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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:21 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: 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

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 Eric Tema and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have lived in Hawaii my entire life, 42 years, and have traveled extensively in Tahiti, Samoa, Indonesia and other far less developed and much more pristine locales than Hawaii and all have sophisticated ferry service that is a lifeline for those residents. Clearly the environment is NOT the issue here but rather a vocal minority of neighbor island residents using it as a smokescreen to restrict progress. My guess is if we weren't on the tail end of 7 years of prosperous growth in our State we'd be much more welcoming.

I'd say the fear is way overblown – almost like Y2K. Maybe one way to address is to limit the Kauai service to 3 times a week as a way of easing into service and minimizing the impact, whether recognized or not. With the imminent departure of GO! Airlines and return of very expensive interisland fares I would imagine a few years from now we'll all be glad we have an alternative.

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Subject: Testimony

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

TIME: 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John C Stevenson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The superferry will provide a much needed additional means to travel between the island.

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From: J Wagner [hawaiimei@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:59 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Support for the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gretta Wagner* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I would like to see that Hawaii has an alternate means of transportation in the event of disasters and also for visits with family and friends who cannot fly. Thank you for your consideration.

Gretta Wagner

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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:25 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: hawaii superferry

To whom it may concern:

I strongly support the Hawaii superferry. What would happen when the next hurricane hits a neighbor island. it is just a matter of time. The super ferry would be able to transport food,medical supplies, contractors, trucks, equipemnt, HECO repair vehicles the list in endless.

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From: CooperS96816@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:26 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: (no subject)

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Brian H. Ogata and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[BRIEFLY AND SIMPLY DESCRIBE WHY YOU SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY (TESTIMONY IS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN KEPT TO ONE PAGE)]

I rode on that voyage to Kauai on August 26. We saw dolphins swimming along side and looking up at the Superferry . . . they were not afraid or frightened. I am familiar with dolphins behavior because I am a former Director of Engineering/Chief engineering there. I observed the dolphins daily.

How will the neighbor islands be affected if we had to perform all of these procedures on every car being shipped to the neighbor islands by barge? The cost of getting a vehicle to the neighbor islands will become very expensive - The people who are fighting the Superferry need to realize that this could impact everyone on the neighbor islands negatively in their wallets.

I would like to travel to the neighbor islands, in the near future, on the Superferry. How much more traffic will be added if there is no Superferry? I would need to rent a vehicle to get around the island anyway.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Paula Wilson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to place my name among those who very much support the use of the Superferry to travel back and forth between the Hawaiian Islands. Hawaii is my home and it would be wonderful to be able to transport my car filled with goods for my extended family that I would otherwise not be able to take with me. And think of the items I could bring back with me that I can only purchase on the outer islands. I believe the Superferry could increase sales of Hawaii made goods to the local community because getting them back to Oahu would be so much easier. I also have friends that use motorized wheelchairs and they would be able to travel so much more comfortably with the Superferry. I don't believe that the Superferry would increase homeless hopping between the islands and I believe there are already issues with invasive species jumping island to island because even without the Superferry there are many ways to travel already. Please approve the Superferry as I am ready to travel.

Sincerely,

Paula Wilson

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Anthony Riecke-Gonzales* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Super Ferry is needed to help keep Hawaii's economy strong. It will introduce more opportunity and competition into the outer island economies. I know many fear this, but in the long run, competition has helped raise the standard of living for outer islanders. My family has a better standard of living now, than in the eighties and nineties because Maui has grown and connected itself better to the rest of the world.

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Subject: we support the Super Ferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Debbie Chambrella and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My entire family supports the Superferry. We want to use the Superferry. Do not listen to the vocal minority but listen to the silent majority. Your constituents.

Mahalo

Debbie Chambrella

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From: sean mason [kawi6rr@hotmail.com]
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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sean Mason and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I'm in complete agreement on needing the Super ferry in Hawaii. Think about the people who are terrified to fly, Closter phobic, or are too large to fit comfortably in the tiny seats that airlines provide. This would provide those minorities a comfortable way to travel through their home, our islands. This is not just about the few environmentalists whom have rallied their troops to show that Hawaii is not in support of the Super ferry. The majority of Hawaii's people are in support of the Super ferry and the state needs to be aware of this.

*Sean Mason
Waipahu, HI*

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From: Dana Pagalaboyd [dana@theatrixhawaii.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:57 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Support of Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dana Pagalaboyd and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please, if you don't follow through with the Super ferry you will destroy business in Hawaii. You need to do anything you can do to make this happen. I work for a small business owner and see first hand how it is already made difficult for us. The bad publicity probably has already affected corporations coming to Hawaii in an adverse way. I am embarrassed to say that I am a citizen of the state of Hawaii. **Please, Get the Super ferry Sailing.**

~Dana Pagalaboyd~



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From: jokuhama@hawaiilendingspecialists.com
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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Support Hawai'i Superferry

To whom it may concern:

Attached is my letter of support for the Hawai'i Superferry. Also I have included it below:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jason T. Okuhama and I strongly support the Hawai'i Superferry ("Superferry") and the special session of the Hawai'i State Legislature to find a solution allowing the Superferry to operate throughout Hawaiian waters while the Environmental Assessment is being conducted. I strongly believe that the Superferry's impact to our environment, sea life and port facilities will not be any greater than the cargo ships, cruise vessels, barges and other large vessels that operate in Hawaiian waters. And once the novelty of riding on the Superferry diminishes, there will be consistent but not overwhelming amount of passenger vehicles that will transverse the islands on a daily basis.

If the Superferry permanently leaves Hawai'i, I believe the biggest losers will be the commercial businesses that can utilize the on and off, same day ferry service that the Superferry provides which is not provided by the inter-island barge service. In numerous polls, the majority of people in Hawaii have voiced their opinion that we want an alternative inter-island transportation option namely the Superferry. We feel that the Superferry will bring many benefits to our state and it is the majority of people of Hawai'i who are the ones that will truly benefit.

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option, protect Hawaii's business climate and dispel Hawai'i's reputation as being an anti-business state.

Sincerely,

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From: Roberta Lutjen [AlohaRoberta@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:27 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Roberta Lutjen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry!!

I believe the entire state of Hawaii's economy will benefit from the addition of this mode of transportation.

Aloha,
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From: Kathy Howe [kathy@kathyhowe.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kathy Howe* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii so desperately needs the Superferry for passengers, moving agriculture, another means of transportation...

These people have been respectful of Hawaiian ways and have gone out of their way to find solutions that meet Hawaii's needs.

I beg you to make this happen now.

Kathy Howe (former Hawaii resident)

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From: Brenda Fabro [bfabro@Fluidmaster.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Brenda Diane Fabro* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I know that this is an important issue for the public's safety, let alone for the convenience of everyone. When Hawaii goes into a state of emergency, there has to be another way to transport people from one island to another during a crises when all air transportation is either too full, or is grounded. Also, there has to be a way to transport patients in an emergency situation too. In case patients cannot be airlifted, this would be the next best alternative to get them to proper medical facilities and/or treatment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda Diane Fabro

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Suzette J. Momohara* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

If/when our state should be in a crisis situation, we're all going to say....."if we had the SuperFerry, we'd be able to transport food, medical supplies, emergency equipment and be able to furnish transportation for people and needed vehicles". We can all come to an agreement, if the issues can be managed respectfully and with much thought into the overall benefits.

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From: Jason T. Okuhama [jokuhama@hawaiilendingspecialists.com]
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Subject: Email Problems

I am currently haveing problems with my MS Outlook email software and I am not able to check emails on a regular basis. Hopefully this situation can be remedied of by Monday, October 29th. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Jason

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Aloha, My name is Walt Cheshire from Hawaii Kai and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The islands need to be united. The Hawaii Superferry is a way to do that. We are one State, not a bunch of individual islands. The superferry will improve standard of living, way of life, commerce as well as our civil defense capability. Rapid sealift is not just a luxury, but a necessity for the islands. Thanks for your affirmative vote in favor of the Superferry!

Mahalo nui loa!

Walt Cheshire
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From: Ray Alley [ray@nanopointimaging.com]
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To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I support the super ferry.

I believe the supper ferry should be allowed to operate while an EIS is in progress.

However I also believe that the EIS should look at affects of Matson, Young, and cruise ship lines, which have avoided the EIS. It is NOT just to have one particular entity go through this process, while all the rest have avoided it. We may find that these other may pose more risk to the environment then the supper ferry.

Also is Young and Matson required to hose off vehicles before they are transported? If not then the super ferry is being unjustly singled out.

Best regards,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Patricia Beekman and I **strongly support** Hawaii Superferry.

While I would like to be there to testify in person, I do have to work, but would like to urge you, through this e-mail, to heed the wishes of the majority of Hawaii long-term residents. The SuperFerry is a big plus to those of us who want to enjoy ALL of Hawaii, not just our little island, as wonderful as it may be. And that's the vast majority of us kama'aina. I've been talking to my local friends and acquaintances, and so far it seems to be unanimous, we want the SuperFerry. One spoke up strongly on environmental concerns, but even she wants the SuperFerry.

The environment *is* important, very important, but I suspect that that is not the true motivation of many of the vocal, often lawbreaking, opponents of the SuperFerry. Many are newcomers who don't want others coming after them to the island they have staked out for themselves, even though most of those "others" have been in the islands for generations. Getting rid of the SuperFerry through the subterfuge of the environment and the courts is an effective method for carrying out their true, but publicly unacceptable, motives.

Let the SuperFerry start operating immediately, along with environmental safeguards we already know about, such as making sure no vehicles are harboring coqui frogs or contain stones taken from streams; whales and other marine life are being protected, etc. It should be kept in mind that huge ships (not the SuperFerry) that are a necessary part of Hawaiian life are not exactly non-damaging to the environment. As an example, those huge propellers and even the propellers from smaller boats do damage too (I've come very close to being run over by both). Oil leaks into the ocean. Chemicals to prevent the growth of barnacles enter the ocean. Etc., etc. The SuperFerry should not be unfairly singled out. Any environmental study should be reasonable, not draconian.

Mahalo,

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*[SIGNATURE
ADDRESS
PHONE NUMBER]*

My family has been looking forward to a convenient way to travel with four children and a vehicle that fits a family of six to visit relatives on neighbor islands.

It is good for the people and good for the economy. It will be a horrible mistake if this company has to leave these islands.

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From: Pat Meyers [patmeyers@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: SUPER FERRY

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**THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WANT A SUPER FERRY.
THE VOCAL MINORITY HAS GOT TO BE STOPPED !**

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Thomas A. Lullo and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Living on the Big Island, my family emphatically wants the ability to access Oahu and even the other neighbor islands for shopping, vehicle servicing and recreation. Our island state is well behind the times not having such a service. Even in the 1800's Hawaii had an interisland ferry service. Opponents don't seem to recognize that the Superferry is not a departure from ancient customs. Rather it will be a return to them! Please help us to bring this valuable service back to our state.

Thomas A. Lullo

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From: tyaukeith@aim.com
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Subject: House Committee regarding Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Keith Tyau* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to travel to the outer islands one day with my family and car and I find that the Superferry is a alternative method of travel v.s the Young Brother's and Airlines. I find the protest and rules placed on the Superferry ridiculous, if these rules are enforced then all shipping to the Hawaiian Islands should be enforced on Matson and other sea going vessel. Also protesters are Haoles transplants from the mainland and the voice of the people of Hawaii.

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Subject: Support the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kathy A. Brown* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We are an island state and with airfares getting more and more expensive, having an alternate mode of transportation to enable us to visit friends and family on other islands is not a luxury but a necessity.

Kathy A. Brown

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From: Alaina deHavilland [alainadeh@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: I support the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Alaina deHavilland and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a farmer and businesswomen I fully support the Superferry. It will allow me to get my coffee to new markets. Currently the stores require the small farmers to stock the shelves and maintain inventory themselves. This we can do once or twice a month driving to stores around the Big Island, but is not possible on other islands.

Being able to load up our van with the coffee and deliver to neighbor island stores would give a tremendous boost to not only our business but all coffee farmers. Currently local outlets have to pay as much as mainland and European markets because of the shipping expense, so don't have much reason to carry our local world renowned coffee. This is very sad.

This also applies to farmers of specialty crops such as gourmet mushrooms, vanilla, Hawaiian grown chocolate, forage fed lamb and beef, cut flowers, exotic fruit, to name just a few items. At the same time we are delivering our goods to other islands we will also have the opportunity to pick up items not available at home. We all win.

We also have a son who is a paddler, it would be wonderful for the team to be able to load up their equipment to participate on other islands without the huge expense and hassle of flying. Sometimes they just can't go. Also we have a paraplegic friend on Oahu who would be able to visit not only us, but see the Volcano, or go up Haleakala on Maui or enjoy the beauty of Kauai. Things that should be every Hawaiian's right.

From all aspects of our lives the Superferry would be a godsend to the people of Hawaii. No longer will we be held hostage to the airlines and Young Bros.

Mahalo for giving us a voice.
Alaina deHavilland

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From: Norma Gunther [ngunther@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:28 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SUPERFERRY - YES!!

Aloha to House Representatives,

I am FOR saving the SUPERFERRY for the benefit of its citizens. Please do everything possible to save the SUPERFERRY for use in our Islands.

I was born in Hilo and did expect to use the SUPERFERRY by this time for get togethers and pleasure. Please help us keep the SUPERFERRY. I don't want to lose it.

Thank you,
N. Gunther

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From: Jim Beaumont [printproz@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: Yes on the Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *James Beaumont* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Lets not let the mainland transplants dictate the future here!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I plan to use the Hawaii Superferry to make my neighbor island projects both easier and better. Because I can transport ALL my equipment instead of the minimum I usually ship air cargo. I do video and film productions and a working Superferry would be like a prayer answered for me.

Please help the Superferry get sailing asap.

Kenneth Libby
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From: Mario Beekes [camex@comcast.net]
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Subject: Support of Hawaii Superferry operation while undergoing EIS

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My wife and I will retire in Hawaii next year. We are fortunate enough to have a condo in Kapolei and a home in Lahaina. The announcement of a Ferry service that could take both people and cars from island to island was an exciting and practical idea for us and others who live on the islands and those who may visit the islands. A more friendly and less stressful way to travel these days when compared to airline travel.

We ask that the State Legislature allow service that was agreed to by the State in the first place to continue while environmental studies are conducted and this approach should be approved to in the majority

since the majority wish the service to operate in the first place.

The Ferry operator should agree that if the findings are found to be sufficiently negative then service must be discontinued. Those who represent us in the Legislature must realize that their misjudgement in eliminating the environment study should not harm those that made huge investment to bring this service to the islands nor harm their constituents who look forward and support the Ferry Service. This is already sending a very negative message to those who would consider to live in Hawaii and those that currently make their residence there and those that wish to do business in the State of Hawaii. If the Ferry Service is thrown out of service while a one year or longer study is conducted they will certainly leave and they will certainly ask for compensation for their losses and/or reserve the right to claim for losses after the study is held and in the end the taxpayer of Hawaii will pay the tab for a mistake our representatives have made (please dont pass the buck on this one !)

There are many other issues that are important to the environment in Hawaii that should also be considered with even more urgency. We dont see surfers paddling out into the middle of the ocean in the midst of a sewage overspill complaining about the need for improved waste water treatment facilities, we dont hear about the leaching of chemicals into our drinking water supply/oceans from garbage dumps or heavily fertilized golf courses. These are all issues that deserve more attention than the transit of ferry boats between the islands. What about the cruise ships that ply the water every day around the islands- should they be stopped as well ?

This has become an emotional issue and we hope it doesnt become a political one. Keep it scientific and rationale and you and your constituents and the ferry company, all working together, will be the winners in the end.

Aloha,

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From: Ron Famiglietti [ronfam@msn.com]
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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Cc: Ron Famiglietti
Subject: Support for the SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Ronald F. Famiglietti and Patricia A. Famiglietti and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Our home is located in Kailua-Kona, HI. We strongly support the SUPERFERRY because we believe it is an excellent way to bring the islands closer and allow us to visit/travel between Kona and the other islands more freely. We frequently travel to other islands to visit friends, family, and just do touring. The SUPERFERRY WOULD give us two very important choices: we can select our method of travel and whether we want to bring our vehicle with us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ron Famiglietti and Pat Famiglietti

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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony

We the people of Hawaii need more inter Island transportation, the Airlines are limited on daily flights and air fares are rising, as for shipping cars inter Island, there is only one company and we are on their demands, there are vacationers who would like to spend a week or so on neighboring Islands and have to rent cars just to visit our neighbors, this cost money, there are families can't afford to travel and visit their neighboring islands, with the cost of air fares and car rentals high prices, this Super ferry, will help those people, we all want to see our Hawaii, our State, that they are so proud off, we also want to show off (all of Hawaii) to our visitors, who finally have a chance to visit us here on a limited budget. Aloha Earl

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From: Jay Dietz [jaydietz@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:21 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: in FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry

October 29, 2007

House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

In FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry

We need an alternative in interisland travel. The superferry is an excellent alternative that will increase competition and be good for residents, good for tourism, good for business, and good for Hawaii. All of the islands will benefit.

Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the Environmental Impact Study is being conducted. This is extremely important to me and my family.

Mahalo!

Jay Dietz

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From: leila.fuller@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:22 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: email Testimony supporting Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Leila Fuller and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Super Ferry will benefit the people of Hawaii by providing us with alternate means of interisland transportation. I do not support an environmental impact study as I feel that the Super Ferry planners have gone to great lengths to address the concerns that the opponents of the Super Ferry keep bringing up.

Furthermore, due to the Super Ferry's prior research and the precautions they have taken to minimize threats to marine life and other concerns, I feel the Super Ferry should be allowed to operate during any required environmental impact study.

Leila Fuller

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From: Robin Kimura [rkimura@teamkenco.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:22 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Support Super Ferry

To Whom It May Concern,

We should not allow the voice of a few special interest groups and their supporters to "sink" the Super Ferry. Furthermore, the fact that the state let a business invest million of dollars and then to pull the rug from other them is unacceptable. This should have never gotten to this point. Many businesses such as ours have formulated plans to service the neighbor islands using the Super Ferry. Please do not hold all of us hostages any longer. Let Super Ferry sail!

Aloha,

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From: mary shumack [myluck@earthlink.net]
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Subject: Super Ferry Support!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mary W. Shumack, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have yet to see one definitive reason not to support the Super Ferry. The claims about whales, dangerous species, and adverse affects on the environment are completely invalid. None of the ships coming to Hawaii from worldwide ports, nor the US Navy and Coastguard are subjected to the requirements that the so called "environmentalists" are requesting of the Super Ferry. It would seem that some special interest groups are trying to block this business venture, and are ignoring the wants of the majority of Hawaii residents.

Please support the Super Ferry without all of the ridiculous conditions.

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Subject: SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Importance: High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marita Abellana and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Service must resume in order for Hawaii Superferry to pay its bills and financially survive in the volatile Hawaiian islands.

With the Superferry tied up at the dock and litigation, the message being sent out to the investment community is "don't do business in Hawaii.

The days of the \$19 airfare are limited and the \$200 roundtrips will be back one day, having an alternative way to travel is going to be needed now and in the future.

Very Respectfully,

Marita G. Abellana

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From: Jan Asuncion [jannerjt@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:23 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Support for the Hawaii Superferry

Dear House and Senate Members,

This letter is to inform you that our Ohana supports the Hawaii Superferry. Please do not be emotionally swayed by part time residents that do not pay Hawaii State taxes and ill informed "locals" who probably are not registered voters. I also feel that it is very suspicious and unfair that public hearings were held on weekends and evenings on the outer islands, while opportunities for public testimony on Oahu are held in the middle of workdays. If this form of transportation requires an EAS or an EIS, then that should be done for the cruise ship, freight/cargo, and commercial fishing industries as well.

This will be an excellent form of interisland transportation and give the people another alternative to travel. Please listen to the silent majority.

Sincerely,

Jan & Donna Asuncion
Registered Voters

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From: Tom Ocasek [TOcasek@mwgroup.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:28 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SB 1, SD RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tom Ocasek and I support the Hawaii Super Ferry being able to operate for the following reasons.

1. It will service a transportation need.
2. It has already been approved - We are sending the wrong message about doing business in Hawaii just like Hokuli'a on the Big Island. One part of the government permits it only to have another part stop it after the money has been spent.
3. a very minute number of people are stopping something that the vast majority want.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Ocasek

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From: Andy [acjost@hotmail.com]
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Subject: testimony in support of the superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Andy Jost. I hereby state my support for the Hawaii Superferry's ability to operate while the EIS is being conducted. Preventing the business from operating now may cause them to close permanently due to the financial burden of the "limbo" state imposed upon them by one judge. Without allowing them to conduct business while this important study is conducted, you will effectively shut them down without the result of the study, an action that would clearly be contrary the wishes of the majority of your voters, including me, and contrary to the spirit of the law. Please recognize my support for a congressional action that would allow the company to resume normal business activities while the study is made.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Aloha,

Andy Jost

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From: Elizabeth J. Anderson [hifreeinspirit@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:15 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Testimony

Stop this Non-sense, We Need the SuperFerry, wake up and stop killing new business interested in investing in this state, it also sets a VERY BAD PRECEDENT, for anyone New wanting to come here to invest. We need foreign and mainland companies to invest here, so our children and their children have NEW choices for their future, most of them now leave high school then go to the mainland and stay, because jobs here are not available for them, WAKE UP!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Don't let your decision be another stupid one! Like the Convention Center that has NO Parking!!!!!!!!!!

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From: Lauren Luis [lluis@dwyerlaw.com]
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To: hswrittenonlysbttestimony
Subject: Save the Superferry (October 29, 2007, 1:30 p.m. re: SB1, SD1Relating to Transportation)

House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance,

My husband and I BOUGHT A HONDA ELEMENT based upon our anticipated use of the Superferry to travel inter-island, and go camping. As residents of Oahu, my husband and I find it next to impossible to travel inter-island due to the high cost of doing so. Once you factor in round trip flights, hotel, car rental, gas, three meals a day out at restaurants, and pet care/boarding while we are gone, a short weekend getaway snowballs into a \$1,000 trip! Inter-island travel should be an option available to Hawaii's residents, but unless you make an unusually high income, inter-island travel is a rare and special occasion for Hawaii's residents. With the Superferry, we can put a cooler full of food, the dog and camping equipment in the car and have a great weekend camping on an outer island without breaking the bank!

I have traveled all over the world, and can say with a high degree of certainty that Hawaii is the only collection of islands I have been to for which there is NO ferry service. In fact, all other similar destinations have multiple ferry trips between the islands each day.

Hawaii is IMMENSELY behind the times in this department, and now that we have the opportunity to make a improve and catch up - we turn it down!

If the Superferry does not work out - there is no way that another investor will be willing to bring inter-island ferry service to Hawaii.

Finally, the most important reason to permit the Superferry to continue service throughout the completion of the environmental impact statement is that our economy NEEDS IT! The Superferry will: (i) permit workers such as carpenters, plumbers, etc. to travel and work inter-island, and

(ii) permit farmers, artists, and other local producers on the outer islands to bring their goods to market on the other islands, without the added cost of shipping their product - which will increase competition, lower prices, and add to the variety of goods available to Hawaii residents on all the islands!

Please do not allow a very vocal MINORITY overcome the wants of the majority! Legislators who vote against the Superferry also vote against increased competition, lower prices, and an increase in the variety of goods available to Hawaii residents on all the islands - and is therefore, NOT INTERESTED IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF HAWAII'S RESIDENTS!!!!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mona Takumi and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel an alternative method of transportation between islands is needed. On September 11, 2001, if the Superferry had been in service our lives would not have been so interrupted for the four days planes were not allowed to fly.

I also do not feel the Superferry would be the only threat to the whales or introduce invasive species. Whales are already being injured by whale watching tour boats and we already have a number of invasive species on Maui that have come in on barges and cargo ships. I myself look forward to using the ferry.

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From: Tom Robinson [tomr@lapietra.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:30 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: comments....

The small disrespectful minority that is protesting the Superferry should not be allowed to dictate to the majority of Hawaii how to live and travel. These people are merely angry, unhappy folks who want to make the rest of us suffer along with them. This is not how a democracy is supposed to function. Please do what is best for the majority of citizens.

Tom Robinson
Hawaii Kai

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From: Thomas Costa [tcosta@phoenixhawaii.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Thomas Costa* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Being born and raised on the Islands I really think of the superferry as a plus for all people on all islands. I am not really a boat riding person, but with something like the superferry that we can actually take our own vehicles when going to the other islands I would definitely use it. Also I work for a company that does a lot of work on the outer islands and the use of the superferry would be a tremendous help for our business to make sure we have all the right equipment needed to do the job without a return trip. I think that the superferry would help the outer islands by boosting their economy with all the extra people that would visit and do business with this extra source of transportation and ability to use our own vehicles.

Mahalo,

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From: Lora and John Johnston [shinseido@chesapeake.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:19 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Please expedite the renewal of this vital service. Let the Ferry sail!

Onegaishiimusu,
john f. Johnston

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From: Debbie Evaimalo [debbs@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:30 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Fw: GoSuperferryGo!!!

Transportation comes in three forms: Air, Land and Sea. The Superferry provides an alternative for people like me to visit our loved ones on the outer islands but are too afraid to fly. The local people should be able to vote, the white man has too much nose in our poi.

Our Hawaiian Islands has so much to offer, do not bring shame to the Aloha Spirit we are known for. Keep Hawaii beautiful, part of that is the Pacific Ocean and that is where Hawaii shine's.

What happens when Matson sends their barges? Or Horizon? Or any other barge that has to supply the food and toilet paper to the outer islands? I don't understand, WHY NOT THE SUPERFERRY? You're bringing Ohana together...isn't that what Hawaii is all about? Ohana?

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From: ANN WEERS [aannbanana@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:30 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry - Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ann Weers and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I Think it will benefit the people of Hawaii be giving them alternative transportaion among the Island. People who travel for work will be able to take trucks and tools or cars with business products from island to island. As for alien plants or animals, our normal shipping poses the same problem. As for danger to the whales-other ships then pose equal threat.

Ann Weers

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Subject: Support of the Superferry

I want to state my support of the Superferry in Hawaii.

I believe that it will offer many benefits to us as Hawaii residents, to businesses including tourism, to the State and Military in times of great need.

It is forward progress for this state.

I strongly support allowing the Superferry beginning full services as soon as possible.

Mahalo,

Pam Benton

A Kailua Resident

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attn: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
date/time: Monday, October 29, 2007/1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Aloha,

I was born and reside on O`ahu and have lived here most (45 years) of my life. I have also lived away from here--in Northern California--for seven years so I have seen how progress is made elsewhere.

Having the Superferry in Hawai`i as an alternate form of transportation would be a major asset to the islands. I stand on the side of the quiet majority and want to have access to this option. I hope the decision makers will see past the shenanigans of a few protestors and take into account the vast majority of others who want and support this new mode of transportation. The Superferry offers "locals" the opportunity to spend some vacation time (and spend our money) in our own state. The ferry allows for relaxing travel without the hassles of the airport and delayed and lost baggage.

With its ability to carry specially modified vehicles and wheelchair "roll on/roll off" access the ferry is far more "ADA" friendly than is air transport.

Listening to all sides of the issue in the news, it appears various guidelines and regulations may be imposed on the Superferry to allow it to operate.

It would not be reasonable and fair to impose any guidelines and regulations on the Superferry that would not also be imposed on other companies that carry passengers and cargo--specifically vehicles--between the Hawaiian islands.

The speed of the Superferry should not be unreasonably restricted just because competing vehicle carriers use slower boats.

In terms of marine-mammal safety, specifically, the "nonprofit" Pacific Whale Foundation group must be recognized as the biggest hypocrites in this debate as their tours regularly harass whales and have injured both whales and passengers.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Fred Shepherd* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Aloha my friends,

Aside from its obvious benefits, the Hawaii Superferry (HSF), in the event of a catastrophic event occurring on one or more of the islands, would serve as an island of safety as well as deployment of men and material. It would also reduce pollution, as fewer people would fly between the islands. Is it possible that those who have a financial interest in the local airlines are making life difficult for the HSF?

Our family has been visiting Oahu for many years and has looked forward to having the enjoyment and flexibility of visiting other islands by ferry as we have done in other states and countries.

Raising a bogus issue such as "environmental" concerns is patently absurd. During our visits, we witness countless cruise ships, commercial merchant ships, tankers, fish boats, military boats and submarines plying the waters of the Hawaiian Islands and especially around Oahu.

By not allowing a modern ferry such as the HSF to service the islands is sheer madness and indicative of the rampant incompetence not unlike that afflicting those Congressmen and Senators in our nations Capitol.

Stop the nonsense and free the HSF. Just do it!

Mahalo.

Best regards,

Fred Shepherd

"The world is too dangerous to live in - not because of the people who do evil, but because of the people who sit and let it happen."

Albert Einstein

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

My name is Arnold K. Martinez
Teacher at Moanalua High School
Head Football Coach

This is very simple, I as do thousands of residents in Hawaii feel that the Superferry is a quality and needed service. I am a teacher and to be able to take sports teams and clubs to outer Islands without the air fare is a huge benefit to our DOE schools. There are many many other benefits and I feel that the super ferry has and will go more procedures that will determine it's practices to be safe for our state, ocean community and environment. We need the options that the super ferry provides.

Mahalo
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Charles E. Ensey* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am a farmer on the Hilo side of the Big Island of Hawaii. We desperately need an alternate source for shipping our products to buyers on other islands. We also need a way to buy necessary supplies from Oahu that decrease the astronomical expenses that the airlines charge. The Superferry will help accomplish this task. I hear a lot of politicians and greens wanting to keep land in agriculture but their hypocrisy knows no bounds.

The Judiciary was incorrect to take over a year to rule on the EIS and then make them do one when they were finally ready to proceed. Send a message to them and let the Superferry operate, and employ the 300 people on furlough, while the EIS is being processed.

Regards,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kenneth J. Schmitz III and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that we will never have another opportunity like this in Hawaii if we force the super ferry to leave. And I believe that it would be irresponsible and selfish for politicians to side with the environmentalist (likely supported by airlines, rental car companies etc.) just for political strategies. Don't condemn the people of Hawaii for the next 100 years on a fact that appears to be completely ignored when other ships are concerned. Thanks you for your super ferry support.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [YOUR FULL NAME] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[BRIEFLY AND SIMPLY DESCRIBE WHY YOU SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY (TESTIMONY IS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN KEPT TO ONE PAGE)]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lynne Mento and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have always been a supporter of the Superferry because of the proposed economic and social benefit to the entire State of Hawaii.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

Hi, my name is Bryant Marks, a resident of Hawaii, living in Makakilo on Oahu. I feel very strongly that the Superferry should be allowed to operate during the EIS, for many reasons, but these are the top 20 reasons:

1. EIS were not required of Madsen or any of the cruise lines.
2. If the EIS were required at the very beginning the project would probably never have been started – this is why the EIS requirement was waived.
3. The Superferry management and owners shouldn't be punished because the EIS requirement was waived.
4. The people that I have talked to on the other Islands pretend that the EIS is the issue but when you get into the details they are really just prejudiced against people from Oahu.
5. This prejudice is misplaced anyway since people from Oahu could still fly to the other Islands at just about the same expense.
6. The vast majority of the residents want the Superferry – this is still a democracy, right?
7. The Superferry could go a bit slower than its maximum speed to help protect marine life.
8. The most critical parts of the EIS could be done first. The study could be performed in phases and then we can reassess how the Superferry is doing at the end of each phase.
9. If we don't support the Superferry now we will probably never have such a great way to travel the Islands again during our lifetimes.
10. The military could also make use of the Superferry.
11. If the Superferry and its sister ship were sold to another island chain it would need to be fire-sale style so the taxpayers would never see the better part of their taxes back. It's sad to pay taxes for something that we would never receive the benefit of.
12. Perhaps if the Superferry management would give cheaper fares for groups doing environmental work for each of the islands then perhaps this would offset any negative environmental effects.
13. Just because something represents progress doesn't mean that it will always hurt the environment – progress can be used to help the environment as well.
14. If the Superferry is denied then the people who are the most prejudice will win – and this is the saddest fact of all. Don't let prejudice win out in the end!
15. Once the Superferry is underway things will run smoothly (if it is well protected during the first few weeks).
16. Once the other islands see that the integrity and the culture of their island aren't harmed by the Superferry they will be more accepting – just like the inter-island flights have not changed the other islands into Oahu.
17. If the other islands don't want to become another Oahu then just enforce the building ordinances that they already have in place – no need to try to ban a way for people from Oahu to visit the other Islands.

18. Oahu is welcoming people from the other islands to our island – perhaps the best of what their culture has to offer could help our own culture in some manner! Cultural sharing is really what’s best for all of the islands as a whole – not cultural isolation!
19. Wouldn’t it be nice if all of the islands pulled together as a group of people, rather than “us” versus “them” – we’re all Hawaiian Residents!
20. The Superferry can be a beautiful thing that serves to bring us all closer together, physically, culturally and even spiritually!

I can’t wait until my first trip on the Ferry, a serene, beautiful journey.

Thanks for your time!

Much Aloha!

Bryant

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My name is George McOuat and I support the SuperFerry.

As long as every other means of transportation between the islands has to adhere to the same regulations that you are forcing on the SuperFerry, I concur with your rulings.

George McOuat

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John Stevens and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. The ferry will enable greater commerce between the islands and will also aid in helping to keep other methods of inter-island transportation competitive from a cost point of view. The ferry will also aid in inter-island tourism, something which all Hawaiians benefit from either directly or indirectly.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Susan Fox* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Super Ferry because I think it provides a much needed additional source of transportation for emergencies like 911 or earthquakes, tsunamis etc. not to mention folks going between islands for medical care, shopping and visiting family and friends. I was able to visit Lanai just last week on the people ferry and it was a very pleasant experience.

Susan Fox

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Paul C. Lawler and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry has been treated very badly by a small minority of citizens of the State of Hawaii. It is clear in poll after poll that the vast majority of citizens would like to see the Superferry operational. Surely the function of the state is to allow that which provides the greatest good for the greatest number. I am appalled that the Legislature is allowing a very vocal minority to be the tail wagging the dog.

Not only would the Superferry provide an alternative to (often costly) air transportation, it would also provide cost effective bulky item transportation, cost effective transportation for the handicapped, and cost effective transportation for families.

Additionally it would provide a currently non-existent alternative to air transportation in an emergency like a hurricane or tsunami, which could easily render airports on one or more islands useless.

Most of the "testimony" I have heard opposing the Superferry deals with hypothetical problems arising from invasive species or hypothetical concerns over collisions with marine life. If these turn out to be problems, they can be dealt with, but it is unconscionable for the Legislature to allow the Superferry to be killed on the mere possibility of hypotheticals.

I strongly urge the Legislature to support SB 1, SD 1 and provide choice to the citizens of Hawaii.

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When I lived in Seattle years ago, I often used the ferry to go to the islands that dot Puget Sound and to go to Canada. It was so easy. No trying to squeeze everything in a carryon, worrying about parking at the airport and then having to hassle the long waits at security. Just drive on, relax for an hour or two, enjoy the beautiful open water, and then drive off.

I was already planning my first superferry ride as soon they announced it would be coming. What a disappointment for everybody to have to wait because a few people woke up and realized that their businesses were going to be impacted by the ferry. Make no mistake, while everybody says they care about the environment, the people who are protesting this are the business owners who will be losing money when the ferry runs on a regular basis. From inter island shippers and car rental agencies, to the little places that rent snorkel equipment and sell the stuff you have to replace that airport security confiscated, these businesses are all going to lose money if their old customers come to their island on the ferry.

Please do what's right for the vast majority of local, regular folks who just want to be able to visit the rest of state that they live in.

Thanks,

Constance Tice
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