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From: Sean Lester [seanlester@ieee.org]
Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2007 8:35 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Cc: Rep. Hermina Morita; Rep. Mele Carroll; Sen. Shan Tsutsui; Sen. J. Kalani English; Rep. Angus McKelvey
Subject: sp1,sd1 testimony for Monday October 29th meeting of Committee on Transportation and Committee on Finance
Importance: High
Attachments: Letter to Legislature on hi speed ferry accident with whale10-07.doc

Please give to

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, October 29,
2007
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Auditorium
State Capitol
415 South Beretania
Street

A G E N D A

SB 1, SD 1

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Relating to SB1,SD1, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

I will not be at the capitol in person.

Testimony against Bill as written, and request for modification of bill

Sunday, October 28, 2007

Aloha Chairpersons and Members,

Attached you will find articles relating to the danger of hi speed ferries and whales. The Hawaii high speed Superferry is an accident waiting to happen, and we as a state are being asked to immediately bypass any real review before it goes into full service.

The Superferry HAS NOT answered in any way the catastrophic possibility of the same scenario happening here. They will simply be going too fast for a deckhand with binoculars to spot anything. I am a licensed professional mechanical engineer, with 6 years of service in the United States Navy, 4 of those years at sea. I know what I am stating.

Think of the consequences to our tourist industry as well as the health and safety of our citizens.

WE MUST HAVE A DECREASE IN THE SPEED OF ANY FERRY TO 13 KNOTS OR LESS TO INSURE NO-ONE WILL BE INJURED OR KILLED.

MY POSITION: Please honor the Court's decision to require an Environmental Review of the HDOT Harbor project BEFORE allowing the Superferry to operate. If you pass this bill, please include the 29 conditions proposed by the Maui delegation (based on the court testimony during the recent trial.)

As in any business, the risks must not be too great.

Please read the following articles carefully.

UPDATE: 88 hurt; 36 hospitalized; 12 seriously

See also:

Japanese jet ferry hits whale, 11 passengers hurt
Ferry again hits whale off Kyushu <==4th collision
Fukuoka-Busan ferry service foiled by whale collisions

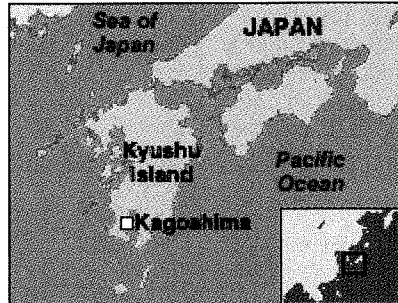
BBC REPORT Last Updated: Sunday, 9 April 2006,

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/4893370.stm>

Japanese ferry runs into 'whale'

A high-speed Japanese ferry has collided with what is thought to be a whale, leaving 49 people injured - 13 in a serious condition.

The two-deck ferry, carrying more than 100 passengers and crew, was near the city of Kagoshima on the southern island of Kyushu when it happened.



The Coast Guard said it received a distress call from the boat shortly after 1800 local time (0900 GMT).

Ships in the area often collide with whales, a ferry company spokesman said.

Seven of the most seriously injured passengers have been taken back to land by rescue boat, a coast guard official said.

He said the other passengers remained on the ferry, which was not in danger of sinking.

Ferry spokesman Yukinori Chosa said the impact caused many people to fall over and hit their backs.

The ferry is now unable to move on its own and will have to be towed back to port, he told the AFP news agency.

Officials believe the boat collided with a whale or another large sea animal.

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Rescue workers carry out an injured passenger

from the Topy-4 ferry (behind R) at Yamakawa port in Ibusuki, southern Japan April 9, 2006. The ferry, with 109 passengers and crew members aboard, collided with an unidentified object, possibly a whale, in waters off Kagoshima Prefecture on Sunday evening, leaving 49 passengers injured, 13 of them seriously, local media reported. /Kyodo

Japanese ferry strikes object, perhaps a whale; 93 aboard hurt

Knight Ridder News Service

Article Last Updated: 04/11/2006

Source: http://www.sltrib.com/nationworld/ci_3696726

KAGOSHIMA, Japan - More than 90 people were injured when a hydrofoil hit an unidentified marine object off Cape Sata on Sunday, a Japan Coast Guard spokesman said.

According to the 10th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters in Kagoshima, 88 of the 109 passengers and five of the six crew members on the high-speed ferry Topy 4 were hurt. Of those, 12 were seriously injured. Thirty-six, including some crew members, were hospitalized.

Coast Guard officials started Monday morning inspecting the water around the accident site and are expected to question Koichi Akase, the ferry's captain, who was hospitalized.

According to a spokesman at Kagoshima Shosen, which operates the ferry, **Topy was cruising near its maximum speed of 50 mph** at the time of the accident.

"Something hit the hydrofoil's port stern quarter, and the boat plunged forward," Akase was quoted by the spokesman as saying. **"There was no driftwood in sight, so I think it's highly likely that Topy hit some kind of marine creature like a whale."**

The coast guard dispatched six patrol vessels and two helicopters after it received an emergency call from a passenger on board Topy at about 6 p.m. Sunday. The 12 seriously injured people and infants were transferred from the ferry to two patrol boats. The two boats arrived in Ibusuki by 9:50 that evening.

The patrol ship Sendai towed Topy, which was unable to continue under its own power, and the remaining 85 passengers on board reached Yamagawa Port in Ibusuki at 11:30 p.m.

Four Topy ferries ply the route that connects Kagoshima, Tanegashima island and Yakushima island 13 times daily. Kagoshima Shosen began operating the service in 1989.

The ferry has a hydrofoil at its bow and stern that lift the boat's hull above the surface of the water. Though **the boat is equipped with an underwater speaker that emits a sound whales are supposed to dislike, it is not effective against all kinds of whales.**

High-speed ferry service foiled by whale collisions

March 27, 2006 http://www.travelservice.net/travelpage/ubb-bin/ultimatebb.cgi?ubb=get_topic&f=14&t=000269

NAGASAKI, -- High-speed hydrofoil ships ferrying passengers between Fukuoka and Busan, South Korea are increasingly running into whales near the Tsushima Strait -- a problem some fear will put them out of business.

The operators of the ships are trying to pinpoint the exact cause of the accidents, but some experts say they may be unavoidable.

Some say the collisions are caused when whales rapidly surface from deep water; others say females raising calves can't avoid the fast-moving ships.

The international ferry service is jointly run by Kyushu Railway Co. (JR Kyushu) and South Korea's Miraejet Co. The companies make five round trips a day.

"Jetfoil" boats have hydrofoils mounted in the front and back that allow them to skim the waves at more than 80 kph as their hulls float 2 meters above the surface.

According to JR Kyushu, there have been six collisions involving jetfoils since December 2004 -- four this year alone.

In South Korea, about 30 people were injured when the Kobee, a high-speed boat, was apparently hit by a whale.

Tsutomu Tamura, head of the Ecosystem Section at the Institute of Cetacean Research, said beaked whales feed deep in the sea and may have failed to dodge the boats when they came to the surface for air.

Akira Takemura, a professor at the Faculty of Fisheries, Nagasaki University, said **the frequency of collisions in the spring is something the companies should pay attention to.**

"Spring is the time when humpback whales that have raised their calves in waters near Okinawa and Taiwan travel north through the Tsushima Strait," he said. "It is possible that humpback whales traveling with calves, which move relatively slowly, may have collided with the boats."

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From: Steve Morgan [stevenmorgan@msn.com]
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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Superferry Support

To Whom IT May Concern:

My wife and I travel to and between the islands frequently. We would appreciate more options when traveling between the islands. For this reason we support the Superferry.

Thank you for your support,

Steve & Zoila Morgan
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Subject: Save the super ferry.

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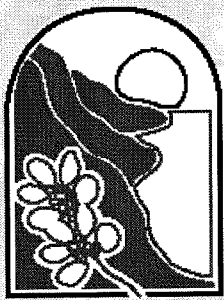
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DEAR SIRs,

PLEASE SAVE OUR SUPERFERRY IT'S THE BEST THING IN THE WORLD. JUST THINK HAWAII WILL HAVE MOVE PEOPLE FORM THE MAINLAND, JAPAN. JUST TO SEE OR RIDE THE SUPERFERRY. YOU SEE THOSE PEOPLE THAT WILL RAN THE SUPERFERRY WILL SAVE MONEY IN REANING CARS ON THE OUTER ISLANDS. EVEN TAKE IN THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW THAT CAN ONLY BE SEEN FROM THE OCEAN. GOING BY AIR IS GREAT ALSO. BUT IT'S NOT THE SAME. OLEASE I WOULD LOVE TO RIDE THE SUPERFERRY. SO ONCE AGAIN PLEASE SAVE THE SUPERFERRY.

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KAUA'I

*Chamber
of
Commerce*

October 29, 2007

House of Representatives, State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Honorable Representatives:

Rep., Joseph M. Souki, Chair, Committee on Transportation

Rep., Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, Committee on Finance

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

RE: SB 1, SD 1: Relating to Transportation

Dear Representatives:

On behalf of the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce, which comprises of 87% small business, 423 member businesses and organizations and, over 650 representatives, we are submitting our **support for this legislation** that will allow an Inter-island Ferry to operate while an Environmental Impact State is performed by the Department of Transportation.

We also offer to have member(s) from the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce to serve voluntarily on the Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force to ensure that the intent of this legislation is met and, provide the business input and oversight as will be required. Furthermore, as many of our members and even non-members from the business community will benefit such as farmers and especially small businesses, as a chamber, we strongly believe that this is an important and historic time for the business community to continue to take an active and leadership role in ensuring that businesses not only continue to remain and be successful on Kaua'i but, throughout the state. A key role is by this chamber being involved in the dialogue, process, and oversight of this important legislation that is intended to not only protect our physical environment but, also support and encourage a positive and successful business environment.

Thank you for taking the time to receive input from constituents from throughout the state.

Sincerely yours,

Randall Francisco
President

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From: lcruz [palolo@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:54 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Testimony on Senate Bill 1, Senate Draft 1

Aloha members of the House Committee on Transportation and Committee on Finance,

My name is Lynette Cruz. I teach at Hawaii Pacific University in the anthropology program. Every semester I take my students for a short walk to the State Capitol and try to give them a sense of how government works. We discuss problems of social justice and how government can help mediate and/or resolve social justice issues.

I'm trying to give them the idea that the people's voice makes a difference, and that government should be responsive to the people's voice. Otherwise, why bother to participate?

In class we've looked at the Superferry issue. On the face of it, it seems fairly clear in terms of resolution. The law provides a way for businesses and organizations to interact with government. Government acts on behalf of the people. The process is clear. But special interests seem to have the ability to sidestep that process. And then government, somehow, begins to act in the interest of businesses and/or organizations, despite what the people say they want. Government begins to make decisions despite the people, or as if it 'knows better', effectively silencing the voice that I, in my capacity as teacher, try to get my students to believe is paramount to running good, clean, effective government. I've been telling them that their 'voice' guarantees fairness, justice, and good government.

I think that if the legislators of this state stop listening to the people's voice, then perhaps it's time that I stop talking about people's empowerment through participation, and start talking about how it doesn't work, and why they shouldn't participate.

If legislators don't listen to the voice of the ordinary person, and the legal process doesn't work for us, then I'd best be shifting my approach and getting them ready to recognize that the democratic system is only as good as money, via big business and special interests, can buy.

Do the right thing. Stick to the process. Demand an EIS before the 'business end' kicks in. If you begin making exceptions now, when/where will it stop? And will the exceptions then become part of the 'process', effectively curtailing the people's power to have their voices heard? I hope not.

Thanks for listening/reading.

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Testimony of Bonnie Bedoya
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Monday, October 29, 2007, 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

WRITTEN ONLY

RE: SB1, SD1 Relating to Transportation

Good afternoon Chairs Souki, and Oshiro and members of the House Committees on Transportation and Finance. My name is Bonnie Bedoya, I was born and raised on Kauai and now reside on Oahu.

Having lived on Kauai, Big Island of Hawaii, and now Oahu, I feel that another form of transportation between the islands is a good thing for Hawaii residents. Not everyone is comfortable riding on airplanes and having this option will be an added bonus to the quality of life in Hawaii.

I am writing to you in SUPPORT of the Hawaii Superferry operating while an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is done. The Superferry is "new technology" in these Hawaiian waters according to Judge Cardoza. It is so new that I think it's unfair to assume that it will cause permanent damage to the current environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cecilio R. Riodil and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have friends and family that resides on the neighbor island of Maui and The Superferry would provide me and my family a way to visit back and forth as well as seeing the beauty of our waters and the Islands from a different view point. In addition it'll allow us to go with our vehicles which give us freedom and ultimately saves us on time and additional expenses.

The addition of the Superferry should make inter island travel a more affordable for us residents as well as another venue of seeing our beautiful Island State for our visitors.

My Warmest Aloha,

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Subject: I support the superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Peter J Park and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Superferry will be good for Hawaii economy by promoting another avenue of travel. It will also help the interisland commerce, for example, mutual exchange of fresh produce between neighbor islands. It will also be another source of transportation in case of emergency.

Peter J Park

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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: written testimony

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Please do not think that just because the emails are pre-written for supporters of the Hawaii Superferry that the supporters aren't real. My reason for continuing my support is that I believe the Hawaii Superferry has been singled out unfairly. Every vessel coming into Kahului Harbor has an impact, AND many I'm sure area greater impact than the Superferry!

Please reconsider your decision to keep the Hawaii Superferry out of Kahului until the facts are in. I think you'll find that the better decision.

I am a registered voter living in Pukalani, working in Kahului, and I support the Hawaii Superferry!

Thank You for Listening to the People!

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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:17 AM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: In support of the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Peter W. Cannon and I very very strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii desperately needs additional methods for moving people, vehicles and products between the islands of our state. The attached email from Young Brothers will make this point very clear.

My business, Hawaiian Resources Co. Ltd., strongly supports the Superferry and all 15 of our employees agree that they support this alternative method of transportation.

An email has arrived from Young Brothers that will reinforce the point that business and individuals need alternative methods for moving cargo and automobiles between the islands.

Please read the attached announcement from Young Brothers. It announces that from now on, all cargo going to Kauai will only be received in by Young Brothers on two days of the week (Monday and Thursday) and for only three and a half hours per day. All cargo for Lanai can only be shipped on one different day of the week (Wednesday) and for only three hours of that day.

Have any of you ever sat in line to send interisland cargo out on Young Brothers? Do you realize how many hours of your day is wasted by sitting in these lines? Are you aware of the calibre of "service" that a customer receives when dealing with Young Brothers? By limiting the days and times, these lines will only be longer. So now if a shipper has cargo for Maui, Lanai and Kauai this means that we must go and sit in these lines on three different days of the week instead of making a drop off and standing in a Young Brothers line only one time for all islands. Look at the time wasted and the number of times a week that a shipper has to send trucks on to the roads and into traffic to sit in lines and deal only with Young Brothers.

Young Brothers desperately needs some competition for cargo between the islands for them to clean up their service act. Businesses in Hawaii desperately need some alternatives to dealing with Young Brothers. Interisland freight competition is desperately needed.

Please. please, please support the Superferry and set the parameters for her to sail profitably between the islands.

Peter Cannon
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808 636 2300

Wednesday October 24, 2007

Re: Port of Nawiliwili and Lanai

Dear Valued Customer,

To maintain safe and efficient operations in the Port of Honolulu, we will accept Nawiliwili and Lanai bound cargo as follows, **effective Wednesday November 7, 2007:**

Cargo Destined for the Port of Nawiliwili
Hours: Monday and Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
All Cargo Types

Cargo Destined for the Port of Lanai
Hours: Wednesday 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
All Cargo Types

Please note that beginning Wednesday, November 7, and Thursday, November 8, after 11:00 a.m. at the port of Honolulu, Young Brothers will not accept any cargo bound for Nawiliwili and Lanai on each of these respective and all future sailing days. All general cargo is shipped on a space available basis. Pick-up times for Nawiliwili and Lanai cargo will not be affected.

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matt Humphrey

Matt Humphrey
Vice President and General Manager

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathleen Cadoy and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly believe that the economic benefits that the Superferry would provide in the availability of jobs and commerce to the outer islands outweigh the claims of detriment to them. I have family on Molokai, Maui and Kauai that have lost their income to lack of available work. The number of families on welfare, especially in Molokai is staggering. Our families on Maui and Kauai are losing their youth to "starter jobs" in the mainland because of the loss of opportunity to them at home.

I strongly believe that many of the young adults are turning to the "easy money" of drug trafficking also due to the lack of entry-level jobs. As evidenced by the recent "drug bust" on Kauai, the Superferry would not be the biggest avenue in for more drug trafficking.

I am in favor of allowing improvements to be made to permit the Superferry to operate

Kathleen Cadoy

2947 Kalihi St. Honolulu, HI 96819

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gregory F. Boyd II and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the superferry as I believe that tourist and locals will both benefit greatly.

- 1) The tourist will get a view of Hawaii typically not seen by most and at the same time visit other Islands.
- 2) The local families will be able to travel easier and with there own vehicles to visit family and friends on other Islands.
- 3) Small business (like my own) that have always worked on Multiple Islands will now have a more efficient way to trucks and tools to outer Island Jobs.

Considering the overwhelming wish of the people of Hawaii to have this ferry there is no alternative but to allow it to operate. To allow a few small groups with questionable motives to dictate what the people of Hawaii can have or not have would under mind spirit of the "WILL OF THE PEOPLE". We have already cause serious damage, in that prospective companies willing to invest in Hawaii and all of our future's are looking and seeing what we are allowing to be done to a company and to ourselves by destroying the large investment that both the taxpayers and the superferry have expended. Lets Right this wrong NOW and allow the superferry to operate it is "THE PEOPLES WILL"


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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Angela Paulson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry because I would like to be able to commute to Honolulu with my own car. I would be able to purchase household items and food that is not available on Maui. Also, it is a good alternative to airlines. It would be helpful to families who could all come together in the same car to visit other family members. Also, for businesses to go and pick up items in Honolulu and come back next day, instead of waiting a week for products to sell.

Angela Paulson

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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:16 PM
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Subject: Support for Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ronald H. Knapp and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The citizens of the State of Hawaii need an alternate means of inter-island transportation. I support the establishment of a Ferry Oversight Task Force to allow the Superferry to continue to operate until the completion of the EIS.

Thank you.

Ronald H. Knapp

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *David Atamian* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry because it will increase commerce between Islands. I am in the construction materials business and contractors would definitely be able to utilize this method of inter-island travel. I believe that all of these whining environmentalists are politically driven by institutions that stand to lose some business. Their complaint about the danger to whales and the influx of invasive species is a farce. The Superferry would also be an attraction for visitors from the mainland and other countries, which would also help or Tourist Industry. Its' sad that our own judges couldn't find the wherewithal to see through this sham and allow a multi-million dollar investment operate as planned until the assessment was complete.

Where were all of these objections while millions of our dollars were being spent on harbor improvements to support this whole operation?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Atamian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

David Atamian -- Sales Representative -- State of Hawaii
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Victoria Leo and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry because as the Islands grow in population, we will need a more convenient way to travel. If the Cruise Ships can dock at our Harbors, why can't the SuperFerry?

Victoria leo

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a support to the Super ferry and why it is very crucial we keep
This type of transportation afloat. It is of my concern as to why we have so
Many support but no actions as to why we do not move forward to the
Super ferry being set to sail. I believe this is a good thing and we could us
This to our advantage, like in emergency situations. We all want this to
Work so how about proposing we go to each Island once a week on a regular
Basis. Together we can make a difference. I hope you take this into consideration,
Have a great day and thank you for your time.

Smiles:-)

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Dear Legislator:

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ben Selvage and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support a special session of the Hawaii State Legislature to identify a solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

The people of Hawaii want interisland transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to our state.

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option and protect Hawaii's business climate.

We have been paying our taxes to fund this operation for years and it is preposterous to think we are going to let these unruly and uneducated very small minority of people push us around waste our money and hold up this great gift to our state!!! The majority of Kauai supports the superferry!!!! Shut down all operations to Kauai until an environmental study can be done on Matson, Pride of Hawaii Cruise, Young Brothers, etc.....Stand for something or you will fall for anything.

Mahalo, Ben Selvage.

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While I would love to be able to testify in support of the Superferry, I'm not able to travel to Oahu at this time. It has been my experience that those who attend the hearings can be very vocal and intimidating. I routinely attend zoning meetings; it is normally the same vocal minority with the same distracting testimony.

While none of us wishes to harm the environment, the time has passed to focus so completely on the environmental issues that no other issues matter. It's impossible to ignore the economic impact on the state and businesses who based their business plans on this important mode of transportation. The Superferry complied with all permitting and requirements that the state imposed. While I am happy for the double-checks created (albeit at the last minute) by those concerned with the environmental impact, it just at some point, protests have to sunset else we'd have protests over, for example, the use of combustion engines starting now. The Ferry relied on a promises and commitments made by our State government. For goodness sakes, the State should honor those commitments.

Because we have so many modes of interisland travel (including routine transportation of vehicles via barge) it seems silly to think that the Ferry could worsen impact related to vehicle transportation and invasive species. The increase in vehicle load on the roadways should be off-set by a reduction in rental cars. Invasive species travel in luggage, purses, in containers and the like. Hence, the only additional impact seems to be related to speed. The Superferry should not be subjected to stricter controls than other forms of sea-bound transportation. Limiting their ability to run does exactly that. Because the speed issue seems to be the only issue differentiating the ferry from barges and cruise ships, the focus should be on allowing the ferry to operate and determining at what speeds they can safely operate in the presence of whales, which at best is a seasonal consideration.

It seems blatantly unfair that the Superferry be singled out at the 11th hour. This state is bound together by water. In fact, the single thing that physically bonds us is water. It's really like the courts are closing a roadway without it never having been used. Compensating for whales and taking positive steps to mitigate the spread of invasive species is not new to those who use our waterways. Commercial fisherman travel at high speeds and avoid the whales. Vessels from ports all over the world use our harbors. It seems the only way to really assess if the Superferry will cause additional stress is to allow it to operate on an interim basis. Even an environmental impact statement is only someone's best guess of potential harm.

As you know, surveys indicate that 80% of Hawaii residents want the ferry. Please do not force this value economic asset to leave our state!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Coleen Uyechi and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We all need an alternative to off island travel with our vehicles.

Coleen Uyechi

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working.

My name is Adele Manera and I work as a Port Customer Experience Representative.

An afternoon part time job like this is valuable to me and my family because I can be home at night with my kids.

I feel good about working for Hawaii Superferry because it's a good company that provides a worthwhile transportation option. My kids are in sports – football, baseball – and as a parent, I look forward to more opportunities for my children and their teammates to expand their horizons and compete on the other islands.

As a resident I want to have freedom to choose and more options between the islands for me and my family. While we're different islands each with different perspectives, on this issue most of us believe the Hawaii Superferry offers a great choice and should be available to us.

Please pass this bill enabling the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the EA is being conducted.

Sincerely,
Adele Manera
Lihue, Kauai

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Elisabeth Gapero. I work as a Port Utility Inspector at the Kahului Ferry Terminal at Kahului Harbor. My job involves screening and inspection of vehicles, our passengers and our passengers' personal items. It also involves boarding and loading the vessel. There's a lot more to it but just as a general explanation, I'll leave it at that.

From the very first time I heard that the Hawaii Superferry was coming to Hawaii, I embraced the idea! Just the idea of another way to go and have some fun along the way. As you know, flying inter-island is not fun – you're up and then you're down! Little did I know, I would actually be working for this outstanding and caring company. The excitement never ends! As you can only imagine!

My past experience in airport command center security operations and Department of Homeland Security qualified me for my position with Hawaii Superferry. The real bonus for me is that I go to work early in the morning and I'm done by 12:30 p.m. We are compensated well for all the hard work we do. On a personal note, I need the flexibility of more time at home. It's an ideal fit for me – you see, I take care of my elderly mother, who is 86 years old and on oxygen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. She has Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Today she's in the hospital and she has pneumonia. Through this recent change with my mother's condition, Duane Kim, our Maui Manager and Jan Paney, our Kahului Port Manager, have sincerely cared for me while I cared for my mother. That's true ohana. The whole company is all about caring – caring for its employees, caring for the people of Hawaii, and caring for Hawaii's environment. Mr. John Garibaldi even asked me today how my mom was doing. What an amazing company to work for....please, don't make them go away.

I feel good about the work I do for the Hawaii Superferry. The training has been professional and is ongoing as things change in the system. We have had the opportunity to have refresher classes, and maintenance updates of equipment and tools. There has also been extensive cross training which gives us all insight into the different tasks and responsibilities so that we work together better and smarter. The technology used by the HSF is cutting edge and efficient. That keeps each and everyone of us tops at our jobs.

Hawaii Superferry management is accessible at all levels. What I mean by that is, there's no "upper management attitude". Anyone can answer your question or help you. We can talk to

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Mr. John Garibaldi or Mr. Terry O'Halloran easily. Questions are always answered. I don't feel like we're ever overlooked even through our recent long court ordeal. You have to admire and respect that.

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Now I know what you're thinking, they haven't even been in operation really! And you're right about that but we stand together, held each other up and listened when one of us needed an ear. This court hearing has affected us all and continues to wear on us. The bonds we have now will last forever. See, we want to get back to work and get this all behind us. Please, allow Hawaii Superferry to sail while an EIS is done.

We as the Maui team of Hawaii Superferry are proud to represent our jobs and our employer. This whole ordeal with the court and the hearings is like nothing I've ever experienced in my life. On Monday night on Maui, I know a lot of people wanted to speak in support for the Hawaii Superferry, but didn't, either because of intimidation or because time ran out at 8:00 p.m. The lunatic fringe element that you listened to on Maui, well that's not how the majority on our Island of Maui and in the State of Hawaii feels. They want us to get back sailing!

Let's work together to keep the Superferry going. Mahalo Nui Loa,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Thank you for this opportunity today to testify on this important bill and thank you very much for holding this special session of the legislature to help all the employees of Hawaii Superferry get back to work to serve the people of the State of Hawaii.

My name is Duane Kim and I am the Maui Manager for Hawaii Superferry at our Kahului Ferry Terminal at Kahului Harbor. It is with great appreciation that I am here today to express my support for Hawaii Superferry and for what I feel it means to my fellow Hawaii Superferry employees, the community of Maui and the great State of Hawaii.

I have been involved in the maritime industry in Hawaii for over 30 years and working these last 2 years for the Hawaii Superferry has been the most meaningful and the most rewarding experience I've ever had in my professional career thus far.

My job also means a great deal to me as well as to my family. I was born and raised in Hawaii and have resided on Maui for the past thirteen years. We have live in a home we purchased 13 years ago in Central Maui. My wife is the Director of Veterinary Medicine at the Maui Humane Society and my 3 children are currently enrolled in the Hawaii Public School System – with the oldest in his 4th year at the University of Hawaii, the second in his senior year at Baldwin High School, and my youngest at Iao Intermediate School. Education is our top priority at home and my continued employment at Hawaii Superferry will allow our children to further their education and hopefully have the comfort and the confidence to return home to a State which continues to listen to and believe in the majority of its people.

I am very, very proud of being part of Hawaii Superferry and I really feel good about working for this outstanding company. As one of the original launch team members of Hawaii Superferry hired in January of 2006, I have always been and continue to be a firm believer in this company being a very unique and long-awaited transportation alternative between our beautiful islands within our great State of Hawaii. I was personally involved with and continue to be involved in all the hard work and efforts with numerous entities within the government, private, environmental, and public sectors to ensure that whatever we did and whatever we continue to do is, first and foremost, always in the best interest of the great people of our great State of Hawaii.

As Maui Manager for Hawaii Superferry, I have 35 committed and supportive employees who have still chosen to remain a part of our unique Hawaii Superferry ohana. Along with my Kahului Port Manager, Jan Paney, we have worked even harder choosing and hiring employees who would be willing and able to go above and beyond normal expectations and to carry out 110% of their duties and responsibilities

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to ensure the Hawaii Superferry remains a part of our Maui community and the natural resources of our State of Hawaii are protected. Our current 35 Maui employees have been working and training at the Kahului Ferry Terminal.

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If Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be difficult for a few employees and very devastating for the rest of us, including myself.

- Together, we have over 150 immediate family members all residing on Maui. Without the Hawaii Superferry, every single employee and our families would be affected and our lives would change again.
- Together, we have hundreds of neighbors gathering around us on Maui, providing friendship and personal support.
- Together, we have thousands of families and friends residing on the Islands of Oahu, Kauai, and Hawaii. Without the Hawaii Superferry, we will not be able to freely visit our families and friends who live on our neighboring islands and more so, our families and friends would not be able to freely visit us on this great alternative mode of transportation.
- Together, we have trained countless number of hours in all aspects of our business to ensure we serve the people of Hawaii with Aloha and care for our environment.
- Together, we have shared the ups and downs, the trials and tribulations, and the positives and the negatives of being part of Hawaii Superferry.
- But above all else, together, we have remained committed to share our gift of Aloha to everyone who has come in contact with Hawaii Superferry, including those supporting us and those protesting against us.

At the start of our hiring process, every single Maui resident applying for a job at the Kahului Ferry Terminal, including all 35 currently furloughed Maui employees, were asked the question, "Why do you want to work for Hawaii Superferry?" Almost all responded it was because they wanted to work for a company which was going to offer an alternative means of inter-island transportation, but more importantly all of them said that they wanted to share their Aloha and be a part of company who will make a tremendous difference in the improvement of the quality of life in our great State of Hawaii.

Again, I strongly support Hawaii Superferry and I strongly support this special session of the legislature to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate during the course of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement and allow us the opportunity to get back to work to serve the people of Hawaii.

Thank you very much for your time and for listening to my testimony.

Aloha,

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Thank you for taking the time to listen to us and for your hard work and efforts going into this session.

My name is **Chris Wong**. I am a furloughed port operator on Maui for the Hawaii Superferry. I am also the owner of a Christian clothing company. My strong support for the Hawaii Superferry goes far beyond my employment which I love dearly. The Superferry will also allow me to expand my business by bringing the materials and products I need to make presentations and attend shows. The Hawaii Superferry will also help me reduce my shipping costs, expand my business, create competitive prices statewide for goods and services I need, increase my network, allow me access to services not provided on Maui, and most important to me share my faith and increase mine.

As wonderful as whales are, people are more important. What major benefits do people really get from whales besides enjoying their beauty - shirts, postcards, toys, a tourist draw? Realistically, most residents don't have any more benefits from them than that. Most residents don't even get to see whales because they're too busy working. You have a choice between man and animal. You need to choose people first. One of our opponent's slogans is "Extinction is forever". That same slogan can be said for the local people who leave Hawaii because they can't survive economically. On the other hand, the Superferry could help enrollment increase for the UH system by allowing students easier access to our local college. It would make it easier for them continue their education here. The Hawaii Superferry will be the catalyst for residents to create new, exciting, and creative business, organizations, hobbies, and so on - and they may even get to see a whale or two.

I ask that you do not let our state become paralyzed and kept from greatness because you bought into "What if..." scenarios and their "fears of the unknown" being brought up by our opponents. Their concerns are the Superferry's as well, but we have not taken the extreme and pessimistic position they have. For instance, the traffic is basically a non-issue. Their issue is a lack of patience. It's no worse than politicians sign waving on the side of the road during the election season. The management of the Superferry has expressed to its employees that additional lots and routes as back-up plans are available to us in the event of major traffic issues. One traffic concern of mine, however, is that the Maui terminal needs a limited protestor area like Kauai does for the safety of the protestors, customers, and employees. I'm not against their freedom of speech, but during the first full days of operations, the protestors caused unnecessary "rubbernecking" and unneeded pedestrian traffic around our entrance. Also, there was a protestor that tripped and fell near the outside of our entry gate - a place he shouldn't have been. As the on-duty officer we hired went to assist him, one of our employees was getting verbally harassed along the fence line while this took place. We also don't agree with protestors bringing their young kids to the side of a public road holding signs for a cause they don't fully understand. Also, it's difficult to take certain opponent groups seriously when one moment, they want to overthrow the existing Hawaiian government and it's laws. The next moment, they're crying "follow the law". Then they follow up by threatening to jump into the harbors and violate the stated restricted zones. I ask that this session create the designated protestor areas for Maui, and reiterates that any violation of the restricted areas will be treated as a domestic terroristic threat.

In regards to the **Environmental Assessment** and/or the **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**, I ask that the legislators consider measures to protect the Hawaii Superferry from any false accusations regarding the issues held against us. Certain people have reason to believe that the rock incident on Maui was an intentional and deliberate setup from our opponents. We don't want the Hawaii Superferry to be portrayed in a false, negative light because of stunts like this. For

example, how would you know if an opponent wouldn't intentionally spread an invasive specie to an island in an attempt to falsely accuse the Superferry during the assessment and/or EIS? And if the Hawaii Superferry must conduct these studies, you must require similar businesses such as the Pacific Whale Foundation to do the EA and/or EIS with the same conditions the Hawaii Superferry might be subject to.

Please consider the consequences that will occur if the Hawaii Superferry does not operate. Hawaii will have to repay the \$40 million. You will lose a valuable, state-of-the-art alternative mode of transportation, and the people of Hawaii will probably never have another opportunity to have a service like this from this company or any other similar companies. You are also at risk to be sued by the Hawaii Superferry. Young Brothers would continue its monopoly, and probably raise their prices knowing there won't be any direct or indirect competition in sight. Hawaii will lose many potential business prospects. Airline rates will go up. And these are just to name a few results of that decision. On top of that, you'd still have the whale collisions and the spread of invasive species.

For the majority of this ordeal, you have been asked to look at the negatives. However, I encourage you to consider the optimistic viewpoint. Consider the power of Hawaii's faith-based groups, the positive influence of clubs and organizations, the wise counsel and guidance of grandma and grandpa on the neighbor island, and so on. For every evil entity brought up before you by our opponents - the criminals, drug dealers, gamblers, car thieves, greedy fishermen, possessive individuals, etc. - rest assured that Hawaii has many good entities greater than them. My extended Superferry family is one of these good, uplifting, and positive groups. These groups are the ones that will help reduce crime, help break drug addictions, help the homeless become a productive member of society that can provide for themselves again, and help keep those that might stray on the right path. Many of these people have good intentions like providing for their families, but choose to do it in an illegal way because that route requires less discipline. Might I suggest that the reason these issues exist are because these people lack a purpose, they lack the support system, they lack the financial opportunity, all of which, the Hawaii Superferry can be the avenue for them to receive what they lack whether we go to them or they come to us.

Do not let these negative voices cloud your judgment. Hawaii can have the happy-medium where we have the newest technologies and modern conveniences, yet still maintain the oldest of traditions and the beauty of the islands. The Superferry project has created an awareness and educated Hawaii on a variety of topics. Life, death, bugs, weeds, managing resources, and the like are battles that we will always have throughout life. But we still need to keep moving forward. Now is the time for you to rise above the adversity and be the leaders that take this issue and use it as a tool to better our state and the quality of life here - and it starts by bringing the Hawaii Superferry back into operation. Thank you.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working.

Aloha, my name is Astrida Pesentheiner and I am a Port Customer Experience Representative with the Hawaii Superferry. I am born and raised in Honolulu and I am extremely ecstatic with my new job and this exciting addition to our islands.

After living and working on the mainland for nine years, I moved back home to be with my family and lifelong friends. As I struggle with the cost of living here in Hawaii, my new job gives me optimism and great hope that I would be able to stay here and not be apart from my family.

The Superferry brings so many great opportunities to the people of Hawaii and our treasured tourism and economy. It's a gift that families can pack up their car and travel interisland to explore and visit other family members and friends. Hawaii is known as the "Mixing Pot of the World" because of the Aloha that we have shared with all. This Aloha is for our visitors and the local people of all of the Hawaiian Islands.

Since the first day of working for Hawaii Superferry, the company has shown massive dedication to training and educating all of us on every single detail of the operation. Some of the topics that are continuously covered and focused on are Department of Agriculture & Invasive Species, First Aid & CPR., "Aloha in the Islands", Security, Vehicle, Baggage & Person Inspection, Customer Service, and Safety concerns. The intelligent and constant training and discussions have improved my knowledge of this operation and allows me to feel extra confident.

We are completely prepared to supply this wonderful service to the people of Hawaii. It will bring good business ties within the islands with local farmers and small businesses that would not have been able to do that before. I am so proud to have been a part of everything so far with Hawaii Superferry and I look forward to the wonderful experience and benefits that my job offers.

It breaks my heart to think that this may not sail and it would be a shocking blow to business in the islands and our island morale. As we work hard to remain hopeful and pray and keep our morale high within the team, I thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion and give testimony. I and my peers are so appreciative on the time that you have taken to hear this testimony and hold a special session. Mahalo Nui Loa! Please Save the Superferry!

Aloha,

Astrida K.C. Pesentheiner
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working.

My name is Doree Coito and I work as a Customer Experience Representative.

I need you to understand what my job means to me and the effect it has on my family. I am a mother of 5 with three grown children, 2 of which are in college. I don't believe I need to explain the huge cost of higher education. In turn, not being able to afford to send my kids to college will have its' own impact on my children and their future. My income is a needed addition for the daily support of my family. Like others in Hawaii, we struggle to raise a family due to the cost of living in the islands.

I enjoy working for Hawaii Superferry because this company has proven, at a huge cost for them, that they support their employees and are concerned about Hawaii and its' native people. They provide extensive training on sensitivity to the Hawaiian culture and its' history as well as the protection of these islands. They provide a wide array of training on safety, security, and service. Throughout all this, they have kept us on the payroll because of their commitment to its employees and their families. It is unfortunate more employers in Hawaii do not have the same commitment to its employees and the people of this state.

If the Superferry cannot continue to operate, it can potentially have a devastating impact on this state. The Superferry provides a much needed alternative transportation for many people. There are those who cannot or will not fly, it provides a much more comfortable form of travel for those who have disabilities and it gives visitors to our islands another option for travel to the outer islands. The Superferry also now gives employers, groups, teams, and others who would normally incur a great expense, the choice to travel for meetings, conventions, and sports competitions because of the ability to bring their own equipment and vehicles. This in turn will bring much needed business to the outer islands. The State of Hawaii will now have an additional means of transportation that will allow a free exchange of commerce. The Superferry will also be a great asset to the State during times of natural disasters by providing the transport of much needed supplies, emergency personnel and basic necessities. There are also many people around the nation who are watching the outcome of this session and it will have an impact on future business ventures in Hawaii.

On a personal level, my family will feel the impact because of the plans we made for our future. This job provides the means to accomplish our goals and dreams. I need this income to support the huge expense of raising a family in Hawaii.

I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be heard. I hope you will allow us to continue to serve the people of this great state.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Myra Torres and I work as an Operator. This job means a lot to me because at present, I am working four jobs and being employed with the Hawaii Superferry will only need me to work one. Additionally, it could provide me the opportunity to improve my quality of life and that of my family members, friends and my community.

I feel good about working for the Hawaii Superferry because I personally feel that this company will provide excellent service that will help a lot of people, people afraid of flying and people with disabilities. Having the Hawaii Superferry available will allow people with disabilities to sail with their specially altered vehicles. The Hawaii Superferry has been an excellent employer as evidenced by the training that I have received to expand my knowledge and skills of operating a fork-lift. Not only that it provides me with excellent training but with that comes good benefits.

If the Hawaii Superferry will not be allowed to operate, it will put a burden on me, my family and the People of Hawaii. I will have to continue working four jobs and this will take time away from me and my family. The residents of Hawaii, both young and old will not have an alternative means of inter-island transportation. Residents that "fear flying" will have to stay put and not be allowed time away for relaxation and restoration. Citizens who are wheelchair bound and require special vehicular alterations will need to make additional transportation arrangements to adapt to their wheelchair needs.

I have shared how I feel and I know that my fellow co-workers are in similar situations and feel the same way, too. I hope that you will help us all and we will have our jobs back soon.

Thank you listening to my testimony.

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Kekaha, Kauai HI

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I support this bill that will allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while an environmental impact statement is being done.

My name is Erin Nakaya. I was born and raised in Honolulu on the Island of Oahu. I am currently employed by Hornblower Marine Service, as a Purser aboard Alakai, Hawaii Superferry's vessel. My duties entail supervising the Hotel Staff, ensuring Passenger Satisfaction and safety while on board the Alakai.

Prior to joining Hornblower, my previous employment included working for Paradise Cruise Ltd. on the Star of Honolulu and for Norwegian Cruise Lines on the inter island cruises. While working for the Star of Honolulu, I got to share with the passengers the beautiful sunset from the water and the Honolulu city lights. One of the reason why I choose to work on NCL was I felt that would broaden my horizons and it would show case Hawaii to the world. The Hawaii Superferry provides its passengers another way to see the beauty the islands have to offer from the ocean.

I've come to realize there are very few opportunities to be a part of something that would change Hawaii like the impact of the cruise lines. I feel that Hawaii Superferry is a new opportunity that would provide yet another positive change for Hawaii and its people. I feel the Superferry would provide a new way for people to get from island to island and evolve the way we work and play.

Have you ever been stuck on an airplane with a crying child? Did you move seats or stand up to walk around the airplane? On the Superferry you can check out the scenery, move to another seat or have a cup of coffee in the premium lounge. Or how about that football game you

wanted to see . . . check that out in the aft of the ship. There are so many different options to make your trip more enjoyable. For those with limited mobility, the Superferry provides another option to travel and feel more independent. The Super Ferry would allow local farmers to bring fresh produce to other island markets, construction companies can expand their business by taking their products and services neighbor islands where they are limited or are not available. In case of a statewide emergency, the Superferry can provide transportation to move people to safety or equipment to areas in need.

I have had the privilege of building a team primarily of people from Hawaii, which we grew to become the Superferry family. The attitude of the crew has been amazing. It speaks volumes to their character as individuals and being able to keep their heads up through the events of the last three months. They have been positive throughout the start up process which has been rough especially with circumstances on Maui and Kauai. I hope a compromise can be reached where all parties concerns are addressed and we can start up service and share the Superferry with the people of Hawaii.

I understand and respect the concerns of others, but I chose to work on the Superferry because I felt it was safe for the environment and would have a positive impact for the State of Hawaii. When I was offered a position with the Superferry, I wanted to part of the team and being a part of making a dream a reality.

Thank you for listening. Please pass the bill to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working. My name is John Montemayor and I work as a Nawiliwili, Port Utility Operator. This job means a lot to me.

This Hawaii Superferry job means a lot for my family, fellow workers, the community and myself, because of its job benefits of being a employee for the Hawaii based company that could be one of Hawaii's future alternative ways of transportation. As this company grows into the future me and my fellow state wide employee's will have the opportunity to advance in our working career's, allowing us to be able to seek and improve your quality of life for our family's here in Hawaii. And making the possibilities to pave our financial goals in our local back yard to sustain more local business with growth here in Hawaii

I feel good about working for the Hawaii Superferry because, it's a good local company that cares for their employees and our community. Also the Hawaii Superferry will help a lot of people and business including American Disabilities Act people, farmers and regular every day people. The Hawaii Superferry is even concern about our environment and is willing to listen to all practical environmental concerns. This is probably only a few of company's in the transportation business of people and goods that is willing to be very concern about whales in our Hawaiian waters and invasive species reaching in our Hawaiian lands. The Hawaii Superferry is even very concern about our Hawaii's growing drug problems.

If the Hawaii Superferry is not allowed to operate, it would be bad for Hawaii and its people, my family, co-workers and me. I would probably would have to move to the mainland in order to seek a well paying job, or take a dead-end job in our present Hawaii job market that does not pay as well as the Hawaii Superferry. The effect of losing this type of job for me and my family would place a huge road block in our family and personal dreams in Hawaii. If this Hawaii Supperferry type of business does not take place, the people of Hawaii will have no alternative ways for island to island transportation such for church groups, teams, American Disabilities Act-people, athletes, seniors, etc would have more difficulty traveling inter-islands. As we all know if these small percentage of protesters will stop the Hawaii Superferry from doing business, the future of other good large business to come and stay in Hawaii will be bad for Hawaii's State Government reputation.

John Montemayor
Kapaa, Kauai

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This job is important to me because it's a learning experience, a chance to advance and to improve my skills and with good hours and good income for me and my family, so we can one day own our own home.

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Hawaii Superferry is another means of transportation that we want and need on Kauai. Since the rates of Young Brothers and Matson have been going up, it's important for us to have other choices of transportation besides airlines.

I was born and raised on Kauai, and know a lot of people here who don't like airplanes, and some who have never been off island. With Hawaii Superferry they could travel more for the first time and even take their vehicles to Oahu or Maui.

In my other jobs as a limosine driver and working in destination management, many of the people I work with and meet see many uses for the ferry here on Kauai. A manager of a construction company complained about a cement pump truck he was waiting for, that was stuck in Honolulu. It is still sitting in Honolulu, waiting for a barge and that has taken longer than the voyage from the mainland. If the Superferry was running, he could have driven the cement pump truck onto the Superferry. Others who are mechanics don't want to ship their vehicles with tools, but would take them on the ferry.

If the Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be a loss not only for employees, but also for a lot of the businesses on Kauai that are planning to use the Superferry.

Please pass this bill, so we can get back to work.

Sincerely,

Kurt Medeiros
Lihue, Kauai

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working.

My name is McWayne Kahumoku and my present position with the company is that of a Port Utility Operator.

My employment with Hawaii Superferry is very important to me for the simple fact that it is my only source of income. Back in March of this year my career came to a sudden halt after 22 dedicated years in the travel industry as a result of reorganization by my former employer.

Since then I've been job-hunting, hoping to find a career in the travel industry that was different from what I was used too. A job that would enhance my customer service skills in the travel industry.

The Hawaii Superferry provided me with that and much more. I've been with the company for 4-four months and during this time I have developed a profound admiration for our management team, led by our President & CEO John Garibaldi. The Company really cares for the community and their employee's, this was displayed most recently over this past weekend when the company treated our Military personnel & family for a cruise on the ALAKAI with complimentary meals. As for the employees the fact that we all were kept on the pay-roll as long as we did after the company initially suspended service is a testament to the company's sincerity and generosity.

I can honestly say that the company really values my input and suggestions, as a result prior to the work furlough I received a promotion. I have also witnessed this with other co-workers as well, it is a great morale booster as it develops buy-in and ownership taken by the employee's in raising the level of service for our customers.

The Hawaii Superferry provides an alternative method of inter-island travel for the residents of the State of Hawaii and visitors alike. When my family and friends get together to discuss how we would like to use this form of travel, the suggestion are almost limit-less, from family reunions, camping trips, Hula competition / exhibitions, not to mention sports and music events on the neighbor islands. I can only imagine the benefits for small businesses as well.

However, if the Hawaii Superferry is not allowed to continue service, it would impact the quality of life for me and my family. For starters it would mean back to the drawing board in hopes of finding another job. It may result in a change of residence. Being unemployed is NO-FUN, it's NO-VACATION!

I am PROUD to be a member of the Hawaii Superferry Team and I believe my fellow co-workers share my views in Support of the Hawaii Superferry. I also believe that you will render the right decision in resolving this matter.

Thank you for listening to my testimony.

Sincerely,

McWayne Kahumoku

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from Hawaii Superferry continue working.

My name is Vivian Perry and I work as a Port Experience Representative.

This job means a lot to me because it helps to supplement my income to help support my family but most of all it has given a lot of local residents like myself a job that pays compatible wages and a chance to represent a company that is in everyway Ohana oriented.

I feel good about working for Hawaii Superferry because it has given me a chance to meet new people, learn the travel industry, but most of all the freedom to work for a great company that will give not just myself but for those who so choose, a chance to travel by sea. Before I was even hired by the company, my family and I who moved back from Oahu 4 years ago, waited so patiently when we heard of this Superferry that we could ride and take our cars to the islands and visit with our friends and relatives, and for them to come and visit us here as well. I became more of a reality when I was hired and looked forward to our grand opening until all of this happened. From day one the company has taught us the meaning of Ohana, the importance of company rules, regulations and high security procedures and precautions and certifications that are required for us to work for the company. They have instilled in us workers the highest importance in following these policies and regulations and the effects if we don't comply.

If the Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be bad for me and my family and bad for Hawaii. The company has given myself and alot of other people the freedom to choose how we want to travel. I was born and raised on this island and I think that my 47 years will attest to my roots and heritage of this aina unlike some of those who have moved here from somewhere else a few years ago. I can attest to how much this island has changed and how expensive it has become, but I know that it is not because of this Superferry. Invasive species, whale preservation, pollution, crime and drugs was here well before the Superferry. Drugs are in peoples homes and being distributed in our neighborhoods not from the Superferry, whales are run over by boats and other ships not the Superferry, pollution is everywhere not just the Superferry, crime and diseases are here and from other means not from the Superferry, so what's the deal here. I want the Superferry to operate here and if I choose to travel by sea it's my right like everyone else.

I am speaking about how I feel, but I know that my fellow workers are in similar situations and feel the same way, too. I hope you will help us all get back to work. Thank you for listening to my testimony.

Vivian Perry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Shayna Asuncion and I work as a Port Utility Inspector on Maui at the Kahului terminal. My job means a lot to me in different ways. It is my only source of income and I love the employees I get to work with.

It's a great feeling when you enjoy what you do... and its an even better feeling when you love the people you work with. Prior to my employment with Hawaii Superferry, I worked at Harmony Airways as an Airport Operations Supervisor, which closed in April of this year.

Do you have any idea what it's like to have been laid-off twice in one year?!? It's a complete heartbreak!

The Hawaii Superferry is a wonderful opportunity for Hawaii that can provide another source of transportation between our islands.

Thank you very much for your time and for listening to my testimony.

Aloha,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill and thank you for holding this special session of the legislature to help me and other workers from the Hawaii Superferry continue working. My name is Shirleen Palacio and I work as a PROC Accounting for the Port Sales. This job means a lot to me because of the financial need to improve the quality of life for my family in the high cost environment of Kauai.

I feel good about working for the Hawaii Superferry because it's a company providing a needed service for a lot of people, farmer's handicaps, etc. The Hawaii Superferry provides good benefits and training to employees to help improve knowledge and skills.

If the Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be bad for Hawaii. People would not have a needed alternative when it comes to transportation between neighboring Islands. Church groups, teams, athletes, handicapped people, etc. would have more difficult traveling interisland.

I am speaking about how I feel, but I know that my fellow workers are in similar situations and feel the same and feel the same way, too. I hope you will help us all get back to work. Thank you for listening to my testimony.

Shirleen Palacio
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jolene Valente Witt and I am the Port Manager for the island of Kauai. I was born and raised in Koloa, and I have lived in Kekaha for most of my married life.

When I was a little girl, we used to fly back and forth to see my Aunts and Uncles on Oahu, who had to move off island because there were more opportunities there to support their families. I wanted to see the other islands but I was so afraid to fly. I asked my Mom, why doesn't someone build a bridge between the islands? My Mom told me "one day someone's going to build that bridge, you just have to be patient and it's going to be done." To me, Alakai is that bridge that I had dreamed about since I was a little girl. I am proud to be a part of the Hawaii Superferry and I believe it will be good for the residents and the businesses of Kauai.

Many of us on Kauai support the ferry and see the potential, but it is not our culture to speak out. We are intimidated by conflict. For those of us who grew up in plantation culture, we have been taught when there is conflict just let people say what they're going to say, just "let 'em go" and it will pass over.

Even now, when it's so important to speak up and let people know what we want, it is very hard for us to do it. Last night I met with 10 members of the staff and they were happy that I would go to represent them. Then I spoke with my family, and while they understood the importance of me going, they were also afraid for my grandson getting singled out in a school where the opposition is more popular. This week he received the school newsletter with information to audition for a play to dramatize the meeting with the Governor at the Convention Hall. It concerns me what we are teaching our children on Kauai about respect for other people by glorifying this day that was a shame for all of us as residents of the island. I respect everyone's point of view and everyone's entitled to their own opinion, but the violent way that opposition has been expressed makes it even harder for the "silent majority" to speak out. Thank you for letting me explain why I support Hawaii Superferry and believe this bill should be passed to allow Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EA is being conducted.

Hawaii Superferry provides a bridge between island families that is valuable to us, and gives more freedom to move around. Many residents do not like flying, and have trouble traveling with families. So many of us who are born and raised on neighbor islands have family on other islands, and this provides an affordable option to visit with them. With the recent price increase in shipping, it can actually be cheaper to travel with our own vehicle and definitely more convenient.

Some of us suffer from disabilities. I have been trained to assist people with disabilities and I myself have been diagnosed with a disability, and at one time I could not even climb the stairs. The idea of me not being able to lay down or spread out was a problem for me, and made travel to Oahu for medical treatment extremely difficult. There are many people with different conditions who would find travel by ferry more comfortable, and for some it may be the only way they can travel.

It's not easy to find a good part time job that works well with a full time job and still gives time with the family before going to bed. Many of our employees have to work a second job to supplement their incomes and make a living on Kauai. While I speak only for myself, many of my 35 colleagues on Kauai have also expressed similar opinions, and I hope you take that into consideration.

If the Hawaii Superferry isn't allowed to operate, it would be a loss not only for employees, but also for business on Kauai. Kauai has already been labeled as "anti business" and that creates a domino effect with the jobs and the whole economy. Please help us to preserve the Superferry, not only to help us keep our jobs for us, but also jobs for everybody.

Sincerely,

Jolene Valente-Witt
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Thank you for giving me a chance to testify on this important bill. My name is Kanoa Parker and I work as Chief Officer aboard the Hawaii Super Ferry, ALAKAI. Working on board the ALAKAI has given me the chance to work on state of the art equipment in the waters where I grew up, while at the same time advancing my license and career. To have this chance to work here in Hawaii as opposed to the Gulf of Alaska or the Far East, is really a wonderful opportunity.

Growing up on O'ahu, I have been around the ocean my whole life, whether it has been surfing, fishing, paddling or sailing. I have a great respect for the ocean, and Hawaii's environment. Working on the ALAKAI, I have come to find out that Hawaii Superferrie's environmental policies are more stringent and environmentally conscious than any company I have worked for. I have worked on tankers in Alaska, containerships and car-carriers sailing around the world, and just prior to the Superferry I was on the cruise ships sailing here inter-island.

Not only do our environmental and whale avoidance polices go well beyond the scope of other companies working here in Hawaii, but the maneuverability and handling characteristics of the ALAKAI make this vessel and company a wonderful asset to the state of Hawaii. With our no discharge policy, and stringent inspections for invasive species I feel confident about Hawaii Superferry making the least amount of impact on the environment as possible. All my fellow co-workers, whether on board, in the terminals, or in the office share my views. The amount of training and focus that the company has placed on the environment is very impressive.

The Hawaii Superferry is a great alternative to the state of Hawaii for inter island travel. From conversations with passengers on the few trips that we have done, and just this past weekend talking with some of the passengers who came aboard for our military appreciation cruises, there was an overwhelming consensus of how much everyone on board enjoyed themselves. They were so impressed with everything about the ALAKAI and our crew. This gave me a real sense of pride to be a part of this whole operation. I think the people of Hawaii deserve this alternative to travel. They deserve to have a choice of whether they want to use the Superferry to facilitate their businesses, or take their cars to outer islands to see their families. The Superferry has so many positive things that it can bring to Hawaii. Besides an alternative for travel, the vessel could be used as a major asset for disaster and emergency relief. With the ferries cargo-carrying capacity, speed and maneuverability, the ALAKAI could play an integral role in disaster relief to outer islands.

Let's give the Superferry a chance, and let's give all the people who are employed by this company, along with their families a chance. Let's give the people of Hawaii a chance to come down and ride the ferry, and to talk with us, and I am positive they will see that the Hawaii Superferry is a good thing. Thank you for hearing my testimony.

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Sincerely,

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Lihue, Kauai

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My Name is Susanne G. Blakey and I strongly support the Super Ferry!

- This will give us an alternate source of transportation from Island to Island.
- It will give more than 200 people a job.
- It will help small businesses to travel with merchandise fast from Island to Island.

There was not enough invested in the harbors to warrant an EIS. No other company had to do an EIS. Young Brothers doesn't have to wash down their boats and barges, nobody worries about invasive species or hitting the whales.

Most people are for the Super Ferry and we are tired of spending our good money on projects that are being cancelled just because a few narrow minded people are against it but scream loudly. Live is change - so stop holding Hawaii back from the future.



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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Betty Totoki and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry because it will give us another alternative to get to the outer islands. Traveling there on our own cars would be convenient and economical. It would also boost the economy as the superferry will increase inter island travel. We must decide what is best for the people of Hawaii and not the private interest groups, such as the so called "environmentalists", airlines and car rental companies.

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is James Barry Tucker and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need an alternative to air travel, car rentals and when traveling to outer islands for vacation, items that we already own like coolers, fishing gear, surfboards, etc. I have spent a lot of time visiting other cities in the US as well as other countries where the ocean is abundant, and this is the only one I can think of that does not include water travel as a mode of transportation. It is what the people of Hawaii want. If you don't think so, put it to a vote, and include all islands.



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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Business should be equal for all, special conditions should have been made clear upfront to the Superferry and not when they are getting ready to start business.

Robert Dinelli



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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dorena Begonia and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in much favor and support of the special session of the bill that will allow the Superferry to operate in the islands especially when the EIS is

being performed also and be another viable transportation of interisland ferry service for both residents and visitors of our beautiful state.

I also believe that it will help our small businesses grow and help sustain The state of Hawaii's economy.

Mahalo for giving me the opportunity to hear my testimony in support of the Superferry and for submitting the testimony via email for the record

As I am unable to attend the special sessions.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bill Coney and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. As small business operator I have waited for a service like the Supper Ferry to operate in the Hawaii for years. For most small business the only way to practically expand our business is to ease the transportation situation between the islands. Giving the most coastal cities in the US and around the world have similar water transportation, it is about time Hawaii joined the ranks of other developed cities and countries that use similar water transportation successfully.

I hear the arguments of those apposed to the Supper Ferry and I am at a lose. Young Brothers and others have operated in our state for years without inspections, or harassment. Why should the Supper Ferry be treated any different? Our forefathers used the waters of Hawaii for their transportation, I'm sure if they were here now they say "lets do it"!

Please allow the Supper Ferry to operate in Hawaii, the businesses and people of Hawaii need and want it. Maybe more important, if the Ferry gives up and leaves for good. We have lost this and any future oppourtunities to every have decent water transportation in Hawaii. Of course we will once again send the signal – DON'T DO BUSINESS IN HAWAII.

Sincerely,

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