From:

Keith Hirata [hiratakk@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: To: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:00 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Cc:

hirata\_kk@yahoo.com

Subject:

Support Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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

#### **HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Hello, my name is Keith Hirata and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I sincerely regret I cannot make it in person to support the Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Hawaii Superferry would be a great alternative form of transportation for the people of Hawaii ... It would help schools, local businesses, families visiting families on neighboring islands, return the jobs to the 249 people that were furloughed, etc. These are just a few of the many things the Hawaii Superferry would bring to the islands. Flying would not be the only form of transportation to neighboring islands. I would use it myself if given the chance as I have family on both Maui and Kauai, and would like bring my own vehicle instead of renting. I am saddened to see this split between neighboring islands but I wonder who is causing this split after all the pictures I've been seeing in the papers. There are 3 Norwegian cruise line ships each week going to Maui and Kauai but I hear no complaints from this group. They act as if people from Oahu will ruin Maui and Kauai, but it's visitors that will do that instead of locals.

Thank you for listening and giving me the opportunity to voice my support for the Hawaii Superferry.

V/r

Keith Hirata

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From:

Hale o Lanakila Clubhouse [haleolanakila@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:01 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Hi Rec: About the Superferry

I want to know about the Super ferry going to be running again and we tired listen on the News a lot please write to me when it going to be running again ok

From nina

From:

James Whitfield [looziana2002@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:54 AM

To:

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Subject:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jaems Whitfield and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry along with a minimum of 80% of our state's citizens.

The superferry will be an economic and social benefit for our citizens. I strongly feel that the superferry will allow farmers to get our local produce to other islands so that we can support our own economy. The superferry will also give more families an economic way to visit their ohana on other islands. Please consider what the majority of the people of our state prefer in this matter.

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From:

Stacy Dipilato [stacy.dipilato@yahoo.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:34 AM

Sent: To:

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Subject:

Save the Superferry

#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Stacy DiPilato and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Although I agree we do need to be careful and concerned about our environment and make good decisions to prevent any harm, it is time we move forward and support the Superferry. Hawaii is a State that I have always felt is supportive of it's communities and people. We need to continue to provide growth opportunities for neighbor islands and the Superferry is one of the ways we can do that.

Please save the Superferry!!! Stacy DiPilato 263 Hakalau Place Honolulu, HI 96825 808-222-2094

Stacy DiPilato stacy.dipilato@yahoo.com

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From: Sent: Robert Murray [robzbiz@mac.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:59 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert Murray and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the state needs to explore other options to bring our state together. The ferry is a necessary vehicle to drive the state into the future.

I am a business owner here on o'ahu. I would expand my business to the neighbor islands if it were easier to do. I realize the neighbor island residents may see this as unwelcome, but I believe there will be more to offer residents, if we can simply drive our delivery vehicles over.

The cost to ship things on Young Brothers is currently very affordable. However, try have a truck pick up your goods and deliver to small shops in haiku or waimea and they charge hundreds of dollars. So, we don't waste our time. I think both sides lose when that happens.

In any case, it seems like this happens again and again. No ferry, no rail. In the meantime, prices go up, traffic gets worse. Let's embrace change.

I feel government needs to see beyond the emotions of today, and envision a better tomorrow. I would like to see our leaders take chances and test the waters, so to speak.

In regards to whales being hurt, no one wants that. I am a surfer and a diver, I love the ocean and all its creatures. Unfortunately, the modern world conflicts with nature sometimes. Should we stop driving because sometimes wild animals get hit by our vehicles?

Finally, I have visited and lived in other cities such as Vancouver, Seattle, and Sydney. These cities have whale populations. I also know the ferry systems are a vital part of

their economy. I can't imagine the cities without them.

When I heard the ferry was coming here, I thought finally we can embrace progress, but it seems a certain segment (I believe a small, but vocal one) is again trying to stop that.

They will be same ones complaining about traffic and high prices of goods. The ferry is a good thing! Please allow us visit and do business on the neighbor islands. I personally will do more business and look at the State as a marketplace, not just O'ahu.

The airfares will shoot up again and we will all be paying \$200 roundtrip to go to Maui. Thank God Go Airlines came here. We have all had so much fun, traveling to the neighbor islands and visiting.

Good Luck and God Speed on your decisions. Please do what a majority of us want!

A NOT SO SILENT MAJORITY MEMBER!

Robert Murray Starlamps, Inc. Lahi2, Corp 3133 Waialae Ave. #3911 Honolulu, HI 96816 robzbiz@mac.com 310-877-8875

susie [susiesells@hawaii.rr.com] From: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:50 AM Sent: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony To: Superferry Subject: TTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007 TIME: 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol SB 1, SD 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. (SD1) Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro: My name is Susie Hayter// and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. \*/I think it is a wonderful way for families to get together. \*/This Summer my family gathered in Maui, some of us coming from as close as Oahu and others from as far away as the Mainland and the United Kingdom. \*/My dad has to use oxygen and plane travel is difficult as he can not get oxygen on such a short flight, even with a prescription. So the ferry would have been great for him. /\*We planned to take our car from Honolulu and fill it with family photo albums, goodies from home, gifts for the kids, our two sets of golf clubs and more. /\*We had to fly and as a result didn't bring our golf clubs, so Maui lost money on our golf fees as we only played once or twice. So much had to be left behind in Honolulu and we felt really sad as we had tried to time the reunion to coincide with being able to transport all of us over on it. \*/ /\*I STRONGLY support our environment and our beautiful Aina! But I think a solution must be found that benefits the people of our Islands while still protect our wildlife and faun. \*/ /\*Mahalo, \*/ \*/// /Susie Hayter and family Hawaii Kai drive, Hon, HI 96825

From:

John and Essie White [essie@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: To: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:48 AM

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Subject:

In Favor of Superferry Testimony for the record

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am in favor of the Hawaii Superferry being able to sail immediately. I am John White of Honolulu, and have 2 voyages scheduled on the ship. The company has been very service oriented in working with me as each voyage was cancelled and I find their corporate responsibility to be exemplary. Even in transporting our Military and their families on recent appreciation cruises shows them to be a good corporate citizen. They are also smart enough to realize that if they were to go around slicing up whales that their ship would need dry-dock time and lose time in the water; and the public would not stand for that.

I, however don't agree with the senate amendments to the draft bill and ask you work to see the Senate passes your Bill or that a middle ground is reached. I would have it that the legislation simply honored the exemptions and allowed the ferry service to sail as originally planned by exempting it from HRS 343. (I am a Democrat, by the way and don't blame the Lingle Administration. If there is blame it should be shared by all branches of government.

The Superferry has done a great deal to regard the possible strike of whales, limit invasive species, etc. in their stated policies. To imply that honest, responsible ferry users will do harm to the environment by requiring further vehicle inspections is wrong. Rocks, soil, sand? The legislation does not need to address a single incident of some silly rock gatherers-I understand the rocks they took were "takable" anyway, according to DLNR. To suggest I can't take a cool rock if I find one is childish, and IS NOT a restriction for airline passengers. My gosh, the Department of Agriculture even has Amnesty Bins at the airport to guilt would be violators. Further, I don't know anything about net fishing, but couldn't a net fisherman buy a net on any island to use---that logic would imply that a prostitute could not buy condoms because her activity is against the law. See how silly even that sounds!

A task force nor being forced to join NVOO when no other interisland vessels have them is a way that

environmentalists are trying to stop the ferry.

You should do what the majority of your constituents want. And that is for the Superferry to sail now.

Mahalo nui,

John White

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From: Doug Behrens [doug@pdchawaii.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:51 AM

**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony **Subject:** I support the Superferry...

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Doug Behrens and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I can walk in my back yard today... get Fiddle Wood (an invasive species) seeds stuck in my slippers... fly to Maui and spread the seeds. If Superferry should not be in business because of the spread of invasive species... should any other mode of transportation be allowed to move people from island to island?

Look at our ocean waters. There are parasail boats, fishing boats, personal water craft, Coast Guard boats, Navy ships, rescue boats, etc. racing around. Some are able to go as fast as Superferry. If Superferry should not be in business because of a possible whale collision... should any other fast boat be allowed in Hawaiian waters?

Every day many thousands of people fly to Maui and Kauai and rent cars. If Superferry should not be in business because of increasing traffic by adding a few hundred cars to the mix each day (remember Superferry would also be taking cars off Kauai and Maui) ... should any cars be rented on Kauai or Maui?

Superferry is just another boat that carries people and cars from island to island. It's an option that the people of Hawaii want.

Please make it work... it's your job to good for Hawaii.

Doug Behrens 94-1230 Ka Uka Blvd. #5 Waipahu HI 96797 808 625-7522

From:

Raymond Rivera [Raymond.Rivera@DTAG.Com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:22 AM

To:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [Raymond Rivera Jr.] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[I support the Superferry because it's another economy boost for the islands and the people of Hawai'i will sure benefit from all it has to offer.....Superferry is Ohana friendly and when people from every corner of the globe hear that, it will make a huge positive impact on all of us.....Show and spread the Superferry aloha to all and reap the benefits. Much mahalo and aloooooooooha.......Maka)]

[Raymond Rivera Jr. ]

Raymond Rivera Jr. (Maka)

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Atten: House committee on Transportation and House committee on Finance	
Date: Monday October 29,	2007
Time: 1:30PM Auditorium, State Capital	
SB 1, SD1, Relating to Transportation	
Dear Chairs: Souki and Oshiro	
My Name is Thomas H. Hoxie and I strongly support Hawaii Super Ferry.	
I believe the "Ferry" will not bring any moiré harm to our beautiful Hawaii than any other vessel.	
Let her sail	
Thank you	
Thomas H. Hoxie	
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Subject: For Hawaii Supferry (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Olivia Yee and as a resident who was born and raised in Hawaii I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I've heard of attempts to connect the island by a ferry system and have been patiently waiting for it to happen, and now that it's a reality we are being "denied" because of one island. Which is very sad. We are supposed to be one state and work for the good of it. If it will be good for the state's economy then why not. There are environmental issues that will be handled by the state as it has done with the other transportation enterprises. What does Young Brother's do with the cars that they transport between the islands, why can't the same rules be applied to the Superferry. If it isn't equipped with one yet, the Superferry could install a warning system like a nice sounding horn to warn other watercrafts. I urge you not to allow bureaucracy to prevent the ferry from operating. Thank you.

Olivia Yee 542-5925

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From:

TropicalCottons@aol.com

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:34 AM

To:

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Subject:

In support of the Hawaii Super Ferry ATTN> Colleen Hanabusa

Aloha, I would like to add my voice in support of the Hawaii Super Ferry Bill. I believe that it is vitally important that new forms of inter-island transportation be expedited and made available for the citizens of Hawaii. It is good for inter-island commerce, for tourism, and for family interaction. I've observed and traveled on similar ferry systems on the West Coast, and in Europe, and the ease of travel is fantastic.

For my business, the Ferry will make it possible for me to participate in events on Maui and Kauai that I would not be able to be a part of without the ease of traveling with my vehicle.

Thank you.

Nancy Calhoun PO Box 1819 Waianae, Hawaii 96792

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From:

CRAIG IN ALASKA [alaskaeagle1@hotmail.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:50 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

To: Subject:

hawaii superferry

I work on a highspeed ferry in Alaska we have had no adverse affect on the environment.

Whales and sea life hear and see us all day long.

They are just fine.

The whales here in Alaska visit you in the winter.

They know all about catamarans!!!

Many of us were looking forward to visiting Hawaii to ride the Superferry.

It's a great idea and concept.

Don't let it become a flop!!!!!

Regards Scott Neus Crew--M/V Chenega--Fast Vehicle Ferry Alaska's Marine Highway

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From: Sent: Leslie O'Connor [leslieo54@hotmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:51 AM

To:

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Subject:

Hawaii Superferry Support - SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Leslie O'Connor and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I will not be available to submit in-person comments; however, I would like to speak out in support of the Hawaii Superferry, which I believe will offer a competitively priced alternative for inter-island travel. Especially in light of the recent allegations made against the carrier driving down inter-island flight prices, I am worried that those deeply discounted prices we are now enjoying will disappear and prices for flights will increase to beyond where they were before the fare wars. As a single professional traveler, I would be able to pay those prices, but what is to say that lower-income travelers and those with families would be able to as well? Higher prices could keep them from visiting family and loved ones on our neighbor islands, and that would be a shame.

I also feel that a large portion of the protesters of the Superferry are doing it not based on an informed position, but by preying on people's concerns for the environment in these Al Gore, Nobel Peace Prize times. If there is an environmental reason for the Superferry not to run, then don't let it run. But if we are *imagining* that there is an environmental reason for it not to run and stopping it before we know, doesn't that violate some very basic American tenets? I realize we're talking about an entity rather than an individual, but I'd like to think that the presumption of innocence is pretty universal.

Thanks for your consideration,

|\\_\_/,| (`\ \_.|o o |\_ ) ) ---(((---(((------Leslie O'Connor <u>leslieo54@hotmail.com</u> 808-779-8994

From: Sent: Michael Roth [rothcomm@lava.net] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:52 AM

To:

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Subject:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael J. Roth and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My family and I are in full support of the Superferry being allowed to operate while the EIS is in process. We can ship our cars, fly to the neighbor island and drive all we want. We just can not arrive with our cars? I am missing the logic.

The superferry will increase our ability to visit the neighbor islands and allow us to visit family and friends more often.

The Superferry also offers a mass emergency evactuation option in times of disaster that can save lives.

<>Michael J. Roth 2040 Alewa Drive. Honolulu Hawaii 96817 808-595-4124</>

From: Sent: jennifer [inou8347@pacificu.edu] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:52 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
I support the Hawaii Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jennifer M. Inouye and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The MAJORITY of the people of Hawaii want interisland 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.

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option and protect Hawaii's business climate. Please speak up and support those who elect you into office, year after year.

Jennifer M. Inouye 1204 Kalaniiki Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96821 (808) 721-0301

From:

Sandy McOuat [PalikuSandy@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:52 AM

To:

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I am in favor of the Superferry. It was a great opportunity for me and my husband to go to Maui over night and take our car. We like the ease of just driving off the ferry and on our way. We are hoping it will continue. We hate to use the airport these days with the long delays and having to pass through security. We think the ferry is a great way to get to the neighbor island with less hassle than the airlines. Sandra McOuat

From:

Peggy Hoekstra [hoekstrap001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:52 AM

To:

hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject:

I strongly support Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro;

My name is Peggy-An Hoekstra and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe it will be help more cost effective for large families to travel in between the islands. It also be nice to have more transportation options other than the airlines, in case of emergency. Sincerely,

Peggy-An Hoekstra

From: Sent: evan foster [evanfoster11@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:53 AM

To:

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Subject:

Attn: House Committee on Transportation and House committee on finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Evan Foster and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am ready for the Hawaiian Islands to become one so we can all understand and appreciate the Love and Aloha that we are here for.

Evan Foster 2600 Kanakanui rd Kihei, HI 96753 808.891.0020

From:

Bob Numbers [bnumbers@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:53 AM

Sent: To:

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Cc:

Rep. Dwight Takamine

Subject:

Testimony Re SB 1, SD 1 Relating to Transportation

SUBJECT:

My Written Testimony

TO:

House Committee on Transportation

House Committee on Finance

DATE:

Monday, October 29, 2007

TIME:

1:30 PM, Auditorium, State Capital

RE:

HB 1 Relating To Transportation

ATTN: Chairs Souki and Oshiro

The writer, testifying as a resident of Papaaloa, County and State of Hawaii and an individual of the Hawaii Biodiesel Consortium, strongly supports the proposed terms and conditions presented in the subject HB 1 that enables a large capacity ferry vessel and company to operate while an environmental impact statement is prepared.

The writer knows of no other major developed island group in the world that does not have ferry service for its citizens, businesses and tourists. Therefore, the writer supports the bill to be heard at 09:00 AM on Thursday, October 25, 2007, because:

- The ferry is in the public interest of all citizens, consumers and most businesses in Hawaii
- It provides an economical alternative mode of transportation for people, vehicles and cargo between islands
- Using biofuels, it will help to reduce carbon emissions in the islands
- It will enable more sustainable commerce between the islands

- It will improve the availability of fresh agricultural food crops to all islands
- It will lower the cost and increase the availability to consumers of perishables grown on all islands
- It will encourage development of more food crops on all islands
  - It will be available to quickly provide disaster relief equipment, supplies and personnel to all islands

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of the subject H.B. draft that enables a large capacity ferry vessel and company to operate while an environmental impact statement is prepared. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions about my testimony.

**Bob Numbers** 

Hawaii Biodiesel Consortium

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From:

MIKE GABOUR [mgabour2002@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:26 AM

To:

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Subject:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael Gabour and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I need competition for transporting my car to another island.

Also I can get workers such as electricians and plumbers to come work in my house for a lower price. these workers need their trucks and tools to come and compete with other workers in Kauai.

Mike Gabour

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My name is Shannon Davis and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe in freedom of choice and I also believe that we in Hawaii need an alternative method of transportation other than just the airlines. We need the connection to the other islands, to our family and friends. We welcome the people from Oahu and the opportunities this Superferry will bring to many.

Thank you

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gina Oda and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

There are many positive aspects to the Superferry. Hawaii needs more competition for traveling between the islands so we can stop being gauged by companies that have a monopoly here (we saw that prices drastically change when Go! came into the market), and this will allow people to travel inter island to visit family and friends and even for medical purposes. Many of the neighbor islands have to travel to Oahu for special medical care and the cost of rental cars alone leaves a large hole in our pockets.

Mahalo,

#### Gina Oda

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W.Mark Weber [wmweber@aloha.net] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:53 AM

To: Subject:

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Importance:

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

My name is W. Mark Weber and my wife, Beverly J. Giza and I support Hawaii Superferry. We believe that it should be allowed to operate <u>now</u>. The opponents to the Superferry offer emotion but no real facts – just fears! The fears are offered by the environmental group and the end-of-the-roaders that have arrived in Hawaii and don't want any changes, now that they are here.

The performance of similar ferry systems elsewhere in the world, some in waters occasionally populated by whales, offers credible evidence that the environmental risks posed by the Hawaii Superferry are minimal at best. Hawaii's container shipping and barge system offers far more opportunities for the movement of invasive species than does the Superferry.

Please be aware that, after the State EIS is prepared and factually demonstrates the foreseeable effects and the mitigation measures taken to minimize or eliminate those effects, the same groups will launch litigation based upon fears, not reason. Please base your decision-making on fact and reason! At last count, more that 85% of the population of Hawaii favor the Superferry. Please hear their voices!

Sincerely,

W. Mark Weber

W. Mark Weber, Ph.D.

Certified Professional Geologist (CPG #02821)

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Fritz Amtsberg My Company is Oceantronics and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is a logical mode of interisland transportation for those that cannot fly.

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Sent:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [Chris A. Tamm] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Chris Tamm

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From:

Al & Kathleen Linton [als.islandgirls@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Kathleen & Al Linton and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We would like the option to travel to outer islands for vacation and work and be able to bring our car along if we choose.

The Superferry would allow Al's commercial construction company to move vehicles to job sites on outer islands much more affordably than the current inter-island shippers who use these same waterways to travel between our Hawaiian Islands. It will allow our daughters school and social group to travel when they otherwise cannot.

We deserve a choice in the matter.

Kathleen & Al Linton 1644 Ulueo St Kailua 96734

From: Sent: David Gropp [hisbluesky@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:54 AM

To:

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Subject:

Superferry

My name is David Gropp, I live on the Big Island and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I will travel more to the other Islands once the ferry comes to the Big Island so I can take my auto and not need to rent a auto. This will be another freedom other states now enjoy and Hawaii should have this also.

Thank you,

David Gropp

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Steve Davis and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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Steve Davis

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My name is Frank DeLuz III and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

If given a choice. All the Island's are separated by water. Transportation has always been a problem. The Hawaii Superferry would benefit the neighbor Island's by way of helping family's with affordable transportation and businesses are provided with an alternate transport service. Let the majority of choice be the deciding factor. Thank you.

[SIGNATURE: Frank DeLuz III

ADDRESS: 330 Huali Way Hilo HI 96720

PHONE NUMBER]: 936-3253

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

WE SUPPORT, and ask for your support that The Hawaii Superferry should proceed, sail and operate concurrent with the EIS process.

If this request cannot be granted, then out of respect for the serious concerns of our fellow citizens on Maui and Kaua'i, the services provided by Young Brothers, Matson and Horizon Lines, and air freight should be ceased until such time that all these freight services meet the all the SAME requirements that are being demanding of the Hawaii Superferry.

Aloha,

Debra Pompadur (B) Manager Owner

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sean Tillery and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Merriam-Webster defines reputation as the "overall quality or character as seen or judged by people in general." The State of Hawaii has long had the reputation of being a business unfriendly state. The validity of this perception is beyond the scope of this testimony and beyond the knowledge of its author. Nonetheless, that the perception exists and is fairly publicized is a detriment to Hawaii's economy. Scuttling the SuperFerry would be just another recitation for proponents of this theory to sing.

That is the true danger of forcing the SuperFerry into exile: the greater strength it gives to soothsayers opining that Hawaii is an unfriendly place to do business.

Hawaii's economy has long relied on external forces its populace has little to no control over. Tourism is largely lubricated by the economic strength of the tourists' region of origin. The recent housing flurry—and, by proxy, the construction boom—was in large-part due to purchases made from out-of-state or foreign investors. The commonality is that both sectors are purely reliant upon the economic strength of foreigners.

Hawaii needs to move towards self-sufficiency. The SuperFerry would help through its very existence. More importantly, however, were it to be rejected, this would only strengthen Hawaii's anti-business reputation and further spiral our State into the cyclical nastiness characteristic of a dependent economy.

Sean Tillery 1354 Wailuku Dr Hilo, HI 96720 (808) 640-5082

From: Sent: Gary Turner [gt4land@hawaiiantel.net] Monday, October 29, 2007 8:08 AM

To:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gary Turner and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Increased population in the last 50 years demand a more capable transportation network to permit the rapid movement people and supplies. This is especially needful to the Big Island being highly vulnerable to volcanic eruptions. This system is also overdue in supporting the flow of commerce. Wasn't a ferry system lost before?

For whatever reason the Hawaiian Government has found themselves in this predicament, a solution must be found to permit Super operations during the EIR as anything less will mire the State in years of lawsuits, promote a grave business impression to the rest of the world and deprive the State of overdue alternative transportation.

This is not to infer a lack of controls during the EIR, for stringent measures must be imposed to protect against proliferation of invasive species, terrorists, and harm to marine animals.

Gary Turner 152734 Papio St Pahoa, HI 96778 808 896 6246

From: Sent: Ted Peck [ted.peck@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:09 AM

To:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Theodore Allen Peck and I strongly support Hawai'i Superferry.

My reasons are as follows:

- Hawai'i Superferry followed the guidance of the state and acted in good faith, and invested many millions of dollars in the welfare and economy of the State and our community.
- The world is watching to see how the State of Hawai'i handles this opportunity balancing the preservation of the environment is important, as well as managing the growth of the state and economy wisely.
- Killing the Superferry (which is what not passing this legislation will do) is telling the world that Hawai'i is a poor place to consider investing in.
- The concerns of a minority for the environment and culture can be addressed without killing the Superferry there is time to adjust to ensure those concerns are met, but there isn't time to keep the Superferry from dying.

I traveled by ferry from Vancouver Island to Washington state this last July. Inspections and border control actions were done in a timely and efficient fashion.

I suspect that the death of the Superferry will be the beginning of the end of the strong economy that we have enjoyed, because the housing boom is a false prop, and our long-term hope is in diversification. That won't happen if the corpse of the Superferry lies on Wall Street and in the halls of venture capital telling people that Hawai'i is a bad place to put money.

Get the Superferry drawing revenue, and work to refine the requirements.

Theodore (Ted) Peck 99-1440 'Aiea Heights Drive #3 'Aiea, HI 96701 808-488-1166 home 808-371-7514 cell

From: Sent:

Patty [pattypapaya@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:09 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

To:

Subject:

Super Ferry

I am for the Super Ferry and look forward to this new way to go to an outer island. Patty Irons

From:

Path Finder Publications, Hawaii [dpaul002@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:56 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony I vote for the superferry, WHY?

The BIG BENEFITS of the superferry to the poor people of Kaua'i have not been explained.

- 1. Prices for the consumer on Kaua'i will drop, as they did in construction after Home Depot arrived, and as they did when Costco came and we saw supermarket prices drop drastically.
- 2. Products and services NOT AVAILABLE on this island will suddenly become available for those who want their own vehicle to use on Oahu. As it stands, nothing large size can be purchased on Oahu and brought here, even though it's cheaper to buy there.
- 3. The super ferry must sail, if for no other reason than to show that boisterous, uneducated, unruly crowds (as they were at the first meeting in the veterans center) can rule our lives with threats of violence and foul, filthy, gutter language shouted at our govenor.
- 4. The real proponents against the super ferry are merchants who have a secret agenda---to maintain high prices. Who hurts? Not the rich guys with the million dollar houses in Poipu, but the poor people who survive with two working parents and three jobs each.

From: Sent: Fisher Chris [chris.fisher@alliedtpro.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:01 AM

To:

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Fisher Chris

Subject:

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Christopher Fisher* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am an employee of a travel agency here in Honolulu - and have been for over 20 years. We had a booking for 135 passengers in October that we had to cancel and book on an inter island airline - at higher costs to our clients. These passengers were travelling to Maui - then having a chartered bus take them to their hotel in Kaanapali, and returning via the sam bus charter to the pier for their return trip to Honolulu days later. Many vendors lost out on a lucrative sells option.

Chris Fisher AlliedTPro Hawaii 808-924-0400

From: Sent:

Shelly Cooper [scooper@cades.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:55 AM

To:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Shelly Cooper and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry as another means of transportation for all Hawaii residents and visitors alike who want to travel to outer islands. I'm sure most of the controversy is over competition it will give the airline industry. However, I am sure that all industries in the state of Hawaii would greatly benefit by having the service, as well as provide lots of new jobs for the State!

I hope you rule in favor of a worth while project such as the Hawaii Superferry.

Shelly Cooper 1441 Victoria Street (808) 544-3820

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Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:56 AM

To:

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Subject:

My name is Lance Kelly I strongly support Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro;

My name is Lance Kelley and I strongly support Hawaii Super Ferry. More options for inter island travel, is good for the average person.

Healthy competition always keeps prices down.

In emergencies it would be nice to have more than one way to travel.

Sincerely,

Lance Kelly

From:

BIKEFACTORY [bikefactory@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

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# Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

# My name is Wallace Parcels and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Our Island State NEEDS the Superferry as an alternative choice for interisland transportation, freight, tourist attraction plus in case of natural disaster. The Superferry will create new jobs, directly and indirectly as new tax paying corporation that will invest in advertising and promotions to benefit our whole community!

W.Parcels 920 Ward Ave. 808 489 8456

From:

Norman Ipson [norm1210@msn.com]

Sent: To: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:55 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Cc:

Rep. Pono Chong

Subject:

SB 1, SD 1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Norman Ipson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My daughter lives on the Big Island and we could visit more as some times it is difficult to obtain trasportation.

(s) Norman Ipson 1210 LUlupii Street Kailual HI 96734 Tel: 261-3921

Climb to the top of the charts! Play Star Shuffle: the word scramble challenge with star power. <u>Play Now!</u>

From:

Clayton Winger [cwinger@monarch-hi.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:59 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Support the Superferry

Please support legislation to allow the Superferry to operate.

Don't let the vocal minority dictate policy to the detriment of the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Clayton E. Winger, CSP, ARM Loss Control Consultant Monarch Insurance Services, Inc. cwinger@monarch-hi.com 808-441-3171

From: Lance Widner [lwidner@fhb.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:56 AM

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Subject: Testimony in STRONG support of the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lance Widner, and I am the Government Affairs Chairman for Royal Kunia Community Association. I STRONGLY support the Hawaii Superferry. I have spoken with several people in our neighborhood, amongst many others around the island of Oahu. If 78% support the Superferry here on Oahu and 22% are against it, I honestly cannot find that 22% anywhere.

Any points of contention or opposition to the Superferry should have been dealt with two years ago. It's here, and the very few who are speaking out against it are too little, too late...sorry, end of story.

I know several members of our legislature personally, and have a great deal of respect and admiration for each one of them for their public service. As a collective body, however, I fear we're in a classic predicament of the tail wagging the dog because of a few vocal people who are speaking out against it, and causing our governing body to meet unneccessarily to make decisions that have already been made.

I ask that you allow the Superferry to run while conducting an EIS, and let its success or failure evolve naturally. And please remember, taxpayers are covering the cost of its failure, and you, too, are taxpayers.

Thank you, Lance Widner 94-1009 Halewili St. Waipahu, HI 96797 (808) 375-5401

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rosalia Klimczyk and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am a resident of the State of Illinois. I was excited to read about the Hawaii Superferry about six months ago and it motivated me to investigate further and plan a family vacation to Hawaii this coming summer. I have traveled to many parts of the world but was never before inclined to choose Hawaii. I feel that the travel between islands by ferry would be ideal in convenience and comfort and would allow for a longer, less stressful stay in the islands.

While there should be continuous monitoring of the Superferry for environmental impact during its operation, I feel it should be allowed to operate as planned and without further delay. Not only will it encourage Hawaii tourism, but it should be good for the local economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rosalia Klimczyk 1752 Chapel Court Northbrook, IL 60062 Tel: 847-291-8029

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From: Sent:

Serena Eisen [seisen@fhb.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:57 AM

To:

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My Name is Serena A Eisen

I fully support the Super Ferry. I believe this is the future in interisland travel. I believe the supery ferry should have the same access as any vessel of this size that is allowed in our waters that travel between the islands.

Thank You Very Much,

Serena A Eisen 15-2668 Kumu st. Pahoa, Hi. 96778

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Clayton Ing [cing@hdcc.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:57 AM

To:

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Subject:

Keep the Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Clayton Ing and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This gives ALL of Hawaii an alternative transportation between the neighbor islands and reduces the pollution from the interisland airlines. I see no difference of invasive species that are potentially being carried by other vessels such as Matson, Norwegian Cruise Lines, and Young Brothers. I urge you to the do the right thing and have your fellow colleagues comply with their constituent's demands.

Mahalo, Clayton Ing 1543 Makiki St.

Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

From:

Sent:

Mr. D [sdxn12ga@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:57 AM

To:

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Subject:

Hawaii Superferry

I demand, as a taxpayer and voter that you urgently relax requirements and give support to the immediate operations of our Superferry. Please don't ruin our chances for this viable new business for Hawaii.

From:

Jorgensen, Philip M CPT MIL USA USARPAC [philip.m.jorgensen@us.army.mil]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Philip Jorgensen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is an important addition to the transportation system here in Hawaii. My family is looking forward to utilizing it. I believe the Superferry officials have done all that is necessary to assure us all that this mode of transportation is safe to both the passenger and the environment. We need to get this ferry up and operational as soon as possible. The Superferry will bring the islands of Hawaii together like never before. Please pass the bill mentioned above.

Philip M Jorgensen

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Support for the Hawaii Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Darlene Ordenstein. I am in support of the super ferry. I am a firm believer in letting the ferry stand on it's own merits. I urge you to let this private enterprise make it or break it on their own. Not allowing them to operate because of a minority of protesters is in violation of the rights of the vast majority **and** private business. As our chosen leaders in a democratic society where the majority rules, how can you allow this to happen?

If you listen to the underlying tone of the protests, they have nothing to do with the environment. The biggest objection in their voices is having more access to "their" island. Who made it "their" island. Are we not a "state"? Giving these people the power to control who visits "their" island is an awfully dangerous precedence to set. It also opens up the door to discrimination litigation against the state.

I believe the ferry offers options to the local people and local businesses never available to them before. Just imagine how it will open up more trade opportunities between the islands and the income that will over follow into the communities, not to mention the jobs the ferry itself provides.

On a side note: Who will pay for the harbor improvements that have been made? I certainly do not want to absorb these costs, do you?

Please listen to the majority.

Mahalo,

Darlene Ordenstein

Resident of the State of Hawaii

From: Sent: Brian Ching [chokey@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:58 AM

To:

hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Brian L. Ching and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the possibility of having an alternative means of travel between the islands would greatly improve the quality of life for myself and my family both now and in the case of an emergency. The main point is choice, when people are able to chose they have more control in their lives.

I also feel that the Superferry is being unfairly targeted. By all accounts it seems that the Superferry has complied with all state and federal regulations. I'm almost positive that they have because they wouldn't have proceeded with the task of building the ferry if they had not complied.

As for the arguments for the EIS, again these are unfairly targeting the Superferry. The activity currently permitted within the State of Hawaii such as commercial airline travel, inter-island barge service, whale watching tour boats, recreational water craft all have the potential to create or invite the same problems (such as invasive species, depleting natural resources, contact with endangered wildlife) brought by those who oppose the Superferry. It is my personal feeling that these people who so much oppose the Superferry are very much themselves "invasive species" and also depleting our natural resources. Also keep in mind that there already are laws in place that provide consequences for those who chose to violate them.

Please as our honored elected officials, use your wisdom and do not create any more hurdles or hoops for this project to jump through as we may not have this opportunity again in my lifetime.

Brian L. Ching 719 Paopua Loop Kailua, HI 96734

Ph: 808-263-1345

From:

LARRY L B YEE [kokolarry@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:58 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony SUPPORT SUPERFERRY

I support the SUPERFERRY for the means to connect residents of one island to another in Hawaii. I have traveled to Seattle and have taken the Ferry there to connect to Canada's Island of Victoria & Vancouver BC.

I think the main opposition to the Hawaii Superferry comes from the Rental Car agencies, who is financing the Die-Hard Opponents.

Lawrence L.B. YEE 1310 HEULU ST. HONOLULU, HI 96822

From:

Robert Lewis Stevens [robert|stevens@gmail.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:58 AM

To:

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Subject:

I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert L. Stevens and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

bob stevens p.o.box 161105 Kahala HI 96816 and or p.o.box 3656 Lihue HI 96766 808 561 8967

From:

Stephen W. Knox [swknox@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:59 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Sent: To:

Subject:

Superferry

Aloha,

My name is Steve Knox and I live Kailua, Oahu and I am a staunch supporter of this mode of transportation and hope you are too. We have little creditability as it is in Hawaii so lets give it a chance to succeed or fail without anymore interference from Government. Mahalo. Steve Knox

From: Sent: Jon Matsuo [jonmatsuo@mac.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:57 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony SuperFerry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jon Matsuo.

I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I understand the environmental concerns of those that are opposed to the SuperFerry. I appreciate their fervor in protecting our 'aina. I also appreciate those who have a certain lifestyle that they want to preserve. I appreciate to a much greater extent, however, having companies like the SuperFerry still deem it practical to risk a huge amounts because we have responsible government that is willing to do what it takes for the greater good. I appreciate not having infrastructure, and assets deemed desirable by the great majority doomed by small pockets of protest. I value having an alternative that represents the first viable alternative and complementary transport service to the airlines. I appreciate having a means to transport materiel to aid other islands in time of disaster. I appreciate having agricultural markets within the state opened so that Waimanalo or Kula or Hanalei are all equally accessible.

I urge you to keep the greater good of the State in mind, and not ignore protests, but keep them in perspective. Let us be a community ruled by law, and sober judgement, not emotional manipulation. Most of all let us be a State that is governed by what is best for the community, and less by self-interest.

With Aloha,

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Honolulu HI 96821

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From:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Susan Keleher and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a Big Island resident I want the option of bringing my family and car with me to visit friends on the other islands. Aside from the fact that the overall cost will be better, the idea of truly seeing the islands from ocean level instead of through the eye hole of an airplane is much anticipated. I have a friend who is terrified to fly and has never left the Big Island. She has been anticipating the arrival of the ferry for years

Our islands are truly beautiful. And seeing them at ocean level will bring a better appreciation of their unique diversity. I think we will benefit from an increased awareness of our environment, not a negative.

So I ask you to please pass legislation in a timely manner that will bring resumption of service of the Hawaii Superferry.

Susan Keleher

Kamuela, HI

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From:

Don Baker [dbaker@atincorporated.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:00 AM

Sent: To:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Donald G Baker and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry already has plans in place which far exceed the requirements for Whale avoidance, invasive species and traffic mitigation. The details of these plans are posted on the Hawaii Superferry website. <a href="http://www.hawaiisuperferry.com/images/pdfs/HSF-Leg-Final.pdf">http://www.hawaiisuperferry.com/images/pdfs/HSF-Leg-Final.pdf</a> The plans are comprehensive and appear to be MUCH better than any whale avoidance plan currently in place by Matson or Young Brothers, and MUCH better than any invasive species plan in place by ANY of the airlines serving Hawaii. An alternative travel option will be a great help to travellers in the state. As for traffic, simple logic will show that roughly the same number of cars will be transferred to and from the ferry at each stop. No get gain in the number of vehicles anywhere.

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Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

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From:

Junji Takeshita [junji001@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:59 AM

Sent: To:

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Subject:

SB 1

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Junji Takeshita and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii needs to have alternative routes of transportation other than airplane travel. Most of the local residents support this initiative.

Let's not allow a minority to decide what is best for Hawaii.

Junji Takeshita

From: Sent: Dore Kalei Weber [kalei777@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:58 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Testify for Hawaii Super Ferry

Importance:

High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kalei Weber and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support Hawaii Superferry because it will enhance the quality of life for the residents of Hawaii. Seagoing travel between the islands will benefit local communities, allowing schools, sports teams, and residents to freely visit a neighboring island to attend community activities, visit family and buy and sell goods. It's affordable, convenient and gives local businesses and farmers a choice.

We need the choices Hawaii Superferry gives us. Don't let a few people spoil it for the majority. Listen to your constituents. The Hawaii Super Ferry complied with all the requirements put forth to them from the State. Do not punish them because of a few people. They were held to the same standards as all the other "boats" in the water.

Please listen to the people of Hawaii. We want this ferry. We NEED this ferry.

Aloha,

Kalei Weber & Family 98-230 Oa St. Aiea, HI 96701

From: Sent: Ron Ardis [ronardios@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:59 AM

To:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ronald E Ardis and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry is badly needed for inter-island travel for all. Please allow it to provide service to the islands NOW. Don't let special interests(airlines?) sink the ferry... again.

Mahalo.

Ronald E Ardis Mountain View, Hawaii 96771 808 895-0775

From:

Chrissy Kamelamela [chrissy\_makeup@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:52 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Hawaii's Superferry

Aloha...I would like to start by saying part of our family comes from Hawaii originally & some come from the mainland...though we may disagree on many things we do all agree that the super ferry would great for our islands!!....We agree to the obvious more jobs offered, more affordable way to work on an island like Oahu who offer more opportunity, another way to get inter island without extremely long bridges & a boost in our economy but besides these things,...it will also help some of our local kids to be able to see the other islands & the rest of their heritage, there are SO many keiki's to adults here on the Big Island that have never been anywhere off of this island...due to being in large families that can not afford to pay airfares. If we kick the super ferry out, there will be a lot of businesses that will not consider to come to Hawaii & a lot of businesses that are already somewhat established to pull out of Hawaii! Why? Because of the unbelievable fight you have to give just to reside here. We are discouraging so many, our youth, our entrepreneurs, & local families by all of this. I heard one argument being that they didn't want the ferry because it will cause more traffic, but this person needs to remember that the traffic will be coming & going some will be traveling to that specific destination & at the same time some will be leaving that particular destination!!! So we ask please for all that it is worth hear us out & help the super ferry to continue to run & offer more destinations to all of our families!!

Mahalo, Kamelamela & Schilling Ohana

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