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House Testimony

From: Richard Zegar [richz@aipaproperties.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:18 AM
To: House Testimony
Cc: Paula Harris; Anthony Russo; Hualeng@aol.com; Frank Sullivan; Norm James; Rondi Jones; Gene Castagnetti; Nina Nguyen
Subject: #0081 RE:

Dear Representatives, I have had the good fortune to live here for the last 16 years. I am a commercial property manager immediately mauka of the Airport. We have 100+ tenants, many of them large national companies. The comments I have gotten from their mainland reps with whom I work, chiding Hawaii's third world attitude about business are downright painful. A major national investment stopped by a handful of surfers; then hearings showing protestors totally stifling debate made a very negative impression and bode very badly for future investment.

I would suggest someone determine that Matson and Young Brothers update their EIS' (arcasm intended) for the dozens of barges traveling between the Islands daily. Let the shippers add the cost of the studies as a pass-through to product prices and see how concerned the people of Kauai and Maui would be to ensure evasive species aren't attached to the vessels.

Thanks,
 Richard H. Zegar

From: Ernie Harris [mailto:theharrisco@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:33 PM
To: HouseTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov
Cc: 'Paula Harris'; 'Anthony Russo'; Richard Zegar; Hualeng@aol.com; 'Frank Sullivan'; 'Norm James'; 'Rondi Jones'; Gene Castagnetti; 'Nina Nguyen'
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 *Ernie Harris* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I moved here from Bremerton Naval Hospital, (Seattle Washington Area), in 1968, after being medically discharged from the Marine Corps.. I couldn't believe that there was no Ferry between islands. In Seattle, Vancouver, and most of the rest of the World, ferries exist, to economically move folks and their cars from one place in an island/state/island nation to another.

I quickly discovered that the Molokai Channel was a very difficult passage for a traditional Ferry, and that a specialized vessel was required. I was soooooo pleased to hear that the Hawaii Superferry had

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overcome those obstacles.

Frankly, I believe that the Superferry should commence operations immediately, with or without an EIS. Such operations will enable:

- 1. Intra-State transportation of goods and services*
- 2. Easier transportation of handicapped folks*
- 3. Kamaina's taking advantage of Kamaina Rates, off-island*
- 4. MOST IMPORTANTLY, it will show that Hawaii is ashamed of the way it handled the Superferry and other, "Business Negative," issues, and that the State Legislature is ready to correct their image.*

Sincerely,

Ernie Harris

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House Testimony

From: Danae Deckert [Danae_Deckert@hmsa.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:20 AM

To: House Testimony

Subject: #0082

To Whom It May Concern:

I would love to have the Super Ferry available to the people on Oahu due to the fact that it would save a lot of hassle at the airports, hassle with renting cars and at the same time we could transport old people like my grandmother is afraid of airplanes. We would be able to have more family reunions and be unified. Thank you for all your support.

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House Testimony

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To: House Testimony
Subject: #0083

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Stacie DeSilva and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. It would greatly benefit the local residents as well as the tourist industry. In Hawaii, we have family living on all different islands, the Superferry would make it easier for family to visit each other.

Stacie DeSilva

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From: Danielle Yandow [daniegirl1225@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:15 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0084

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Danielle Larrew* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Super Ferry provides residents of the State of Hawaii an opportunity to enjoy all that the state has to offer. Oahu provides the glitz and glamour and the Neighbor Islands provide the respite most off us need. I believe the Super Ferry is a win win for everyone. I, as well as many of my family and friends, had looked forward to the opportunity to being able to have another option to visit the Neighbor Islands.

I understand the environmental concerns, but how can it be said a car from Oahu is worse than a plane from Mainland or elsewhere. Also - there are so many kama'aina that do not have the opportunity to travel between the islands, and the more opportunities the better. I think people visiting the Neighbor Islands appreciate what they offer and will work to preserve that. If allowed to run during the EIS, I believe people who utilize the Superferry will act in ways that alleviate some of the concerns of its opponents.

Mahalo for your consideration of this.

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Subject: #0085 (no subject)

im strongly in favor of the superferry kimvotroubek 1530 woodland ct. davenport, ia. 52807

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House Testimony

From: Chris J. Wong [cwong@island-guy.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:38 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0086 In-Person Testimony: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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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 Christopher Wong and I am in support of legislation that will allow the Hawaii Superferry to conduct interisland ferry services. These services will be a great asset to the island economies and allow the kupuna of many ohana who cannot fly due to physical limitations and illnesses to once again visit the outer islands and other extended ohana that suffer the same limitations.

Please pass legislation to allow ferry operations so that the kupuna in my ohana, as well as in other ohana, are allowed to see the islands at least one more time. The ferry bridges gaps between generations and physical limitations, and will bring true the wishes of many island kupuna.

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House Testimony

From: Nan Yamashiro [nyamashiro@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:45 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0087 Hawaii SuperFerry Testimony

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October 24, 2007

Dear House and Senate Members,

I strongly encourage you to allow the Hawaii Superferry's operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted. It is very important for Hawaii's people to have choices in the matter and not have the decision driven by a small group of vocal anti-growth dissidents.

The Hawaii Superferry's operation and survival are important for many reasons, but to me personally it is about having choices. I urge you to think of the big picture and be as involved, supportive and in favor of the project as possible - as it is the right thing to do. Help make the decision for us and for the future of business and the economy in the state of Hawaii.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

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House Testimony

From: Ane Takaha [bhaktirocks@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:32 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0088 HB 1 relating to transportation

**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: Ane Takaha
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007
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**

Gentlemen:

My first response was, "Yes, a easier, cheaper way to get to the other islands!" That response was just about ME

and my personal needs. The truth is we can no longer afford to think just about ourselves, money, or personal survival. We have to think globally and that includes the oceans and the creatures that live in them.

Our biggest jobs right now are to protect our planet and preserve peace. The superferry does neither. It endangers our oceans, environment, and marine life, and reinforces the emotional and political split in our society by once again proving that the law is for those who can buy it.

Please honor the Court's decision to require an Environmental Review of the HDOT Harbor project BEFORE allowing the Superferry to operate. If you pass this bill, please include the 29 conditions proposed by the Maui delegation (based on the court testimony during the recent trial.)

**Thank you for your time,
Ane & Marc Takaha
Eureka, Calif.
(moving to Maui in March)**

House Testimony

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From: Lori Enriquez [lorienriquez@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:00 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0089 Hawaii Super Ferry HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is **Lori K Enriquez** and I strongly support **Hawaii Superferry**. Growing up on a **neighbor island** Lahaina, Maui 1965-1980) I was **isolated** extremely from competitive swimming, I joined the Pearl Harbor Swim Club on Oahu and enjoyed **the Hydrofoil** for transportation.

Today, I live on the Big Island and own multiple companies. I would travel to meet clients and family more often if I could take my own vehicle from my Island to others. I hate getting stuck at the Honolulu airport after turning in my rental car, only to find the airlines over booked flights and now I'm stuck until the morning, without transportation.

I like the idea that **my goods and services would be able to expand to other islands**. My husband who races go-karts could go go-karting on Maui. I could buy locally grown produce on Maui, surf at Lahaina Harbor, Do business in Kihei, see my uncles and aunties on Maui and drive home to Ka'ohe Homesteads in Puna, Island of Hawaii. I want the choice. **I want the Superferry to resume services to the State of Hawaii immediately! The Big Island is waiting!!**

Mahalo Nui loa,

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House Testimony

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From: Schaefer, Richard D. CIV NCTAMSPAC N541 [rick.schaefer@navy.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:11 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0090 ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Richard Schaefer and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Being an island state, transportation is difficult. Having the Superferry greatly reduces the hardships of traveling within the island chain. Please consider that most do not want to be ruled by a loud minority. The silent majority's opinions should count.

*Richard Schaefer
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House Testimony

From: hualeng@aol.com
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To: House Testimony
Subject: #0091 Superferry

My name is Ted Vorfeld and I am an engineer living on the Big Island.

I was on Kauai when the protesters illegally blocked the Superferry from landing at the Nawiliwili Harbor. The following day the Superferry canceled its landing and the protesters held a party celebrating their "victory". I found this victory celebration very disturbing.

Although my personal opinion is that the Superferry, as well as many other large developments that impact our lifestyle, should perform an EA prior to making a significant investment commitment, I believe that the rule of law should prevail in situations such as this and that the law was broken by the protesters, in spirit as well as in fact, by obstructing access to the harbor.

In your deliberations regarding the Superferry, I ask that you keep in mind the possibility that the type of illegal protest exhibited by the Kauai group of protesters may become the method of choice to stop any development to which a minority may object. In addition to being illegal, this event has been unnecessarily divisive throughout our Islands. I ask that you establish clear rules for the need of an EA for all large projects that affect our infrastructure, address the proper means and timing to address disputes that certainly will arise in the future and establish financial consequences of illegal protest..

Thank you.

Email and AIM finally together. You've gotta check out free [AOL Mail!](#)

House Testimony

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From: JTenn10@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:15 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0092 Support HB-1 Relating to transportation

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:

Position, **SUPPORT HB-1. SUPPORT OF SUPERFERRY IMMEDIATE OPERATION**

The super ferry is a long awaited, long overdue mode of alternate transportation to the neighbor islands. This type of travel allows people with disabilities to travel in their own prefabricated vehicles, and will finally make traveling an option for these otherwise, challenged individuals.

Further, small businesses can now expand their much need services between the islands. Not to mention the ability to move massive goods and personnel during emergency situations.

It is unfair that this one business has been singled out when there are currently a multitude of vessels that are doing the same thing, just at a slower pace.

The people of Hawaii deserve to be protected from this small group of special interest thugs who not unlike the smoking ban are trying to bring down their personal ideology and force feed it to every citizen of the State. In this too there is also a shocking lack of scientific data that would support the banning of the super ferry.

Please, for the good of the state, allow the super ferry to run during the now required EIS, why not take it a step further and require EIS's from all barges, etc if the true issue is environmental impact. You begin to see the ridiculous nature of forcing one business to do what countless others have never been forced to do and have been running for decades at no discernable negative impact to our environment.

Sincerely,

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ATTN: Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance, Chairs Souki and Oshiro submitted 10/24/07 8am

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Mahalo for permitting me to testify in support of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an Environmental Impact Statement is completed for the safety of the environment and the benefit to the community. My name is Kauila Clark and I serve as a Native Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center certified by a Kupuna Council of Master healers as created by law and sanctioned by Papa Ola Lokahi. My practice has taken me all over the US and the world. In my experience the Hawaii Superferry has gone beyond in its' commitment to Native Hawaiian values and process. They have been very cooperative and respectful in being pono in their process to build a business in Hawaii to benefit the families and businesses in Hawaii. The Hawaii Superferry will make it affordable to bring our families together.

Pilahi Pahi, a noted Kupuna, gave us the Acronym of ALOHA that the Hawaii State Legislature passed into law. She also said before she died that if we do not accept and practice ALOHA by the year 2000 that we would end up being like anywhere else because the Aumakua would leave these Islands and we would become HA OLE (without spirit). The behaviors in protest against the Hawaii Superferry did not exhibit the behaviors Auntie Pilahi gave us. She did not express tolerance but an acceptance of oneself and others through honor respect through lokahi. The acronym reads
A-Akahi meaning kindness as expressed through tenderness (non judgment),
L-Lokahi meaning unity as expressed through harmony (conflict with honor and respect),
Olu Olu agreeable as expressed through pleasantness (being a teacher and student at the same time, to listen, share and learn from each other),
H-Haa Haa humility as expressed in modesty (remembering all the support and encouragement you received from others as you journey through life)
A-Ahonui meaning Patience as expressed in perseverance (Holding personal priorities over the situation at hand)

These are the values that have perpetuated the culture for thousands of years and we need to utilize them in these trying times. Let us resolve this as we have for thousands of years in solving problems. May we be pono for all especially for the families of Hawaii. May we be pono in our discussions and resolve.. I think a task force to oversee the process while they operate is fair.

I humbly submit my name for consideration to join the task force to assist in overseeing the EIS process as a cultural consultant on Native Hawaiian values and processes.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify in favor of the Superferry operating during the EIS

Meka haahaa,

Kauila Clark

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LIFE OF THE LAND

Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono

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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Thursday, October 25, 2007
9:00 a.m.
Place: State Capitol Auditorium

Aloha Chairs Souki and Oshiro!

My name is Henry Curtis and I am the Executive Director and the Vice President for Consumer Affairs at Life of the Land, Hawai'i's own environmental and community action group advocating for the people and the `aina since 1970. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sustainable land use and energy policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy, and litigation.

Environmental Impact Statements were adopted by a Governor's Executive Order in 1973 and codified as HRS Chapter 343 in 1974. Following the ConCon of 1978, the Legislature wrote a "Findings and purpose," codified as Chapter 343-1 "The legislature finds that the quality of humanity's environment is critical to humanity's well being ... The legislature further finds that the process of reviewing environmental effects is desirable ... and public participation during the review process benefits all parties involved and society as a whole. It is the purpose of this chapter to establish a system of environmental review which will ensure that environmental concerns are given appropriate consideration in decision making along with economic and technical considerations."

The Hawai'i Supreme Court ruled in *Molokai Homesteaders Coop. Ass'n v. Cobb* 63 H. 453, 629 P.2d 1134 (1981) that the EIS law "contemplates consideration of secondary and nonphysical aspects of proposal, including socio-economic consequences."

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On April 3, 2003 the Senate proposed strengthening the EIS law to catch large projects which had evaded environmental review: "the legislature finds that proposals for privately financed wastewater facilities, waste-to-energy facilities, landfills, oil refineries, or power-generating facilities on private lands fail to trigger an environmental review under current law. Thus, this Act specifically includes these types of proposed actions within the scope of chapter 343."

Fifty-four weeks later, on April 19, 2004, the bill passed final reading in both houses without any opposition: 42-0 (House) 24-0 (Senate). During the final days of the 2004 Legislative session, on May 5, Governor Lingle signed HB1294 SD1 CD1 into law as Act 55.

In the summer of 2003 Life of the Land attended a 2 hour meeting with John Garibaldi et al. LOL Assistant Executive Director Kat Brady specifically discussed invasive species, and what is done by the military to prevent their movement between islands. It was clear to us then that Mr. Garibaldi intended to grease his way through the process rather than follow state law.

The compromise being suggested by proponents is that

- * the ends justify the means (Superferry so critical how we get it is unimportant);
- * laws are for most people but not for those who are politically connected;
- * politics can and should override good science;
- * hastily arrived at political decision should override careful judicial analysis;
- * because some ocean carriers existed prior to Chapter 343 being enacted, some ocean going ships are small, and others have evaded writing an EIS, ergo, therefore the Superferry should also be able to violate these laws.

Like we could tell a cop who stopped us for speeding and drunk driving, its really okay because for years it was allowed, or the enforcement was spotty, or whatever.

If the state wants a Superferry it should put out a Request For Proposals with the requirements that Applicants (1) want to protect environmental law; and (2) obey the law.

Mahalo

Henry Curtis
Executive Director

House Testimony

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From: Cheryl Ann K.O. Yuen [cyuen@carlsmith.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:18 AM
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Subject: #0095 In Favor of the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is CHERYL YUEN and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

While I can understand the need for an EIS, we must not allow the Superferry to leave Hawaii while the EIS is being done. Please do whatever you can to keep the Superferry here in Hawaii until after the EIS is completed.

***Mahalo,
Cheryl Yuen***

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From: Sorli, Chris (HI Contractor) [CSorli.contractor@tsocorp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:28 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0096 SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY

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

My name is *Christian Sorli* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel there is no reason the SuperFerry can not operate during the EIS. Hawaii is very diverse by nature and that special part of Hawaii should also be reflected in the new and different ways we share and connect our islands.

Thank You,

Christian Sorli

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House Testimony

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From: A-1 Euro Auto [a1euroaut001@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: House Testimony
Subject: #0097 supporting superferry

I HAVE A FAMILY OF FOUR AND LIVE IN HAWAII FOR 26 YEARS AND OWN A BUSINESS. SUPER FERRY SHOULD BE UP AND RUNNING SO PEOPLE CAN CHOOSE AND ENJOY DIFERENT WAY OF INTER ISLAND TREVELING.NEW ATTRACTION FOR HAWAII.

House Testimony

#98

From: Ida Dunmore [ida.dunmore@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:31 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0098 Suppor the Super Ferry

I am originally from Kauai. I moved to Honolulu in 1966 to go to the U of H. My husband and I moved to the big island in 1990 where we continue to live. I was just back to Kauai on October 5th. The islands have changed over the Super Ferry issue. The imported environmentalists have taken over the islands as if they were coqui frogs! These are nasty, negative and very hostile people. Even my grandmother doesn't want to live here anymore.

And then there is the issue of the Lingle administration. Yes, we voted for her but we also voted for all the Democrats in our district. My husband and I have been married for 36+ years, we are of different ethnic backgrounds, different religious backgrounds, don't always like the same foods and compromise on just about everything, yet we have never failed to get along. Dickie Wong and the Good Old Boyz is history.....learn to compromise and get along with each other, the State of Hawaii depends on it.

Ida Perry Dunmore
Honokaa, HI 96727

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House Testimony

From: Barbara J Tavares [btavares@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:34 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0099 Save the Superferry

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Please do what is possible to start Superferry service.

Whatever mistakes have been made on either side, the bigger issue is that this is a service that is decades overdue for our state. My first eye opening was on a trip to New England 10 years ago. We used ferries to travel between the mainland and Nantucket Island, and saw similar service to Martha's Vineyard. A few years later on a trip to Vancouver, Canada, we saw an even better example of how such an operation serves the populations of the many offshore islands of Western Canada. At the time we wondered why our state did not have such a service.

I am not unsympathetic to the fears expressed by some of the dissenters. There is a provincial attitude that the Superferry will mean undesirable impact not already happening from air and barge service. Frankly, I feel that "train has left the station." Over population, too many cars, the over use of resources is happening with or without a ferry service, and it will take other measures to stop the progression of these problems. Meanwhile, the so-called environmentalists have many more immediate challenges, including land fills, recycling, mass transit, reduction in one-person-one car habits, etc., that would have far greater impact on our island communities. Why this ferry service has been targeted, I do not know. The cynical part of me suspects there are personal motives fueling the fires of these groups, and that it has nothing to do with the environment, rather the desire to limit competition.

It is obvious pro ferry people cannot have a fair turn to testify at the community meetings. Why would anyone subject himself or herself to harassment they would endure to give testimony in support of the Superferry? I will be watching closely to see who in the legislature is exerting leadership and who is caving in to populist pressure.

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House Testimony

From: Hoxie, Tim at KCC [thoxie@abinc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:38 AM
To: House Testimony
Subject: #0100 HB -1 Relating to Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Thomas H. Hoxie and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry

I believe in free enterprise and think the Ferry should be allowed to operate now.

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