

House Testimony

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Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:39 PM
To: House Record
Cc: Wendy Felkins; Michael Connevey; Heather Fritz; Geraldine Lovell; Charmaine Castro; Adonamouse@aol.com
Subject: YES: SUPERFERRY

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Josephine N. Duerksen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY it is logical and convenient way of transportation especially for those fearful of flying especially now since the attack 9/11 and the impact of the hostile environment at the airports just to vist family on neighboring islands. Please consider this as an alternative transportation should any disaster occur. Thank you for reading my mail .

Sincerely, Josephine N. Duerksen

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House Testimony

From: Patrick Adamek [ps.adamek@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:13 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 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Patrick Adamek and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Hawaii Superferry is important and necessary to support competitive pricing in the transportation industry as well as the service industry. Currently the only means of transportation between our counties (Islands) is by aircraft. Transportation by aircraft restricts the service industry from building, repairing, maintaining, and/or installations by organizations other than what exists on the Island where one resides. Aircraft travel restricts the amount of weight associated with the equipment and tools necessary to pursue such projects on neighboring Islands and, as a result, curbs the competitive nature and spirit of the service industry. If, for example, I have a crew equipped and ready to do a repair or construction job for me from Oahu here on the Big Island but cannot do it because there is no means to transport their equipment I must do business with whomever I can here within the Big Island. This results in a monopoly of certain service organizations and therefore these organizations can price accordingly as a result of having no other competition. In addition, airlines know that there is no other means for transportation and although currently there is a price war of sorts within that industry that "war" will eventually cease and the residents of Hawaii will suffer as a result. If in doubt about the support for the Hawaii Superferry I urge you to put the vote to the residents of our great State in the form of a referendum to determine how the majority really feels about this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

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House Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Heather Smith and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I was until recently an employee on the vessel. I have been trained in water safety, firefighting, firstaid, CPR, and AED. I was present for the mandatory coast guard drill, which the employees and vessel passed with flying colors. I state this to show the training and the time and consideration placed into the operation of this vessel. The training listed above is just the start of a long list including: whale avoidance, invasive specie prevention, customer service and Hawaiian culture, the list goes on. The Alakai offers an opportunity to Hawaii, which is long over due. I have spoken with a multitude of people who would love to see their family living in Maui or Kuauai, disabled persons, who just want a chance to have some independance, children and adults alike that would love to experience the rest of this wonderful state. After all the time and effort placed on this project it would be a shame and in the long run I believe devastating to Hawaii and any future business ventures here. I love this state and would hate to see harm come to it, I don't believe the the ferry is something that will cause harm. I have watched several fishing and tug boats leak oils and gas into the water, thats an environmental issue, I have spoken with employees of shipping companys who stated they have hit whales and it goes unreported, because the vessel doesn't want a fine, yes it is hear say, but examples to you of environmental issues that are far bigger then the Alakai. To attack this vessel and no others is obsured and unjust. I ask that you consider this, the polls in Hawaii show the vast majority of the state would like this vessel to opporate. As a democracy I believe the people have made their views known and cast their vote. All we ask of you in return is to allow this vessel to opporate while the EA or EIS takes place. I personally would like my job back and to continue with a historic experience in progress.

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