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**From:** Pat [Pat@co-ha.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:01 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I am in TOTAL SUPPORT OF THE SUPER FERRY. I think most of the opposition is emotionally based with little attention paid to existing commercially based operations that have been similarly impacting our islands for decades. I passed by Young Bros yard Friday and noted heavy excavation and grading equipment, golf course maintenance equipment, farm tractors, trucks big and small, and every other kind of freight imaginable waiting to go to the neighbor islands. All this with no inspection or environmental assessment. All the Super Ferry wants is to be able to operate WHILE an assessment is done.

Please get the ferry running and without excessive burdens not previously required of other operators.

Pat Laughlin  
Hawaii Taxpayer

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**From:** Daniel Page Sr [danpagesr@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:05 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** We want the Superferry!

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:

Our name is Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A Page Sr. and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*We are very tired of being preached to by a very minor, but vocal group of citizens and we think it's time to stand up and present our views. Our view is that we would like to see such transportation as the Superferry available to us for travel among the islands.*

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A Page Sr.  
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**From:** Stephanie Suzuki [ssuzuki@l-a-law.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:10 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name *is* *Stephanie K. Suzuki* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*This new mode of transportation presents an alternative method to get from island to island, allows residents to ship their cars expeditiously, and provides jobs in our major market of tourism. I hope you will seriously consider allowing the SUPERFERRY to run. If it succeeds, it will benefit many. If it fails, let it fail because it is not economically viable.*

*Allow healthy U.S. capitalism to determine its fate.*

*Stephanie K. Suzuki  
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**From:** Alaia Leighland [aleighland@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:34 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** In Support of the Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *[Alaia Leighland]* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I look forward to being able to visit the other islands and the increase in business that the ferry traffic will bring to the Big Island. Ferry travel is available in other parts of the world and is lucrative for the ferry owner, the country and convient for the citizens*

*Alaia Leighland*

*Kailua Kona*

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**From:** Phil Whitney [pwhitney@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:12 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** SB 1,SD 1 Relating to Transportation

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

TIME: 1:30 PM Auditorium, State Capitol

SB 1, SD 1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Philip M. Whitney, Jr. and my wife is Carolyn K. Whitney, 43 year residents of the State of Hawaii. We strongly support the addition of the Hawaii Superferry to our means of transportation to the Neighbor Islands.

Beyond our personal needs, the Superferry will provide a means to assist the Neighbor Islands in case of any emergency where rapid transit of supplies and equipment is essential.

The Superferry will enhance commerce among the islands by speeding up the process of moving goods.

The Superferry should be allowed to operate while any Environmental Assessment or EIS is completed since the advantages to the public outweigh any minor disadvantages that may be part of the operation.

Legislation to allow the Superferry to operate should not contain restrictions that do not apply to existing means of commerce to the Neighbor Islands as now provided by large ships and barges and aircraft.

We look forward to your passing legislation that will allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while Environmental Assessments/EIS are completed.

Sincerely yours,

Philip M. Whitney, Jr  
Carolyn K. Whitney  
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**From:** Robyn Aggers [robynaggers@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:46 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Support Hawaii Superferry

**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 Robyn Aggers and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

After having taken a trip on the ferry, I have nothing but good things to say about it. There was not one person aboard that I felt was going to do any harm to one of our precious outer-islands.

Hopefully the Superferry will run again and I guarantee, once the harbors are safe from the protestors, I will be on the ferry again and again.

Please put our friends and neighbors back to work.

Robyn Aggers  
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**From:** Larry L. Anderson [landerson@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:12 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry Testimony 10/29/07 email only

Dear Sirs,

My name is Larry L Anderson and I strongly support the Super Ferry. I am a business counselor who works with a lot of small businesses on Oahu. All of them express to me the need for a ferry system in the state. As to the environmental impact statement, this may be "new technology" to some, but it is only the system that is new. The components are all tried and tested. A boat is a boat. A car on a ferry is no different than a car on a barge. A dock is a dock. So, if this comes down to a EIS, it has to retroactively apply to Young Brothers, the interisland airlines etc. Also, we all know that the EIS is a start of a long drawn out affair of stalling the implementation. Appeals are a the norm. So please vote to protect the Super Ferry and our economic needs.

Sincerely,  
Larry L. Anderson

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**From:** Katy Rose [klrose@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:02 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** EIS first

Honorable State Representatives:

I reside on the island of Kaua'i. I stand in solidarity with my brothers and sisters here and across Hawai'i in opposition to allowing the Hawai'i Superferry to operate prior to the completion of a thorough and independent EIS. Let me state that this study should also include the potential of Superferry conveyance of military equipment such as the Stryker Brigade and the potential for the spread of depleted uranium contamination. Public statements by Superferry officials have indicated that this is quite possible.

Our individual opinions about the Superferry vary, but our support for an EIS first is universal. We all believe that the unknowns are too numerous and the potential harm too serious to justify allowing the vessel to sail before we've seen a proper study completed.

I understand that the Legislature is concerned about the "business climate" of Hawai'i - but let us all equally or more deeply value the "democracy climate" and the respect for the land, waters, and communities that sustain us. Let us show the world that we welcome businesses that respect these islands and their delicate balance of resources.

The concerned citizens of Kaua'i who have spent these past many months engaged in serious contemplation, discussion, and ultimately protest of the premature operation of the Superferry have not altered our stance of defense of Kaua'i at all costs. Despite the imposition of a "security zone" at Nawiliwili harbor with the intent of suppressing effective dissent, the people are prepared and determined to challenge the ferry's arrival on Kaua'i. More than ever, people are prepared to risk arrest to stop the ferry. Above all, you must understand this. By requiring the Hawai'i Superferry to undergo a thorough and independent EIS prior to launching service, you will circumvent another water protest, and you will demonstrate your commitment to a careful, conscientious approach to business propositions in Hawai'i.

I thank you for your time and your attention.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** John Learned [jgl@phys.hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:45 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbttestimony  
**Cc:** John Learned  
**Subject:** Please allow the SuperFerry to operate immediately; it is fair and important to Hawaii

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John Learned, and I am a taxpayer, homeowner, voter, and long term resident of the state of Hawaii, and am employed as a Professor of Physics at UHM. I very strongly support having a ferry system and the SuperFerry in particular in the State of Hawaii. I have no economic interests in the SuperFerry; I want it as transportation and for the good of the State.

I find it very peculiar that the SuperFerry is being held to a standard which has not been held up for any other form of transport in Hawaii. Have we required this of the tug and barges? The aircraft? The cruise ships? The US Navy ships which speed through our waters and have a long record of collisions and disposal of waste. The answer is no, we have not.

All the possible dangers raised by the ferry have already been here for a long while. The ferry will be a small perturbation of the system.

Moreover

there did used to be a ferry system in the islands! It is crazy, in my view, not to approve them. We should be encouraging this!

Anyone who wants to know what a ferry system like this can be like should visit the Greek Islands.

The real issue here is anti-growth, and it is a sadly ignorant and emotional position. It is the same folks who were against geothermal power on the Big Island, are against telescopes there as well, against anything new essentially. But as we all know, there is money backing these good hearted but misguided folks, such as the terribly wrong headed Sierra Club in Hawaii (which will never get another dime from me). The big money supporting law suits and such is coming from the likes of Aloha Airlines, as I hear it. These are petty interests, and foolish too.

Note also that the ferry will not be just a convenience for all, but is of special interest to those of us who do research on other islands, by it's facilitating our easy transport of equipment to and from the location of the effort from Oahu.

Please do what you can to facilitate the SuperFerry starting to operate soon, and stop Hawaii being the laughing stock of the nation for this misadventure of preventing their swift approval and smooth acceptance into our community.

John G. Learned

Local taxpayer who wants to ride the ferry!

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**From:** DR. Green [aloharichard@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:12 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Cc:** aloharichard@gmail.com  
**Subject:** House Committee on Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Richard Green and **I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.**

*The majority of the people in this state support the Hawaii Superferry. The Hawaii Superferry will benefit everyone in the state. The Hawaii Superferry will not harm the environment any more than any other means of transportation. Progress can not be allowed to be halted by the voice of only a few. All around the world ferries are used to transport people and vehicles and this has been safely done for a very long time. It is my opinion that this attempt to block the Hawaii Superferry is just a 'red herring' to the benefit of a few older companies. The Hawaii Superferry will provide many benefits to all the people of the state, including lower the cost of shipping vehicles and cargo between the islands. The benefits outweigh any potential disadvantages in my opinion. Let the **HAWAII SUPERFERRY** resume service immediately.*

*Richard Green*

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**From:** Bridgette Kalles [kallesb@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:12 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Cc:** kallesb@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** super ferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House on Finance

Date: Monday, October 9, 2007  
Time: 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Ohiro:

My name is Bridgette Kalles and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The reason I support the Super Ferry for the Islands is that people have options. Many are unable to travel in airplane's and this makes it readily available for the ones that can't. I think this is a wonderful step for the island people to also explore other islands as they have never had a chance before. Think of the revenue it will bring, as people travel from island to island. Remember they are just visiting not moving in, so let them enjoy the wonderful new opportunity of the FUTURE.

Thank You

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**From:** Bruce Ames [amesb001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:13 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPERFERRY

Representatives,

**PLEASE ALLOW THE SUPERFERRY TO GO FORWARD  
AND OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE WAY OF  
TRANSPORTATION.**

S. Ames  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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**From:** Stephenson, Bob SES CIV CPF N6T [bob.stephenson@navy.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:13 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Robert A. Stephenson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I have lived in the state for over 32 years.

I think the Superferry service is critical to our state for several reasons:

A. It would provide an economical alternative to inter-island air service. I am concerned about the potential impact to our economy when the current price war ends, and the air lines will have to deal with \$100.00 barrel plus oil costs.

B. It would provide an affordable transport system for small business to move goods and services between the islands. Current freight restrictions force small business to the current barge service, which is discouraging less than a standard container size shipment. It would make it easier for agriculture on the outer islands to bring their products to market, and would help make us more self sufficient.

C. It provide a means to move emergency response equipment to the other islands in the event of a natural disaster. Civil aviation is too easily disrupted by loss of electrical power, earthquake etc.

D. It will provide a means for local people to travel to the other islands. When my son was in school, we went to a lot of effort to get the kids to the other islands for state meets. It would have been so much easier to take them and a bus over on the ferry. I would like to vacation more on the other islands, but by the time I get my family there, it's almost cheaper to take them to the mainland.

I appreciate the efforts of the legislature to get this service on line while the exact nature of the environmental assessment is determined. We had a high speed ferry service in the state in the early 70's. No whales were struck by the ferrys then. Similar services are operated in the Pacific Northwest with similar vessels and concentrations of marine life, with no hard to either. No such assessment was made for the current air and cargo services, or when the large cruise ships were allowed to become permanent fixtures in our state waters. A similar tactic should be used for this potentially vital service.

We also need to be firm with the folks opposed to this service who attempt to shut it down by harassing customers of a legitimate business. That sort of behavior should not be tolerated under the rule of law.

*Signed*

*Bob Stephenson  
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**From:** Tracy Stice [tracy@selldirt.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:04 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** I favor the Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

Pass the bill and get the boat moving, we need it.

My office is right on the harbor and we will be impacted by the traffic as much as anyone. Hopefully the Oahu people come over with some money and buy some houses, we need the business.

Also, I have paddled canoe in the harbor since 1989 and I am willing to sacrifice a little inconvenience in order to support the additional competition that the ferry will provide the airlines, Matson and Young Brothers.

Sincerely,

Tracy Stice

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**From:** Sara.Lorenzo@kp.org  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:45 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

My name is Emilia Lorenzo and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry, its good for our outer islands because we in honolulu will be spending money there buying goods, visiting, excursions, bringing monies to all of the islands. Lets not stay in the dark ages not moving forward, good for the tourists as well.

Emilia Lorenzo 1518 wilder Apt 6...Hon.Hi 96822 Ph; 808-282-2502

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**From:** HISPRINGS@aol.com  
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**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in favor of the Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Marcus Bender* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I am in favor of the Hawaii Super Ferry as I want to be free to tavel interisland by taking the Hawaii Super Ferry. I also believe it will enhance the visitor experience and provide an opportunity for locals and tourists to avoid the hassles in traveling by air travel today.*

*Finally, I am in favor of business to be done freely and without having special interest groups control the destiny of such a great endeavor.*

*Marcus Bender  
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**From:** Christine Brunner [christine@brunnerprop.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:23 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** IN Favor of the Super Ferry

Dear Legislators:

My family and I have been looking forward to the Super Ferry for several years now. Financially, it is difficult for us to travel to Oahu to see family and friends due to the size of our family, but having the Super ferry here would allow us to go inter-island more often to see our family. I feel that this is a benefit to my family and our community as a whole. The Super ferry allows us access to the other islands that we do not have now, and at a price that is reasonable. My children would be benefiting from the Supper Ferry because it would allow them closer contact with their cousins, aunts, uncles, and other relatives. To me, this is priceless.

Incidentally, it appears that the operation of the Super Ferry would also give our community some much needed jobs and income for our residents. It seems to me that the objections of the minority in regards to the operation of the Super Ferry should not weigh more than the need of the community of the services , jobs and other important aspects that the Super Ferry brings to our island. As for the environmental aspects, it is my belief that the Super Ferry would not contribute to the detriment of the ocean in any way more than the current cruise ships which travel from island to island. Additionally, one super ferry could not possibly have more of an impact than all of the small motorcraft and other boats that are currently out in the water. This seems to me to be a ridiculous assertion promoted by the minority to color public opinion without facts, and without holding accountable the increasing number of boats that are already circling the islands with no limitations.

The Super ferry would most likely be operating under pretty stringent guidelines as it is "public" transportation and held to stricter regulations in its operation due to its interaction with the public, so I am in favor of allowing it to operate.

**AGAIN I AM IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING THE SUPER FERRY TO OPERATE.**

Regards,

Christine Brunner , R(B)

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**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:17 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is James K Dompier and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe any further delay in service with the SuperFerry will not only cost the tax payers of Hawaii millions of dollars but is also unfair and unjust.

You must do your duty's as representative's of the people of Hawaii and restore the Hawaii Superferry back into service with no restrictions.

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**From:** Gene Taylor [gene.taylor@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:17 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Superferry testimony

Aloha

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Eugene B. Taylor and I strongly oppose the Hawaii Superferry generally, but especially since it's owners and our administration have been so patently dishonest in there attempt to have their way.

Judging by the attitude of the ferry's supporters and owners, I can only conclude that they feel that suppose that the Garden Island is due increased crime, invasive plant life, increased damage to sea life...without any significant benefit to our lovely island, and absolutely no benefit to our local population, except for the minority that can afford your fares.

Gene Taylor

Stakeholder and Citizen of the great state of Hawaii,  
Resident and home/land owner of the lovely Island/County of Kauai

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**From:** Tashia Puana [tpuana@hilaw.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:17 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tashia-Lynn Kehaulani Puana and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Hawaii Superferry will be a great asset to Hawaii. It will promote tourism to the outer islands which will increase revenue in those counties. It will also alleviate our growing homeless problem by providing job opportunities for hundreds of people.

I believe the Hawaii Superferry should not be singled out. I understand that the Hawaii Superferry did not get an EIS, however, if it is found that they are required to get that before operating in the waters of Hawaii, we need to hold everyone else accountable to meet the same requirement and immediately stop the operation of all large capacity ferry vessels prior to their completion of an EIS.

Best regards,

Tashia-Lynn K. Puana

Assistant to Alan K. Lau, Esq.

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**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:14 AM  
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**Subject:** In Support of the Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

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My name is Kimberley Oshiro and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I am an individual who often travels off island for both business and leisure. I have never been a big fan of flying, but have not really had the option to go off island by any other means than flying. I would appreciate the opportunity to have choices on methods of transportation to the neighboring islands. I also see how the services of the Superferry could benefit my company in transporting supplies etc.

I also believe that the Superferry will benefit farming businesses in delivering fresh produce etc. to Oahu and vice versa. I would love to be able to purchase affordable Hawaii grown/made meats, produce and merchandise.

I do believe that the Superferry will benefit the state of Hawaii. I strongly believe that the positive effects that the Superferry has to offer will far outweigh any negatives.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Oshiro

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**From:** Jean Zee [jzee@hpu.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:18 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jean Zee* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Good Morning!

I hope the silent majority will not be silenced this time...I think this is a very good service for all of us.

The EIS evaluation is just an excuse for these environmentalists to argue against the Superferry & I think it is so unfair as the other cruise ships, Young Brothers tug boats & etc. do not need one (cars on the Young Brothers do not need a car wash or vacuum or inspection?). I heard testimonies that people will go to the other islands to pick ophii...I am sure without the Superferry, there are people out there who will fly in to pick them too...just some stupid excuses...if the locals there love nature so much, they should leave the ophii alone, or simply drive a smaller car, or do not drive just go back to the old days - walk...

We are one state and one country, why people are acting so selfish & wanted to keep everything to themselves...I guess pretty soon we need a passport to visit these islands...totally absurd arguments against the Superferry.

I hope all of you stop the politics and maintain some common sense here & be reasonable. It started to sound like preschoolers arguing & try to negotiate a solution here that will help both sides, and now it is just one sided...it is really ashamed that such a good service is being scrutinize because of some small special interest groups.

I hope the silent majority will not be silenced this time!!! We elected you to represent us and voice our opinions & concerns, so please do something right this time around!

Sincerely,

*Jean Zee*



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Jean Zee

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**From:** Margie Jenkins [margiejenkins@hawaii.rr.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Mrs. Marjorie Jenkins* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I support Hawaii Superferry because of the convenience and also because I will be saving money by being able to drive my own car when visiting family & friends that live on our neighbor islands.*

*Please make Hawaii Superferry become a reality for all the Ohana, especially with seniors and young children, so that we may all enjoy getting together with our loved ones more often.*

*Thank you very much.*

*Mrs. Marjorie Jenkins*

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**From:** Harry Hunter [realmaui@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:18 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Support

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*Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:*

*My name is Harry Hunter and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.*

*I was fortunate enough to enjoy riding the Superferry during one of it's inaugural voyages from Maui to Honolulu on August 27th and I can say with first hand experience that it was a safe and very enjoyable trip. I was impressed by the high maneuverability of the vessel and the ease of loading/unloading vehicles.*

*I can imagine that future tourists will be excited about experiencing travel between the islands on the Superferry, and it will only add to the appeal of a Hawaii vacation.*

*I lived on Vancouver Island in the late seventies and was a frequent user of the BC Ferries system there. It was then, and is today, a vital, safe and reliable link for the residents, tourists and goods moving between the islands and the mainland. I think Hawaii would be very fortunate to have this type of transportation available, and it would be a real blunder to miss this opportunity and watch the Superferry sail out of here.*

*Harry Hunter  
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**From:** PATRICK ONISHI [ptonishi@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:18 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony

October 29, 2007

House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

House of Representatives

Hawaii State Capitol

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**SUBJECT:** Support for SB 1, SD 1

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Patrick Onishi and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the advent of a ferry system that link our major islands will enhance opportunities for all residents of our island State. Recognizing that the Superferry will facilitate the movement of people and goods between the islands that it serves... and represents change. I don't believe it's the kind of change that we need to fear. The State of Washington is certainly a good model to look at when viewing how a ferry system can connect diverse communities and still preserve each community's uniqueness. Subject:

I believe that SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION-- requiring the Department of Transportation perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors; while permitting the operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. And which would establish a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force; is a reasonable response to the concerns that have been raised by the opposition on Kauai and Maui. I therefore ask that your committee support SD 1, SD 1.

*Aloha,*

*Patrick T. Onishi  
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**From:** B. Suyama [suyamab004@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:19 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Testimony

My name is Karen Toshie Suyama and I totally support the Superferry~!

My family and I will be able to use another mode of transportation to take vacations to the other islands.

We don't understand why the other island residents would be so against it when it would bring much more money into their economy. Whether for the day or for the week, we would be spending monies for food and omiage to bring back the islands' specialties.

Please help the Hawaii people and support the Superferry, too~! Your kokua would be very much appreciated~!

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**From:** Steve Parker [sparker@flex.com]  
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**Subject:** SuperFerry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Steven L. Parker and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a resident of Windward Big Island, I have come to appreciate the slower, friendlier way of life we have here. That often translates, however, to a more restricted lifestyle as well. There are fewer people on our entire island (all the neighbor islands put together, for that matter) than even a moderately-sized city elsewhere.

As a result, the facilities, products and services available to us are often severely limited in scope, and would be prohibitively expensive even if they were available locally. And those items produced locally by my neighbors cannot be brought to any larger market, either, without incurring the same prohibitive expense.

The cost of transportation for people and goods - currently limited as it is to air and container cargo vessels - is already making life difficult for the people of Hawaii. Given the steadily rising price of fuel, these costs are only going to increase. There was a time, not so long ago, that the cost of a weekend trip to help out family on Kauai or to visit a sick friend in Honolulu was within the budget of most of us. That trip now costs hundreds of dollars, separating friends and families in an entirely new way.

We must find and exploit new options for personal travel and shipping.

I urge - no, I beg - this committee to push this legislation through. I believe that SuperFerry operations are vital to the well-being of the economy of our state, the people of Hawaii and the future of our islands. Not just for our convenience now, but to demonstrate to future innovators who may wish to invest in our infrastructure. We must show them that we are open, supportive and, ultimately, deserving of their efforts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Steven L. Parker*

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**From:** Krisla DuPonte [kwduponte@yahoo.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Krisla DuPonte* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John Klein and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please do everything you can to get the Superferry up and running as soon as possible. The state has committed our taxpayer funds to make this project go. We the taxpayer cannot absorb the deliterious financial effects of more bungling by the government. The superferry investors acted in good faith on our governments word that they could operate and then the rug is pulled out from under them at the last moment. This is bad for business in this state.

Operating the superferry during the EA is a good idea because we will have real data over an eight month period versus just a bunch of assumptions that can be spun one way or the other. The whale population is up 10% the last two years and thus the whales are not an issue but merely a tool for the obstructionists among the population.

Hawaii needs to cut taxes, cut spending and reduce red tape or we will remain a backward tourist destination. Close down the EBT(welfare) program and put the protestors back to work.

Thank you, John Klein, Kauai - a tax payer and citizen.

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**From:** david barrett [dbarrett@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:02 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Ferry for Hawaiias future

1. For the most part, commercial aircarriers is our only means of human transport. Swimming, walking or driving between islands is quite difficult. Those who have traveled and experienced ferry service in Canada-British Columbia, inland passage, Australia- Sydney harbor, New Zealand-North South Island, England- Dover to Calis. USA -San Francisco and east coast waterways. Everywhere there is large bodies of water and people on either side, ferry transport has proven its worth. I do not believe there is any issue with the ferry being valid means of transport.

2. Hitting whales. Testimony on this is primarily public group hysteria. Fitting that the Whale Foundation speaks up. Surly no one group knows more about hitting whales than they do. During the season they religiously stalk, harass, follow whales. All for profit. No big issue to stand in a ships wheelhouse and watch the whales breath and then set a course. Small fish show up wonderfully bright on color fish finders. How often returning patrons of the whale tour boats state " they were so close, right next to the boat" or "they came up right next to the boat." I wonder if the skipper was watching his color depth sounder/fish finder. How many of the whale foundation boats have protected propellers. Guards do decrease the efficiency, they are commonly in use by commercial net boats. The Superferry uses water jet propulsion. No exposed turning propellers on the ferry. They are not as efficient as a propeller, but a more intelligent choice for whale safety. There is also the Kort Nozzel, which locates a hydrodynamic fixed ring around the propeller. This does not leave the blade tips exposed to sushi mother and calf as last years so quickly forgotten Whale Foundation strike leaveing Maalia harbor. The Superferry operates primarily outside of the whale area. They will be on the lookout to avoid any contact. Whale watching boats deliberately operate inside the whale protection area, and without the benifit of ANY propeller safety provisions. No mistake here, whale watching boats hunt whales for tourists and profit. Hunt, stalk, follow, maybe it is better recieved if I say 'Observe from a distance.' Tourist cameras would prove different.

Invasive species, inevitable that some will occur. What are the provisions for air carriers and Young Brothers. Provisions for detection, visiable observations and washing are in place. The major concern is the unspoken fear of the 2 leg invasion and not tourists, but from the population of our neighboring islands. Those marginal folk who come to take rocks, or camp on the beaches. I was of the belief that the islands were a state. If the homeless from one island find greener pastures on another island is a matter of public enforcement and assistance and tolerance that would appear to be the problem. Do we limit all modes of transportation because our public assistance, laws, and apathy are lax. Questionable politics, marginal police, fire, roads, schools, hospitals are all long over due for reform. Existing social problems need to be addressed and corrected, not unfairly lumped on the Ferry.

Final, the Superferry could be a wonderful law enforcement tool. Do something wrong, transport drugs, for the duration of the voyage the vehicles and people are captive. One island contacting another island can have authorities waiting. Plenty time to run license plate checks. The vehicles are isolated during the voyage. Plenty time for an officer and sniffer dog to do a walkaround.

Give it some time to shake down as any new business deserves. Hawaii needs a ferry. My thought would be to drop the "Super," seems to spook the locals who would be against "Jumbo" jets as well. With out intelligent growth the islands will go backward. There has been many changes to the islands that lack intelligence. Quality is key. Backward thoughts and there will be no growth for our young and limited balance for Hawaii. Many people are against change. Keep MY world as it is. It is OUR world and the world for children. There should never be decisions that hold back and limit a childs future. Hard decisions take courage.

Appreciate your ear, I remain for the Ferry and public awairness. Personal and social responsiability to the islands and those who call Hawaii home.

David Barrett, Maui

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**From:** Jim Reinertson [reinos@wbhsi.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:35 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Hawaii Superferry

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DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

*As annual visitors to the islands, my wife and I feel strongly that the superferry is a wonderful alternative to interisland air. It will be a marvelous way to see the islands from a totally different and enjoyable perspective, one hitherto unavailable, and we think it would increase total visitor count and even bring back past visitors who want a new experience.*

*James Reinertson*

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**From:** Nuzzo, Marc W LT CNSG MIDPAC N00J [marc.nuzzo@navy.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:02 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Cc:** hawaiiisuperferry@hawaiiisuperferry.com  
**Subject:** SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marc W. Nuzzo. My wife Seiko and I are homeowners in the Hawaii Kai neighborhood of Oahu. I am an attorney who has moved to Hawaii to set up a family here with his wife and to share in the great culture and diversity Hawaii has to offer. We both VERY STRONGLY SUPPORT the Hawaii Superferry and the interisland link that the Superferry provides. It is a symbol of progress.

Moreover, the Superferry is significantly more environmentally friendly (no discharge, special bottom paint, whale avoidance routes) than any of the numerous cruise liners and day charters that operate in between virtually every harbor in the Hawaiian Islands on a daily basis, with no similar regulations. I find it ironic that locals in some islands do not pick up a similar argument against the tour boats and cruise liners, but that is said recognizing the tourist dollars these operations provide. The only real difference between the cruise liners/tour boats and the Superferry appears to be that actual Hawaii resident ISLANDERS will primarily use the Superferry. Given all these facts, this debate does not strike me as an "environmental" question, but rather a subversive isolationist-elitist question. Hawaii is a state in the Union. If a county in any other state in America sought to isolate itself, it would be laughable.

Additionally, the civil unrest and riotous behavior that was tolerated in Nawilili was shameful, dangerous, undemocratic and, actually, criminal. The legislature should recognize and consider that, too. We have an overriding societal interest in linking our islands with the Superferry.

Striking a critical blow to the Superferry is not only a step backward from what was promised to them, but a warning to other new businesses and young families looking to set up in Hawaii to think twice about coming here. Hawaii cannot hope to continue to survive on tourism alone and remain a viable homeland if we continue to scuttle progress. As your constituent, I ask you to hear the voice of those of us who chose to voice our opinion in the proper democratic forum. Please support our Hawaii Superferry.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to speak further. I am not able to submit in-person comments due to my work schedule.

Very respectfully,

Marc W. Nuzzo, Esq.  
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**From:** Theo Garcia [theokamoku@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:01 AM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: ATTN; House committee on Transportation and House committee on Finance

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Aloha my name is Theo Garcia and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I believe it will provide an alternative to Air Travel, help the economy tremendously and attract more tourism.

The Hawaii Superferry is a solution for many residence and is important to the is Islands development...This can be very successful similar to the Olympic Island in the Pacific Northwest.

**OUR BUSINESS CLIMATE AND THE ECONOMY NEEDS THIS ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SOLUTION!**

Cheers and with Much Aloha,

Theo Garcia

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**From:** wongc045@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:03 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance - Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is CHRISTOPHER WONG and I STRONGLY SUPPORT Hawaii Superferry.

Thank you again for your time and efforts into this issue.

I am a furloughed Port Operator on Maui for the Hawaii Superferry, and I am the owner of a Christian clothing company. I had a chance to share my testimony on Oahu with you. Thank you again for that opportunity.

I'm sure you've heard a million times all the wonderful benefits of the Hawaii Superferry. I had a chance to watch Capt. Enos' testimony in front of the House, and I completely agree with his observations and facts.

Our opponents agenda is to shut down the Hawaii Superferry. There are only a very few that I really believe are truly concerned with the environment. The rest are basically puppets trying to rebel and in the process are essentially embarassaing Hawaii. Most of the people against us don't even know what an EA or EIS consists of. Their testimonies use the same rhetoric from opponents web sites - the fox guarding the hen house, etc. I'm sure you've seen many of their faces opposing and protesting many other issues like Sovereignty, housing projects, and so on. They will not stop even if the EA or EIS is completed successfully. They will find another excuse as to why the process was incorrect or question the validity of the people and the procedures involved.

I ask that you please support the Superferry in every way possible.

Mr. Garibaldi has met with you, and we (the employees) back him up 110%. I guarantee you that the employees here are dedicated to quiet our critics and improve the quality of life in Hawaii by doing the best possible job we can when we're back in operation. Please support any suggestions Mr. Garibaldi has proposed, and please create a bill that will withstand a court appeal from our opponents. Their strategy is to delay us and hurt us financially. Please end the debate here with legislation favorable to the Hawaii Superferry, so your efforts and ours are not wasted. Thank you.

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**From:** ALOHAWINGS@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:03 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** We Support Superferry

Dear Sir; Please cast our vote for Superferry. It is our understanding that no other water vehicle around the islands has ever had to do such an extensive EIS. This is an unfair request of our state to ask one company to do such and not ask the Container Barges, The Cruise Ships, and all small vessels that enter our waters.

For many years the ferry system has been in place in one of the most whale-trafficked areas in the U.S. Puget Sound. Both ferry and whales exist comfortably together with no disruption to either. This disagreement has to be about something else. Do we not want our neighbor islanders to visit us on our islands? Are we not all one family? We are not talking about the possibility of endangered species coming from some other country. Where has our Aloha gone?

Thank you for supporting the Superferry. It will be a boon to our economy and provide us safe transportation from the islands should our airports be closed. Much Mahalo. Nancy Scheidler

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**From:** Jack Oberholzer [bajara@hawaiiintel.net]  
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**To:** hswrittenonlysbttestimony  
**Cc:** lanitw@kapiolani.org  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony on the legislation for the Superferry

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**From:** Jack Oberholzer [mailto:bajara@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Send:** HseWrittenOnlySBTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Cc:** lanitw@kapiolani.org  
**Subject:** Testimony on the legislation for the Superferry

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Our names are Jacob Oberholzer and Barabara Oberholzer at 3629 Woodlawn Terrace Place, Honolulu, Hawaii

I've have been a resident on Oahu since 1937

Testimony:

There are good reasons and then there are real reasons. Here are 3 reasons why the Superferry is being opposed.

Greed:

The Inter island airlines and barge services fear the competition.

The outer island car rentals and hotels fear the loss of revenue.

Selfishness:

The outer islands want the benefits of all of the revenue generated by the tourist industry without paying the price of such an industry. The tourist industry is good for Hawaii, but the tourists come here to share our natural beauty and facilities. We on Oahu have virtually lost Waikiki, much of the north shore shoreline, and Ala Moana are gone and we are struggling to have Kailua and Lanikai more accessible to local residents. Everyone would like the advantage of more peace, calm and serenity. The outside islanders should share in paying this price.

Political infighting:

Unfortunately Politicians show more loyalty to their party than to the well being of the group. It seems that if it is possible to embarrass the other party that is what is done.

Because these reasons to stop the operation of the Ferry are based on negative and selfish reasons and do not benefit the welfare of our state, we strongly support the Superferry.

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**From:** Neil Olsen [olsen1929@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:57 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Fwd: Super Ferry

I was a passenger aboard the inaugural voyage from Maui to Oahu last Sunday. I have never experienced a smoother , more trouble free and relaxing mode of transportation. The Maui infrastructure was not impeded in any way, there were no traffic jams , lines or traffic problems of any kind. In fact I had to call the police to inquire where exactly they were loading as there were no signs of unusual activity anywhere in Kahalui.

Since the Sierra club and the environmentalists of all descriptions and dubious qualifications are advocating the enforcement of a restraining order preventing this long awaited and much needed service on Maui, who will advocate enforcing the laws preventing those confused souls on Kauai from illegally interfering with harbor transportation right of way?

Shame on the US Coast Guard for allowing this law breaking group of short sighted individuals to control our harbors. If we are going to enforce some of the laws concerning this mode of transport , lets enforce them all.

Why no impact study requirement for Norwegian cruise lines and other cruise ships, as they bring far more people to Maui than does the Super Ferry ?

Is it any wonder the investment enviornment in Hawaii is suspect at best, when a 300 million dollar expenditure is jeopardized by this small but very loud coalition.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kayleen Olsen [gmolsen72@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:03 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

**ATTN:** 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**

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kayleen Maile Olsen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe that Hawaii needs other alternatives of traveling to the outer islands. Especially when you have family members that live on any of the outer islands such as Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. You can save on airline ticket warfare, rental car expenses, insurance fees, and shipping fees. It gives the people of Hawai'i a choice that would help a local business profit from doing business locally. To travel interisland via the ferry or airline, gives businesses a choice. It will also help local families to have the freedom of choosing whether to travel by boat or airplane, to rent a car or ship their vehicle. These are just some of the reasons that I feel strongly that the Hawaii Superferry should be allowed to run their ferry system here in Hawai'i. It gives the people of Hawai'i a choice. **And if you take away the ferry system you will be taking away our freedom of choice and speech.**

Mahalo,

Kayleen Maile Olsen

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**From:** Andrea Brower [andrea@malamakauai.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:04 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** A'ole Superferry!

Aloha,

My name is Andrea Noelani Brower and I was born and raised on Kaua'i.  
I was in the water the night the superferry was forced to turn around.

In the water that night there were doctors, lawyers, construction workers, farmers, landscapers, professors; young and old; kanaka and hoale--there were no lines. And it was a beautiful night, because as we all sat chanting under the hoku moon we were united by one thing--our love for Kaua'i, our home.

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

For a corporation and administration that have been deceitful and dishonest from the beginning!

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

We are not terrorists or criminals. We are people with the conviction to stand up for the 'aina. We ask you to join us in upholding our laws, our consitution, and our state motto that you were sworn in by:

"ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono." No compromises, no amendments--just uphold the law.

Mahaloa,  
Andrea Noelani Brower  
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**From:** Hal Schieve [hschieve@fvginternational.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:44 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** In Favor of the Hawaii Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Harold W. Schieve and I strongly support Hawaii Super Ferry.

The addition of this service will enhance the opportunity of locals and visitors to enjoy all the Islands have to offer.

Currently travel between the Islands is a protracted hassle caused by the crowds and security requirements at any of the airports.

The Ferry will alleviate all of this while providing a pleasant alternative way to see our beautiful State. It will also provide another level of competition that will keep the costs of travel more economical.

Harold W. Schieve

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**From:** Darryl Aspholm [darryla@vncdrywall.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:37 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

My name is Darryl Aspholm and I strongly Support Hawaii Superferry.

My wife and I frequently travel to the other islands, both for pleasure and business and we always have to rent a vehicle. It would sure be nice to be able to drive our own vehicle. This would add one more vehicle to the road just as if we had rented a vehicle. Also I believe people are better drivers when driving their own vehicles that they are familiar with.

Darryl Aspholm

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**From:** Nick Sonoda [nicksonoda@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:40 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Please Support the Hawaii Super Ferry

I, Nick Sonoda, would like to state my support for the Hawaii Super Ferry and that I would like the ferry to be able to operate while an environmental impact survey is being conducted. I, along with many of my family and friends were looking forward to using the service this holiday season. Please support the Hawaii Super Ferry and allow all of us who have waited patiently for the ferry's arrival to enjoy the services it was made to provide. Aloha and mahalo for your consideration.

Nick Sonoda

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**From:** Mike Souza [miksouza@maui.net]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Michael Souza* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will provide alternative travel between the islands and prevent monopolizing of the airlines in charging airfares.

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**From:** David Buck [david@hawaiihomelistings.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:03 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Support Of Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *David Buck* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I have been looking forward to the Superferry for the last several years as a way to visit family on the outer islands. I see it as an affordable means of transportation that I look forward to taking my kids on to visit their grandmother on Maui. In addition, I am a competitive kayak & canoe racer and this would enable me to travel with my equipment vs. shipping separately and taking several trips for pickup etc.

Mahalo,

David

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *David Bochert* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I believe that as a traveler to Hawaii I would find it very convenient to be able to rent a car and take it with me as I explore the different Islands. My next planned trip to Hawaii is next May, and I would very much like to be able to use the ferry. I have talked to many friends who have either been to Hawaii or plan to go. All agree that the ferry sounds like a great way to travel between the islands. I feel the ferry would have a positive impact on tourism.

*David Bochert*

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**From:** Gloria Ordonez [sgpo20@hotmail.com]  
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**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

My name is gloria Ordonez reside in Mililani Hawaii. I support the ferry and hate for people on oahu to loose this wonderful way of traveling,as I had the change to be on the boat and also some off my family...Why can we loose it for just a majority of some people opposing it. as I am a wife of retired member of the air force I had the change to trouble to different parts of the world, in every country that is a way of commuting, and a lot of tourist come to this island this will be so welcome... please do not hear does that are against the ferry. We are in such favor for it....and as I talk to a lot of people in mililani have the same opinion...Why pick on the ferry?????

there are all other boat,cruiseships etc. that are already doing this runs to the island everyday.... hoping that you will be in favor of keeping the ferry going

mahalo

gloria Ordonez

as I am spanish I reallyknow that the spanish comunity also supports the ferry

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