

## House Testimony

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#101

**From:** BraselN@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:35 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0101 Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nancy Brasel and I am a strong supporter of the Hawaii Superferry. I have lived in the Hawaiian Islands since 1977.

The Super Ferry is greatly needed in the Hawaiian Islands. The Interisland Airlines and the Shipping lines currently are our only option for travel and shipping in the Islands.

I believe there is a small group of "Citizens Against Everything" that merely want to protest and cause trouble and these people do not represent the majority.

I think the Super Ferry would be a great economic asset to businesses and a great convenience for the people of Hawaii.

Please listen and honor the wishes of the majority of residents who are in favor of the Super Ferry.

Mahalo,

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**#102**

**From:** Dick Mayer [dickmayer@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:33 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0102 Vote "NO" on Proposed Superferry Bill

**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.**

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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

**MY POSITION: I am opposed to HB 1.**  
**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.)**

**The whole basis of the proposed law is an assumption that is just NOT true.**

**“the immediate operation of a qualifying ferry vessel is in the public interest”**

**Actually, it is that very “public interest” that is threatened by both the proposed ferry vessel and by this law.**

**Judge Cardoza listened to 22 days of testimony, with both the HDOT and the HSF able to present their case, and he determined that there is the strong possibility of potential irreparable harm if the ferry were to operate before mitigation measures were in place.**

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It is **YOUR** obligation, senators, to protect us, the public, and the state's economy, and the state environment from that irreparable harm.

It is not even in the public interest to go into a special session to overturn the protections offered by HRS 343.

It is not in the public interest to hand over power to a governor and who has consistently shown reluctance to create or support the necessary safeguards.

It is not in the public interest to establish an oversight task force which is so stacked in favor of those protecting this so-called "qualifying ferry vessel".

It is not in the public interest to create an alternative environmental review process, that does not even require the "qualifying ferry vessel" to obey required mitigation measures which the EIS will suggest.

It is not in the public interest to deny all of the county governments any authority at all to regulate the "qualifying ferry vessel", or to mitigate the impacts of such a vessel.

**HOWEVER, it IS in the public interest to recognize that the schedule of the ferry is very inconvenient, especially for farmers ; that its prices are high, even charging for a baby; that it is disruptive to traffic into our congested harbors and on our streets.**

It is unwise, and perhaps illegal, to give a single company special privileges that allow it to operate, despite the determination of our judicial system that there is the potential for irreparable harm to be done.

Finally, it is not in the public interest go into a special session; and it is certainly not in the public interest to pass this law.

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Paul Cheape [pcheape@hawthornecat.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:51 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0103 Supperferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Its is time for the hard working people of Hawaii to take back our state. Every time someone tries to do something to make Hawaii a better place live, work and raise a family a few so called activists try to throw a monkey wrench in to it. I'am sure that these so called activists are not very familiar with working in Hawaii pay check to pay check, raising a family and paying a home mortgage.

I could go on and on. The bottom line is that this is crazy and embarrassing for the State of Hawaii, it hard working people and elected official.

**HAWAII NEEDS THE SUPPER FERRY.** It will benefit everyone greatly and the people against it will benefit also weather they like it or not.

Mahalo and Aloha,  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** Sherri Carden [Sherric@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:55 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0104 support for the Hawaii Superferry

I am writing to express my support for the Hawaii Superferry.

It seems to me that healthy competition is important to the economy of these islands. I believe it is important to allow a new business to operate, especially at this stage of the game. I care about the environment very much, but I believe all the opposition is "missing the boat." I hope that you will allow the Superferry to operate in the islands.

Feel free to call me if you would like to hear more details.

Sincerely,

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## House Testimony

**From:** Aloha Sue [alohasue@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:59 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0105 Superferry

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

My name is Susan J. Beckmann and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I think it is an extremely good idea, especially for those residents with family living on other Islands. Hawaii prides itself on the Aloha Spirit, and above all "Ohana".*

*The holidays are just around the corner. It would be wonderful for residents living on various islands to have this option to load up the car with family and gifts, and spend quality time with members of their families, no matter which Island they live on.*

*The only option, to date has been to fly over to spend quality time with friends and family. A little competition would do the airlines a world of good. They are trying to take away flying as an affordable option as we speak, i.e., Go Airlines.*

*The main source of passengers, I am sure, will be local people, and thank the ferry for that. So tired of this state catering to certain groups for tourist \$\$\$\$. This whole Island almost went belly up after 911 because everything is so concentrated to pleasing the Asian market, that the local-mainland market is ignored or forgotten.*

*Is \$\$\$\$ the real reason the other Islands are so afraid of the ferry? They love to see the big cruise ships coming in, loaded with tourists who will help the economy. You can't tell me those huge ships don't create any less of a threat to the environment than the ferry. Is it really more about \$\$\$ than environment?*

*I am a total water baby and love the ocean above all and everything living there. Strongly feel there should be some guidelines, (i.e., slower speeds when entering Maui's whale crossings), but other parts of the US (Washington in particular), have coexisted with the critters in their water for years.*

*For myself, I don't have any family, here or on the mainland, but would love the option of traveling by ferry (with my own car), to visit other Islands that are a part of the home I love so much. The ride on the water would be as big an attraction as the actual visit to another Island.*

*We are all part of one state, just separated by the Pacific. What makes more sense than using the water we love so much to bridge the distance and have another option to get to know and explore the rest of our state.*

*I also think many tourists would love the idea of traveling between Islands without having to go on a large cruise boat. Again for myself, I would love to have the option just for pleasure, but I think the real purpose and beauty of the ferry will be uniting "Ohana" living on various islands.*

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*My heart and prayers go out to the CEO who is trying to bring something GOOD to the Islands, and especially to all the employees who thought they had job. Last job I had was working for the Walt Disney Company. In the 12 years I was there, went through 4 lay offs. It sucks to lose your job (especially this close to the holidays) because of a few selfish narrow minded groups who don't want "Oahu" people spending too much time on their Islands.*

*Anyone living on Oahu has my full support when they want to work. The superferry employees were led to believe they were gainfully employed and then had the rug pulled out underneath them. What message does that give to the population here? We need to increase employment options, not take away jobs people already have.*

*The CEO has shown compassion and a lot of class regarding his employees and the whole mess he is unfortunately facing. I would work for that man in a heartbeat, and hope the resolution is to support his vision and bring the superferry to us as a permanent option. Remember all the fuss about H3? What would be do without it? Why are the other Islands so afraid of change?*

*Mahalo,*

*Susan J. Beckmann  
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*-- "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you did not do  
Than by the things you did do.  
So, throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor.  
Catch the trade winds in your sails.  
Explore, Dream, Discover"*

*Aloha, Suzie --*

**House Testimony**

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**From:** Craig Stahl [craig@northeastmortgage.biz]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:58 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Cc:** 'Hawaii Superferry'; governor.lingle@hawaii.gov  
**Subject:** #0106 Please support Hawaii Superferry & Don't forget the Tourists!!!

Dear Legislator:

My wife and I support a special session of the Hawaii State Legislature to identify a solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

We are 10+ time visitors to Hawaii (all islands at least once), Maui Timeshare owners (4 weeks) and significant property tax payers, We know that tourists as well as the people of Hawaii want inter-island transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by residents, businesses and visitors, it will bring many benefits to Hawaii. We look forward to using the Superferry on our next visit to the islands when we plan to visit both Maui & Kauai.

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option and protect Hawaii's business and tourist climate.

Mahalo,

Craig & Elizabeth Stahl

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Poipu Plantation [plantation@poipubeach.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:09 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0107 No Super Ferry operation prior to completion of the EA or EIS

Please do not pass any contrary legislation. Ferry must not operate prior to the EA or EIS completion.  
Javed Maksood  
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10/24/2007

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

## HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working.

Aloha, my name is Astrida Pesentheiner and I am a Port Customer Experience Representative with the Hawaii Superferry. I am born and raised in Honolulu and I am extremely ecstatic with my new job and this exciting addition to our islands.

After living and working on the mainland for nine years, I moved back home to be with my family and lifelong friends. As I struggle with the cost of living here in Hawaii, my new job gives me optimism and great hope that I would be able to stay here and not be apart from my family.

The Superferry brings so many great opportunities to the people of Hawaii and our treasured tourism and economy. It's a gift that families can pack up their car and travel interisland to explore and visit other family members and friends. Hawaii is known as the "Mixing Pot of the World" because of the Aloha that we have shared with all. This Aloha is for our visitors and the local people of all of the Hawaiian Islands.

Since the first day of working for Hawaii Superferry, the company has shown massive dedication to training and educating all of us on every single detail of the operation. Some of the topics that are continuously covered and focused on are Department of Agriculture & Invasive Species, First Aid & CPR., "Aloha in the Islands", Security, Vehicle, Baggage & Person Inspection, Customer Service, and Safety concerns. The intelligent and constant training and discussions have improved my knowledge of this operation and allows me to feel extra confident.

We are completely prepared to supply this wonderful service to the people of Hawaii. It will bring good business ties within the islands with local farmers and small businesses that would not have been able to do that before. I am so proud to have been a part of everything so far with Hawaii Superferry and I look forward to the wonderful experience and benefits that my job offers.

It breaks my heart to think that this may not sail and it would be a shocking blow to business in the islands and our island morale. As we work hard to remain hopeful and pray and keep our morale high within the team, I thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion and give testimony. I and my peers are so appreciative on the time that you have taken to hear this testimony and hold a special session. Mahalo Nui Loa! Please Save the Superferry!

Aloha,

Astrida K.C. Pesentheiner  
Honolulu, HI 96821

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to us and for your hard work and efforts going into this session.

My name is **Chris Wong**. I am a furloughed port operator on Maui for the Hawaii Superferry. I am also the owner of a Christian clothing company. My strong support for the Hawaii Superferry goes far beyond my employment which I love dearly. The Superferry will also allow me to expand my business by bringing the materials and products I need to make presentations and attend shows. The Hawaii Superferry will also help me reduce my shipping costs, expand my business, create competitive prices statewide for goods and services I need, increase my network, allow me access to services not provided on Maui, and most important to me share my faith and increase mine.

As wonderful as **whales** are, people are more important. What major benefits do people really get from whales besides enjoying their beauty - shirts, postcards, toys, a tourist draw? Realistically, most residents don't have any more benefits from them than that. Most residents don't even get to see whales because they're too busy working. You have a choice between man and animal. You need to choose people first. One of our opponent's slogans is "Extinction is forever". That same slogan can be said for the local people who leave Hawaii because they can't survive economically. On the other hand, the Superferry could help enrollment increase for the UH system by allowing students easier access to our local college. It would make it easier for them continue their education here. The Hawaii Superferry will be the catalyst for residents to create new, exciting, and creative business, organizations, hobbies, and so on - and they may even get to see a whale or two.

I ask that you do not let our state become paralyzed and kept from greatness because you bought into "What if..." scenarios and their "fears of the unknown" being brought up by our opponents. Their concerns are the Superferry's as well, but we have not taken the extreme and pessimistic position they have. For instance, the **traffic** is basically a non-issue. Their issue is a lack of patience. It's no worse than politicians sign waving on the side of the road during the election season. The management of the Superferry has expressed to its employees that additional lots and routes as back-up plans are available to us in the event of major traffic issues. One traffic concern of mine, however, is that the Maui terminal needs a limited protestor area like Kauai does for the safety of the protestors, customers, and employees. I'm not against their freedom of speech, but during the first full days of operations, the protestors caused unnecessary "rubbernecking" and unneeded pedestrian traffic around our entrance. Also, there was a protestor that tripped and fell near the outside of our entry gate - a place he shouldn't have been. As the on-duty officer we hired went to assist him, one of our employees was getting verbally harassed along the fence line while this took place. We also don't agree with protestors bringing their young kids to the side of a public road holding signs for a cause they don't fully understand. Also, it's difficult to take certain opponent groups seriously when one moment, they want to overthrow the existing Hawaiian government and it's laws. The next moment, they're crying "follow the law". Then they follow up by threatening to jump into the harbors and violate the stated restricted zones. I ask that this session create the designated protestor areas for Maui, and reiterates that any violation of the restricted areas will be treated as a domestic terroristic threat.

In regards to the **Environmental Assessment** and/or the **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**, I ask that the legislators consider measures to protect the Hawaii Superferry from any false accusations regarding the issues held against us. Certain people have reason to believe that the rock incident on Maui was an intentional and deliberate setup from our opponents. We don't want the Hawaii Superferry to be portrayed in a false, negative light because of stunts like this. For example, how would you know if an opponent wouldn't intentionally spread an invasive specie to an island in an attempt to falsely accuse the Superferry during the assessment and/or EIS? And if the Hawaii Superferry must conduct these studies, you must require similar businesses such as the Pacific Whale Foundation to do the EA and/or EIS with the same conditions the Hawaii Superferry might be subject to.

Please consider the consequences that will occur if the Hawaii Superferry does not operate. Hawaii will have to repay the \$40 million. You will lose a valuable, state-of-the-art alternative mode of transportation, and the people of Hawaii will probably never have another opportunity to have a service like this from this company or any other similar companies. You are also at risk to be sued by the Hawaii Superferry. Young Brothers would continue its monopoly, and probably raise their prices knowing there won't be any direct or indirect competition in sight. Hawaii will lose many potential business prospects. Airline rates will go up. And these are just to name a few results of that decision. On top of that, you'd still have the whale collisions and the spread of invasive species.

For the majority of this ordeal, you have been asked to look at the negatives. However, I encourage you to consider the optimistic viewpoint. Consider the power of Hawaii's faith-based groups, the positive influence of clubs and organizations, the wise counsel and guidance of grandma and grandpa on the neighbor island, and so on. For every evil entity brought up before you by our opponents - the criminals, drug dealers, gamblers, car thieves, greedy fishermen, possessive individuals, etc. - rest assured that Hawaii has many good entities greater than them. My extended Superferry family is one of these good, uplifting, and positive groups. These groups are the ones that will help reduce crime, help break drug addictions, help the homeless become a productive member of society that can provide for themselves again, and help keep those that might stray on the right path. Many of these people have good intentions like providing for their families, but choose to do it in an illegal way because that route requires less discipline. Might I suggest that the reason these issues exist are because these people lack a purpose, they lack the support system, they lack the financial opportunity, all of which, the Hawaii Superferry can be the avenue for them to receive what they lack whether we go to them or they come to us.

Do not let these negative voices cloud your judgment. Hawaii can have the happy-medium where we have the newest technologies and modern conveniences, yet still maintain the oldest of traditions and the beauty of the islands. The Superferry project has created an awareness and educated Hawaii on a variety of topics. Life, death, bugs, weeds, managing resources, and the like are battles that we will always have throughout life. But we still need to keep moving forward. Now is the time for you to rise above the adversity and be the leaders that take this issue and use it as a tool to better our state and the quality of life here - and it starts by bringing the Hawaii Superferry back into operation. Thank you.

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

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## HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working.

My name is Doree Coito and I work as a Customer Experience Representative.

I need you to understand what my job means to me and the effect it has on my family. I am a mother of 5 with three grown children, 2 of which are in college. I don't believe I need to explain the huge cost of higher education. In turn, not being able to afford to send my kids to college will have its' own impact on my children and their future. My income is a needed addition for the daily support of my family. Like others in Hawaii, we struggle to raise a family due to the cost of living in the islands.

I enjoy working for Hawaii Superferry because this company has proven, at a huge cost for them, that they support their employees and are concerned about Hawaii and its' native people. They provide extensive training on sensitivity to the Hawaiian culture and its' history as well as the protection of these islands. They provide a wide array of training on safety, security, and service. Throughout all this, they have kept us on the payroll because of their commitment to its employees and their families. It is unfortunate more employers in Hawaii do not have the same commitment to its employees and the people of this state.

If the Superferry cannot continue to operate, it can potentially have a devastating impact on this state. The Superferry provides a much needed alternative transportation for many people. There are those who cannot or will not fly, it provides a much more comfortable form of travel for those who have disabilities and it gives visitors to our islands another option for travel to the outer islands. The Superferry also now gives employers, groups, teams, and others who would normally incur a great expense, the choice to travel for meetings, conventions, and sports competitions because of the ability to bring their own equipment and vehicles. This in turn will bring much needed business to the outer islands. The State of Hawaii will now have an additional means of transportation that will allow a free exchange of commerce. The Superferry will also be a great asset to the State during times of natural disasters by providing the transport of much needed supplies, emergency personnel and basic necessities. There are also many people around the nation who are watching the outcome of this session and it will have an impact on future business ventures in Hawaii.

On a personal level, my family will feel the impact because of the plans we made for our future. This job provides the means to accomplish our goals and dreams. I need this income to support the huge expense of raising a family in Hawaii.

I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be heard. I hope you will allow us to continue to serve the people of this great state.

Sincerely,  
Doree Coito

## House Testimony

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**From:** Annette & Paul [hilojensen@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:12 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0111 Superferry

#111

I have read all the coverage on the subject. I am for the ferry for all the logical reasons: Optional way to travel between islands; Open new options to ship freight ; Create jobs and stimulate a whole new area and environment for business and commerce; bring Hawaii together as one state, not eight separate islands unto themselves.

I have not found any evidence presented by the opposition to support their concerns. I can only see that by letting the ferry operate under close observation can factual data be gathered by actual observations. This will contribute more to an objective EIS than anything else. As it stands now, I can only hear loud, unsubstantiated, emotional appeals by a small vocal group of (from all the pictures) haoles who probably haven't been here for much more than five years and wont be here in another five years.

As I see it, there are a lot of people who have come to Hawaii with the idea that each island is a "gated community". We are one state, one people who have the right to travel, live and contribute to the benefit of the whole. These protesters are not the people who will set the course into the future for Hawaii. They are interested only in serving their own personal desires by using the environment to block progress rather than using a good law to move ahead and not damage the environment while we do. There is risk in that, but we must weigh the risk against the gains. i.e a few dead whales wont contribute a wit to the extinction of the species.

Yes, there is risk, and that is why we elect "leaders" not politicians to to be bold at time like these.

I have read the fifty page bill and in my opinion it is excellent. Thank you for working as hard as you have on this very important issue. I was born on Oahu in 1933 and when my family came to Hilo in 1941 we came by boat, on the Hualalai. It was the only way to travel between islands, or anywhere else for that matter. There was a team that spent the trip on the fan tail. I remember that they were having a real good time, a party, singing and laughing all night long as the islands passed by. We lost that part of our way of life for all these years. I pray that now some semblance of an important part of the good old days may now be restored. Imagine the good times that will be had on the ferry - ho'olaulea!

Paul Jensen

## House Testimony

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#112

**From:** charlene janicki [seahonu1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:05 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0112 In favor of the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Charlene Janicki* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*Best means of transportation for my disabled husband...very large habitus, wheelchair bound, unable to use aisle chair in airplanes. Good alternative for all business ie outer island contractors can expand their business to other islands that would like to utilize their services. As a native Hawaiian I am in favor of moving into the 21st century or at least having another choice of viable transportation. Mahalo.*

*Charlene Janicki*  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON THE JUDICIARY AND LABOR,  
TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance  
DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007  
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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

Thank you for this opportunity today to testify on this important bill and thank you very much for holding this special session of the legislature to help all the employees of Hawaii Superferry get back to work to serve the people of the State of Hawaii.

My name is Duane Kim and I am the Maui Manager for Hawaii Superferry at our Kahului Ferry Terminal at Kahului Harbor. It is with great appreciation that I am here today to express my support for Hawaii Superferry and for what I feel it means to my fellow Hawaii Superferry employees, the community of Maui and the great State of Hawaii.

I have been involved in the maritime industry in Hawaii for over 30 years and working these last 2 years for the Hawaii Superferry has been the most meaningful and the most rewarding experience I've ever had in my professional career thus far.

My job also means a great deal to me as well as to my family. I was born and raised in Hawaii and have resided on Maui for the past thirteen years. We have live in a home we purchased 13 years ago in Central Maui. My wife is the Director of Veterinary Medicine at the Maui Humane Society and my 3 children are currently enrolled in the Hawaii Public School System – with the oldest in his 4<sup>th</sup> year at the University of Hawaii, the second in his senior year at Baldwin High School, and my youngest at Iao Intermediate School. Education is our top priority at home and my continued employment at Hawaii Superferry will allow our children to further their education and hopefully have the comfort and the confidence to return home to a State which continues to listen to and believe in the majority of its people.

I am very, very proud of being part of Hawaii Superferry and I really feel good about working for this outstanding company. As one of the original launch team members of Hawaii Superferry hired in January of 2006, I have always been and continue to be a firm believer in this company being a very unique and long-awaited transportation alternative between our beautiful islands within our great State of Hawaii. I was personally involved with and continue to be involved in all the hard work and efforts with numerous entities within the government, private, environmental, and public sectors to ensure that whatever we did and whatever we continue to do is, first and foremost, always in the best interest of the great people of our great State of Hawaii.

As Maui Manager for Hawaii Superferry, I have 35 committed and supportive employees who have still chosen to remain a part of our unique Hawaii Superferry ohana. Along with my Kahului Port Manager, Jan Paney, we have worked even harder choosing and hiring employees who would be willing and able to go above and beyond normal expectations and to carry out 110% of their duties and responsibilities to ensure the Hawaii Superferry remains a part of our Maui community and the natural resources of our State of Hawaii are protected. Our current 35 Maui employees have been working and training at the Kahului Ferry Terminal.



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If Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be difficult for a few employees and very devastating for the rest of us, including myself.

- Together, we have over 150 immediate family members all residing on Maui. Without the Hawaii Superferry, every single employee and our families would be affected and our lives would change again.
- Together, we have hundreds of neighbors gathering around us on Maui, providing friendship and personal support.
- Together, we have thousands of families and friends residing on the Islands of Oahu, Kauai, and Hawaii. Without the Hawaii Superferry, we will not be able to freely visit our families and friends who live on our neighboring islands and more so, our families and friends would not be able to freely visit us on this great alternative mode of transportation.
- Together, we have trained countless number of hours in all aspects of our business to ensure we serve the people of Hawaii with Aloha and care for our environment.
- Together, we have shared the ups and downs, the trials and tribulations, and the positives and the negatives of being part of Hawaii Superferry.
- But above all else, together, we have remained committed to share our gift of Aloha to everyone who has come in contact with Hawaii Superferry, including those supporting us and those protesting against us.

At the start of our hiring process, every single Maui resident applying for a job at the Kahului Ferry Terminal, including all 35 currently furloughed Maui employees, were asked the question, "Why do you want to work for Hawaii Superferry?" Almost all responded it was because they wanted to work for a company which was going to offer an alternative means of inter-island transportation, but more importantly all of them said that they wanted to share their Aloha and be a part of company who will make a tremendous difference in the improvement of the quality of life in our great State of Hawaii.

Again, I strongly support Hawaii Superferry and I strongly support this special session of the legislature to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate during the course of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement and allow us the opportunity to get back to work to serve the people of Hawaii.

Thank you very much for your time and for listening to my testimony.

Aloha,

Duane Kim  
824 Aukai Place  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
Telephone 808.226.0304

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ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

I support this bill that will allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while an environmental impact statement is being done.

My name is Erin Nakaya. I was born and raised in Honolulu on the Island of Oahu. I am currently employed by Hornblower Marine Service, as a Purser aboard Alakai, Hawaii Superferry's vessel. My duties entail supervising the Hotel Staff, ensuring Passenger Satisfaction and safety while on board the Alakai.

Prior to joining Hornblower, my previous employment included working for Paradise Cruise Ltd. on the Star of Honolulu and for Norwegian Cruise Lines on the inter island cruises. While working for the Star of Honolulu, I got to share with the passengers the beautiful sunset from the water and the Honolulu city lights. One of the reason why I choose to work on NCL was I felt that would broaden my horizons and it would show case Hawaii to the world. The Hawaii Superferry provides its passengers another way to see the beauty the islands have to offer from the ocean.

I've come to realize there are very few opportunities to be a part of something that would change Hawaii like the impact of the cruise lines. I feel that Hawaii Superferry is a new opportunity that would provide yet another positive change for Hawaii and its people. I feel the Superferry would provide a new way for people to get from island to island and evolve the way we work and play.

Have you ever been stuck on an airplane with a crying child? Did you move seats or stand up to walk around the airplane? On the Superferry you can check out the scenery, move to another seat or have a cup of coffee in the premium lounge. Or how about that football game you

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wanted to see . . . check that out in the aft of the ship. There are so many different options to make your trip more enjoyable. For those with limited mobility, the Superferry provides another option to travel and feel more independent. The Super Ferry would allow local farmers to bring fresh produce to other island markets, construction companies can expand their business by taking their products and services neighbor islands where they are limited or are not available. In case of a statewide emergency, the Superferry can provide transportation to move people to safety or equipment to areas in need.

I have had the privilege of building a team primarily of people from Hawaii, which we grew to become the Superferry family. The attitude of the crew has been amazing. It speaks volumes to their character as individuals and being able to keep their heads up through the events of the last three months. They have been positive throughout the start up process which has been rough especially with circumstances on Maui and Kauai. I hope a compromise can be reached where all parties concerns are addressed and we can start up service and share the Superferry with the people of Hawaii.

I understand and respect the concerns of others, but I chose to work on the Superferry because I felt it was safe for the environment and would have a positive impact for the State of Hawaii. When I was offered a position with the Superferry, I wanted to part of the team and being a part of making a dream a reality.

Thank you for listening. Please pass the bill to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate.

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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working. My name is John Montemayor and I work as a Nawiliwili, Port Utility Operator. This job means a lot to me.

This Hawaii Superferry job means a lot for my family, fellow workers, the community and myself, because of its job benefits of being an employee for the Hawaii based company that could be one of Hawaii's future alternative ways of transportation. As this company grows into the future me and my fellow state wide employee's will have the opportunity to advance in our working career's, allowing us to be able to seek and improve your quality of life for our family's here in Hawaii. And making the possibilities to pave our financial goals in our local back yard to sustain more local business with growth here in Hawaii

I feel good about working for the Hawaii Superferry because, it's a good local company that cares for their employees and our community. Also the Hawaii Superferry will help a lot of people and business including American Disabilities Act people, farmers and regular every day people. The Hawaii Superferry is even concern about our environment and is willing to listen to all practical environmental concerns. This is probably only a few of company's in the transportation business of people and goods that is willing to be very concern about whales in our Hawaiian waters and invasive species reaching in our Hawaiian lands. The Hawaii Superferry is even very concern about our Hawaii's growing drug problems.

If the Hawaii Superferry is not allowed to operate, it would be bad for Hawaii and its people, my family, co-workers and me. I would probably would have to move to the mainland in order to seek a well paying job, or take a dead-end job in our present Hawaii job market that does not pay as well as the Hawaii Superferry. The effect of losing this type of job for me and my family would place a huge road block in our family and personal dreams in Hawaii. If this Hawaii Superferry type of business does not take place, the people of Hawaii will have no alternative ways for island to island transportation such for church groups, teams, American Disabilities Act-people, athletes, seniors, etc would have more difficulty traveling inter-islands. As we all know if these small percentage of protesters will stop the Hawaii Superferry from doing business, the future of other good large business to come and stay in Hawaii will be bad for Hawaii's State Government reputation.

John Montemayor  
Kapaa, Kauai

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

\*My name is Jolene Valente Witt and I am the Port Manager for the island of Kauai. I was born and raised in Koloa, and I have lived in Kekaha for most of my married life.

When I was a little girl, we used to fly back and forth to see my Aunts and Uncles on Oahu, who had to move off island because there were more opportunities there to support their families. I wanted to see the other islands but I was so afraid to fly. I asked my Mom, why doesn't someone build a bridge between the islands? My Mom told me "one day someone's going to build that bridge, you just have to be patient and it's going to be done." To me, Alakai is that bridge that I had dreamed about since I was a little girl. I am proud to be a part of the Hawaii Superferry and I believe it will be good for the residents and the businesses of Kauai.

Many of us on Kauai support the ferry and see the potential, but it is not our culture to speak out. We are intimidated by conflict. For those of us who grew up in plantation culture, we have been taught when there is conflict just let people say what they're going to say, just "let 'em go" and it will pass over.

Even now, when it's so important to speak up and let people know what we want, it is very hard for us to do it. Last night I met with 10 members of the staff and they were happy that I would go to represent them. Then I spoke with my family, and while they understood the importance of me going, they were also afraid for my grandson getting singled out in a school where the opposition is more popular. This week he received the school newsletter with information to audition for a play to dramatize the meeting with the Governor at the Convention Hall. It concerns me what we are teaching our children on Kauai about respect for other people by glorifying this day that was a shame for all of us as residents of the island. I respect everyone's point of view and everyone's entitled to their own opinion, but the violent way that opposition has been expressed makes it even harder for the "silent majority" to speak out. Thank you for letting me explain why I support Hawaii Superferry and believe this bill should be passed to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EA is being conducted.

Hawaii Superferry provides a bridge between island families that is valuable to us, and gives more freedom to move around. Many residents do not like flying, and have trouble traveling with families. So many of us who are born and raised on neighbor islands have family on other islands, and this provides an affordable option to visit with them. With the recent price increase in shipping, it can actually be cheaper to travel with our own vehicle and definitely more convenient.

Some of us suffer from disabilities. I have been trained to assist people with disabilities and I myself have been diagnosed with a disability, and at one time I could not even climb the stairs. The idea of me not being able to lay down or spread out was a problem for me, and made travel to Oahu for medical treatment extremely difficult. There are many people with different conditions who would find travel by ferry more comfortable, and for some it may be the only way they can travel.

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Chairman Taniuchi, Chairman English, Chairman Menor and members of the committees. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from the Hawaii Superferry continue working. ¶  
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It's not easy to find a good part time job that works well with a full time job and still gives time with the family before going to bed. Many of our employees have to work a second job to supplement their incomes and make a living on Kauai. While I speak only for myself, many of my 35 colleagues on Kauai have also expressed similar opinions, and I hope you take that into consideration.

If the Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be a loss not only for employees, but also for business on Kauai. Kauai has already been labeled as "anti business" and that creates a domino effect with the jobs and the whole economy. Please help us to preserve the Superferry, not only to help us keep our jobs for us, but also jobs for everybody.

Sincerely,

Jolene Valente-Witt  
Kekaha, Kauai HI

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DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007  
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## HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

Thank you for giving me a chance to testify on this important bill. My name is Kanoa Parker and I work as Chief Officer aboard the Hawaii Super Ferry, ALAKAI. Working on board the ALAKAI has given me the chance to work on state of the art equipment in the waters where I grew up, while at the same time advancing my license and career. To have this chance to work here in Hawaii as opposed to the Gulf of Alaska or the Far East, is really a wonderful opportunity.

Growing up on O'ahu, I have been around the ocean my whole life, whether it has been surfing, fishing, paddling or sailing. I have a great respect for the ocean, and Hawaii's environment. Working on the ALAKAI, I have come to find out that Hawaii Superferrie's environmental policies are more stringent and environmentally conscious than any company I have worked for. I have worked on tankers in Alaska, containerships and car-carriers sailing around the world, and just prior to the Superferry I was on the cruise ships sailing here inter-island.

Not only do our environmental and whale avoidance polices go well beyond the scope of other companies working here in Hawaii, but the maneuverability and handling characteristics of the ALAKAI make this vessel and company a wonderful asset to the state of Hawaii. With our no discharge policy, and stringent inspections for invasive species I feel confident about Hawaii Superferry making the least amount of impact on the environment as possible. All my fellow co-workers, whether on board, in the terminals, or in the office share my views. The amount of training and focus that the company has placed on the environment is very impressive.

The Hawaii Superferry is a great alternative to the state of Hawaii for inter island travel. From conversations with passengers on the few trips that we have done, and just this past weekend talking with some of the passengers who came aboard for our military appreciation cruises, there was an overwhelming consensus of how much everyone on board enjoyed themselves. They were so impressed with everything about the ALAKAI and our crew. This gave me a real sense of pride to be a part of this whole operation. I think the people of Hawaii deserve this alternative to travel. They deserve to have a choice of whether they want to use the Superferry to facilitate their businesses, or take their cars to outer islands to see their families. The Superferry has so many positive things that it can bring to Hawaii. Besides an alternative for travel, the vessel could be used as a major asset for disaster and emergency relief. With the ferries cargo-carrying capacity, speed and maneuverability, the ALAKAI could play an integral role in disaster relief to outer islands.

Let's give the Superferry a chance, and let's give all the people who are employed by this company, along with their families a chance. Let's give the people of Hawaii a

chance to come down and ride the ferry, and to talk with us, and I am positive they will see that the Hawaii Superferry is a good thing. Thank you for hearing my testimony.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working. My name is Kurt Medeiros and I work as a Port Utility Operator .

This job is important to me because it's a learning experience, a chance to advance and to improve my skills and with good hours and good income for me and my family, so we can one day own our own home.

I like working for Hawaii Superferry because the management and the vessel crew is very friendly and it's something I would use myself.

Hawaii Superferry is another means of transportation that we want and need on Kauai. Since the rates of Young Brothers and Matson have been going up, it's important for us to have other choices of transportation besides airlines.

I was born and raised on Kauai, and know a lot of people here who don't like airplanes, and some who have never been off island. With Hawaii Superferry they could travel more for the first time and even take their vehicles to Oahu or Maui.

In my other jobs as a limosine driver and working in destination management, many of the people I work with and meet see many uses for the ferry here on Kauai. A manager of a construction company complained about a cement pump truck he was waiting for, that was stuck in Honolulu. It is still sitting in Honolulu, waiting for a barge and that has taken longer than the voyage from the mainland. If the Superferry was running, he could have driven the cement pump truck onto the Superferry. Others who are mechanics don't want to ship their vehicles with tools, but would take them on the ferry.

If the Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be a loss not only for employees, but also for a lot of the businesses on Kauai that are planning to use the Superferry.

Please pass this bill, so we can get back to work.

Sincerely,

Kurt Medeiros  
Lihue, Kauai

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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

My name is Elisabeth Gapero. I work as a Port Utility Inspector at the Kahului Ferry Terminal at Kahului Harbor. My job involves screening and inspection of vehicles, our passengers and our passengers' personal items. It also involves boarding and loading the vessel. There's a lot more to it but just as a general explanation, I'll leave it at that.

From the very first time I heard that the Hawaii Superferry was coming to Hawaii, I embraced the idea! Just the idea of another way to go and have some fun along the way. As you know, flying inter-island is not fun – you're up and then you're down! Little did I know, I would actually be working for this outstanding and caring company. The excitement never ends! As you can only imagine!

My past experience in airport command center security operations and Department of Homeland Security qualified me for my position with Hawaii Superferry. The real bonus for me is that I go to work early in the morning and I'm done by 12:30 p.m. We are compensated well for all the hard work we do. On a personal note, I need the flexibility of more time at home. It's an ideal fit for me – you see, I take care of my elderly mother, who is 86 years old and on oxygen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. She has Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Today she's in the hospital and she has pneumonia. Through this recent change with my mother's condition, Duane Kim, our Maui Manager and Jan Paney, our Kahului Port Manager, have sincerely cared for me while I cared for my mother. That's true ohana. The whole company is all about caring – caring for its employees, caring for the people of Hawaii, and caring for Hawaii's environment. Mr. John Garibaldi even asked me today how my mom was doing. What an amazing company to work for....please, don't make them go away.

I feel good about the work I do for the Hawaii Superferry. The training has been professional and is ongoing as things change in the system. We have had the opportunity to have refresher classes, and maintenance updates of equipment and tools. There has also been extensive cross training which gives us all insight into the different tasks and responsibilities so that we work together better and smarter. The technology used by the HSF is cutting edge and efficient. That keeps each and everyone of us tops at our jobs.

Hawaii Superferry management is accessible at all levels. What I mean by that is, there's no "upper management attitude". Anyone can answer your question or help you. We can talk to Mr. John Garibaldi or Mr. Terry O'Halloran easily. Questions are always answered. I don't feel like we're ever overlooked even through our recent long court ordeal. You have to admire and respect that.

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Now I know what you're thinking, they haven't even been in operation really! And you're right about that but we stand together, held each other up and listened when one of us needed an ear. This court hearing has affected us all and continues to wear on us. The bonds we have now will last forever. See, we want to get back to work and get this all behind us. Please, allow Hawaii Superferry to sail while an EIS is done.

We as the Maui team of Hawaii Superferry are proud to represent our jobs and our employer. This whole ordeal with the court and the hearings is like nothing I've ever experienced in my life. On Monday night on Maui, I know a lot of people wanted to speak in support for the Hawaii Superferry, but didn't, either because of intimidation or because time ran out at 8:00 p.m. The lunatic fringe element that you listened to on Maui, well that's not how the majority on our Island of Maui and in the State of Hawaii feels. They want us to get back sailing!

Let's work together to keep the Superferry going. Mahalo Nui Loa,

Elisabeth Gapero  
21 One Malia Way  
Wailuku, HI 96793

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ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working.

My name is McWayne Kahumoku and my present position with the company is that of a Port Utility Operator.

My employment with Hawaii Superferry is very important to me for the simple fact that it is my only source of income. Back in March of this year my career came to a sudden halt after 22 dedicated years in the travel industry as a result of reorganization by my former employer.

Since then I've been job-hunting, hoping to find a career in the travel industry that was different from what I was used too. A job that would enhance my customer service skills in the travel industry.

The Hawaii Superferry provided me with that and much more. I've been with the company for 4-four months and during this time I have developed a profound admiration for our management team, led by our President & CEO John Garibaldi. The Company really cares for the community and their employee's, this was displayed most recently over this past weekend when the company treated our Military personnel & family for a cruise on the ALAKAI with complimentary meals. As for the employees the fact that we all were kept on the pay-roll as long as we did after the company initially suspended service is a testament to the company's sincerity and generosity.

I can honestly say that the company really values my input and suggestions, as a result prior to the work furlough I received a promotion. I have also witnessed this with other co-workers as well, it is a great morale booster as it develops buy-in and ownership taken by the employee's in raising the level of service for our customers.

The Hawaii Superferry provides an alternative method of inter-island travel for the residents of the State of Hawaii and visitors alike. When my family and friends get together to discuss how we would like to use this form of travel, the suggestion are almost limit-less, from family reunions, camping trips, Hula competition / exhibitions, not to mention sports and music events on the neighbor islands. I can only imagine the benefits for small businesses as well.

However, if the Hawaii Superferry is not allowed to continue service, it would impact the quality of life for me and my family. For starters it would mean back to the drawing board in hopes of finding another job. It may result in a change of residence. Being unemployed is NO-FUN, it's NO-VACATION!

I am PROUD to be a member of the Hawaii Superferry Team and I believe my fellow co-workers share my views in Support of the Hawaii Superferry. I also believe that you will render the right decision in resolving this matter.

Thank you for listening to my testimony.

Sincerely,

McWayne Kahumoku

Honolulu, HI

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### Late Testimony

#### Dear Chairs & Vice Chairs together with respective subject matter committees of referrals on HB1 & SB1 as well as confirmation hearings:

Please pardon me this abbreviated testimonial-Thank you for this opportunity to submit both written testimony together with oral testimony as appropriate.

I read that a Special Session Legislature may hear public testimony as early as Wed., Oct. 24, 2007. The informational briefing on the draft legislation on Super Ferry goes on the road to Kauai, Maui and Big Island.

This is an important session because the Senate in particular will hear from candidates for Chair, DLNR, DIR, Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations, & other confirmation hearings such as Justice Randall Lee's elevation to a higher bench. He was already visiting the Senators' offices as early as Oct. 18th, 2007!

The one single question that voters and lawmakers have to ask themselves is: will they have supported the Super Ferry if the EA/EIS were favourable and/or mitigation effectuated? If the answer is yes, they the Super Ferry must be made afloat not just to avoid a \$40 million default on a surety bid bond, unemployment insurance for 300+ company employees, and their retraining, and further need to extend the Special Session to balance the budget short fall due

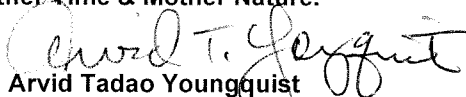
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to this "Summer Time Romance" with the Super Ferry.

Let's let all sides come to meet at the happy medium and create a Win-Win situation for not just the Company but for all residents, all Islands, office holders, and most important of all, the tax payers (read that=voters).

This is a \$300 million+ project which the economy of this State can ill afford to sacrifice. Hopefully a decision tempered with wisdom and due diligence can be achieved in the brief time allotted to us as a State, by both Father Time & Mother Nature.



Arvid Tadao Youngquist

"1 of 14,664 voices from State of Hawaii"

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96837

p.s. I also want to express my support for the confirmations of Mr. Randall K. Lee for elevation to the higher court due to a vacancy because of a death; Support also confirmation of Laura Thielen, acting Chair, DLNR, & Mr. Darwin Ching, acting DIR, Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations, as permanent Directors for the remainder of the Governor's term.



**The Chamber of  
Commerce of Hawaii**

*Since 1850*

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Testimony to the House Committees on Transportation and Finance  
Thursday, October 25, 2007; 9:00 a.m.  
State Capitol Auditorium

**RE: HB 1 Relating to Transportation**

Chairs Souki and Oshiro, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Lee, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Jim Tollefson and I am the President and CEO of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber"). I am here to state The Chamber's support in allowing the operation of an inter-island ferry service in the State of Hawaii while an Environmental Impact Statement is being conducted.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing 1100 businesses, which employ over 200,000 workers. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees.

Over 90% of our membership believes that the Superferry should be allowed to operate while an environmental impact assessment is done. More importantly, we believe the bill should be balanced and in the best interest of our state. The Chamber is concerned that this controversy and the negative press it is generating, is doing further damage to Hawaii's business image.

Ultimately, if the Superferry is forced to leave, the action will have a significant negative impact on future capital investment in Hawaii, thus impacting Hawaii's economy and reputation, as well as its businesses and citizens in the long term.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments.

Ph: 545-4300  
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**This person has signed up to testify.  
No written comments were submitted.**

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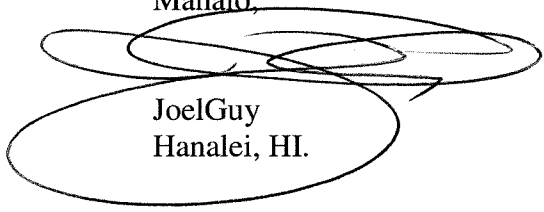
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Testimony of Joel Guy  
Against Bill Allowing Superferry to Sail Prior to an EA

Aloha,

I strongly oppose any bill allowing the superferry to sail prior to an EA.

Mahalo,



Joel Guy  
Hanalei, HI.

ph: 645-0968

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Testimony of Andrea Noelani Brower  
In Opposition to bill allowing Superferry to sail prior to an EA

Aloha,

My name is Andrea Noelani Brower and I was born and raised on Kaua'i. I was in the water the night the superferry was forced to turn around. In the water that night there were doctors, lawyers, construction workers, farmers, landscapers, professors; young and old; kanaka and haole--there were no lines. And it was a beautiful night, because as we all sat chanting under the hoku moon we were united by one thing--our love for Kaua'i, our home.

We have followed all of the proper legal channels to insure the protection of the 'aina. The law is clear, as Judge Cordoza explained so eloquently in his ruling. Yet, now a special session is being held to circumvent our most important environmental law. And for what? For a corporation and administration that have been deceitful and dishonest from the beginning!

If this bill passes, people will be irate that our lawmakers have the audacity to make a mockery of our laws. As the past three hearings proved, there is a large, committed, and impassioned group of neighbor islanders that opposes this bill. They feel disrespected and slapped in the face. If you allow that navy ship to enter Nawiliwili harbor, you will be party to what I fear will turn into one of the ugliest scenes in Hawai'i's history.

We are not terrorists or criminals. We are people with the conviction to stand up for the aina. We ask you to join us in upholding our laws, our constitution, and our state motto that you were sworn in by: "ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono."

Mahalo,



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## TESTIMONY RE THE SUPERFERRY

My name is Peter McKenney. My wife and I have traveled from our home in Lahaina to Honolulu to present our views on the controversy surrounding the Super Ferry. My wife, Luanna Kailipakalua Farden McKenney and I were married at Kawaiaha'o Church 45 years ago. We lived on O'ahu for many years. Luanna was born at Queen's Hospital and was raised on Ho'onanea Street, near the University and in Kan'eohe. We "Maui opposition" people are not a small minority of noisy, self-centered newcomers to Hawaii, as the Super Ferry advocates would have you believe. (We are not a minority. 7:1 spoke against the bill. How many of you are aware of Council Chair Ricky Hakama's passionate and informed testimony in opposition to this bill?)

We have learned from active lives on both O'ahu and Maui that people on a neighbor island, such as Maui, have different desires and concerns from those who live on O'ahu. The overwhelming population is on O'ahu. O'ahu can turn out many more votes statewide for something that suits the people of O'ahu. Please don't just count votes. Consider the need to protect our neighbor island's interests and our fragile environment.

When a controversial issue arises, we all need to study these competing interests and concerns carefully, thoughtfully and constructively. This is normally done by using the EIS process. We identify the issues, we get the opinions of experts and we get the public and other experts

to join in before momentous decisions are made. After this process, we accept the result.

For whatever reasons, our governor and the legislature chose to not comply with this procedure. This was despite several years of warning by the people of Maui, including a unanimous resolution from the Maui County Council. After weeks of testimony by the best and brightest on both sides of the issue, our Hawaii Supreme Court found unanimously that an Environmental Assessment should have been conducted. Then the Ferry advocates tried to operate before the assessment is complete. Judge Cardozza on Maui ruled that this would be wrong as well. Incidentally, before Judge Cardosa could rule, the Super Ferry quickly scheduled a weekend sailing to Maui. It was during pre-boarding for the return trip that three pickup trucks, illegally loaded with Maui stones, were discovered on the pier, ready to board, having been “inspected” by the Super Ferry procedures.

Now you Legislators are being asked to pass a bill that would, in effect, nullify the court rulings by creating a special exemption from the law for one company! This bill is crafted to calm our concerns by having Governor Lingle be sure that there won't be any adverse effects! (The fox guarding the hen house?) And she would rely on the DLNR to oversee the operation! DLNR does not have the resources to protect what already needs protection, without adding the additional responsibilities that the Super Ferry would require. How many of you today have read the courageous testimony of Randy Awo, Branch Chief of the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement? He

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said, "I am here to express my concern about our ability to properly administer to the impacts that will SURELY OCCUR!" And what happens if these impacts do occur? Should the Bill have contained assurances, such as a \$100 million surety bond? Is there any wonder why people of Maui are so passionately against this bill?

Ua mau ke ea o ka 'aina I ka pono. The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness. This is the motto of our Hawai'i. PLEASE VOTE TO DEFEAT THIS BILL!

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

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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

My name is Myra Torres and I work as an Operator. This job means a lot to me because at present, I am working four jobs and being employed with the Hawaii Superferry will only need me to work one. Additionally, it could provide me the opportunity to improve my quality of life and that of my family members, friends and my community.

I feel good about working for the Hawaii Superferry because I personally feel that this company will provide excellent service that will help a lot of people, people afraid of flying and people with disabilities. Having the Hawaii Superferry available will allow people with disabilities to sail with their specially altered vehicles. The Hawaii Superferry has been an excellent employer as evidenced by the training that I have received to expand my knowledge and skills of operating a fork-lift. Not only that it provides me with excellent training but with that comes good benefits.

If the Hawaii Superferry will not be allowed to operate, it will put a burden on me, my family and the People of Hawaii. I will have to continue working four jobs and this will take time away from me and my family. The residents of Hawaii, both young and old will not have an alternative means of inter-island transportation. Residents that "fear flying" will have to stay put and not be allowed time away for relaxation and restoration. Citizens who are wheelchair bound and require special vehicular alterations will need to make additional transportation arrangements to adapt to their wheelchair needs.

I have shared how I feel and I know that my fellow co-workers are in similar situations and feel the same way, too. I hope that you will help us all and we will have our jobs back soon.

Thank you listening to my testimony.

Myra Torres  
Kekaha, Kauai HI



TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON THE JUDICIARY AND LABOR,  
TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance  
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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

My name is Shayna Asuncion and I work as a Port Utility Inspector on Maui at the Kahului terminal. My job means a lot to me in different ways. It is my only source of income and I love the employees I get to work with.

It's a great feeling when you enjoy what you do... and its an even better feeling when you love the people you work with. Prior to my employment with Hawaii Superferry, I worked at Harmony Airways as an Airport Operations Supervisor, which closed in April of this year.

Do you have any idea what it's like to have been laid-off twice in one year?!? It's a complete heartbreak!

The Hawaii Superferry is a wonderful opportunity for Hawaii that can provide another source of transportation between our islands.

Thank you very much for your time and for listening to my testimony.

Aloha,

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**House Testimony**

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**From:** Sandy Haruno [sandyh@gentryhawaii.com]**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:15 AM**To:** House Testimony**Subject:** #0130 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 Sandy Haruno and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I have lived in Hawaii for over 35 years and have seen it prosper into a wonderful State. During these years I have always wanted another means of transportation to the other islands (Hydroplane tried, but did not succeed)...the Superferry is perfect and adds another dimension to Hawaii. I think it is time that the silent MAJORITY stand up for what we want and not let a small group of people tell us what we can and cannot do. I believe that we still live in a free society and we cannot be dictated by these people. As far as the environmental impact of the ferry, I believe that it is more environmentally friendly than any other means of sea transportation in the State...why are they being singled out??? What about Young Brothers, Matson and the cruise lines that come through out State. Also, the whales are much safer from the ferry than the other ships due to it's maneuverability.

Please do everything you can to keep the ferry in our State. MAHALO!

*Sandy Haruno*

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DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007  
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HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from the Hawaii Superferry continue working. My name is Shirleen Palacio and I work as a PROC Accounting for the Port Sales. This job means a lot to me because of the financial need to improve the quality of life for my family in the high cost environment of Kauai.

I feel good about working for the Hawaii Superferry because it's a company providing a needed service for a lot of people, farmer's handicaps, etc. The Hawaii Superferry provides good benefits and training to employees to help improve knowledge and skills.

If the Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be bad for Hawaii. People would not have a needed alternative when it comes to transportation between neighboring Islands. Church groups, teams, athletes, handicapped people, etc. would have more difficult traveling interisland.

I am speaking about how I feel, but I know that my fellow workers are in similar situations and feel the same and feel the same way, too. I hope you will help us all get back to work. Thank you for listening to my testimony.

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DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working.

My name is Vivian Perry and I work as a Port Experience Representative.

This job means a lot to me because it helps to supplement my income to help support my family but most of all it has given a lot of local residents like myself a job that pays compatible wages and a chance to represent a company that is in everyway Ohana oriented.

I feel good about working for Hawaii Superferry because it has given me a chance to meet new people, learn the travel industry, but most of all the freedom to work for a great company that will give not just myself but for those who so choose, a chance to travel by sea. Before I was even hired by the company, my family and I who moved back from Oahu 4 years ago, waited so patiently when we heard of this Superferry that we could ride and take our cars to the islands and visit with our friends and relatives, and for them to come and visit us here as well. I became more of a reality when I was hired and looked forward to our grand opening until all of this happened. From day one the company has taught us the meaning of Ohana, the importance of company rules, regulations and high security procedures and precautions and certifications that are required for us to work for the company. They have instilled in us workers the highest importance in following these policies and regulations and the effects if we don't comply.

If the Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be bad for me and my family and bad for Hawaii. The company has given myself and alot of other people the freedom to choose how we want to travel. I was born and raised on this island and I think that my 47 years will attest to my roots and heritage of this aina unlike some of those who have moved here from somewhere else a few years ago. I can attest to how much this island has changed and how expensive it has become, but I know that it is not because of this Superferry. Invasive spicies, whale preservation, pollution, crime and drugs was here well before the Superferry. Drugs are in peoples homes and being distributed in our neighborhoods not from the Superferry, whales are run over by boats and other ships not the Superferry, pollution is everywhere not just the Superferry, crime and diseases are here and from other means not from the Superferry, so what's the deal here. I want the Superferry to operate here and if I choose to travel by sea it's my right like everyone else.

I am speaking about how I feel, but I know that my fellow workers are in similar situations and feel the same way, too. I hope you will help us all get back to work. Thank you for listening to my testimony.

Vivian Perry

## House Testimony

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**From:** Jay April [japril@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:23 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0133 Superferry Special Session

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Dear Sirs and Madames:

I strenuously and emphatically object to any special legislative action that would interfere with Judge Cardoza's ruling. The rule of law must stand. For the legislature to counter the court's decision is wrong and harmful to the ecology and well being of neighbor island residents. The negative consequences of such an action will be irreparable to our islands and to you personally. Please allow the EA and EIS proceed before taking any action on this matter. Linda Lingle is the lawbreaker here. Do not join her, Respect the court and the rule of law.

Malama Pono

Jay April  
Makawao, Hawaii

## House Testimony

**From:** BOBBIE PALENCIA [babsy777@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:25 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0134 KEEP THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY OPERATING IN HAWAII

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is BARBARA JEAN PALENCIA and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

In 2004, the State Legislature passed a resolution urging the State Department of Transportation, Public Utilities Commission, the U.S. Maritime Administration and other officials and agencies to expedite the process for the Hawaii Superferry's permit applications and financing requests. The Legislation additionally endorsed the Hawaii Superferry by approving 40\$ million in financing (from the Federal Government for harbor improvements) for floating barges, ramps and other facilities to be used by the company at the four ports.

In 2005, the State Department of Transportation ruled that the harbor improvements were exempt from an environmental assessment. Knowing that the Maritime Administration needed to be assured that prior to issuing any loan guarantee, significant infrastructure work had to be performed in order for the ferry to operate and be available for ferry operations because delays to the harbor access could put it's loan guarantees at risk.

In 2007, the Hawaii Superferry is here after three (3) to four (4) years of planning, fixing harbor ports, receiving Federal loans, etc., and would not have been allowed to operate if it was not in compliance with the Federal and State guidelines. Correct? So during the planning and ruling of being exempt from an environmental assessment, where were the environmental protestors way back when? If they were vocal and participated in the planning stages, why weren't their issues addressed before the Hawaii Superferry wasted time and money to build and bring a beautiful, luxurious ferry to Hawaii? I believe that it will be at the expense of the taxpayers as well as the Superferry company if operating in Hawaii was taken away. What a shame that the Hawaii Superferry Company is now in the middle of the Federal and State's ruling made years ago, costing millions of dollars shaming the State in ongoing court and now political issues that should of been settled before coming to Hawaii! Is this how our elected officials do business? The State and Federal thought this project to be in the best interest for the people of Hawaii, brought the ferry here, so it should stay here! The voting polls proves that the "majority" of the Hawaii taxpayers want the Superferry to stay and operate. The handful of environmentalists should of did their homework because its obvious that the NCL cruise ships (three (3) of them) operate in the Hawaiian waters between the islands with NO PROBLEM! The Matson barges from the mainland sail through the Hawaiian waters with NO PROBLEM! Although smaller, "The Boat" sails down the island coast at 30-35 miles daily from Kalaeloa to Aloha Tower and back with NO PROBLEM! Same issue. . .ocean, whales? Looks like the Hawaii Superferry is singled out. All the others are in full operation with NO PROBLEM!

I know the canoe clubs will utilize the Superferry taking their canoes to the other island for regattas. . .hotels will take their company vehicle filled with products to their sister hotels to participate various featured functions. . .more families will travel together for reunions, vacations and holidays. . .surfers will come and go with their trucks and surfboards to meet friends on other islands to "wave the day". . .team organizations can travel as a team to participate in Hawaii State competitions on the other islands. And all this with the benefit

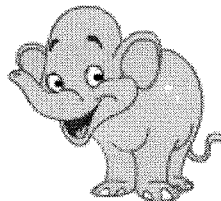
of traveling with our own vehicles!

I, as many others who had the privilege of experiencing the inaugural voyages, appreciated the Hawaii Superferry's beauty, comfort, luxury and style traveling between the islands. We have rights as taxpayers to want the Superferry as an alternative way to travel between the islands. State and City politicians, stand firm with the decisions and rulings made years ago and keep the Hawaii Superferry in Hawaii!!

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Neva Rego [nevarego@hawaii.rr.com]  
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**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0135 FW: superferry

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**From:** Neva Rego [mailto:nevarego@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:54 AM  
**To:** 'Chairs Souki and Oshiro'  
**Subject:** superferry

Dear Sirs,

I support the Superferry 100%! It would help our business in the islands, it would help tourism, and our local people for an alternative travel option, and unite our islands. I feel very upset about the few voices that are against this venture as THEY DO NOT REPRESENT THE ENTIRE STATE, most everyone WANTS THE SUPERFERRY TO RUN! It is absurd to talk about alien species and whales, when the ferry has the latest equipment to deal with this matter. Furthermore, with all the other ships that land on their "precious" islands they have NO REASON TO COMPLAIN.....! It is terribly unfair of them to be conducting themselves in such a riotous manner. For all the good of everyone in our islands...I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY 100%!. Thank you kindly.

Aggreneva Rego



ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance  
DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007  
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## HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Captain Edward Enos Jr. and I **strongly support** Hawaii Superferry and this company's effort to establish another means of transporting cargo between the islands here in Hawaii.

I am employed in the maritime industry here in Hawaii. I have worked aboard tugs operating inter-island, as well as commercial merchant ships all over the world. I am currently working as a Harbor Pilot. We are the men that safely navigate all the large commercial ships that call on all Hawaii's ports at all the islands. I have been a ship's Pilot since 1994.

As the Pilot assigned to bring the ALAKAI safely into Honolulu harbor the day she arrived in Hawaii, I was very proud to be part of a historical event. The SuperFerry's arrival into Hawaii was a monumental step forward for Hawaii's ocean transportation industry.

Politicians are quick to talk about creating "Hi-Tech" industries here in our State. I have never once heard anyone refer to the SuperFerry in this way. That's too bad. The average Hawaii resident has no idea of the intensive and unique training the crew has been put through in order to safely navigate this ship. The ALAKAI represents the forefront of maritime development in ship design. And just imagine, this "Hi-Tech" vessel, her new design and advanced propulsion systems, operating right here in Hawaii! The crew operating this ship has been put through rigorous and intensive training and certification by the US Coast Guard. They are part of a very small group of people in the entire world that are qualified to operate a vessel like this. And now we have an opportunity to call it our own.

Here are some indisputable facts about our ocean transport system in Hawaii. There is only one sole carrier for cargo within the islands, Young Brothers. Matson, contrary to popular belief, does NOT ship cargo inter-island. Matson transports cargo between Hawaii and the mainland. If you have a vehicle or cargo that you want to move from one island to another, it has to go aboard a barge operated by Young Brothers. If nothing else, Hawaii SuperFerry provides local residents an alternative and competitive means of shipping personal effects inter-island.

The large passenger cruise ships that sail inter-island, contrary to the conjecture and hearsay that has been offered in testimony in the past; do in fact sail at high speeds between the islands. By high speed, I mean running between 19 and 25 knots. I know this because I am aboard these ships.

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As a harbor Pilot, I frequently and routinely ride aboard most of these vessels as this is the logistically easiest way of being aboard the ship as she moves from one port to the next. There are other cruise ships that operate in Hawaiian waters besides the Norwegian Cruise Lines. Depending on their route on any given voyage, they may run as slow as 12 knots or as fast as 25 knots. This speed range is not uncommon for other cargo and container ships. Putting a speed restriction on commercial shipping is easy. Paying for the additional "costs" of doing so, especially if you reside on the outer-islands, that's the difficult part.

Cruise ships do most all their transits at night. They all have lookouts on the bridge as required by international law. They are as susceptible of striking a whale as anyone else. And they do indeed operate routinely and regularly within the Hawaiian Humpback Whale Sanctuary.

As do US Naval vessels and submarines, research ships, and training ships. The port of Lahaina is a favorite rest stop for many of these types of ships.

Those that protest the SuperFerry's transit between the islands out of fear of striking a whale should look in the mirror. Whale watching boats are responsible for 25 % of whale strikes. In fact, one collision with a whale involved a whale watching boat from the Pacific Whale Foundation in March of last year. This is the same company that is operated by Mr. Greg Kaufman, who spent several days testifying against the SuperFerry on Maui last month. If those who profess to be such ardent supporters of Marine Mammals were truly genuine in their concern for their well being, why don't they stop all commercial vessel activity within the Hawaiian Island Humpback Whale Sanctuary off Maui? There are repeated and well documented collisions with whales and yet nobody has ever even considered limiting or restricting vessel transits during whale season. Why? Because it is part of the multi-million dollar ocean recreation sector of Maui's tourism industry. These protestors who wouldn't stop their own boats after a whale collision, yet fight against the SuperFerry before it even starts to operate, I believe are living with moral dilemma. What integrity do these people bring to this discussion?

If you are concerned about invasive species, ask yourself how Coqui frogs got from the Big Island to Maui and Oahu. They have been transported by barge, of course. I would invite any individual who is the least bit curious to go down to Hilo harbor and listen to the Coqui frogs at night. They are all over the place and nobody appears to be doing anything at all about this.

As for the issues of increased traffic, crime, supposed drug transportation and every other evil that one can dream up, I'm sorry, but these problems already exist without the SuperFerry. Stealing one's fish or opihi and taking it back to another island, that's an issue that native Hawaiians and fisherman can better resolve amongst themselves. I would encourage them to do so without more interference from the government.

My job as a harbor Pilot has put me in touch directly with the people at Hawaii SuperFerry. I've met John Lehman and had a long talk with him on a trip back from Maui, as we sailed down the north side of Molokai. He is hardly the evil "Dr. Strangelove" that some protestors would have you believe. I've known both Terry White and Terry O'Halloran for years. They are good men with families that live here in Hawaii. They love this place as much as Isaac Hall does.

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Finally, let me close by saying that the SuperFerry is more than this big boat you see on TV every night. It's a ship with a crew. Many of them are local men and women from here, challenged by a new job, demanding new skills, in a profession that has a lot of promise and future. They care about the environment and whales as much as anyone on Maui and Kauai do. SuperFerry employees would never stand up and "argue" why they should be allowed to work in this new and exciting job, because it would be seen as antagonistic. Their boss wouldn't have it. But I'll say it for them. What right do these protestors have to speak against the 300 people who committed to work with Hawaii SuperFerry? What makes the protestors think that the crew of the ALAKAI cares less than the environmentalists do? The Captains, engineers, and other licensed officers live and breathe governmental regulations about the ocean and marine environment everyday of their life. That is what their job is all about.

To think these men and women are operating this ship with little or no regard to whales or the environment is insulting! I'm repulsed at the attitude I've seen directed at the crew of the ALAKAI. I'm sorry the world has had to bear witness to this new brand of "aloha" that has been imposed upon our islands by pseudo-locals.

I have a home on the Big Island, in Waimea. I was born and raised on Oahu and Hawaii is my home. My father is Hawaiian-Portuguese. I appreciate what other local people like me, from Hawaii are concerned about. I am insulted by mainland transplanted residents telling me what's good for me and my family. I work on the ocean everyday. Like the crew of the ALAKAI, I am as concerned as anyone else about where I live and work.

Please give the Hawaii SuperFerry and the crew of the ALAKAI a chance to prove what the possibilities are.

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**House Testimony**

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**From:** Glenn Shepherd [gshep@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:37 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0137 Ferry

No EIS,no ferry.

## House Testimony

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**From:** Susan Russell [Susan@EMChawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:07 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0138 Superferry Testimony

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Ladies and Gentlemen

I am a supporter of the Superferry. I believe that the market will dictate whether or not it ever arrived on Hawaii island. Now, I doubt that it ever will and that is unfortunate for our local economy.

I do not believe that the islands will be ruined forever if it sails. I believe that the operators of the ferry have no wish to bring harm and will do everything within their power to make the experience safe and environmentally friendly. Ferries operate all over the world without harm. The arguments are patently ridiculous and you know it. I won't even repeat them here.

However, I am most concerned about your actions and lack of action that have lead up to the divisive and dangerous position we find ourselves in today.

I have heard from people who have attended the 'hearings' on Kauai and Maui. They all left within the first hour as did I at the Kona 'hearing'. We leave these meetings because they are out of order and so frustrating to the majority who know what and who is behind the screaming being allowed by our elected officials. Twenty or thirty left when I did, shaking their heads.

What our representatives were hearing had little to do with the Superferry and everything to do with the anger some residents feel about the lack of roads, the conditions of schools, harbors, the family, the government, actually you name it. It was spoken. I heard threats and accusation that should never had been heard or allowed in our community.

I was concerned with the lack of protection provided those who did not agree with the rantings of a small, but loud and out of control minority. I truly fear for the time when the Superferry or whatever comes next arrives here on our soil. I can say from personal observation that there were people speaking and heckling that under any circumstances should have been arrested for terroristic threatening. Free speech has it's limits and they were breached.

Your lack of early action in this matter has lead to a building of a dangerous situation. We have neighbor against neighbor and Hawaiian activists screaming, crying and threatening. There is so much more going on here. It is dangerous and continues to build as you refuse to take a firm stand on this matter.

It is way past time to exercise your leadership and be ready to back up your decision. You did allow this situation to exist and fester and you must address it in a firm and decisive manner.

Thank you

Susan Russell  
North Kona

**House Testimony**

#139

**From:** MICHAEL GOLOJUCH [mjgolo@email.phoenix.edu]**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:13 AM**To:** House Testimony**Subject:** #0139 Testimony in Support of the Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

**SUBJECT:** HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION - Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am Mike Golojuch and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry as another alternate to travel between the Hawaiian Islands. It should be allowed to operate during the EIS process.

Let the EIS process be completed, as it should have four years ago. Do not condemn the Superferry for the State Administration and Department of Transportation errors. I've seen the Superferry documents and action they took on their own EIS to mitigate potential environmental issue. They should be allowed to operate while the State does the formal EIS.

Do not hinder the operations by amending the bill with unnecessary requirements, unless you require every barge, cruise ship and airline operating between the islands and other locations to do the same things I've heard being proposed for the Superferry.

Again, support the operations of the Superferry during the EIS process. Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,

*Mike Golojuch*  
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## House Testimony

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**From:** ronmil [ronmil@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:54 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0140 Super Ferry

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

HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions.

Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is /Ronald A. Darby/ and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

An island state simply needs a ferry system. Work out the details ASAP while the ferry is operating.

///Ronald A. Darby, P.E.

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**House Testimony**

#141

**From:** Michele Nihipali [nihipalim001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:00 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0141 supperferry

Dear House and Senate members:

I am writing as a concerned resident about the ongoing Superferry issue. Clearly the State has neglected its duty to the people of Hawaii in letting this project come to fruition without the necessary environmental review process. The court mandate is correct. This environmental process should have been completed long before the Superferry arrived in Hawaii. Political promises were made that could not be kept and now we the people of Hawaii are once again being held hostage and our island environment is at risk because this was not done according to Hawaii's laws.

I urge you not to let the Superferry continue until the environmental impact is assessed. Setting such a precedent endangers our fragile ecosystem. If an environment review finds at a later date that there are serious concerns, what happens then? Will the Superferry be "grandfathered" in so that it can continue? This whole situation stinks. It is not fair to the Superferry or the residents of Hawaii.

California has just passed a law that commercial ships must slow to 10 knots in areas where whales are. The Superferry travels at 25 knots. Clearly there is already concern for whale collisions. Will the Superferry be able to do business at a slower speed? This issue and others must be addressed.

The Superferry has every right to be compensated by the State for this debacle. How anyone thought this type of project would just sail through our state is unbelievable. We will be paying for this mistake a long time. When will Hawaii's government wake up and do business correctly?

Michele Nihipali  
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#142

**House Testimony**

**From:** Patrick Oguma [noapaka@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:27 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Cc:** noapaka@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** #0142 Public Testimony; Request for,

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**

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-Island Ferry Overnight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Patrick H. Ogu,ma Sr. and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry on grounds of the following hands-on factual findings I witnessed as a former federal journeyman Shipfitter employed at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, specifically assigned to the Submarine division, external superstructure/underwater repair/modification/overhaul support team, I personally witnessed performing several COVERT OPERATIONAL REPAIRS to the front section, defined as the (Dome) of fast attack submarines travelling at top rated speeds underwater way exceeding the maximum speeds of the Superferry as you witnessed in the Japanese Training Ship incident. Our specialized group of worker's from various shop's were hand-picked by a special task force organization known as the "TIGER TEAM" to conduct and expedite high-security(excluded from the media) with diligent precisional repairs as a result of HUMAN NAVIGATIONAL ERROR/NEGLIGENCE involving devastating collisions/catastrophies ramming into reefs,whales, sealife and floating debris, and finally a civilian vessel. During the early 1970's, I was employed at the Federal Lualualei's Naval Ammunition Depot where I, along with other civilians was trained and certified as a Federal Ordinance Worker specifically hired and assigned to a "SPECIAL TASK FORCE" to secure and salvage all World War II ammunition and explosives stored within designated ammunition shelters along the Lualualei mountains. During my brief (1) One year assignment, I was directed to perform (2) two optional job tasks as described below:

1. Remove/Salvage/Block and Brace/Transport designated high-explosive to the Makua Valley to be assisted by Navy EOD for explosive discharge.
2. Remove/Salvage/Block and Brace/Transport high-explosive to a designated Navy barge to be relocated several miles off-shore of Yokohama Beach for disposal/dumping of all World War II munitions. Initial task was to transport obsolete munitions to the mainland. Cost was factored in.

Subject Matter is structuring/implementing an EIS:

My Questions: Was an EIS conducted prior to the military government discharging live explosives in Makua Valley that has totally killed/contaminated/condemned the Aina and it's wild life for their unwarranted acts of recklessness and disregard for the people of Hawaii?

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Was an EIS conducted prior to the military government discharging/dumping high-explosives into Hawaiian waters endangering all sealife and mankind in which after (30) thirty years releasing toxic materials and waste along the beautiful westcoast beaches causing unknown illnesses and disease amongst Hawaii people.

Is the EIS an mandatory requirement? If so, then an EIS should be directed to all Airline's commercial/private/federal for daily discharging/polluting toxic and volatile aviation fuel upon the land, water, and human life.

An EIS should be directed to all commercial/private/state/federal boat/ship operator's for polluting/contaminating the Hawaiian waters from discharging fuel oil/human waste/radiation and carbon monoxide into the air and inadvertantly causing human and sealife catastrophies.

An EIS should be directed to all commercial/private/state/federal operator's of a motor vehicle on grounds of causing/releaing toxic and volatile carbon monoxide within the atmosphere that is causing detrimental respiratory health conditions to all breathing species.

The Superferry has all MERIT to continue performing daily operations irrelvant to an EIS. An EIS has absolutely no jurisdiction pursuant to being singled-out as the "BAD GUY" What is good for the GOOSE is good for the GANDER!

I understand that the Superferry operations will be a great impact finanancially on all Air, Land, and Sea businesses, but I believe the majority of people in Hawaii has already demonstrated that they want CHOICE and competitiveness that will eventually drive down prices, for example, Costco, Walmart, Home Depot and now Target.

PROTESTOR'S CANNOT STOP MODERNIZATION! Those civil rights suffered the ramification's on the first day the Hawaiian Islands became the 50th state.

Respectively,

Patrick H. Oguma Sr.  
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## House Testimony

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#143

**From:** Kay K. Nakano [knakano@thhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:30 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0143 Superferry  
**Importance:** High

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

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kay K. Nakano* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I believe Superferry will give Hawaii alternative method of transportation, give easier access to outer islands and eventually it will boost our economy.*

*Kay K. Nakano*

*4850-4 Kilauea Ave.*

*Honolulu, Hawaii 96816*

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## House Testimony

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**From:** paulaleb [leblancmaui@clearwire.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:11 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0144 superferry

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Aloha, I am sending this email again in hopes that it will help the majority vote for the superferry. As I stated in my email yesterday, I believe it is a much needed resource for Maui. I am an airline employee and I welcome this new mode of transportation within the islands!

Sincerely,

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Haiku, Hi. 96708

**House Testimony**

#145

**From:** Ron Tubbs [rtmb@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:30 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0145 Superferry-Yes!

10/22/07

**Dear Representative**

We live and work in Waimanalo. We are in an agricultural business, and have a warehouse in Kona. We ship in perishable product from Kona almost daily. **WE NEED THE SUPERFERRY**-to give us an alternative to the rising air cargo prices, and the Young Brothers monopoly. The Super Ferry will bring economic viability to our business, to Hawaii in general, and will foster competition to keep pricing costs of transporting goods between the islands down. We cannot keep raising our prices to pay for Young Brother's 2<sup>nd</sup> increase in 13 months approved last week (7.5% plus), nor the escalating air cargo fuel surcharges.

We join the other farmers in asking you to do all you can to make the Super Ferry happen.

Sincerely,

Ronald and Mary Beth Tubbs

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## House Testimony

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**From:** joan parsons [joanparsons1515@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:36 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0146 FW: SuperFerry

#146

>From: "joan parsons" <joanparsons1515@msn.com>  
>To: joanparsons1515@msn.com  
>Subject: SuperFerry  
>Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 10:01:55 -1000  
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>I would like this testimony to be heard in all three Senate review  
>committees:

>  
>Judiciary and Labor; Transportation and Int'l Affairs; and Energy and  
>Environment

>  
>As a strong supporter of the SuperFerry, I am truly and utterly  
>dismayed that this issue has so unfairly become a lightning rod for  
>environmental concerns in our beautiful state of Hawaii.

>  
>Every single commercial vessel whether cruise ship, Matson, Young  
>Brothers, US Navy, or any other sea going transport poses similar risks to Hawaii.  
>Every air passenger delivered to the outer islands or Honolulu, can  
>possess undeclared illegal or harmful substances. The price we pay for  
>living on a group of islands in the middle of the Pacific is that we  
>are dependent upon public sea and air vessels to deliver us and all we  
>consume to where ever we wish to go. But that surely does not give a  
>MINORITY of residence the right to determine who can go and how they can get there!

>  
>It is of course vital that we understand and mitigate harmful  
>disruptions to our environment. Our environment is precious and we  
>must honor and protect the land and sea. But we must exist here also.  
>It is irresponsible and unbelievably biased to single out one business,  
>one transport out of all that exist, and restrict that operation on the  
>basis of 'environmental' issues. Where were the minority group of  
>protesters when the enormous cruise ships were allowed to dock in Nawiliwili Harbor?  
>Tell me Maui residents don't immeasurable benefit from the hundreds of  
>thousands of tourists that sail into Kahului Harbor and anchor off Lahaina.  
> Even the potential sonar damage to the whale population by the US  
>Navy hasn't aroused as much fury as the 'environmentalist' that oppose  
>the SuperFerry.

>  
>It is my belief that the 'real' protest is well beyond the environment  
>issues that make the front page. The SuperFerry seems to have released  
>an eruption of underlying bias and prejudice against our own people.  
>Outer islands want tourists in vast numbers, but not locals. That sure  
>sounds like prejudice to me! Under no circumstances can that prejudice  
>be allowed to operate in a free and democratic state of the union.  
>Outer island protesters (I used to live in Maui also) don't think the  
>throng of tourists that fill their pockets cause environmental compromise?

>  
>The truth is that we are all environmentalists that live in Hawaii. We  
>all care deeply and passionately about the preservation of our islands  
>and our whales, and all other species God placed within our midsts.  
>You, our governing body, must act responsibly and responsively as you  
>are doing, and for this I applaud you. But you MUST NOT allow  
>yourselves to be held hostage by a minority group of protesters and  
>questionable interpretations of the law. YOU determine law in this  
>state. If the intent of the vast majority of the population of Hawaii  
>is to embrace the SuperFerry, then you must find a way to make that happen.

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>Sincerely,  
>  
>The Parsons Family,  
>Joan, Ron and Brett  
>Hawaii Kai  
>Honolulu  
>  
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**House Testimony**

#147

**From:** Lanoza, Martha at A&B [mlanoza@abinc.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:48 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0147 ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Martha Lanoza* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I have family who live on the outer islands and it would be cost effective for me to drive my car instead of renting one to visit my family for a couple of days. We were all looking forward to this opportunity to visit our ohana Please find a resolution.*

*Martha Lanoza*

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## House Testimony

**From:** Rick Shema [rick@weatherguy.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:52 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0148 HB 1 Relating To Transportation-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

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Thank you for reading my testimony. My name is Richard Shema, President of Weatherguy.com, a Hawaii-based business serving marine interests with meteorological and oceanographic services. **I strongly support a House Bill to allow the Hawaii Superferry service to operate while an environmental impact statement (EIS) is being conducted and urge your Committees to vote for its passage.**

By allowing the Superferry to operate, we can observe first hand the adverse impacts, if any, on the environment and the neighbor islands and weigh them against the positive attributes the Superferry could potentially deliver in terms of recreation, business, sports, and culture. The environmental data collected while the ferry is in operation can be applied to the EIS. Then make an educated determination for long term use based on known risks verses potential benefits.

Allowing the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being conducted is a good compromise between the business, the investment the state has made, and protecting the environment. No other interisland service is required to comply with the same environmental standards as the Superferry and yet the other services may pose similar environmental risks.

Don't kill the service based on unsubstantiated fears, misperceptions, or special interest groups.

I believe this bill is an excellent opportunity to test the environmental impacts of high speed ferry service on the major Hawaiian Islands with observed data so that a intelligent decisions can be made either way.

I urge you to pass this bill for Hawaii's ohana.

Thank you for listening.

Rick Shema

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## House Testimony

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#149

**From:** Michael Zee [zee@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:56 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0149 FW: Yes Super Ferry

As a registered voter of Hawaii I ask you to support and vote yes on legislation to allow the Super Ferry to operate immediately.

Michael Zapara  
PO Box 720, Kilauea, Kauai  
96754

**House Testimony**

#150

**From:** Turnbull, Stephen J Mr CTR USA USARPAC [steve.j.turnbull@us.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:06 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0150 Please allow Hawaii Superferry to Operate while EIS is (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

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 Steve Turnbull and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry, please allow the Superferry to operate while an EIS is done, or do not require an EIS.**

**Please allow the Superferry to Operate here in Hawaii while the EIS is performed at a minimum. I believe there is no need for an EIS for the Superferry, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that requires an EIS is not applicable in this case, as the State originally told the Superferry Company.**

**It is completely unfair to the Superferry Company to now require an EIS. This delay is doing great damage to our credibility with Investors for project in Hawaii that our jobs depends. Unfortunately, a small number of activists from the Sierra Club (etc.) are making a living at stopping projects, but while they get paid to stop project - the rest of us lose our jobs and the State gets decreasing tax revenue.**

Stephen J. Turnbull  
P.O. Box 958  
Haleiwa, HI 96712

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

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## House Testimony

#151

**From:** Frank Yee [yeef001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:11 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0151

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

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Frank Yee* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*My reasons are as follows.*

1. *It will help all islands to unite and become more of a state like the other 49. This is a good thing.*
2. The selfish surfers are just jumping on a bandwagon and don't really know the benefits of the ferry.
3. The Navy has huge ships that can cruise much faster than the ferry, is the Sierra club going to try to regulate the U.S. Navy?
4. This state needs friendly competition for interisland travel just like the airlines, so those that have had a monopoly for so long

must take smaller profits and in the end, the public will benefit.

*Sincerely,*

*Frank Yee*  
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## House Testimony

#152

**From:** TAB Engineers [tabengineers@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:22 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0152 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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ryan J.K. Chang and I support the Hawaii Superferry.

*I am in support of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to continue neighbor island transportation service while the EIS is being worked on if the Superferry Corporation can satisfy the provisions necessary to prevent possible irreparable damage to environment. I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry because it gives local contractors and merchants, who conduct legitimate business throughout the state, reasonable options for transporting employees, vehicles, products, and equipment to and from the islands that we have been requested to serve. We will all gain from receiving low-cost options to more efficient transportation. If the Superferry is allowed to operate, I am willing to have my company vehicles searched for contraband items and invasive plant and animal species if it is deemed necessary to protect the environment. As a business owner who has interests in improving the quality of living in Hawaii, I am willing to share in the cost of these inspections.*

*Please feel free to contact me should you have comments or questions regarding my letter in support of the Hawaii Superferry.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ryan J.K. Chang*

*President, TAB Engineers, LLC*

*808-590-2292 - Phone*

## House Testimony

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#153

**From:** Carmen J. Colley [carmen@epihawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:07 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0153 Super Ferry Advocate

Hello Legislators,

Please put my name down as an advocate for the Super Ferry. I believe it is important that Hawaii citizens have choices for travel personally and professionally. Do not let a select minority dictate what a majority wants. If the Super Ferry is not allowed to operate, it will demonstrate once again that the legislators in this State have failed to meet the needs of their constituents. The education system is one of the worst in the nation, welfare is rampant and now the transportation system risks being hijacked by a vocal minority.

Carmen J. Colley

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## House Testimony

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**From:** Nakamateresa@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:43 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0154 EIS First

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### Submitted to the Legislature on Behalf of We The People of The Big Island

**We strongly oppose operation of Hawaii Superferry during the time it takes to prepare an EA or an EIS. Such operations violate unambiguous Hawai'i law. Maui Circuit Court Judge Joseph E. Cardoza correctly found that such operations caused the possibility of irreparable harm to marine mammals and an increased rate of alien species introductions.**

**Evidence received during the hearings made it obvious that the Hawaii Superferry project "may" have a significant effect on the environment and, as such, a full EIS is required. Legislative recognition of this inevitability is no real concession to environmentalists.**

**We urge the Legislature not to pass this unconstitutional special legislation benefiting a single business, depriving us of vested Constitutional rights and violating the separation of powers by overruling a judicial decision.**

**If the Legislature has already decided (a) to convene a special session and (b) to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EA or EIS is being prepared, it would be irresponsible of us to abandon the protection of the environment to the same administration that has been dedicated for many years to minimizing legitimate concerns about the Superferry project.**

**We are compelled to recommend conditions of operation to be imposed by the Legislature, not because we agree that the Superferry can operate (we do not) or because we agree with the proposed legislation or its purposes (we do not), but because it is now necessary to protect Hawai'i from the impacts of the improvident actions of the Lingle Administration and the Legislature if they were to allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate, even after a month long trial amply demonstrated that this would be unlawful and would cause irreparable harm in multiple fashions.**

**Based on one month of daily testimony from highly qualified experts, the consensus of prevailing expert opinion was that the following mitigation measures are absolutely required to minimize to some responsible degree the possibility of irreparable harm caused by Hawaii Superferry operations during the time it takes to prepare an EA or EIS:**

# CONDITIONS OF OPERATION

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## Protection on Marine Mammals and Turtles

1. **Hawaii Superferry vessels shall travel in routes that are in waters that are in excess of 1000 fathoms.**
2. **If Hawaii Superferry vessels travel in a route that is in any part in waters less than 1000 fathoms, its vessels shall travel at the NOAA recommended speed of no more than 13 knots. The 13 knot limitation shall be inclusive of the first 10 miles of exists and entrances to Honolulu, Kahului and Nawiliwili harbors. At all times, regardless of fathom depth, the ferry shall travel at lesser speeds than provided above as determined by the Captain to provide safe passage to passengers and to minimize strikes of whales.**
3. **Should a Hawaii Superferry vessel strike a marine mammal, a written report of such strike shall be immediately transmitted to NOAA and any other agencies responsible for monitoring and regulating strikes.**
4. **Hawaii Superferry shall immediately apply for and receive from NOAA an incidental take permit and in engage in Section 7 consultation with NOAA regarding the impacts of its ferry operations on protected marine mammals.**

## Protection Against Introduction of Alien Species

5. **Hawaii Superferry shall conduct thorough undercarriage washes of all vehicles during embarkation at all ports to help dislodge seeds, insects, and animals. Such undercarriage wash systems shall include appropriate debris traps and filters.**
6. **Hawaii Superferry shall utilize sufficient vacuum stations to vacuum the floors of all vehicles during embarkation. An Appropriate filter system to trap and contain all debris shall be employed.**
7. **Hawaii Superferry shall not permit the transport of plants or plant propagative materials.**
8. **Hawaii Superferry shall secure and pay for all costs to have a dog handler team present at all harbors to conduct inspections of all vehicles at the time of embarkation. These dogs will be utilized to prevent the inter-island transmission primarily of invasive species and secondarily, of drugs.**
9. **Hawaii Superferry shall inspect (a) the trunks of all cars, (b) the beds of all pickup trucks, (c) the engine compartments of all vehicles and (d) the interiors of all vehicles, items such as coolers, boxes, trunks and luggage shall be opened and inspected.**
10. **agricultural inspections shall not be conducted on a random basis. Every vehicle and passenger shall be inspected or screened.**



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11. **Hawaii Superferry shall not permit the transport of fishing nets.**
12. **Hawaii Superferry shall conduct, publish and disseminate a risk assessment within three months of operation to further assess potential impacts and better identify potential mitigation options.**
13. **Hawaii Superferry shall post signage at all harbors about invasive species, Specific information about invasive species shall be disseminated during the ticketing process on Hawaii Superferry's website. Said signage and information shall have been reviewed and approved by a representative of the Maui Invasive Species Committee.**

#### **Protection of Customary Native Hawaiian Practices**

14. **Passengers, upon checking in at a harbor, shall declare whether they intend to camp at any destination island. Hawaii Superferry shall disseminate to all passengers who have declared their intent to camp written rules and procedures for camping on the destination island.**

[I think this is an attempt to deal with homeless and people camping illegally, so in that way it is good. But all people have to do is lie and it becomes unenforceable. "No, I'm staying with a friend" and you know looking at them they're some criminal homeless person who was shipped here from the mainland but what can you do? ]

15. **Passengers shall only camp at Federal, State and County campgrounds at destination islands, and then only if they can demonstrate upon checking in that they have obtained in advance permits to camp at those campgrounds.**
16. **Passengers shall not be permitted to transport to another island cultural or natural resources or products from the ocean, from the shoreline or from the inlands of another island, unless the can demonstrate through a written receipt that the have purchased these items from a legitimate commercial establishment.**

[I see what they are getting at but this needs more work. What if your relative gave you something to bring back.]

17. **Should Hawaii Superferry, through the inspection process, discover an attempt to transport natural resources to another island, this transport shall be disallowed and Hawaii Superferry shall immediately notify local DLNR DOCAR officials.**

#### **Agricultural Inspections**

18. **There shall be two (2) qualified Department of Agriculture agricultural inspectors present and participating in agricultural inspections at all times of embarkation and disembarkation at each port. The DOA inspectors shall supervise all HSF screeners.**
19. **Hawaii Superferry , as an impact fee, shall pa all costs of the agricultural inspectors required in the foregoing paragraph.**

20. **The State Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Governor, the State Legislature, and the Department of Agriculture shall forthwith allocate positions and funds for the additional agricultural positions necessary to staff the inspection personnel set forth in paragraph 18 above.**
21. **Hawaii Superferry shall post a bond in the amount of \$40,000,000.00 to reimburse the State for the balance of the funds due, in the event that the Hawaii Superferry does not operate or refuses to follow mitigation measures required by the EIS.**

### **Permission to Operate Applies Only to the Alakai**

22. **The permission to operate in this Bill is limited solely to the operation of the Alakai and shall not extend to any other vessel or vessels operated by Hawaii Superferry. The "no action" provisions of Chapter 343 shall be fully applicable to all other Superferry vessels, except for the Alakai.**

### **Time Limits**

23. **Hawaii Superferry shall not be able to utilize the lack of a time deadline in HRS Chapter 343 for the completion of the EIS as a means to keep operating for whatever period of time it may take to prepare an EIS. The Alakai shall not be entitled to operate after the expiration of the last day of the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) month after the date of the adoption of this legislation.**
24. **These conditions of operation shall, however, be applicable to any and all Hawaii Superferries irrespective of whether they operate before or after the preparation of the EIS.**

### **Verification of Compliance**

25. **Designated representatives of Plaintiff groups shall be entitled to verify Hawaii Department of Transportation's and Hawaii Superferry's compliance with all the foregoing.**
26. **In order to accomplish the foregoing, the designated representatives of Plaintiffs in Sierra Club et. al. v. HDOT: Civil No. 05-1-0114(3) shall be granted access to all State lands granted at all ports to Hawaii Superferry for its operations**

### **Enforcement of Conditions**

27. **The foregoing conditions of operation may be enforced by the Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i and by Plaintiffs in Sierra Club et .al. v. HDOT: Civil No. 05-1-0114(3).**
28. **These conditions may be enforced in any Circuit Court in the State of Hawaii and the prevailing party shall be entitled to the reimbursement of reasonable attorney's fees and costs.**
29. **An allowable remedy in any such enforcement action shall be the cessation of Hawaii Superferry operations until and unless compliance is achieved with the foregoing conditions.**

## House Testimony

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**From:** Anne Johnson [Konapacker@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:07 PM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0155 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

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Pauline E. Johnson and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

No one can deny that the cost of living keeps crawling upward. No one can deny that Hawaiian families have close ties. When a family event happens on a neighbor island, be it a happy one of a wedding or a baby luau or the sad time of a funeral, family members want to be together.

However, a family of four or five find it prohibitive to fly. The superferry would mitigate the cost for them to join their family.

Still on a personal note, our young people need to travel to other islands. There they can observe and learn about both the problems and the solutions of each island. This will enlarge their world, their vision, their education. They are the future of Hawaii. Help them expand their experiences and education by giving them the means of more economical travel.

And this interaction between islands would be a good thing for us elders, too.

Thank you for your attention,

Pauline Johnson

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**From:** RicLuJay@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:06 PM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0156 Aloha

**Richard Lugge, from Kihei, Maui. I strongly support the Super Ferry. The future of Hawaii hinges upon your due diligence to defeat a minority of their agenda to stop commerce and growth. We are a capitalistic society of free trade. Please do not destroy the future of our great State of Hawaii.**

**Mahalo,  
Richard**

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**House Testimony**

#157

**From:** Cal Lewin [cal@ofcstudio.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:40 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0157 Testimony AGAINST Superferry Legislation

## TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, Oct. 25th 2007

RE: HB 1 relating to transportation requiring an EIS, oversight task force, etc.

Please provide copies to the house members.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony. I oppose a special session for the superferry for the following reasons:

1. The proposed legislation benefits a mainland owned company, not a Hawaii company. The superferry will compete with Hawaii owned passenger transit and shipping companies, costing jobs in Hawaii and costing Hawaiian owners and investors.
2. Making the superferry company wait for an EIS will not put them out of business or deprive Hawaii of a state ferry system. In the worst case, the first ship Alakai will be sold and leave Hawaii, but the superferry company has a second ship under construction that would be ready for service in one year, after the EIS is completed. The company has plans to build up to 5 ships.
3. The legislation would set a terrible precedent, allowing a business to avoid the Hawaii Environmental Protection Act. This law is fundamental to protect Hawaii's most important industry, tourism, which depends entirely on Hawaii's beautiful environment to compete in a world marketplace. By setting this bad precedent, you open the state to legal challenges from every business that wants to avoid the EIS process.
4. The superferry will not benefit most Hawaiians because the current fare is too high: A family of 4 taking a round trip with their car will pay \$588 or \$757 (depending on date of travel).
5. The superferry will have to raise rates soon, because they will lose money based on the cost of \$650,000 per week they testified to in court, which does not include fuel costs. When fuel cost is added, the cost of operating the superferry is more than the fare revenue they will collect. They will be forced to raise rates almost immediately. The superferry will not provide a cheaper alternative to air travel.
6. Travelers will find the superferry is inconvenient: by the time people wait in a long line of cars, board the ship, travel for several hours, and disembark in heavy traffic, they will have spent most of a day getting there, and that's assuming it runs on time.
7. The superferry will not help small local businesses, in general it will allow large business another way to ship goods that will compete with small businesses. This will further chip away at the ability of small Hawaiian businesses to survive and provide employment.
8. An EIS requires measuring the conditions such as traffic before the new project begins, so that there is a baseline to compare with later. Starting the superferry before the EIS deprives us of the best way to measure its environmental and social effects afterward.

Please think first of Hawaii's overall economy, jobs and environment, and put the profits of a mainland owned business second.

Respectfully submitted,

Cal Lewin, a past and future resident of Hawaii  
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**House Testimony****#159**

**From:** rodmanhi@juno.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:59 AM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0159 RE: TESTIMONY - HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

**THE HOUSE**  
**Twenty fourth Legislature 2007**  
**Second Special Session**

**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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Testimony from Robert Rodman, Waikiki, Hawaii 96813

**TESTIMONY**

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am testifying **IN SUPPORT** of the Superferry being able to immediately start service between the islands of the State of Hawaii.

All of the claims of harm to the environment and marine animals are full of holes and are not supported by science or common sense because of the following obvious and scientifically supported reasons:

- 1 - Daily, inter-island commercial and private jets and cargo air planes carry thousands of passengers and hundreds of tons of cargo between the islands without inspection for ants, spiders, bacteria, seeds on their soles (tires or in containers), etc.;
- 2 - Daily, inter-island ocean shippers tow huge barges from island harbor to island harbor. These barges are filled with hundreds of unwashed vehicles of all sizes and shapes including construction vehicles and equipment covered with mud and ants from every sector of the Island of Oahu and other Hawaiian Islands and all places on the earth. Additionally, the ocean barges carry huge ocean going containers full of goods and equipment of all sorts and sizes and dirtyness - which have been shipped into Hawai'i from every part of the world as well as every sector of Oahu - into each and every outer island in the State of Hawai'i;
- 3 - Private and Commercial ships of all sizes visit all the harbors in the State of Hawaii daily and none of these ships are searched for ants, seeds, etc., and these ships off load their passengers with all sorts of muddy shoes and carts and luggage without a cursory inspection

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by environmental inspectors of any sort;

4 - The pontoon design of the Superferry's hull creates a surge and wake in front of the ships pontoons which actually push fish and marine mammals (whales) away from the pontoons (*this is the reason one frequently sees marine mammals playing in the bow surge in front of ships*).. Additionally, the Superferry does not have external propellers which are the great danger to whales and marine mammals and is the cause of 99% of the injuries and deaths being sighted by these opposed to the Superferry;

5 - The state-of-the-art propulsion system the Superferry is equipped with results in the ferry not requiring three tugs to maneuver it into and out of the state's harbors for docking. As a result of this modern technology it is able to move large quantities of people and cargo with a much smaller amount of smoke and pollutants being put into the environment compared with the several tugs that are required to maneuver the ungainly barges into the harbors up to the docks.

**IN CONCLUSION**, the Superferry should be allow to start service immediately, because presently and for the last 200 years, none of the shipping containers or 1,000's of vehicles and construction equipment which barges and ships daily transport to the outer Hawaiian Islands are searched in the manner that the environmentalists are demanding that vehicles and cargo traveling on the Superferry be searched.

It is a very common rumor that the dock, tug and stevedore workers of Hawai'i are the real source of all the loud protests to the Superferry (*along with their families, investments and real estate brokers and anyone they can enlist in their protests. This group of harbor workers demand HUGE salaries which drive up the costs of every commodity available in Hawai'i and have deep pockets to create the loud protests which oppose the Superferry's Service*). They certainly have a right to protest the ferry, but the Legislature should disregard their loud protests because the majority of the residents of the State will greatly benefit from the use of the Superferry Service.

The protests against the Superferry should be ignored and the Superferry should be allowed to begin service immediately.

AT HONOLULU HARBOR, **LEGAL ADA COMPLIANT SIDEWALKS AND CURBS** LEADING FROM THE NIMITZ HIGHWAY SIDEWALK INTO THE STATE CONSTRUCTED HONOLULU HARBOR FERRY TERMINAL **ARE MISSING**. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE AND DANGEROUS FOR PASSENGERS WALKING TO THE SUPERFERRY TERMINAL FROM DOWNTOWN HONOLULU AND AREA PARKING LOTS.

Mahalo for your attention to this important matter.



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## House Testimony

**From:** Barry Fujita [barry@pvtland.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 1:22 PM  
**To:** House Testimony  
**Subject:** #0160 HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION (Support of Superferry)

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Barry N. Fujita* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*It all just boils down to being fair and reasonable. The Superferry should be able to sail while doing an EA or EIS. This is more than the majority of transportation businesses were ever required to do.*

*It appears obvious that the majority of the people of Hawaii want this service. We need another option besides air travel to vacation or do business on our neighboring islands.*

*I will be praying for fairness and cooperation regarding this matter.*

*Thank you,*

*Barry Fujita*

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