

House Testimony

From: Colleen Bernal [islandintimates@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 5:45 PM
To: House Record
Subject: HB 1 SuperFerry

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Colleen Bernal and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Super Ferry will allow for easy transportation to and from neighboring islands. This makes it easier and cheaper for families to visit each other. Is less polluting than air transportation. Eases some of the air traffic in and out of Honolulu as most inter-island flights are routed through there. It seems to be a win-win solution. Please support the Hawaii Superferry.

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House Testimony

From: Thomas Deonte [deontet001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 5:58 PM
To: House Record
Subject: let the ferry sail NOW

Let the superferry sail now. Stop the 29 restrictions that were drawn up by the environmentalist to stop the superferry completely. The environmentalist are not concerned about the environment only the money they are getting from Young Brothers to protest the ferry. Competition is good for the state and the consumer. Let the superferry run now.
JOHN

10/25/2007

House Testimony

From: Robert Evans [bluehawaiianchemdry@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2007 8:20 AM
To: House Record
Subject: We support the Hawaii SuperFerry and HB-1

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

We continue support the Hawaii Superferry!

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW A FEW PEOPLE REPRESENT THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY!

The Superferry will be invaluable to Maui and the rest of the State. Please, do not allow the protesters to circumvent the will of the people. There is overwhelming support for the Hawaii Superferry. Make it happen!

If the protesters are allowed to prevail, the State will move backward - into the stone age. Stopping the Superferry will set business back 30 years! This backward movement MUST NOT happen!

Thanks for listening.

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House Testimony

From: Jones, Janis (USATNW) [Janis.Jones@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2007 5:27 AM
To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Janis Jones* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry because I am planning my second visit to Hawaii next year and I have been looking into cruises, but they really don't have the flexibility that I could have if there was a ferry that could transport me to the islands I would like to visit and my time spent at each island would be at my discretion and not dictated by the predetermined itinerary of a cruise ship. I think that many visitors to the islands would probably feel the same way if given an affordable way to transport from island to island like that. The last time I was there I enjoyed visiting the island of Oahu but coming from a 11-hour plane trip from Memphis, it would have been even more eventful to have been able to spend a night at the Big Island and/or Kauai or even Maui. Hawaii is just a beautiful place and I know people who for them a trip to Hawaii would be a once in a lifetime adventure. The more islands they could affordably visit during that one trip would make it all the more worthwhile.

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House Testimony

From: Moana De Mello [moanademello@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2007 5:22 AM
To: House Record
Subject: I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY

ATTN: House Committee On Transportation and House Committee on Finance
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HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chair Souki and Oshiro;

My name is Moana De Mello, I live at 41-517 Inoa Street in Waimanalo Oahu. Please vote in favor of keeping the Hawaii Superferry in Hawaiian waters.

More than anything we need transportation between the islands besides the Airlines. When I visit my family on the islands of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui, I fly using either Aloha, Hawaiian or Go Airlines. Thank God for Go the fares between the islands are now more reasonable. As a retired local person on a fixed income I can afford to visit the relatives.

1. If Go Airlines should leave the islands there will be a monopoly between Aloha and Hawaiian Airlines again. Air rates will be high.
2. Making reservations with Aloha is still good because there reservation office is in Hawaii and not the Philippines as Hawaiian Air.
3. I am on fixed income therefore renting a car on the other islands can be very expensive. will allow us to take our vehicles.
4. When the people on the other islands come to Oahu we welcome them we ask them to leave there cokey frogs on there island.
5. Did the State do an EIS study on the insects to combat the papaya larvae or the banana killing insects.
6. Did anyone do an EIS study on the mongoose before importing that pesky little vermin to our Islands? 7. Did someone ask the Tour companies offering tours to see the whales in our waters to do an EIS? Whales get bumped by these tour boats and then there was that little boy who died because of the whale.

This State need other transportation like the HAWAII SUPERFERRY to relieve the shortage of transportation or limited transportation between the islands. Please keep the SUPERFERRY IN HAWAII. As a constituent of these islands I ask you to vote in favor of the SUPERFERRY.

House Testimony

From: Brenten Yamane [byamane@americanpatriotsecurity.com]
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2007 1:32 AM
To: House Record
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Brenten Yamane* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support Hawaii Superferry because it will enhance the quality of life for Hawaii residents. Seagoing travel between the islands will benefit our local communities, allowing schools, sports teams, and local residents to freely visit a neighboring island to attend community activities, visit family and buy and sell goods. Its affordable, convenient and gives local businesses and farmers a choice. We all need the choices Hawaii Superferry gives us.

Mahalo,

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House Testimony

From: Eric Stojkovich [eric.stojkovich@gmail.com]
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To: House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Hawaii Legislators -

I support the Hawaii Superferry. The suspension of service makes us all look incredibly stupid.

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House Testimony

From: Thomas Deponte [depontet001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 11:35 PM
To: House Record
Subject: Give the superferry the OK and start service ASAP

There are over 400 plus ships, boats, cruise ships, barges, commercial fishermen, luxury, tourist cruises whale watching boats using Hawaii waters right now, making several trips daily. The superferry is 1 ship coming to each island once a day. Why are the environmentalist picking on the superferry and not the 400 plus other boats. You would think the 400 plus boats are doing more impact damage, hitting whales, and transporting invasive species. What about that? Most of those 400 plus boats travel over 13 knots. None of the 400 plus boats have any inspections done on cargo, cars, containers or plants. None of the 400 plus boats have sonar and 2 observers watching for whales. None of the 400 boats can stop and turn and maneuver on a dime as the superferry can. Law makers stop this bull and let the ferry run. Don't be fooled by the so called environmentalist and their hidden agendas. Go to these environmentalist website and see what the opponents of the superferry are saying. They are blogging and saying that they will bring ants, coqui frogs and invasive species on the ferry in purses and in their pockets transport them to another island and show the species to inspectors stating the superferry did not find these invasive species in their checks and want the ship shut down. These extremist will go to any length to stop the ferry and it has nothing to do with the environment. TOM

House Testimony

From: Roy Iizaki [riizaki@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 11:02 PM
To: House Record
Subject: I Supprt Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Roy Iizaki* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My wife and I have been looking forward to the time when we can take the Superferry to Kawaihae Harbor and visit our friends on the Big Island. We talked about filling our truck with provisions and food to spend the weekend in Kohala with my wife's good friend, "roughing it" in her backyard and living out of our truck. It is an alternative means of transportation that won't require us to check-in through long lines at the airports, and an hour and a half prior to boarding, too!

Then drive over to Hilo to see our long-time friend Kinney, who's terminally ill with cancer of the colon. We can spend the day at his house and drive back over the mountain to board the Superferry once more, for our return sail to Honolulu.

The Superferry is no more dangerous to whales and marine life than the current fleet of eco-tourist whale watching cruises. By the way, has there been any noise generated about the recent whale watching cruise mishap with the baby whale, by the Enviros and other NGOs who are attacking the Superferry? I would bet these same special interest groups were supporters who backed the whale watching venturists when they were starting up. Are they still supporting the whale watch cruise companies, even after this week's collision with the baby whale? I understand that poor thing got all chewed up by the ship's propellor(s), and a whole bunch of kids on the whale watching cruise ship got a first-hand look at the cut-up calf. Do those ships have the same kind of detection equipment that the Superferry has on board? Why not? Why aren't those whale watching cruise businesses also subject to EIS or EA requirements that the NGOs are forcing upon the Superferry?

Could these NGOs also say they never run their vehicles on the H-3 freeway?

I trust our elected officials are smart enough to stand up to the shibai, emotional outbursts, lies, and mis-information being sent out by these protestors. I believe they represent a small fraction of the State population -- surely outnumbered by the "silent majority" who, although not as vocal as the protestors, would say "Yes" to the Superferry question, if they were asked.

I'm certain Governor Lingle and the State Department of Transportation did the right thing in not forcing the Superferry people into having to go through the EIS or EA process, purely because it

would have been singling-out a particular undertaking -- which constitutes discrimination. All the other business ventures operating under the jurisdiction of the State DOT did not have to prepare an EIS or EA in order to start their operation, including such ventures as interisland cargo shipping, dinner cruise operations, submarine cruises, jet-ski and parasail adventures, etc. I'm sure if the Enrivos or NGOs were to take a real hard look at these operations, they'll find one reason or another why they too should have to undergo the EIS or EA process, before getting proper approvals for their venture to begin operations. If they wanted to.

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House Testimony

From: Thomas Deponte [depontet001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 10:47 PM
To: House Record
Subject: let the superferry sail while doing the eis

Let the superferry sail while doing the eis. There is no better way to do it. The company doing the eis can see first hand if the measures on whales, invasive species, crime, and traffic that the superferry is taking is working or not. Appoint inspectors or observers to be on every sailing to see what is working or not and suggest changes. Speed traveled by ncl, whale watching boats and ships are nearly 20 knots why ask the ferry to go under 13 knots? To let the superferry be docked and not running during the eis will not give the study real time information. It will be all assumptions and guess work. We don't need what if's and maybe's or probable. We need real studies and real numbers. The environmentalist are totally against the superferry and they want it stopped completely and it has nothing to do with the environment. Only the fact that they want their island slow, undeveloped , laid back and open. Too late for that. If the environmentalist was so concerned about the environment they would stop Matson, young brothers, ncl and the PWF whale watching tour boats that have already hit 3 whales. But they let all these companies sail with not opposition. Why? Many of the protestors are paid by these young brothers to make trouble and stop the ferry. They view the ferry as a threat to their business. The superferry is no different than young brothers. With young brothers I load my car in Honolulu, fly to KAUAI then get of the plane and go to the docks. Get my car at the docks and drive away. ROLL ON AND ROLL OFF just as the superferry, only difference is young brothers does no checks for invasive species, no car washings, no car vacuum, no inspections and it takes 3-4 days to arrive at the pier. CAROL ANN

House Testimony

From: DONNA DEDRICK [wahinealii59@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 10:20 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Donna Marie Dedrck* and I am in strong support for the *Hawaii Superferry to remain operational in the Hawaii Islands effective immediately, and maintain the original inter-island schedule planned before any hearing on the Hawaii Superferry occurred which made them in-operational.*

RE: on Mental Health Days (as I call it)- a time to get away from a week of stress at work, with the boss, and with life in particular. I was able to gather my family and ride on the Superferry (I plan to do more of) taking my Ohana out to Kauai. I was sadden being 75% Hawaiian that I was turned away from my own people. The mainland had come to Hawaii. Disaster. The greatest threat arrived in Hawaii. The division between the aina and it's people had finally shown face. We can not let this happen to Hawaii. We must stand up to something that is true and beautiful in all ways. And this is how I describe the aina, it's people, the crew who were aboard the Hawaii Superferry, and it's board members. Let's keep it Pono.

I am in strong support for the Hawaii Superferry to remain operational in the Hawaii Islands effective immediately, and maintain the original inter-island schedule planned before any hearing on the Hawaii Superferry occurred which made them in-operational.

Mahalo

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From: Kenneth Ames [gigi@heat-tech.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kenneth Ames and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As an resident of the Big Island and as the owner of a construction company . I intend to use the ferry both for business and pleasure . I want to be able to take my truck and shop on other islands and visit my friends . Air travel alone does not meet my needs !!!!! This whole matter concerning the ferry has been so badly handled that it really makes this State look anti business which it is in my opinion any way !! This is a sad situation and regardless of who is to blame I would like to see the ferry stay and in service while the environmental impact study is being conducted

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House Testimony

From: Terri Jenkins [tjenkins@gracepacificcorp.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joseph k. Hookano Jr. and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

It will be really nice to go to our football games and little league games and not have to pack and unpack 4 times (load car, unload it to ship/fly it then when you get there you have to go get it load it back up in your car then get to your destination then unload it again) and that's just to get there and play. verses 2x load up drive on the Super Ferry and unload to play. Plus we would just need to rent 1 bus for the whole trip and not one for each island.

And yes, there are some bad eggs. That I wish we could get rid of, that make it worse for every one else. And they too are a Minority Group! Just not with big mouths.

P.S Just another survey? Did you notice the people not wanting the Super Ferry? Most aren't even from or born in Hawaii!!

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House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *John Pampalone* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The super Ferry will allow me and spouse to travel to Maui and experience the island at our pleasure.

We are avid golfers and the opportunity to take a wonderful boat ride and play golf would be the best. Please support the Super Ferry.

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House Testimony

From: Colette [ruizkalei@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:50 PM
To: House Record
Subject: superferry

I was born and raised in Hawaii. My ancestors are native Hawaiian, so am I?

I was so looking forward for the ferry to begin operations.

All the islands are one state. The ferry will unite us. We can jump in our car and visit our relatives anywhere in this state now.

Those opposing are the ones who moved to Maui and Kauai recently, not born here. They do not have the Ohana us natives Hawaiian have.

As to the ferry bringing evasive species. Just how many kind of evasive species are in Oahu that would destroy Kauai and Maui?

Flowers come to Oahu from the other islands.

Fruits and vegetable come to Oahu from the other islands.

Even marijuana comes from the other Islands not Oahu.

We do not grow marijuana here to send to the other Islands.

We here in Oahu don't send the above to other Islands.

As mentioned numerous times, other boats, ships, airlines can ship anything to Maui and Kauai.

What it boils down to, is that non Hawaiian has moved into Maui & Kauai and now they want those islands exclusively for themselves.

It is not evasive species or the poor whales, it is these people don't want more Hawaiian invading what they think belongs to them.

Sincerely

Colette Ruiz

House Testimony

From: douglas moniz [monizd002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2005 8:48 PM
To: House Record
Subject: SuperFerry

To our elected officials,

I think that the superferry should be given the chance to run while the environmental review is made. Yes if a mistake was made then lets not blame the superferry who have spent alot of money and hired alot of local people.

The opponents do have some valid points but that should be worked out by our state lawmakers. rdgs. Doug Moniz

House Testimony

From: Jeff Nagashima [kraakas@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:11 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jeffrey Nagashima* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry will provide an alternative means of transportation between our islands. It will be good for the people of Hawaii and small business in Hawaii. Thank you.

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