuikahi@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:49 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** SuperFerry

I just returned from the testimony meeting here in Kailua-Kona. It was quite interesting to say the least. I wish that I had a copy of my testimony as I left it with the Panel. I had to leave after waiting almost 2 hours.

My thoughts were something like this:

I am a 31 year resident of Hawaii and have been involved with various youth activities who had to do countless fundraisers in order to travel to state competitions on the neighbor islands. We spent part of that money renting vehicles and as a canoe club shipping canoes inter island and hoping that they would #1 arrive intact and #2 arrive before the race time.

There are a lot of small business people that would love to extend their market but the cost of flying plus renting a van makes it impossible.

A lot of the voiced feelings tonight was on traffic - but none of them considered the 1000's of cars that are rented and returned daily at the airport.

A lot of the voiced feelings complained about outer islanders coming here to take the fish, the opihi, the floral, etc. What about us who want to go to the other islands and partake of their resources?

Hula Halau's could travel better to the competitions, Canoe Clubs would be able to travel with their canoes, sports teams could travel with their own equipment. The list can go on and on.

Please help us to have the opportunity to choose another way to travel

Aloha

Kathleen Kuikahi  
Kailua Kona Hawaii

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**From:** Jens [wongj091@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:50 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Testimony for Record - Support of Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jens Wong* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.  
*I believe in creating jobs, alternative means of transportation and the benefit this service brings to the residents of the State of Hawaii as well as the income stream from visitors coming and staying in Hawaii. Being in the middle of the ocean offers many people an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the islands as they travel from island to island.*

*If impact studies are necessary they should be done, but should not stop the services or operation of this vessel. Perhaps the impact studies for all vessels transporting fish, dry goods, automobiles, military ships transporting soldiers and weapons should be revisited. They certainly have been and will continue to travel our waters on a regular basis. I don't get it. Snide remark: Perhaps we should stop all vessels during this time and see what the impact would be. Stop the toilet paper, shoyu, fish and gasoline.*

*Again on a positive note I believe the SuperFerry is a wonderful alternative and should not impact our ocean any more than the cruise ships or others that currently sail from island to island. Your thoughtful consideration and positive action taken to expedite this wonderful venue servicing Hawaii's people will be appreciated. We look forward to seeing the POSITIVE impact this Ferry will have in the Future of the State of Hawaii both to support our revenue and job market.*

*Sincerely,*

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## House Record

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**From:** Elizabeth Baldwin [ebaldwin@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:50 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Elizabeth A Baldwin. I am unable to testify in person but, as one of the many supporters of the Hawaii Superferry, I would like to add my voice to the many others in favor of allowing the Superferry to operate while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

While many claims of the dangers posed by the Superferry on our ocean wildlife as well as the spread of invasive species are possible, it is more likely to occur with the unregulated and unsupervised operations of the various whale tours, fishing trawlers, and cruise ships. The Superferry has already taken many preventative steps in their Standard Operating Procedures to avoid harming the ocean wildlife and curtailing the spread of invasive species.

The Superferry has so many more positive aspects than negative that it is hard to understand the reluctance of the protesters on the islands of Maui and Kaua'i. It would greatly enhance our tourist attraction by making an affordable "mini-cruise" to the outer islands available for those unable to take a regular cruise. The economic gains for each island will increase with the constant movement of Superferry visitors by allowing them to visit and move through the islands instead of being "landed" on one island.

Maui has begun televising its Maui Minute commercials trying to attract visitors to events taking place on their island. How hypocritical is it to then be so unwelcoming to visitors coming via the Superferry? How much better could it be to welcome visitors using the Superferry for these events who leave to go home to the other islands without taking up extra airplane seats and cars so that regular visitors to the island are still able to get there and rent cars?

Kaua'i was devastated by Hurricane Iniki and has not fully recovered from its destruction yet. It is so sad to see the Coco Palms sit vacant. Kaua'i could use the Superferry to help boost its economy with visitors traveling though that beautiful island. It could stimulate the economy enough to rebuild the many businesses and hotels hurt by Iniki. When another hurricane strikes and the Superferry is gone, will these same protesters then ask the state why there is no help coming to them?

More importantly, it would be a boon to the state at a time when emergency response is needed. The ability to move throughout the islands bringing supplies, emergency workers and equipment, and food would be immeasurable. That point alone should make sense to approve the operating of the Superferry. With the effects of global warming causing unstable weather and a greater threat of hurricanes, it seems imperative that we have an alternative means of transportation for emergencies to aid air travel and barges.

Allowing the Superferry to operate while the environmental impact statement is being conducted is the best test of its ability to avoid harm to the environment and any peoples. It seems illogical to prevent the operation of

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something that could be of great significance to the islands because of what "might happen". So many clinical trials for medicines that have cured people or prevented the spread of diseases could not have happened without first testing them on people. Let the Superferry run supervised so that it can prove its worth to our state that is now known as one of the unfriendliest to businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to raise my voice.

Respectfully yours,

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## House Record

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**From:** Stan Wright [stanwright@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:51 PM  
**To:** House Record  
**Subject:** Support Superferry

I want the Superferry. No one ask me to mail this. All I want to do is go to Maui and buy donuts, and go to the Big Island and drive the saddle road, and go to Kauai for trout fishing. I do not want to keep and eat the trout. I don't do opihi or raw fish also. I will not be able to testify in person because some of us have to work for a living, and also there is no parking.

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