From:

James Brennan [jasbrennan@hotmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 9:49 AM

Sent:

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony YES for the Superferry

I would like to add my testimony in FAVOR of the Superferry. This service would be a valuable asset for Hawaii.

Mahalo,

James Brennan

From:

Lawson Dennis [dakinekonajerky@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:51 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

To:

Subject:

Superferry

Again.....Me and my many friends WANT the SUPERFERRY to start operations IMMEDIATELY!

MAHALO & ALOHA

Dennis Lee Lawson Kona

From: Sent: mark corba [m\_corba@hotmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 9:50 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SUPERFERRY

### Aloha,

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

- 1) If Oahu folks come visit via air...don't they rent cars? No more cars vs. people because of superferry
- 2) Everybody knows, even Gov. Lingle, that the owner of Pacific Whale Foundation just bought a bunch of boats and would feel his livelyhood threatened when superferry runs thru his territory to the Big Island. Thus the lawsuit. He makes a business out of aiming his boats straight at the whales to disturb them while they're calving, then cutting the engines...calling it legal. Some businesses here even take tourists to swim with the whales,NAKED!! Something highly illegal. Who is the invasive species? Is it HUMANS? I don't see protesters up in arms about that. Greg Kaufman is an intelligent business owner operating under the guise of a tax shelter foundation. He is also the only one to do a subdivision/gated community at Makena Beach and no one protested that. Attorney Issac Hall makes money whether he wins or looses, probably more if he looses, because he can charge more to continue in a higher court.
- 3) Since when does a business need public support to open shop? I thought only government or public utilities need that. If a business fails, it is their own doing. No business except government should be given this scrutiny.
- 4) The behavior of the 'MALCONTENTS" should not be rewarded. What's next? shut down sugarcane? Pineapple? Tourism? Abortion clinics? The Malcontent behavior does not reflect "ALOHA spirit at all or showcase Hawaii as the aloha state. Something many of us have worked hard for generations to establish. The DUKE would roll in his grave if he saw this. Young Hawaiians use to greet the boats by diving for coins in the 'good old days'. King Kamehameha I would crack heads to unite the islands.

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

### **ECONOMY EQUALS TAX REVENUES!!!**

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

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

Mahalo, Mark Corba president/ceo of Design and Build Services, Inc. 808-572-4951

From:

Maelyn Uyehara [maelyn.uyehara@us.rlb.com]

Sent: To:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:55 AM

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Subject:

Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Maelyn Uyehara and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the SuperFerry is good for tourism, our largest source of income in the islands. I also see it as an opportunity to reduce shipping costs for the neighbor island folks. I also believe that it will open the market for more competitive bidding in construction.

## Maelyn Uyehara

Email: maelyn.uyehara@us.rlb.com

From:

Thomas Chesebro IV [thomasc@servco.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:52 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Superferry Testimony

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Thomas Chesebro and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will provide Hawaii residents with a convenient transportation alternative for families, friends and businesses between the Islands. It will also provide employment opportunities for Hawaii residents and bring positive economic benefits to the Counties and the entire State. In the event that emergency assistance is needed to the other islands, the Superferry can transport people and equipment quickly and provide other needed assistance that could not be provided by an airplane.

Thomas Chesebro

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From: Sent:

Jesse Tom [jessetom@hawaii.edu] Monday, October 29, 2007 9:50 AM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jesse Tom and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I Support the Superferry because I want to use it and bring my car to Maui and Kauai. Hopefully the people on the neighbor islands cool down and except people from Oahu and don't trash people's car or beat people up. That's my concern.

I submit this testimony simply for the record and will not appear at the hearing in person.

Thank You,

Jesse Tom 99-903 Halawa Dr. Aiea, HI 96701 (808) 228-0056

From: Sent: Morse, Kalani A. [kam@torkildson.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 9:52 AM

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My name is Kalani A. Morse and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am concerned for Hawaii's sustainability for purposes of food. Hundreds of thousands of acres of agricultural land lie fallow across the state, yet we import 90% of our food. The Superferry would open up interisland commerce that will undoubtedly change the social, cultural, and economic status quo, for good and for bad. These changes are inevitable but we have a chance to control and guide them to improve and ensure a sustainable Hawaii for future generations. This will require active intervention and guidance from Hawaii Lawmakers. Not only would I love to see Hawaii Lawmakers act to ensure that the Superferry remains a viable business model in the islands, I would also love to see the Legislature take active steps to ensure that laws supporting, promoting, protecting and rewarding agricultural production and intra-island commerce.

#### Kalani A. Morse, Esq.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am strongly in favor of beginning Superferry service immediately. It will be a benefit for ALL residents of the

islands. In addition to providing an alternative method of transportation for residents to visit their neighbor islands, it will permit local business people to expand their services to the other islands. For example, a landscaper on Kauai will be able to bring his/her equipment over to Oahu on the Superferry and

complete a landscaping job on Oahu. Also, it will provide jobs for hundreds of Superferry employees. It is unfair to place more operating restrictions on the Superferry than on the other large cruise and freight ships that travel between the islands daily.

Please give the Superferry a chance.

Mahalo.

Kelly Shivery Kapolei

From:

Carolyn Wadley [Carolyn.Wadley@maryl.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

It is important to have immediate access to the Superferry, not only for family visits between island but also an alternative transportation source – remember 9/11? We were stranded on the islands due to air line shut down nationwide?

The cruise ships, Matson & Young Brothers travels between islands. Let the Superferry function, run, get going. We want it here on the Big Island.

Patrick D. Garrard

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From:

Curt DeWeese [cdeweese@sunstonecompanies.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:53 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Support for Superferry

Please support the immediate approval for the Superferry to begin service between our islands. This service will be of great benefit to the life and safety of all island residents. Mahalo.

Curtis D. DeWeese and family

Kona and Honolulu residents

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Gil Barden [gilbarden@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 9:53 AM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gilbert L. Barden and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please allow this wonderful and exciting form of transportation to navigate through the bureaucracy and headaches that we as Hawaii citizens are finally exhausted of. Let's put down the weapons and embrace change for a pro-economy opportunity.

Best Regards,

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Lizz Pena [lizz.pena@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 9:53 AM

Sent: To:

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ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

My name is Laura L. Pena and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have just returned from the Big island of Hawaii and have been a frequent visitor. If there was the possibility of conveniently visiting other islands I would certainly have taken advantage of that.

I have familiarized myself with the issues of islanders that do not support the super ferry and I hope that a solution which benefits all involved can be found.

Please keep me informed of any further developments.

Laura L. Pena 245 Kimball Ave Golden, CO 80401

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This last week was a perfect example of why the super ferry was needed. My orders were lost in shipping by the shipper ( to be found later in week, therefore I missed my deadline, this happens on a regular basis being on an outer island. We are at the mercy of the monopoly who supplies the island.

From:

Jesse Garcia [Jesse.Garcia@hawaiiantel.com]

Sent:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jesse Garcia and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have long anticipated having a alternate method of travel to the neighbor islands. I feel that it is a blessing to the State of Hawaii to have the Hawaii Superferry, It will allow us to bring the islands closer together. Please pass this bill and get the Superferry operational. Thank you.

Jesse Garcia MCSA, Net+, A+

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From: Sent:

Nancy Barry [nancy@hoala.org] Monday, October 29, 2007 9:53 AM

To:

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Subject:

Support Superferry

Testimony to support the restart of service between Maui and Kauai during the EIS /EA. We will benefit a great deal by the addition of another mode of transportation to our neighbor islands.

Nancy Barry

From:

TeriMontano@NaHoku.com

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Teri Lee Montano and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Providing Hawaii residents and our many visitors another option for inter-island travel is a **benefit** not a detriment. Please do not allow the special interest groups to prevent this opportunity from being available to all.

Respectfully yours,

Teri Montano

Director of Human Resources

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From:

Margaret Tung [mtung@topofwaikiki.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 9:54 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Strongly support the Hawaii Superferry

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I'm strongly supporting Hawaii Superferry.

Margaret

From:

Cyrus.C.Chen@hawaii.gov

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cyrus Chen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe we need an alternative mode of interisland transportation for the convenience and safety of our residents and visitors. I don't think the problems with the environment are as dramatic as the environmental groups make them out to be. Invasive species and criminals can be transported via airplane, barges and cruise ships just as easily. Furthermore, the surf spots on Maui and Kauai are open to anybody, not just residents of those islands. Traffic will not be impacted because people who bring their cars over will not be renting a car so its a wash on the whole traffic issue. Sailers also explain to me that sailboats go as fast as the superferry and they are quieter and they don't hit any whales. Whales are smart and can hear the superferry because its so loud. They aren't idiots. Thank you for this opportunity express my thoughts on the superferry.

Cyrus Chen 215 N. King St. #1401 537-2674

From:

Sandy Haruno [sandyh@gentryhawaii.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:54 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Hawaii Superferry

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 that 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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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is MARK GROSS and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry. I respect the positions for Kauai but I feel that their fears simply will not materialize. A proper environmental review is not unreasonable however if it means that the Superferry will not be able to operate and may not success as a business then I have some concerns. Moreover, if the Superferry fails, I feel that the State will be in a position to be sued and will have to spend even more money litigating the failures surrounding the Superferry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Donald W. Dietz, and I am a business owner here in Hawaii, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am very disappointed in our elected officials, not to stand up for the Superferry. It appears to be that Governor Lingle is the only one with guts to stand up for 'Business in Hawaii'. It doesn't take a lot of intelligence for someone to realize the benefits that this service brings to the islands. But, it does take a lack of intelligence to not understand basic economic impact that this brings to the commerce and residence of the state.

When a company finally comes in to offer a fair price to ship automobiles and supplies to our islands, they get strongly opposed by a minority group of people. The courts find legal cause to stop them, then, ironically, the local 'Shipping Companies' announce an increase in their fares. This is obviously not a coincidence, but rather BUSINESS (in Hawaii) AS USUAL! There is not a word of objection from anyone in government office.

While this has bought out the prejudice between the neighbor islands residence, for each other (primarily Oahu), the courts and State officials seem to be supporting and perpetuating that animosity between islanders.

We have seen it happen in the hotel industry, airline industry, developer industry and now, the shipping industry. As a locally born and raised resident, I do not know of anyone who would deny this type of "Old Boy Business" practice of the past several decades. But, one would hope that these island's officials would 'grow up' and look at the future of our state and not just the present benefit to their own pocket books.

The islands need officials of 'Vision', to see where we are going and how we are going to grow in the future. Not how we can hold off progress and keep making the 'elite' richer.

The Superferry has the support of the overwhelming majority of the citizens of this State. Please listen the majority and not the loud and 'irrational' minority. I support business in Hawaii, and I strongly support the HAWAII SUPERFERRY!

Mahalo,

Don Dietz 3660 Waialae Ave. #204 Honolulu, HI 96816

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From: Sent:

Jan Higashi [jrhigashi@hawaiiantel.net] Monday, October 29, 2007 9:54 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony SuperFerry

To:

Subject:

I strongly support the SuperFerry. We need to move forward.

Janice Higashi 32 Poko Place Hilo, HI 96720

From:

Bob Martinez [bobm@aipaproperties.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:54 AM

To:

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Subject:

APPROVE THE SUPERFERRY

APPROVE the SuperFerry along with MASS TRANSIT RAIL. SEATTLE - ATLANTA have great systems if anyone has a doubt. THE BUS IS TERRIBLE, RUDE AND DIRTY. We need to make mass transit acceptable to get people out of their cars.

It is part of the overall equation and investment in transit among the Islands.

Think OUT OF THE BOX for ONCE

Bob Martinez, Controller for AIPA Properties, LLC

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ron Fleet and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Maybe the Dept. of Transportation made a mistake but that is a seperate issue. The Superferry must be allowed to operate. Local merchants, local families and emergency services all need this alternative now. Please do not bow to the pressure of the few, very vocal opponents. Mahalo, Ron Fleet

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Graeme Draffin Merrin and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This alternative mode of transportation is long overdue in Hawaii as it certainly will allow State residents great opportunities for visiting other island complete with our vehicles and sporting items we choose to take along.

Of course after 9/11 the benefits of this service also would have been worthwhile for our island State.

I have lived on Kaua'i for 23 years and during that time I have actually seen mongooses here on island – once in Kokee and another at Hanalei.

Invasive species are not new to our islands but I would be amongst the first to admit that ongoing protection is needed.

However the unsupervised shipping of cargo through Matson and Young Bros certainly is more harmful than possible seeds in the undercarriage of vehicles making the ferry crossing. As I understand it all vehicles will be checked to make sure they're cleaned anyway so this issue is probably alarmism spread by opponents of the Superferry.

Let's get this Superferry sailing so we can all benefit.

Mahalo,

Graeme Merrin

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Arthur Robert Tiber and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Provides an alternative to the exorbitant cost of flying and lodging at the present time!

As it is now I will never see another Island because I will not pay the high prices for flight and lodging.

Arthur Robert Tiber

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lenora Haff and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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.

The people of Hawaii want inter-island transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to our state.

It is not fair judgement for a handful of less than 100 people that are part of the Sierra Club to represent all of Hawaii's people's best interest, not withstanding conservation issues but coming to a compromise for the betterment of all.

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

Lenora Haff

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From:

Michael Bryan [mikeb@nogins.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:52 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony SUPPORT SUPER FERRY

I support the Super Ferry.

You politician's please stop making the State of Hawaii look like fools. We wonder why no big business wants to come to Hawaii, its cause you all have your own agenda's and don't really care about the people of Hawaii.

80% of Hawaii support the Super Ferry but 20% of Hawaii are stalling it for there own personal reasons. If you are worried about being re-elected you better get this done or 80% of Hawaii will not support you on re-election.

DO SOMETHING RIGHT FOR HAWAII FOR A CHANGE.

Mahalo! Mike Bryan

From:

Tang, Kevin [Kevin.Tang@axa-advisors.com]

Sent:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kevin Tang and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please do not stand in the way of progress. It will deter any other businesses from wanting to conduct their ventures in Hawaii.

"The greatest compliment a client can give is the referral of their family and friends."

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Michelle Miyata* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think that it is good for our Local workers and our econoy as well because it help create over 200 jobs and we all know that Hawaii needs more jobs! Also I feel that they have taken the right precausetions to make sure that the environment is safe in running the Super Ferry. People are just getting petty and want something to argue about when really there's nothing to argue for. Thanks

Michelle Miyata

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From:

Suzanne Manzon [SuManzon@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:55 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Please allow ferry

To: Subject:

To Whom it concerns:

As a local resident since 1971, I request that the ferry be allowed. The local population needs inexpensive interisland transportation. PLEASE consider our needs.

S.Manzon

From:

Dave & Cathy Kienzl [cdkienzl@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

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Keep the Superferry. I support the Superferry. It is so frustrating to see on the news this beautiful vessel just sitting there. WE WANT THE SUPERFERRY to visit the other islands and to be able to take our own car.

Catherine Kienzl

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From:

Dara Fukuhara [dfukuhara@commpac.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:55 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
TESTIMONY TO THE PROPOSED SUPERFERRY BILL

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Dara Fukuhara 98-1951 A Kaahumanu Street Aiea, Hawaii 96701

October 22, 2007

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dara Fukuhara and I'm speaking as a private citizen with a disability in support of the Hawaii Superferry.

When I heard the news that the Hawaii Superferry was coming to Hawaii, I was pleased to hear that people with disabilities now have an option to an alternative mode of inter-island transportation.

Currently, the only mode of inter-island transportation is air travel. But, flying for many people with physical disabilities find is difficult because the airplanes are not accessible. Airplane aisles are not wide enough for a person in a wheelchair to get through and must rely on others to transfer them into and out of the seats. Due to this, the person with a disability is confined to their seat and it can be difficult to go to the bathroom, as they need assistance to get to the bathroom and often times, the bathroom is not large enough to accommodate two people.

I personally toured the Superferry and was astounded by how accessible the ship was. With the Superferry, travelers with disabilities, limited mobility and those restricted from flying due to medical issues can travel more independently and could be their primary mode of transportation. They can bring their own wheelchair – manual or battery-powered – or medical equipment onboard. They can sit in their wheelchair wherever they chose or transfer onto the couches if they needed to stretch out or lay down. The aisles are wide enough for a wheelchair to maneuver through and there is an accessible bathroom large enough for a battery-powered wheelchair user to feel comfortable in.

Another benefit is they can bring their own vehicle. Many times, accessible transportation is difficult to find, especially on the neighbor islands, and bringing their own vehicle can alleviate this problem. Also, those needing specialized medical treatment on Oahu for an extended period of time won't need to spend extra money renting a car when they have their own.

The Superferry thought through every accessibility issue by not only making the ship "wheelchair friendly," but by close captioning the safety videos, brailing the menus and signs, and is receptive to our comments and concerns.

The most important point is that people with disabilities now have a choice and we all, as people, should have the right to choose how to live our life. With all the controversy going on, it is time to look at the advantages of what the Superferry can bring to our community and to start working toward the betterment of Hawaii in science, technology, and medicine, which are the most important to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Respectfully yours,

DARA FUKUHARA

From: Adams, Bonita [bonita.adams@spcorp.com]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:54 AM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject: Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to continue carrying passengers and vehicles between the

islands

Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to carry passengers and cars between the beautiful Hawaiian Islands. It would make visiting multiple islands so much more convenient and enjoyable. I'm sure they will make every effort not to damage the delicate environment. I am not a resident of Hawaii. I plan on visiting Maui and Oahu next March with my brother, sister-in-law and fiancé. We are all really looking forward to traveling with our rental car between Maui and Oahu. It will eliminate the stress of flying from one island to another and returning our rental car then re-renting another one, plus we wouldn't have to handle our luggage multiple times.

# Bonnie Adams

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Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:56 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Testimony for Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Linda Sato, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This is a no-brainer - any questions?????

Linda B. Sato 1177 Queen St., #607 Honolulu HI 96814 Day phone 808-484-5604

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From: Kathy Ebey [weetrees@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:56 AM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject: SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION (SUPERFERRY)

My name is Kathleen Ebey and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I have been a resident of Aiea for over 30 years and continue to be amazed by this state's propensity to keep anything "haole" or "Mainland" out, be it 7-11, Sears, rapid transit, etc. And the really sad thing is that it is a very vocal minority that rules how the rest of us lawabiding citizens live. And why do most of these folks seem to be haoles from the Mainland rather than local folks? And how do we know that the same rabble-rousers aren't going from island to island to attend the forums, making it appear that there is a large "anti" group in the State? And how do we know that these folks aren't being "sponsored" by the airlines, the rental car companies, Young Brothers barge company -- the only real folks that may suffer monetarily by introduction of the Superferry?

I believe the Superferry provides a great opportunity for residents and tourists alike to travel interisland easier and more pleasantly than flying. It will also allow people with disabilities to travel more conveniently and to take their specialized cars with them. I personally know handicapped people that currently cannot travel interisland, even to visit family, without incurring major hardships.

As far as introducing invasive species to the outer islands, note that our red ant and coqui frog infestations on Oahu came FROM the outerislands, and came without the help of the Superferry. As long as you have vehicles and "stuff" moving via Young Brothers barges, you will have invasive species transfers. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that out.

With respect to introducing illegal drugs to the outerislands, where do these folks think most of the pot sold on Oahu comes from now -- the outerislands!! And who really believes that you can't transport drugs on interisland air flights?!

With respect to overcrowding the roads and beaches of the outerislands, what is the difference if I come by Superferry or by plane, and whether I drive my own car or rent one there? I'm driving on the same roads and going to the same beaches either way. After all, the Superferry really is more expensive than flying so I don't think hundreds of people who would otherwise stay home are going to jump aboard the Superferry "with great abandon"!

Finally, I too am very concerned about the whales, but I believe that more damage can be done to them by slow-moving dinner cruise boats (who seem to be the only ones hitting any recently), ocean-going cargo ships, and personal watercraft such as speed boats, jet skis, etc. I believe what has been said about the bulbous front of the Superferry "pontoons" -- that they are designed specifically to push things such as whales and dolphins out of the way rather than to run into it.

Bottom line -- let's not allow the CAVEpeople (citizens against virtually everything) dictate one more time how we live our lives. Please be Statesmen instead of politicians. Do what is right for the State and the majority of the people, not for your vote count and a few vocal, non-law-abiding people. Support the Superferry.

Kathleen Ebey
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"If you keep your cool when everybody else is losing theirs, it's probably because you haven't realized the

seriousness of the problem." (Kathy Ebey)

From:

Don Perry [DonP@leisinc.com]

Sent:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mr. Don M.Perry] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is time for Hawaii to move forward and allow the ferry to operate during EIS, Let the business stand on its own merits, People that want it will either make it or break it!, Government has no business in regulating success or failure of a Private venture.

I am hoping that sane legislative minds return a favorable interpretation of this convoluted law.

Mr. Don M. Perry

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From:

John A. Lockwood [jlockwood@awlaw.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:56 AM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John A. Lockwood and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It only makes sense to provide an alternate method of travel among the islands.

John A. Lockwood

496 Iana Street, Kailua 262-4137

From: Marc A. Lefebvre (US-775) [lefebvre@iwavesolutions.com]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:50 AM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Subject: Superferry Legislation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

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

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From:

Patrick Meyer [patrick\_meyer@hawaiianisles.com]

Sent: To: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:57 AM

Subject:

hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Support of the Superferry

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Patrick Meyer (95-650 Naholoholo St, Mililani) and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Please do all that you can to insure that it stays in our state. We need to do all that we can to improve the image of Hawaii as a place that is worth coming to invest in. I am concerned that we run the risk of scaring away investors into our state economy. I also really value the opportunity to share all of our islands through an alternative transportation option.

Thank you.

Patrick Meyer

Director of Sales Hawaiian Isles Water

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From: Sent: JulieA [julie.trendtex@mac.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:17 AM

To: Subject:

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RE: Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Julie Ann Ikeda-Chang and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Super Ferry as a means of transportation to get to the neighbor islands. We cannot rely on the inconvenience of air travel. I travel for work and have used the ferry system in Seattle. I loved it. It was relaxing, comfortable and affordable. We need to give the Superferry a chance to make it in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Julie Ann Ikeda-Chang 99-171 Holo Place Aiea, HI 96701 808-372-8324

From:

Chuck Henderson [chuckhenderson@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:57 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

To: Subject:

Yes for Superferry.

My name is Charles Henderson, Realtor with Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties, Windward Oahu, 262-3183.

I support the Superferry and wish it to continue to serve our islands while the EPI study is underway.

I will use the Superferry to conduct business on other islands and to take my dog in my auto as I am a resident of the Big Island and Oahu.

Chuck Henderson

From:

Bob Gould [bob.gould@stanfordalumni.org]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:04 AM

Subject:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert A. Gould and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We can not let a minority of misguided self described 'environmentalists' and racist local people to stop a needed transportation system in the name of saving their islands from the predations of people from Oahu or the theft of their opihi! Their attitudes are ridiculous, and they should be required to subsist only on the produce of their own islands and prohibited from traveling off their islands on anything but a canoe.

We need the superferry as a protection against the results of the bankruptcy of local airlines that will be caused by Go!s predatory practices. Putting special restrictions on the Superferry that don't apply to other modes of transportation is unfair, and if the same thing were attempted in commerce between the mainland and Hawaii it would be an illegal obstruction of interstate commerce.

Don't let the cries of "the legislature should follow the law as expressed by the court, not try to change it." Such cries only illustrate their ignorance. The legislature makes the laws. The courts only interpret the laws the legislature makes and ensures that those laws are constitutional. It is your job to pass laws that encourage commerce; not inhibit it!

Robert Gould 44-365 Kaneohe Bay Dr. Kaneohe, HI, 96744 254-5242

From:

Paul Maddox [zoom@kona.net] Monday, October 29, 2007 9:58 AM

Sent: To:

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Subject:

Let her sail!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

It seems to me that you folks got the Superferry into this mess by fast tracking it's permits.

Now it's your duty to see it through and let Superferry sail while going back to complete the needed surveys and studies.

Step up and back up your actions.

Mahalo - Paul Maddox 76-810 'lo Place Kailua-Kona, HI 96740 326-7709

From:

Ruth Powell [powellg003@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 9:57 AM

Sent: To:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ruth Powell and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Let's keep the superferry. We need travel alternatives, especially for island residents who would enjoy traveling more often if the option to take our own car were available. Whether there are other issues that will arise, those can be dealt with at a later time.

Ruth Powell

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From: Sent: Ken Signorello [ken@greendestiny.us] Monday, October 29, 2007 9:51 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Hawaii Super Ferry Hearing

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My car and I are on a mission to take a photo in front of each of the 50 state capitols. The project is called the "Green Destiny Capitol Project". To date I've completed 45 and have just one more road trip to go.

The last leg to Alaska was sponsored and followed by hundreds of people. I'm a professional photographer and the photos are still being seen, shared and purchased.

Hawaii will to be my last capitol. However, since I would be shipping my car to Oahu, and no trip to Hawaii with a sports car would be complete without a visit to Maui to ride the Hana Highway, the Super Ferry is a critical component of this last leg. I've been watching and waiting for the inauguration and now worry that my project may have to wait.

I am depending on the Ferry to get me and my car from Oaha to Maui to make it worth the trip.

So the lack of a ferry (at least for me) will have a definite effect on tourism.

You can read about the Green Destiny Capitol Project here:

http://www.greendestiny.us/CapitolProject/

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