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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:14 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Testimony in support of superferry bill

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

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions.

Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force.
(SD1)

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I, John Thorvaldson, support this bill which allows the Superferry to freely proceed and provide vital public service to tie out state together, while any required environmental study is being done.

Thank you, John Thorvaldson
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From: Tina McGill [tinamcgill@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:40 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: In Support of Hawaii Superferry

Chairs,

My name is Tina McGill. I am a Big Island resident since 1999 and I feel this state is in desperate need of this sort of inter-island transportation. I think that a small group of radical individuals are speaking loudest and are drowning out the voice of the majority of residents who are in support to the Superferry. Is this not a democracy? The Superferry should not have been given license to run and then have it taken away. The Superferry should be allowed to run and all necessary security should be provided at the cost of the state in order to give them safe passage. If an environmental study must be done it should be done quickly and not at the cost of the Superferry, they have lost enough money due to the state legislatures slow pace and incompetency.

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From: Fred Reynolds [fred@transpac-eng.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:21 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Fred Reynolds and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have business in Hawaii and I believe the Superferry is a significant benefit to the people of Hawaii. Please get the Superferry operating as soon as possible.

Regards,

Fred Reynolds

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From: John Harp [jharp2@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:28 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I am writing in full support of the Superferry. It will be in the majorities best interest to allow the Superferry to operate during the EIS.

My family and I have reservations for 11/8/07 to travel to Kauai for camping. We have our government permits and are set to go however the date is just next week and we intend to keep our money on the line for this. We have paid almost \$1000 for this trip. I have already requested a refund of my state permit fees in light of the approaching date. I have received a county camping permit in its place as our contingency plan.

We always respect the aina and will never bring back anything that belongs on Kauai including gathering shells, driftwood, rocks, fruit, plants, etc. We have these items here on Oahu already.

We are a native Hawaiian family with strong family ties on Kauai and this mode of transportation will allow my mother to travel with dignity as compared to the hardship of traveling via air in her limited condition. The family pet will also be spared the trauma of traveling by air and instead be allowed to remain in our vehicle.

This mode of transportation is long overdue for the people of Hawaii. Let's Go!

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From: Donica Stephenson - Hamakua Coast Realty, Inc. [Donica@hamakuacoast.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Donica Lynn Stephenson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I want an alternative to flying inter-island. This issue should have been dealt with before they spent millions of dollars and time on the ferry.

Donica Stephenson

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Mahalo Nui Loa,

Donica Stephenson, RA

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From: Inge Heyer [inge_heyer@yahoo.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Inge Heyer and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have been waiting for a long time to see an alternative to the current situation, where my only option to visit family and friends on Oahu is paying the airlines' asking prices (those \$19 fares are never available when you need them), and putting up with their luggage restrictions and hassles. I would like to take my car for the holidays, be able to cram it full of presents without having to pack them like raw eggs (have you seen the baggage handlers toss baggage lately?), and not have to rent a car, so I can go shopping in Honolulu for all the things I can't get on the Big Island, then pack my car full again and go back.

I am only planning on doing this once a year. And if I wasn't taking my own car I would have to borrow one, so either way I would contribute no more to the Honolulu traffic by using the Superferry. The only people losing here would be the car rental and/or taxi companies.

There are many things about this whole mess that don't make a lot of sense to me. If there were so many objections to the Superferry, why weren't those raised years ago when the service was first proposed?

In following the coverage of this debate, it seems that some groups with an agenda have chosen this critical time to sink the project. And they seem to be the same folks who oppose pretty much anything around here that anyhow relates to progress, innovation, and change. For that reason alone I find their motives suspicious.

Aside from that, I can't buy many of their arguments. How would the Superferry carry any more invasive species around the islands than the commercial shippers are doing already. And those are coming from the mainland as well, the Superferry will only travel interisland. And I don't believe for a minute that every shipping container going between the islands is being inspected. How did the Coqui frogs get around then?

If there are things that shouldn't be carried on the Superferry, make a list that everyone knows (just like the airlines and the Post Office are doing now). And as for my car carrying critters, I am proud to say that there has not been a single roach in my car. I do keep it squeaky clean, because I don't want any pests around my house either.

As for the whales, yes, the Superferry should have some reasonable speed limit, but then I'm assuming that such a speed limit already exists for ships in interisland waters. I don't see why the Superferry's should be different. Having whale spotters might not be a bad idea though.

I think it is time to put hysteria aside and think about this rationally. So many people will benefit from this alternative means of interisland transportation: folks like me visiting family and friends, farmers getting a wider market for their goods, car buyers being able to comparison shop all over the state, hopefully

companies bringing goods in cheaper from Oahu (or bringing in items not so far available on the neighbor islands).

And in the end, I think I would enjoy the ride on the ocean far more than sitting in a cramped airline seat barely able to move. I'll even happily help whale spotting.

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PS. This is *testimony just for the record*, I am not planning to submit in-person comments (can't afford the short-notice airfare).

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From: Molly Wilkinson [wilkinsor002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:28 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Superferry

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Please please get this thing resolved. It has given Hawaii an international black eye. It is embarrassing. The superferry will also be a great resource in the event of another disaster, such as a hurricane.

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From: Stephanie N. Iona [Stephanie.Iona@resortquesthawaii.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:29 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Attention: House Committee on Transportation and Finance

reference SB1, SD1 relating to transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Stephanie Iona and as a native Hawaiian and resident of Kauai I would like to add my support of the Hawaii Superferry.

I support this project as it offers another means of transportation between the islands that provides local residents an option to commute to see family, transport personal vehicles other than the barge system, and opens another door for farmers, livestock, to send their goods or animals.

For example, when the Farm Fair is on Oahu, or Rodeos, owners have a difficult time sending the horses or livestock over 12 hours on a barge. With the Ferry, the 3 hour transport would ensure their animals continued safety.

Your kind consideration is appreciated.

Stephanie N. Iona

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**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

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**Subject:** Superferry

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**SB 1, SD 1 Relating to transportation**

**Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,**

**My name is Nancy Shaffer Engelhardt and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.**

**I believe this mode of transportation will benefit all the people of Hawaii, both in personal and commercial activities.**

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**From:** Marta Harris [martababe@afakasi.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Marta Harris* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*The Superferry is needed here on the Island. It will be a financial benefit for all those traveling to different Island. My family would love to travel to neighboring island, but the expense of flying all the children and renting a car limits us tremendously. To move around freely to different islands in our own car is something we look very forward too.*

*Marta Harris*

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**From:** Gina Overton [ginaoverton@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:36 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Support HI Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gina M. Overton* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*The Superferry is going to unite our islands! It will benefit our local businesses, communities and families.*

***Gina M. Overton***

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**From:** Victorino, Ron at KCC [rvictorino@abinc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:10 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

My name is Ronald Louis Victorino, I reside at 262 Kamalu Road Kapaa, Hawaii 96766

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPER FERRY

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**From:** Sue Nako [suenako76@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:35 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Support Hawaii Superferry

Dear Sirs,

The reason I am in favor of the superferry is that it allows us an alternative to flying. I am sure that all of us have family on the other islands and having only the airlines as a means to visit them is "a monopoly." While we do have three airlines to choose from the method of travel is still the same....flying. The superferry would allow those of us who just cannot fly.....handicapped, a fearful of being "up in the air" or whatever the reason might be. It gives us a "choice" on how we want to travel to the other islands.

I definitely take offense to the comments being made by the residents of Kauai and Maui with regards to the "Oahu" residents bombarding their islands !!!!! We are supposed to be the "Aloha" state. Is it only for the tourist?

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.  
Sue Nako

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**From:** Terrence Byrne [terrence@terrencebyrne.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 9:59 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance -- Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Terrence Byrne of the Pacific Fleet Band and I support Hawaii Superferry.

I think the Hawaii Superferry provides a nice alternative for those of us looking for other options regarding travel to neighboring islands. With all the cargo ships and cruises that I see coming and going I really fail to see how the Superferry can impact the environment more than it is currently being impacted. If the Superferry is being required to submit to excessive environmental screening, for the sake of fairness and consistency I would suggest that all shipping companies utilizing the harbors in Hawaii be subject to the same treatment. I am not a long time resident, but I do think the Superferry is overdue. I may not be first in line but I do want to be able to use this service when the opportunity comes. Don't make that decision for me. I want the Superferry.

Terrence Byrne

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**From:** Lopez Family [lopezgangkauai@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:09 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

To whom it may concern : I "mike" miguel lopez fully support the super ferry because I truly believe we all deserve all choices available for inter-island travel . personally I want the choice of taking my car or not when visiting our daughter on oahu . ALSO I want ,NO I NEED, the services of certain auto machanics not here on kauai to keep my warrenty in force . PLEASE give SUPER FERRY a FAIR chance to stand and survive on it's own merrits . THANKS  
Mike

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**From:** Mcsepilot1@aol.com  
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**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

I want the Super Ferry to run between the islands. As a mainlander who owns property in Hawaii and votes with my taxes and vacation money. I want the ferry to run.

John Harrell  
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90012

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**From:** Susan R. Loewenhardt [kalopa@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:36 AM  
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**Subject:** In Support of the Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Please allow the SuperFerry to operate while the Environmental Assessment is being done. 20 years ago my husband and I used to ship our car between islands on Young Brothers all the time. No one then was looking for coqui frogs on the cars and in the produce between islands. They still aren't! No one is checking the commercial airlines either. The fact is no one is checking for invasive species between the island or products arriving from the mainland or foreign destinations. The same whales that are in Hawaii during the winter are in Alaska during the summer. The marine traffic up there is certainly a lot more taxing than it is in Hawaii but no one is hitting whales up there. These are smart whales. If the Dept of Ag had been checking for invasive species 50 years ago we would not have a lot of destructive things in the islands today. Remember the 120 day animal quarantine? There were people who smuggled in animals then and then boasted about it during the committee hearings.

Hawaii has a population of will over a million people now and we need this ferry system. Whatever rules you apply to the SuperFerry should also be applied to all cruise ships, freighters, private boats, barges, commercial and private airplanes.

With sincere aloha,

Susan Perry Loewenhardt

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**From:** Joe Karalius [jokeralice@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:35 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Concerned Citizen

My name is Joe Karalius and I live in Southern California. I support the Superferry if it can be sensitive to the uniqueness of the environment of the Hawaiian Islands. I agree that the service would be extremely valuable to the economy of Hawaii but it could also be the catalyst of irreversible catastrophic proportions with the lack of major controls. Liberal rules of transport or lack of effort to maintain constant overview, regardless of cost, would reverse my support of the enterprise. Growth without social responsibility should not be supported! Thanks for your honest consideration in this matter.

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**From:** deepa [deepa@konajoe.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:22 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** super ferry

My name is deepa Tiare Alban and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry I am the owner of one of the fastest growing coffee Companies in state of Hawaii. As a small business owner I know very well Hawaii is the most difficult state to do business in. As a native and resident of Hawaii, I am shamed at the behavior of the citizens opposing the super ferry operation, All those opposing super-ferry based on environmental concern are such hypocrites, what happen to their concern regarding the barges that are bringing their daily foods, the cars they drive, toilet paper they use, surf boards they use in protesting ... Such hypocrites in expressing their concern for the environment should not be using ANY things that is NOT 100 % made in Hawaii.

deepa Tiare Alban  
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**From:** Kathy Waracka [kathy@kailua-electric.com]  
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*Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:*

*My name is Katherine Waracka and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.*

*I feel that this is very important to our state. Families will be able to travel inter island and enjoy the islands. Also for the farmers for the islands. They will be able to travel to the farmer's market and sell their crops to everyone in Hawaii.*

*I believe that if this is stopped because of a few people Hawaii will again be looked at as a State that is unfriendly to businesses.*

Kathy Waracka

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**From:** Cindy Turner [Cindy@HotPixels.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:00 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Support the superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

We need an alternative to air travel between the islands. The ferry is "greener" than jet travel -- using 1/10 the fuel per passenger mile.

Sincerely,

Cindy Turner

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**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:16 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Larry S. Yamamoto* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kevin William English and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As an avid hiker and kayaker, the Superferry will be an invaluable resource for people like myself wanting to travel to interislands and enjoy the outdoors.

Currently, there is no way easy way to bring a kayak interisland. Outer islands rent kayaks for as much as \$100 per day and most give no kamaaina discount. These kayaks are often very worn and very low quality.

In addition, hikers and backpackers traveling interisland are not allowed to take cooking fuel on any airlines. They must purchase this fuel at their destination. Many hikers have had their stoves confiscated by airport security. I know one person whose \$250 stove was taken from his CHECKED bag. The explanation given to him was "you are not allowed to bring that." The stove was never returned to him. How are we supposed to go camping and backpacking interisland if we can't bring stoves?

The superferry offers a better alternative to people like myself who want to enjoy what our beautiful state has to offer. Please consider that many people will benefit from the Superferry's presences in this state when you vote on this issue.

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**From:** Mark Hubbard [markhubbard@hawaiiantel.net]  
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**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Hawaii Superferry

October 29, 2007

TO: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

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

SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mark Hubbard, an individual, and I support SB1, SD1 and Hawaii Superferry.

I am in favor of allowing the superferry to operate while an EIS is being done. While I continue to be in awe of the rhetoric and emotion that the superferry evokes, I find no scientific evidence that indicates that the superferry will increase the likelihood of environmental harm to the islands, particularly with the mitigation measures that the superferry already has in place such as whale lookouts, route adjustments, ag inspections, insisting on clean vehicles, etc.

It does seem logical that the speed of the ferry could increase the likelihood of whale strikes. Yet, with mitigating measures, whether this possible increase in likelihood is significant or not does not seem to be known at this time. While unscientific, I might ask how many of the hundreds of pleasure or fishing craft in the water every day have ever struck a whale. If there have been boat strikes (I have heard of a few), what % of boating hours is this? Was speed involved in any of these strikes? Would the number of strikes increase with speed? I have been a fisherman and boater for over twenty years on Maui and Kaua`i, and in that time have never struck a whale. I did travel at 20+ knot speeds for considerable time in areas frequented by whales. The one time I did come close to a whale, the boat was not moving and the whale came close to the boat on its own accord.

Good Luck in your deliberations. Thank you.

Aloha,

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**From:** WALLY JAYNES [wallyjaynes@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:08 AM  
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**Subject:** Our Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Harold Wallace Jaynes and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

I respectfully request that you enact legislature that will permit the Alikai to operate its normal schedule while environmental criteria is being gathered. It is not the American way to condemn an idea on conjecture. "Innocent until proven guilty" should be the rational used until all information has been gathered.

If the environmental studies prove that undesirable effects are inherent to the Super ferry operations, then and only then should remedial action be taken. If the same knee jerk actions are taken on other projects without constructive investigations in place, Hawaii will lose its credibility as a civil and sensible place to do business.

Put the Super ferry to work, observe it's everyday effects on our island life and make adjustments as necessary, by observation and completing the environmental studies that are deemed prudent.  
Mahalo for your considerations,

Harold Wallace Jaynes

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**From:** Jay T-W [bucknelljay@gmail.com]  
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jay Thompson-Westra and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The SuperFerry will allow visitors and residents an easy way to access and travel between the Hawaiian Islands. It is a great alternative to air travel, which is loud and polluting. Travellers will also enjoy being on the water instead of stuck inside a plane. Traffic and environmental effects should certainly be considered, but should not keep the ferry from operating. I believe the Superferry should be responsible for mitigating its environmental effects. Challenges and obstacles are part of any new business, but they can be overcome with determination and science. The SuperFerry should be allowed to operate in order to give residents and guests to the islands alternative means of transportation. Relying on one form of transportation is unwise given the changing nature of the global climate and international politics. The Superferry will be a valuable addition to the Hawaiian infrastructure.

*Jay Thompson-Westra*

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**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry--Let it Sail

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Val Piliaria from Kauai* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I believe the Super Ferry should have the same rights as the cruise ships and the barges that come in to port here on **Kauai**.*

*I feel it will be good for the local people to visit ohana on the neighbor islands and bring their cars. I have a Volkswagen and there are no authorized repair shops on **Kauai** so I personally was looking forward to getting my car serviced as well as the recalls taken care of at Cutter in Oahu.*

*The people who are opposed to the Super Ferry due to possible increase in drugs coming here are mislead as the drugs have been finding their way here for a very long time. They could easily come in on the barges and cruise ships too. The recent stow away kitten that came on a Costco container is a case in point!*

*Have the same rules for all or not at all.*

*Let the Super Ferry sail!*

*Val Piliaria*

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**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Aloha,

My name is Gloria Affigne. I reside in the Waialae Nui area on Oahu, and I strongly support the Superferry. I just returned from 6 days in Kona and during that time, 5 different cruise ships were moored in the bay and discharging passengers, none of whom were local. Local people need the Superferry. This is not about support for a business. This is about uniting our Island community and not leaving us at the mercy of airlines and the inter-island shippers. All of the residents I spoke with in Kona were in favor of the Superferry. I fear that a very vocal minority (mostly on Kauai), financed by Young Brothers and the airlines are screaming "environment" while ignoring the many benefits that the Superferry will bring to the residents of our State, and not just the tourists. We deserve an alternative. Thank you.

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**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** let the ferry operate

I would like to say, let the superferry operate, if there is future issues address them at that time. We should petition the airlines for air quality checks and require Young Brothers to vehicle foliage checks and connect outer island problems to their lack of awareness to the environment. Let the majority of Hawaii consumers decide the fate of the superferry, if it works good and if it doesn't good too, the people will have spoken. Unlock the red tape. Lawmakers listen and hear your true constituents. Aloha Andy Dung

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**From:** Richard Bailey [bailey48@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:50 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

My name is Yvonne L .Bailey and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.  
It would be good for the Hawaii people and for tourist .If a cruise ship can come in the Islands why not the superferry, It was built with the up most care for the Islands. Have visited the island many time on cruises and land trips . I believe it would benefit the island and its people

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*Yvonne L. Bailey*

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**From:** Venus\_Abihai/CAMPBELL/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:34 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Venus Mae Abihai and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As I stated before, as an employee of the DOE, the Superferry would be an alternate and excellent form of transportation for high school team sports which hold tournaments on the outer islands.

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**From:** Lui-Kwan, Benedict [bluikwan@honolulu.gov]  
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My name is Benedict K. Lui-Kwan and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry because it offers an alternative form of transportation between the Hawaiian Islands. The advantage of having the Hawaii Superferry is that it offers the ability to transport people, equipment and vehicles between the islands for individuals, groups, business, agriculture, education, sports and disaster emergencies. I am sure there are many other advantages not mentioned here.

Benedict K. Lui-Kwan

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**From:** Neil Olsen [olsen1929@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:58 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Fwd: Maui Super ferry meeting 10-22-2007

I attended the Super ferry meeting on Maui and registered to address the senators in favor of allowing the operation during EIS. Unfortunately the loud, rude, group assembled in opposition to the ferry continued their yelling, shouting tactics interrupting all the speakers in favor of operating during EIS. After several hours of listening and observing this out of control circus, I left in disgust - unheard.

All the polls confirm overwhelming support for the Super ferry.  
Please do not allow this obnoxious minority, who repeatedly threatened to break the law and interfere with harbor operations should they not get their way, intimidate you.

I was aboard the maiden cruise from Maui to Honolulu and actually had to call the police department in order to locate the loading area as there was absolutely no traffic or signs of unusual activity to guide me. Departing the ship in Honolulu was equally trouble free.

We are an island state and to be connected by aircraft only is absurd, my company provides airport transfer services at OGG and the lack of adequate parking is impacting arriving travelers in a very negative way. The Super ferry should be allowed to operate during EIS if for no other reason to simply relieve the strain on our airports.

Now is the time for political courage.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kekoa Ornellas and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I support the Superferry as an alternative means to enjoy the beauty of Hawaii while positively contributing to the economy of our state. I also hold firm that the Superferry be allowed to operate while the EIS is conducted. If the Superferry is not allowed to operate, I would ask that all other harbor users and transportation providers be subject to the same EIS. Also, Oahu has been bearing the brunt of economic impact as the hub for many of the goods, services and population (transient and permanent) that flow into the state. In doing so, we have sacrificed our natural resources and endure congested freeways for the good of the state in many ways. It is therefore unfair that we be categorized as "scum" and "criminal element" as I have heard us portrayed in the media, in particularly by Councilwoman Michelle Anderson of Maui (Honolulu Advertiser, Monday, September 17, 2007) who said she did not want Oahu's "criminal element" coming to Maui via the Superferry.*

*Respectfully yours,*

*Kekoa Ornellas*

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**From:** John Junk [jjunk@jwii.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:10 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** SB 1, SD 1 Relating to Transportation

**Importance:** High

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John F. Junk and I STRONGLY support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry provides many advantages for all the people of Hawaii. The general public and business, small to large, now have an alternate means of transportation to all neighbor islands.

For me personally, the ability to travel inter-island with my own vehicle is tremendous. I have discussed with my wife and family our willingness to traveling to Kauai for family functions and all are excited. Before the Hawaii Superferry any function on the neighbor islands was very expensive and cost prohibitive. This has now changed with the sailing of the Hawaii Superferry.

I know of many businesses that I've talked to that would use the Hawaii Superferry on a very regular basis. It would improve their ability of doing business on all our islands.

I urge you to approve legislation to allow the Hawaii Superferry to continue in operation.

John F. Junk

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**From:** LINA SALVADOR [lsalvador@queens.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:44 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT SUPERFERRY

I'm in favor of the Superferry because we need another means of transport to the neighbor islands besides flying. Sometimes I don't like to fly due to fear of heights, but if given the choice to take the Superferry that would be great! People should be given the choice whether to ride the plane or Superferry.

Thanks for considering my opinion!

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**From:** J. Gregory Wilson [jgw@jgregorywilson.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:38 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT SUPERFERRY!

I've heard arguments pro and con, and I conclude that the Superferry should move ahead.

Please do whatever is reasonably and legally necessary to accomplish this goal. Thanks.

**Gregory**

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**From:** Mark Gavin [mark@gavinwood.biz]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:17 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Interisland ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Please support this bill to allow the ferry to move forward, so we can have a more affordable transportation option between the islands.

Sincerely,

Mark Gavin

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**From:** Lucy Mossman [LucyMossman@LucyMossman.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:12 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORTING THE SUPPER FERRY.

I SUPPORT THE SUPPERFERRY FOR THE REASONS LISTED BELOW:

THE TOURIST INDUSTRY WILL THRIVE, ENJOYING THE SCENERY.  
THE JET'S OF PLANES ARE POLLUTANTS THAT I AM AGAINST.  
HAVING ANOTHER OPTION TO TRAVEL FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND  
THE ABILITY TO TRANSPORT MY BUSINESS FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND, I.E. LANDSCAPING  
COMPANY.

I DO INSIST THAT THE SUPPERFERRY ENFORCE THE T.S.A. TO CHECK PASSENGERS FOR  
ILLEGAL DRUGS, COQUI FROGS, AND TERRORIST. etc.

THANK YOU  
LUCY MOSSMAN

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**From:** BERNARD NAEA JR [dnaea@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:14 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** I Strongly Support the Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Delores D. Naea and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I have lived on Kauai for almost 29 years and my husband was born and raised on Kauai being of Hawaiian decent. We have always paid more for just about everything we own. Due to the high and now higher cost of freight, it is not going to improve.*

*Those on Maui, Oahu and the Hawaii have never had to tolerate the higher cost of everything as on Kauai. The Superferry is an answer to all of our wants and needs. I also own and operate my own window covering business. Many mistakes are made and can be easily remedied with the help of the Superferry. I also have never been able to purchase all of the related items to better help my business due to the now limited luggage on the airlines. Again freight is an issue.*

*For personal wants and needs, simple things like furniture and the ability to complete my recently built home. Every thing we have attempted to purchase is always a challenge. Hoping the items we ordered are correct and when they arrive 3 to 4 months later and there is an error, well, you can just imagine the frustration and not to mention the out of pocket at the onset.*

*Please allow us the privilege of partaking of the Superferry. The protesters are not speaking for me. I don't understand why the Superferry is an environmental issue with the now daily arrivals of cruise liners coming to Kauai. What's the difference? A study has already been made at Nawiliwili Harbor and found no environmental issues due to the daily cruise liners. How could the Superferry be any different. Whales have the best sonar in the world and know how to avoid on coming traffic.*

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jon Emerson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*The Superferry will help business though out the island. My business is going to be very dependent on the Superferry running. These small groups opposing the Superferry are making something that can help the people of Hawaii into something that is not necessary. Invasive plants? This is a waist of tax payers' money.*

*Jon Emerson  
3429 James Street*

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**From:** krpnapa [krpnapa@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:10 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

**To whom it may concern:**

**We lived in Waimanalo for more than eight years. During that time we made many trips to the outer Islands and always remarked how nice it would be to have Ferry Service like many of the places that we have visited. We have used the Ferry in the Pacific Northwest, Italy, Greece, Australia and Tahiti. We would be very pleased to have this available in Hawaii and would certainly make use of it during our yearly trip to the Islands.**

**It would be an unbelievable advantage for the local population and for Tourists as well. Don't let a few people destroy that dream.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Keith and Regina Poehlmann-----formerly of Waimanalo  
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**From:** Aguiar, Lionel [lionel.aguiar@twcable.com]  
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**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Supper Ferry

I am very much for the Supper Ferry. I feel that it affords the people of Hawaii an alternate means of travel to the outer islands. It would also create a means for outer island businesses to transport goods to Oahu. If a disaster would occur on an outer island Oahu could send equipment and manpower a lot faster than on Young Brothers. I also feel that the majority of the people in the state want the Supper Ferry and a minority don't. The senate should respect the wishes of the majority and let the Supper Ferry continue to service the islands while the environmental impact study is being done. Remember who voted to put you all in office.

Concerned citizen and voter,

Lionel Aguiar

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Aloha...Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Mahalo,  
Kamelamela & Schilling Ohana

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**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerryTestimony

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 *Jean D. Takaki*, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*To me this superferry would benefit many of the people of the outer islands, insofar as traveling to and from Honolulu to visit specialist doctors, do business, etc. With the way the air fares have been going, we don't know from one day to the next what it will cost us to travel by plane. Add to that car rentals (where necessary). I just believe that it would be a good thing to have the superferry service our islan*

*Sincerely,*

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**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony

**Importance:** High

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 Roselani Oga and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii needs to keep the Ferry. I don't see why they have to be singled out for an EIS when you have hundreds of other vessels from around the world coming to Hawaii on a regular basis and using our harbors. It doesn't make sense.

As far as the whale issue, I truly believe that the SuperFerry does NOT want to ever hit a whale or calf! I think they will take every precaution to prevent such an accident. That would be common sense.

I'm so tired of seeing the minority in the headlines of the media. Don't they realize they are protesting against their own fellow islanders going to and from? It's so sad that there is a small group of people who will protest every single thing that comes along. It's not only sad...it's irritating and ignorant. They need to open their minds and look at the bigger picture. This Ferry could do so much in bringing our island families closer.

I hope you will do what is right and support the majority of us who want the Ferry. Wouldn't it be nice to load up the kids and the car and take a cruise to another island? YES IT WOULD!!!

**Roselani Oga**

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**From:** Bob Hampton [bob@waikikibeachactivities.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:00 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Superferry Hearing

Aloha House Committees and Members:

If Superferry shareholders are to see the return of their investment, pay operational overhead, and maybe make a profit, the Superferry will have to do so according to its own business plan. Any more obstacles put in its way by the legislature will only increase the damages that may have to be paid by the state of Hawaii (taxpayers) if there is a law suit or a settlement. Plus we all want this valuable state asset to be successful.

Why would the Superferry folks even bother trying to make it work if they have to submit to unreasonable demands. It appears to many that Superferry already has a slam dunk case against the state of Hawaii for 'detrimental reliance.'

If the Superferry sees to many obstructions created by Hawaii's government then it can move its \$300 Million asset to another state where the ferry is wanted and needed. After that move, the Superferry will probably seek repayment of its losses (damages) from Hawaii's taxpayers. Past experience proves that this form of law suit will most likely succeed or lead to a hefty settlement.

To prevent this catastrophe from getting worse, the legislature should immediately back the governor's efforts to make Superferry whole by getting them into business now, unfettered by business killing obstacles and let Superferry prove themselves as environmentally sound.

Aloha,

Bob Hampton

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**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:11 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** SuperFerry testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Daniel Weyant* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*1. The citizens and visitors will greatly benefit from having more OPTIONS for inter-island transport - Not everything fits on a 737 !*

Dan Weyant

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**From:** Al & Pam Honbo [hkaneohe.rc@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:16 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** SB1, SD1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

We strongly support the Hawaii Superferry as an alternative means to travel inter-island.

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**From:** tpcohan@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:47 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Hawai Superferry-note of support

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 Tim Cohan and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I was peripherally involved with evaluating HSF and was impressed with the substantial amount of work (environmental studies, economic feasibility studies, etc) that the company did prior to making the investment. Clearly the State of Hawaii got comfortable that all the necessary work was completed as they committed \$40,000,000 to the project. The U.S. Government provided over \$100,000,000 of Title XI financing which requires a very rigorous process so they too got comfortable with HSF. It now seems that a very vocal minority is depriving the people of Hawaii of the substantial benefits of HSF.

One question that I am perplexed by is why other larger vessels currently operating in the Hawaiian waters that have a substantially larger "footprint" than HSF are not subject to this level of scrutiny and how they can remain in operation? Apparently just the new entrant is subject to yet another EIS?

I urge you to move forward and approve HSF for full operation as soon as possible as the majority of the Hawaiian people recognize the substantial lifestyle and economic benefits that the Hawaii Superferry will provide.

Respectfully, Tim Cohan

Tim Cohan  
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**From:** Bruce Ames [amesb001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:10 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Superferry in Hawaii

Dear Representatives,

Please allow the Superferry to begin normal business routes.

The restrictions proposed on the Superferry are unfair, other ocean vessels in Hawaii do not have to comply with the same proposed restrictions!

**The Pacific Ocean is a very large water mass, there is room for the Superferry and other ocean creatures.** There are Superferries world wide, let Hawaii move forward into the new century with style and grace.

***Recently, I visited the mainland USA and the news coverage of the Superferry fiasco was embarassing to view on television and to read in the newspapers.***

***Comments*** regarding the Superferry on the mainland news media recently, were that the ***Hawaii law makers are dishonest individuals not allowing honest business***, ventures in Hawaii to move forward!

***The news information reported was that Hawaii's elected law makers are not up to the national standard business practices, having a "small town" mentality with antiquated views regarding healthy business practices.***

Please move us forward, all the citizens of Hawaii need alternative means of transportation. We can still protect our environment and move effectively into the future.

This problem needs to be repaired and we must move forward.

Thank you for reading my letter regarding the Superferry.  
Hopefully, I will ride the Superferry visiting my family members on the outer islands, very, very soon.

Sincerely,  
S. Ames  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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**From:** DRG [psalm45@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:35 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Super Ferry

I was reading the newspaper over the week-end and I was not surprised by the "green & environmentalists" enthusiastic pressure upon the congress; and the WEAK-KNEE'D EUNUCHS gave-in.

Congress: sucks more tail than a pervert.

DON'T KILL THE FERRY PROJECT..... WHALES AREN'T DEAF..... TELL THEM YOUR COMING.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL THE PROJECT ..... LEAVE NOTHING FOR THE FUTURE.... KILL IT TOTALLY!

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**From:** haroldgallagher@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:37 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony-Support the 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 Harold Gallagher and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

1. It will be a modern mode of mass transportation which will reduce pollution.
2. It will increase commerce and jobs.
3. It will enable low income residents to travel Inter-Island.

The people fighting this are ignorant they do not want Hawaii to change but there is nothing as constant as change.

Get this approved for the State of Hawaii

Mahalo--

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**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:40 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** SB1 SD1

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

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My name is Carey Owen. I am longtime resident and small business owner on Maui. I fully support the Super Ferry and hope that you will give residents and visitors the opportunity to try another method of transportation. Please don't let a minority group of outspoken individuals prevent the rest of us from having travel options. We are sending the wrong message to the world that Hawaii is anti-business and close-minded. I trust you will ensure the safety of the marine life and the environment with reasonable restrictions on the Super Ferry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Michael Spain and I, Samantha Spain strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*Not only is this whole ordeal an embarrassment to Hawaii and our tourist industry – we need these types of companies to grow and support other activities and programs from the monies generated. If we want to be competitive with the rest of the US, we need to step up to the plate and take action, rather than sit back and let a small group destroy our economy. What next – do we get rid of the cruise ship? Same concept?*

**Samantha Spain**

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**Subject:** House Committee on Transportation Hearings

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Richard Green and I strongly support the operation of the Hawaii Superferry.

*As a member of the silent majority in this state, I strongly believe the citizens of this state deserve an alternative mode of transportation. This kind of service, namely the Hawaii Superferry, is an old and established means of transportation, which has been used around the world for many, many years. Every major city in the world, which has long stretches of water as an obstacle use a ferry service to provide an effective, efficient, safe, and low cost means to move people and vehicles. I see no reason why the citizens of the State of Hawaii should be denied this option. I urge this committee to allow the Hawaii Superferry to start operating immediately.*

Richard R Green

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**From:** Bob C [bobc@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:44 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Fw: Super Ferry Testimony

**ATTN:** House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance  
**DATE:** Monday, October 29, 2007  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Please allow the Super Ferry inter-island service to operate while an environmental impact statement is being conducted.

We need this service for Hawaii. We move cargo and people between our islands everyday, it's nothing new. The Super Ferry is not as fast as a plane, and not as slow as a barge. It travels at a rate that makes it a viable option for people who want to use its service. The whales are not here all year long, and when they are, human compassion will dictate that the Super Ferry will make accommodations. As with any new viable business, the Super Ferry will make improvements and adjustments to remain in good standing with Hawaii residents, tourist passengers, etc.

The polls indicate we, who want the Super Ferry to continue in operation, are the majority of Hawaii residents. We have the right to visit the other islands, and the Super Ferry is the most convenient way to accomplish this, unless you're in a rush.

There are too many reasons to list why the Super Ferry is needed in Hawaii, in this testimony. But, the handicapped woman who gave testimony on Kauai (and was shown in TV coverage) is a prime example, where special needs people, need the Super Ferry to travel between islands.

For years you would go to the airport and see family and friends dragging around a large cooler to take special food and goodies to their loved ones and friends. That's part of who we are here in Hawaii. It was difficult to do this with the airlines, and now the airlines have made it almost impossible. With the Super Ferry it will be some much easier, to share with family and friends.

People worry about traffic congestion. Well, for vehicles who are going to the outer islands on the ferry, there are vehicles coming back on the ferry. Maui and Kauai already have a traffic problems. The Super Ferry will bring more revenue to these islands that can be used to justify improving their road systems. Might we need less rental cars on all the islands because there are incentives to rent a car on one island and transport it by ferry when the renter visits another island, etc.?

The Super Ferry is one of the best things that has come to Hawaii. Let's not loose it because of what-if thinking. The next disaster that will unfortunately hit Hawaii, will prove how indispensable the Super Ferry is to Hawaii, if we give it a chance.

Thank You for taking the time to read my testimony.

Much Aloha,

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**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** super ferry testimony

I still do not understand what the problem is.

So far what I heard there were two guys that posed as officers and changed locks to gates and would not allow the passengers to go anywhere.

WOW, two people to stop the super ferry, thank God they were arrested. So lets see 2 against to like 20 for the supper ferry. You do the math.

Anastasia LaFata

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**From:** Gerry Hakkert [ghakkert@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:00 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is **Gerry J W Hakkert** and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will be a great addition to the people of Hawaii as well as the tourists. I will be a lucrative business where all the people of the State of Hawaii will benefit. It will give a lot of people a job and they will become active members of the tax paying base of the State.

Please approve the operation of the Superferry and let it start sailing as soon as possible.

Mahalo nui loa.

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**From:** Wendie Rhody [wicked.wanda@hawaiiantel.net]  
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**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wendie Rhody and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like an alternative to travel between the islands, and I like the idea of being able to see the islands from the ocean again. I used to ride on SeaFlite and loved it. I think it would be great to be able to send my own car and not have the expense of renting or getting taxi's.

There are ships that come into Maui every week from the mainland bringing cars by the hundreds and I don't see anyone protesting these. My friend shipped a car from San Diego to Kahului without problem and when my daughter moved to Las Vegas to attend UNLV we used the same method and not once do I remember any inspections or protesters.

I feel that among the people that don't want the Superferry are the airlines, car rental companys and the inter-island shipping concerns and they are pleased that there is a vocal minority supporting them and the stoppage of the ferry. I would be very happy to be able to take my crafts to the swap meet on Oahu and be able to load everything in my vehicle, it is impossible to do this with the airlines etc.

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**From:** Lipatint@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:07 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** ferry

I'm a supporter of the superferry. And I know that with all the boats, cruise lines, importers to OUR islands, I can't see what the fuss is about. To me it's a "stay off our island with your cars" issue. Well...last I heard we and all the islands of Hawaii are one state. I beg you to use common sense and let the sails be risen on the Hawaii superferry.  
aloha

J.B. Waikiki, Hawaii

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**From:** Frank Hublar [hokuiki@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:38 AM  
**To:** hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our name is Frank and Caryl Hublar and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry service. We think the ferry would be good for all the islands. Would be very nice to have an alternative mode of travel, immediately, and not have to wait 20 or 30 years for all the studies. We don't have 20 or 30 years to wait.

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**From:** Charles and Barbara Helsley [helsleyc001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:46 AM  
**To:** hswrittenonlysbtestimony  
**Subject:** Supper ferry

Hawaii would be deeply remiss if it did not encourage the Super ferry to operate.

We have long suffered because we are a set of islands that are not connected by a good transportation system. Air lines can get people between islands but generally at a cost that is prohibitive for a family. Goods either have to go by barge or by expensive air freight.

We need a modern alternative to airplanes or barges and this is the Super ferry. Ferry systems are in use in most other island groups for example Greece, Fiji, Samoa, and the Society islands. Surely we can add ourselves to this list.

If we are worried about improper transport of goods between islands, then it is the responsibility of the State to provide adequate safeguards for this means of transport, just like it now does for air transport. We cannot single out the Super ferry to apply regulations that would limit commerce between the counties.

As to whales, there is technology that allows for identification of whales that could be applied, but I would think it unnecessary. What are the real issues - not the imaginary one? Let the ferry operate and we will learn what is real vs. imaginary.

Re speed, many vessels operate at 20 or more knots and we do not regulate them. If the Super ferry can be shown by experience to be a hazard to the environment then apply the necessary restrictions. But if the problems are all imaginary then we should let them operate just as we let others operate.

Please, use your power as lawmakers to right the wrong that has been done. Allow the Super ferry to operate while the environmental assessment is completed. If restrictions are necessary, apply them when it can be shown they are needed after we have real information available to make appropriate adjustments.

Sincerely

Charles E. Helsley