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hawaii superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Eric Okamura and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a small business owner, I am in strong support of what it can afford us to do. Initially, I was quite curious as to who their target market was going to be. However, after taking the inaugural cruise with my family and vehicle to Maui, I am convinced that we need this service in Hawaii. There are many opportunities for small business owners like myself to do business with our neighboring Islands and them with us, but not as feasible and much more costly with the way we have to do things currently.

As a resident, it would be nice to vacation using the Hawaii Superferry as the experience of a minicruise. The vacation would start the moment you board the ship instead of when you finally arrive to the neighbor Island, rent a car and check in to your hotel room. Airfares will eventually escalate back up to where Hawaiian and Aloha Airlines can sustain profitability.

In regards to the transplanting of unwanted species from one Island to the next, the arguments opposing the Hawaii Superferry seem to be quite biased as they will not be exposing any more risk than what our freight carriers currently do. With regards to the Humpback Whales, speed of the Hawaii Superferry has been pointed as a risk but speed can also allow the vessel to move out of the way easier if a Whale is spotted in the vicinity by one of the many trained spotters on board. These arguments are very weak arguments that have been given too much credence in order to misdirect the attention of what the service offers and it will allow us to do.

It is amazing to me how other ships are not mandated to follow the same strict guidelines as being placed on the Hawaii Superferry.

#### Eric Okamura

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Chadwick Makaiwa and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I belive that Hawaii is all the islands together...And we as the people of Hawaii should be able to visit our outer islands in anyway possiable...by air, by boat, it dont matter maui is not a state, kauai is not its own state....we all together (islands) make the stae of Hawaii.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joel Tessieri. I will not be at the hearing to testify, but strongly support operation of the Hawaii Superferry.

I live on Maui and feel that the Superferry will bring a much needed alternative means of transportation to Ohau. I support a bill allowing the Superway to operate while an EIS is being completed.

Please listen to majority of the residents of Hawaii and not the fringe minority who are so vocal.

Mahalo,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Scott Swanson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Better and more cost effective way to travel between the islands. I understand I am biased as I have lost my job and would like to get it back

Scott Swanson

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From: Sent: Stanley Zajac [stanleyzajac@hotmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:28 AM

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Subject:

Hawaii Superferry

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Stanley F. Zajac and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. It will help to connect both the island residents and small businesses with each other. It will promote more inter-island business opportunities for each island. This will stimulate competition to many businesses, which stimulates the minds of people and brings about great ideas from individuals. We need to show those people and businesses on the mainland and the Federal Government that we are a viable and closely knitted state which wants to maintain its image as being a state that cares for its environment and its peoples future. We should set the image for all of the mainlanders that they will admire our states government care for its residents and their future.......

Stanley F. Zajac 25 Kahana Ridge place Lahaina HI. 96761 phone ---1-808-669-2971

From: Sent: Carolyn Reid [carolyn@bnlh.com]
Monday, October 29, 2007 11:30 AM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Carolyn Reid and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Firstly, Hawaii needs an alternative to get passengers to all islands and why should Superferry be singled out for different treatment??

Larger cruise liners, barges etc already operate and would bring the same "problems" (e.g. drugs, invasive species, frogs, soil etc) to other islands. Why do the residents of Kauai and Maui think it is OK for them to come freely to Oahu but they want to restrict the Oahuans coming to their islands?????

Superferry is simply an alternative means of transport – it is not a danger to the aina and I believe they are taking all precautions to avoid problems with whales etc (don't all vessels???)

This protest is making a laughing stock of Hawaii, around the world. It is time to move into the 21st century.

Secondly, unless Hawaii wants to entirely lose this option, it needs to allow the ferry to operate while the EIS is done. It cannot be expected that the ferry will wait around for this situation to be played out. Also, it will be a good "test" for the whole operation and hopefully people will calm down and be more accepting.

Carolyn Reid

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To:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:31 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject:

Super Ferry Testimony

Aloha.

Please let it be known that however I can attend in person that I want my vote to count. I believe that the Ferry should be allowed to run. We should have another choice. So far we are limited to Air Lines who continually gouge us for monies, and why does the Ferry have to conform to such strict regulations and not the Cruise ships who come from other ports which may or may not contaminate our shores, And the large deliver lines Matson as well as others who come into our waters. Why are they not also included in this, rather than singling out the Ferry.

It will be a problem for a while until the novelty wears off, and where is the aloha here. I am ashamed for the people who so few have reacted so badly. Do we want growth yes, but not the wrong kind of growth. I recommend that you by pass Kauai, and go to the Big Island, Maui and Lanai. Those are places of interest any way.

Limit the number of cars allowed in and out, and control the economy that way. If any one does something illegal, nail them for it. Nut allow us the choice for options such as Go Airlines, and the Ferry, it is high time the good old boys hold on the Islands change for the benefit of the people, who live here.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Mann Marilou Metcalf

From:

Valerie Smalley [Valerie.Smalley@freeclear.com]

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Valerie Smalley and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

At this current time I have not read, heard or seen any information that has made it apparent to me that the Superferry poses anymore risk than any other water transport.

I feel that it offers locals another option that hasnt yet been offered for travel, and means of doing business. I support the superferry.

Valerie Smalley

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From:

Raymond Veilleux [veilleuxr001@hawaii.rr.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Raymond Veilleux and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry is a convenient way to travel for my family. We can take our dog, pack our camping gear and pack as much as we can fit in our Jeep, at no extra charge. It will be sad if we lose this ferry service.

Raymond Veilleux

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From: Sent: jazareye [jazareye@gmail.com]

To:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:32 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject:

Save Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jaymee Nugal and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Superferry will benefit the State of Hawaii in many ways. It provides jobs and gives the people a different way to travel. The whole issue of an EIS is as important to everyone as it is to get the Superferry running so that the payments can be made. There was more than enough time to have the EIS done when the Superferry was being built. I don't think that the issue is about the EIS any more, it seems to be the small majority on the Islands of Kauai and Maui so concerned with their resources such as the opihi or beaches. I understand the concerns over invasive species and plants but beaches? Please, listen to the majority. We all want the Superferry to start.

Jaymee Nugal 95-361 Kuahelani Ave Apt A-3 Mililani, HI 96789 808-368-8018

Jaymee Nugal Training Specialist, FCH Enterprises

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

From:

Rhonda Faleafine [rhonda@mauionline.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:23 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony In favor of Hawaii SuperFerry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Rhonda Faleafine and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Why I support it....

This will allow another form of transportation between the islands for our locals, groups and visitors. As a member of the visitor industry for over 30 years, this allows additional revenue for each island visited as well as another form of transportation for many at a reasonable rate.

Rhonda Faleafine 1902 Pohakea Pl Wailuku, Hi 808 250 1463

From:

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Sent: To:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:32 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Naomi Lee and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the HAWAII SUPERFERRY should be given a chance because it gives the people of Hawaii another alternative way to travel to the neighbor islands. It will also help generate revenue for the island that is being visited. It benefits families that need to purchase furniture for their household in the matter that they can drive their own vehicle to pick up the furniture themselves rather than pay for shipping. It benefits contractors that needs their company vehicles or machinery shipped to the neighbor islands. I understand that the car rental companies may lose business but personally, there is nothing like driving your own vehicle.

Naomi Lee Kapolei, Hawaii 808-478-3309

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Sent: To: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:06 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David Knox and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am a business owner who believes the Superferry would be an economic plus for Hawaii. It is difficult to see how the addition of one boat can negatively impact our islands whose life origin and sustainability for centuries was boat based. Today, boats are in and around these islands by the thousands; the Superferry, though larger than some, is just another boat. Please vote to put the Superferry back in operation.

Aloha David

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kathy Tschudy* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. My husband and I returned home to Oahu a month ago after being gone 5 years. Before coming back to Hawaii we visited Seattle, WA. The FIRST THING I wanted to do when I got into the Seattle area was ride their Ferry system. I wanted to see for myself how a Ferry system worked. I was amazed how enjoyable the rides were and how it opened up us being able to see more of the Seattle area. I watched how visitors could enjoy the football games and travel safely across the waters and how the riders of the Ferry didn't look stressed out like they had been sitting in traffic all evening. Besides all the enjoyment factors the Superferry could offer Hawaii, what about the help it could bring to our islands?

I was here when 9-11 happened. WHAT IF something like that happened again and the planes were grounded? Do you remember? I think that is WHY the Superferry project NEEDS to BE HERE. What if another island caught on fire like California? Or if a hurricane hit one of the other islands? We could put extra supplies and equipment on the Superferry and bring it over. Not EVERYONE wants to FLY over to another island. The Superferry offers another choice to enjoy life on our islands.

Of course it's not up to me and I'm sure my voice won't make a difference, but I do have to say that IF our state turns away the Superferry HAWAII should pay every dime for their time and the Ferries they built for us.

My HEART is HAWAII and I want to see Hawaii be a better place. I think the Superferry should be here since we asked them to come years ago. I personally look forward to riding on the Superferry and enjoying the other islands with MY CAR.

With Aloha.

Kathy Tschudy

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Leslie von Brimer [concierge1@poipu-kauai-condos.com]

Sent:

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Hawaii Super ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Leslie von Brimer and I strongly support the Hawaii Super ferry.

My family lives on Oahu, my friends have a place on Maui (I live on Kauai) and I really want to be able to see them more often. I can drive my car on to the ferry with my dog and be there in a few hours. This ferry will link the counties together and make it easier to travel between the islands. I went to the super ferry preview day and was very pleased with what I saw. I have been all over the world and taken many ferries, and this is by far the nicest, cleanest, safest ferry I have ever been on. We need the ferry, please let it keep operating.

Leslie von Brimer

5061 Lawai Road, Koloa HI 96756 808 651-4715

From:

elizabeth brantley [elizabeth\_brantley@hotmail.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:32 AM

To:

houserecord@capitol.hawaii.gov

Cc:

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Subject:

Support for the Hawaii Superferry!

My name is Elizabeth Florine Brantley and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I live on the "Big Island" and there are many benefits in supporting the Hawaii Superferry! To travel between the islands at a much more affordable rate for various reasons, including visiting family on other islands, cultural events throughout the islands, and many other personal reasons including medical care. Here on the Big Island there is a huge shortage of medical staff and equipment to care for patient's here. Many times patients are flown to Oahu to be referred to Doctor's and medical care that is not available on the Big Island. The Superferry would not only save a lot money to travel to Oahu but also a large number of patients could be sent by the Superferry at the same time and save lot's of money on medical care in the long run - by getting the care that patients need in a timely and life saving manner. Thank You, Elizabeth FLorine Brantley, 15-2716 Welea St., Pahoa, HI. 96778 (808) 965-9584.

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From:

Brenda Yonamine [manoaglass@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:33 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony 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:

My name is Brenda Yonamine and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. Let's get past the politics and onto the real issue of Aloha. With the superferry, neighbors will get to visit neighbors, sell their products on the islands without worrying about high shipping costs, and help each other out with supplies and equipment when or if disaster strikes, such as a hurricane.

Please look beyond the politics and consider what will benefit our ohana in the future.

Mahalo.

Brenda Yonamine 2048 Kakela Drive Honolulu, HI 96822

From:

Denise Fujii [hawaiianislandtrends@yahoo.com]

Sent: To: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:27 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Denise Y. Fujii and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe it will be great for small business owners to ship goods to outer islands instead of paying higher costs. It is also good to have another alternative to visiting the outer islands. It will be a nice relaxing ride in which islanders and visitors may enjoy the views of the islands. Thank you kindly.

Denise Y. Fujii P.O. Box 2705 Ewa Beach, HI 96706 808-598-1287

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From:

Skip Morgan [cbm@alakaimechanical.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:37 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Let the Superferry operate

I urge the Senate to do everything possible to allow the Superferry to operate. To do less would be a grave injustice to the Superferry, the state and its citizens. Most, if not all, the perceived hazards to the environment already exist with present interisland travel and commerce. The arguments to suspend service until the study is complete rests on extremely flimsy data. To single out the Superferry from the other interisland sea travel for special restrictions and regulation is hypocritical and defies logic. Please make it possible for this worthy enterprise to proceed.

Clark B. Morgan 225 S. Kalaheo Ave. Kailua, Hawaii 96734 261-8447 or 834-4275

From:

horace williston [willistoh001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:34 AM

To:

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Subject:

Superferry

I am familiar with the Seattle ferry system and with the service it provides, giving citizens access to and from nearby islands. A ferry system in Hawaii would contribute to making us a State rather than just a group of islands'

Aloha,

Horace Williston Jr.

From:

Yee, lan K [lan.Yee@xerox.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:24 AM

Sent: To:

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nsewnttenoniysblestin Yee, Ian

Subject:

Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ian Yee and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

- 1. The Superferry gives the residents of Hawaii an alternative method for transportation between islands. I'm sure if Go! Airlines were not around, and the airfares were still \$180 round trip, people would be much more welcoming of the Superferry. One day soon there will only be two airlines again. A third alternative to travel interisland is a must.
- 2. It gives us a way to transport cars and belongings between islands. My friend, who is moving from Kauai to Honolulu, has no easy way to transport several large paintings which are delicate, large, and cumbersome in nature. Packing it in his van and driving on to the ferry is the only feasible way to bring them to Oahu. All other methods require heavy expensive packing, expensive transportation, and a long wait.
- 3. In an emergency, like Iniki, it gives the residents a way to bring help and support to any ravaged island. Imagine how much better the residents of Kauai would have been served after Hurricane Iniki during the immediate aftermath, and the long term rebuilding if the super ferry were available. Building materials, labor, expertise, family support, the list is very long.
- 4. The allegations that it will add congestion are lame. The calculation to bring a car to another island only adds up if someone is staying over a week. In any case, they would have rented a car anyway. This will not increase the number of cars on the road; it will only affect the number rented from the car rental agencies.

Thank you for your time.

Ian Yee

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(808) 543-9194

From:

Brian Awakuni [brian@MasonryHawaii.com]

Sent:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Brian Awakuni and have been a resident of Hawaii for the past 61 years of my life. I have seen instances where we have tried to halt the wheel of progress or new processes, only to find that we have not addressed the basic problems of moving people from point a to point b in an efficient manner. Large projects were cancelled (H3, mass transit) only to be resurrected at a higher cost or more pain to our taxpayers.

I for one would not heed the threats of the minority who want nothing better than to sink this mode of transportation or even to get rid of the growing population so they can live blissfully in their Shangrilla. I would urge the lawmakers to consider the alternative, learn from our previous mistakes, make difficult decisions that would enhance the livelihood of this state, keep the Super Ferry running. We need alternative modes of transportation in this State. Thank you.

From: Sent: Robert Carey [rtdcarey@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:35 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Hawaii Superferry

Bob Carey

rtdcarey@gmail.com

I STRONGLY support the Superferry. It is such a plus for Hawaii, its residents, and visitors.

To not go forward with the ferry, would be like doing away with all advancements that help not only people, but business and tourists alike. Advancements will come no matter what, but you have the chance to shape the advancement right now. Please do not stop the ferry.

Yes I live on the mainland, but do travel quite a bit and have many friends on all the islands, that also support the ferry.

Thank You Bob Carey 12711 Colorado Blvd. Thornton, CO 80241 303-434-9346

From:

Nagashima, Nicole [Nicole.Nagashima@marriott.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:34 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony I support the Superferry!

Aloha,

My name is Nicole Nagashima and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I will not be submitting my comments in person, but am providing you my testimony via email. I am not affiliated with any organizations, but am a salesperson for a Waikiki property. I believe that the Superferry will add to our economy and will offer Hawaii residents alternative means of transportation throughout the islands.

I feel that this is such an unfortunate situation where a few misguided individuals would cause so much disruption to the release of the Superferry that will benefit the entire state. I am hoping that my email will help to push for the release of the Superferry in the islands and not have to be shipped to overseas.

Mahalo, Nicole Nagashima

From:

Veronica Fajardo [vfajardo@thisweek.com]

Sent: To: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:35 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony In support of the Super Ferry

I recently had the opportunity to go aboard the Hawai'i Super Ferry and am more than evver convinced of our need for this marvel of the sea.

Business, family and to develop inter-island connectedness mandate the need for approving this vessels operation.

Our sole dependence on traveling by air is short-sighted and foolhardy. There must be more options available for the people of Hawaii and those businesses that drive our local industry.

Do not let the needs of the few dictate the needs and desires of the many.

As for the concerns surrounding the ecosystem and the mammals that swim, breed and call the channels home, "due" measures must be implemented to protect them and their resources but not at the expense of the people of Hawai'i.

For decades now, inter-island shipping barges have traversed these waters. I would be curious to know what the present numbers of injured whales is.

Are there numbers available?

What about sonar? Surely this ship is equipped with some sort of sonar so they can see where they are going and what; 's in their path.

Again, "due" measure to protect these animals but don't hold the state hostage over it. There's a bigger picture on the table where this craft is concerned.

I wholeheartedly support the SuperFerry's place in Hawai''i's future history!

Aloha and BRAVO!

Veronica Fajardo

From:

Jeannette Lee [jeannettenaokolee@hotmail.com]

Sent: To:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:34 AM

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Subject:

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jeannette Naoko Lee and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I support the Superferry, because of the same reasons I stated in past testimonials. The Superferry is made by a trustworthy Australian boat company that tested out the Superferry in other waters before the Superferry came to Hawaii. Environmentally, the Superferry was then found to be safe, secure, and unharmful to all marine bio life. The Superferry is economical as well, and will bring an extra cash flow for the State of Hawaii as a whole. There are more positives to the Superferry than there are negatives.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Lee

1701 PUOWAINA DRIVE APT.6 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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

From:

bsduffer@comcast.net

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:10 AM

To:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is William E. Souza and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I vacation at least once a year in Hawaii and would like to enhance this experience with the use of this Ferry. I foresee wonderful one day or more trips to Maui and Kauai.

Thank You,

for this most favorable attention.

William E. Souza Jr.

18523 30th Ave Ct E

Tacoma WA 98446-1107

From:

Cindy Nagamine [cindyn@notkinhi.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:21 AM

Sent: To:

hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject:

Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cindy Nagamine and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Superferry is an alternate source of transportation for small businesses that would benefit transporting their goods to the outer islands as well as for Hawaii Residents that are planning to visit their family and friends and are able to bring their car with them (it would be the same amount of cars on the road if traveled by air and had to rent a car for transportation) and it gives our visitors an alternate means of transportation when visiting the neighbor islands as well.

The Superferry could also be utilized in emergency situations where goods or certain type of equipment could be transported via Superferry to other islands when needed - things that an airplane could not carry.

Thank you for your time.

**Cindy Nagamine** 

(808) 389-9571

From: Sent: Karen forsythe [faleilei@yahoo.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:54 AM

To:

hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject:

**Super Contrary** 

# Aloha,

This is my testimony as to the usefulness of the **Super Ferry**. Kauai and Maui allow millions of visitors on their islands each year. Who rent cars that add to the traffic flow.

They are not protesting the airports, they accept them with open arms. The cash is good, it flows their economy.

Why then are they protesting a few hundred people each day who would take their cars for business or to see family. They realize, there are no major travel dollars included to add to their state, just average middle class Joe's doing there thing.

This isn't about the environment.

This about Kauai and Maui deciding who can come and who should stay away.

Do you think everyone on Oahu doesn't remember the days when things were less crowded here. Surely we do, but as the population grows, so must our own transportation needs.

We deserve to have a say in our state on this issue and we say yes to the Super Ferry.

If they want to protest something let them protest for us here on Oahu.

Protest for the homeless issues or the rights of the disabled or books for schools.

They are looking out for themselves not the community as a whole. We are one State under one government.

We have spoken ,we the people want the **Super Ferry**.

Karen Forsythe

Waianae

Governor do not let a few determine the rights of many.

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From:

Peter Schneider [PSchneider@fjhawaii.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:13 AM

To:

hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject:

SUPERFERRY

I FULLY SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY

THERE SEEMS TO BE NO ISSUES WITH THE OTHER LARGE SHIPS THAT SAIL DAILY.

DID ALL THE OTHER LARGE SHIPS PROVIDE EIS'S?

WHAT ABOUT THE INTERISLAND FLIGHTS? SAME THING BUT NO ISSUE'S THERE !!!!!!!

WHY IS A FEW THOUSAND PEOPLE RUINING IT FOR THE REST OF THE STATE?

IF THERE WOULD BE A STATEWIDE VOTE, THERE WOULD BE "NO ISSUE'S".

LETS GET ALL THE PROTESTER'S NAMES AND BAN THEM FROM USING THE FERRY!

Peter Schneider c/o

Mercedes-Benz of Honolulu

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From:

Eric Ballew [EricB@nordicgc.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:21 AM

Sent: To:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Eric Ballew and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will only help Hawaii (increase jobs, competition, traveling options). In order to progress as a state adjustments and changes need to happen. Hawaii as a state claims it wants to up to date, but when it comes to walk the walk "Hawaii" gets cold feet. We need this Superferry along with a legitimate recycling program and natural energy running and not just talking about it.

Eric Ballew

1401 Lusitana St. #403

Honolulu, HI 96813

808-620-2013

**Eric Ballew** 

**Project Engineer** 

NORDIC CONSTRUCTION, LTD.

Cellular (808) 620-2013

From:

Mike Jordan, Jordan Services [jordanservices@earthlink.net]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:47 AM

To:

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Subject:

SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Re: Hearing on Monday, October 29, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at the State Capitol's Auditorium

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I am a self-employed contractor that services large road construction equipment. Whenever I need to travel to neighboring islands to perform repair and maintenance on this very specialized machinery, I am unable to transport all the appropriate tools and diagnostic equipment necessary to perform my tasks efficiently. This frequently results in the need to fly back to Maui, gather the identified proper tools, and then return back to the other island, resulting in significantly escalated costs for my customers and extended downtime for their equipment.

I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. If it were operational, I could travel with my service vehicle, and thus confidently have every tool that I might need right at my fingertips. The machinery I work on would be fixed and placed back into service sooner, benefitting the end user, and in turn, the local economy.

I urge the passage of legislation to allow the Superferry to operate efficiently during the period of environmental review.

With many thanks,

M. G. Jordan, 2481 Kaanapali Parkway, Lahaina, HI 96761 (808) 661-6568.

From:

Siersma, Richard CIV NCTAMSPAC N3E [richard.siersma@navy.mil]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:11 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Richard Siersma and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My wife and I plan to use the Superferry to make trips to the other islands taking our motorcycle with us. Although we could ship our motorcycle on a barge it will require a lot more time and coordination. The Superferry will provide an alternative means of traveling to the other islands for Hawaii residents and visitors alike. It will also provide an addition means of transporting emergency equipment and supplies in times of need. The Superferry must be allowed to operate while an EIS is conducted. It will not create any more of a hazard to the Hawaiian islands than do other commercial ships, barges, or Navy vessels.

Richard Siersma 92-1258 Hookeha Street Kapolei, Hi 96707

From:

Steven Nakao [steven.nakao@nethawaii.org]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:10 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony SuperFerry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Steven Nakao and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

With continued increase in oil prices and local airlines having continued daily losses in the millions, they will need to increase their rates within the near future. Not to mention increased cost of rental car sevices, we need the Superferry as an alternative transportation to serve the need of Hawaii to travel to and from Oahu (and other islands) without undue cost.

Steven Nakao 1331-A Loko Drive Wahiawa, HI 96786 Tel: 808-622-4341

From:

Meda, Randall [maedar001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:19 AM

To:

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Subject:

sending testimony just for the record; SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Randall Maeda and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to see Superferry operate here in Hawaii. The vessel is an asset to Hawaii that should not be lost because of the objections that were stated.

I also believe the persons making the laws should know the requirements that are currently imposed on other large capacity vessels operating in Hawaii. The laws should not just single out requirements for Hawaii Superferry only.

Randall Maeda

85-307 Waianae Valley Road

Waianae, Hawaii 96792

(808) 696 2518

From: Sent: Laura Guillermo [jaelinelbg@yahoo.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:47 AM

To:

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Subject:

Support The Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Laura Guillermo and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Since our state is a tourist spot, I think we need other alternative to see the wonderful island that we have. We have the most beautiful weather and we need to take advantage of it.

Laura Guillermo 1130 Hoola Place 3A (358-9772)

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From:

Robert & Mary Ellis [rmcellis@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:21 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Support Super Ferry

Sent:

To:

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From: Sent: Shawn Hiatt [edgecity@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:08 AM

To:

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Subject:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Shawn Christopher Hiatt and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

As a small business owner the Superferry will help my business be more effective and profitable. I work in the Film industry and have a lot of equipment which is very hard to ship via air freight. It is all very heavy which ends up costing me a fortune in shipping costs. When I have to ship via Young Brothers, I lose work while it floats slowly to the next port and back again. If the Superferry were allowed to operate I would use it often for business.

As a Father, the Superferry is perfect for inter-island travel to visit family and take short vacations with the kids. Being able to keep our car seats in the car and not disrupt the babies and deal with airline security lines and awkward searches etc. will be such a releif. We were already planning some trips using the Superferry when all of the controversy started.

Please help Hawaii keep the Superferry, it is a service we desperately need now!

Sincerely,

Shawn Chritopher Hiatt

705 Hahaione St.

Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

From: Sent: Toan Doan [toanchampion@yahoo.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:41 AM

To:

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Cc:

Jason Doan

Subject:

Hawaii Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Jason Doan. I'm a Maui resident. Please support the Superferry to resume service while an EIS conducted. The cost of living on Maui is alot more than Oahu due to monopoly shipping companies like Young Brothers and Matson.

We the people of Hawaii need an alternate transportation between islands, so we can connect our friends and families more often. We live in technology age to make our life easier and better. Please do not let a minority group of people to overcome the majority of Hawaii resident that want the Superferry to operate. Thanks for your support and understanding. We know you will make the right decision by letting the Superferry to resume service while an EIS conducted.

Mahalo, Jason Doan Kihei, Maui, HI

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From: MacNair, Howard [HMacNair@ksea.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:20 AM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Donna MacNair and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My husband and I have lived in Hawaii for approximately 20 years and own our own business. We have worked very hard to establish and grow our business. I do not see the Superferry as being an environmental issue as the courts and news have stated but more of a political issue. We have seen so many new businesses come and go. The main reason I have seen is because Hawaii is not a friendly environment for new businesses. The red tape of starting a new business and hanging in there is impossible for many business owners. The established businesses have a political stronghold on Hawaii which does not allow any new comers to be competitive. In this case, I find it disturbing and blatantly unfair when I compare the "no" rules for Matson, Young Bros., and Cruise ships with the "New" rules you are mandating for the Superferry. Also, why was Superferry led on to believe that all was OK for the last 2 years while the Superferry was being built? . I find that to be shameful and embarrassing.

Please let Hawaii support the Superferry to be a thriving business that can accommodate Hawaii residents as well as visitors. Let the people of Hawaii choose. The polls certainly show that the Superferry is the people's choice. There is plenty of room for the Superferry.

Donna MacNair

Medical Designs Inc. 1268 Young St. #203, Honolulu, HI 96814

808-591-0984

From: Sent: Ku, Darlene [dku@honolulu.gov] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:38 AM

To:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [Darlene Ku] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry, I think it will give more job opportunites to the people of Hawaii, it will also impact small businesses throughout the islands. Maui has stores that we dont have here, and vice versa wouldn't it be great to make a shopping day of it.

It will give the people of Hawaii the chance to have choices as to planning of trips and what not. I can't wait till the day my family and I pack up the car and just make a weekend of it. There are so many different things to do here in this great state. It's just another great opportunity to do it. Most times you spend more money to bring stuff back from the other islands, such as extra baggage back on the plane or even ending up having to mail stuff back home. This way you just pack up your car.

Hawaii is a state in which it's always trying to keep up with the JONES' so to speak. We bring all these retail stores here that really, did we need a Walgreens when you have the Wal-mart right across the street. I could go on and on. The Hawaii Superferry is the best idea we have had yet that actually makes sense.

There are sooo many pros to having the Hawaii Superferry up and running and I welcome that day.

Sincerely,

Darlene Ku

From: Cheryl Camara [cherylinha6@clearwire.net]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:37 AM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Cc: hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.com

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is CHERYL L. CAMARA and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in support of the bill that will permit the operation of the interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

**WE NEED AN INTERISLAND FERRY SERVICE.** There are numerous reasons why this would be advantageous for the people of Hawaii.

This is long overdue. It's a needed alternative mode of transportation to our outer islands. It's a fun way for our children and families and everyone to travel.

Also, the ferry service would be a big help for us in a crisis as well. Just think of all the help our neighbor islands could have received if we had a superferry in existence after our last hurricane. They would have received items faster than waiting for a barge. THINK ABOUT IT - It's a no-brainer!

WHY ARE YOU LISTENING TO THE MINORITY? There is room for everyone. Have you checked the real reasons why the louder voices really object? And who they are? And, will they be here in five years? ten years? Why are they afraid of progress? Why do they want to hold the entire State of Hawaii back?

They certainly do not represent the majority. LISTEN TO THE MAJORITY!

Thank you for listening to one of the majority!

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Camara

515 Uluhaku Street

Kailua, Hawaii 96734

Ph: (808) 262-4160

From: Sent:

Felicia Felix [feliciafelix@hotmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:04 AM

To:

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Subject:

I SUPPORT SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Felicia Felix and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii made a commitment to the US government to back the loans and we are taxpayers of the state of Hawaii and the US. If an EIS was needed the time to ask was not after the taxpayers spend millions of dollars. The Ferry shoul dbe able to operate to pay back some of the debt while a study is completed.

Felicia Felix

PO Box 223861

Princeville HI 96722

Regards. Felicia Felix

From: Sent: drochlen@gproadwaysolutions.com Monday, October 29, 2007 11:12 AM

To: Subject: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Let's get the ball rolling

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David M. Rochlen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think that the citizens of the State should have choices of travel between the Islands. More

options, please. I would like to take my family to the outer islands more often and using the Ferry

for my business would result in lower prices for my goods to local end users.

Let not the vocal minority dominate the majority of citizens of Hawaii control progress and growth of our State.

#### Aloha

Dave Rochlen, Maxine Rochlen and Eva Uilani Rochlen 5264 Alahee St Honolulu, HI 96821 808-373-1670

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BBTEX500@aol.com

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Brenda Boyle and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need the superferry for our islands because we need to have other than airlines access to the other islands. I have lived in Hawaii for 20 years and I am very dismayed that the government will let a very 'local' people try to keep everything out of Hawaii. They need to remember who brought them to the dance. As in regards to the United States taking them in and giving them an economy. They cannot live off of the land and fish like they once could. Plus they would not want that. They like the better life they have now. They just like to complain and always want to be in unrest with any progress.

Mahalo Nui loa,

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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 Frederic Berg and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I find it unfortunate that our Supreme Court had to support opponents of the Superferry by creating a new precedent rather than ruling in line with previous precedent, however that is how our democracy works, therefore we now need to make the necessary changes in the Legislature to allow the will of the people to prevail. (My understanding is that 60 - 90% of the people of the State of Hawaii want to see the Superferry operate and most do not want to wait for an EIS process either for philosophical reasons or for fear of loosing the Superferry because of its financial obligations during this extended period with no revenue.)

The Superferry brings infrastructure to our State that can help fuel internal economic activity, making us more resistant to external economic shocks, changes in the global economy and the negative results of economic pressures on large conglomerates.

I have sailed inter-island for the past 35 years and enjoy the whales visiting our islands more than most people. I see nothing wrong with the Superferry operating between the islands in much the same way a Matson container ship, Young Brothers barge or a Norwegian Cruise Line cruise ship currently operates in our state waters. Please keep in mind that the same Superferry attributes that give it its speed give it greater maneuverability to avoid whales.

As to concerns with invasive species, please keep in mind that any operating procedures not currently in force with existing carriers that may be imposed for Superferry operations, will likely be imposed equitably on all carriers over time. If passengers shoes and suit cases have to be inspected for mud and vegetative matter, this will hold true for passengers on airplanes as well as cruise ships. Vehicle inspections will have to be carried out on any vehicle transported inter island including on barge service. Delays

caused by these inspections will have a negative impact on our inter island trade.

Please approve a fair bill that will allow the Superferry to resume operations with out delay.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Support of Superferry

As stated in my previous testimony, it gives an alternative transportation instead of air, plus in any major catastrophe, it would help to transport people instead of only air. Environmentalists have all sorts of restrictions. Look at what is happening in California due to the fires. Their restrictions create problems, when these issues occur.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Susan R. Brooks*, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. We need MANY interisland transportation choices, and we need more competition. The airlines have had their way for too long! I of course am very interested in preserving these islands and keeping them safe, as I am Kanaka Maoli. I have not heard or seen anyone mention the fact that the making of the Hawaii Superferry was shown on National Geographic where they addressed the problem of invasive species and how the Superferry will be able to avoid Humpback whales, even down to the type of paint they use so that nothing clings to the hulls and the undersides. I wonder if any of you, representing our Islands, even saw the 1 hour report. It was very fascinating. In any case, I feel that a lot of measures have already been taken to insure the safety of the islands. I would also like to address the real possibility of another natural disaster, since everyone says not "if" it happens, but "when". Along with the military, the Superferry could be used to help whatever island is in need. The Kaua'i folks have obviously forgotten about "Iniki". So I would appreciate your consideration in allowing the Superferry to operate while the EIS is being done.

Thank you for your time.

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Esmond Chung and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

First of all, I'd like to thank you and your colleagues for the painstaking efforts you take on crafting bills and passing laws that shape the quality of life we all enjoy in Hawaii. It seems that a day doesn't go by without some issue being considered that is loaded with controversy and challenges from all corners of our community. I believe this is inevitably a good process for all but not necessarily for those of you mired in negotiations and the challenges of arriving at a "happy ending" for all parties involved. Of course, that will never happen but an agreeable compromise should be the desired intent of all.

That being said, I believe that all modes of transportation that operate inter-island, by air or sea, should be held to the same standard ie; inspections, EIS, etc. I believe the Superferry is being unfairly treated in this regard. Does NCL comply with all the criteria that is being put forth for the Superferry to operate? How about Young Brothers, Matson, or Sea Land, etc? For that matter, what about the inter-island airlines?

I remember all the controversy surrounding the building of the H-3 freeway. All legitimate concerns were addressed and in the end, the freeway was built. I think you would be

hard-pressed to find anyone who is not happy the H-3 is available and convenient for drivers to go back and forth to both sides of the Koolaus. I think the Superferry is being subjected to a similar kind of treatment that the H-3 freeway was forced to endure, however, with more restrictive criteria imposed on it.

I think allowing the Superferry to sail while an EIS is performed is the right thing to do at this point in time. Monday morning "quarterbacks" taking pot-shots at will do not help the process of arriving at an agreeable compromise. Should the Superferry not "pass" its "test", then it should not be granted approval to sail and perhaps another company sought who can comply. However, keeping the Superferry in chains dockside does not serve the common good of the majority of the citizens of Hawaii. It also reflects very poorly on doing business in Hawaii.

Let the Superferry sail, do the EIS, continue to negotiate with all factions where necessary, and let's move forward.

Attempting to make progress in Hawaii is a bittersweet challenge and one that will never go away, but one well-worth taking if we truly believe we are a viable "player" and destination in the global village.

### Respectfully submitted,

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