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Subject: Please Support Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ann Marie Horden and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Tourists desire interisland transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by your tourist population and will bring many benefits to the State of Hawaii, especially economically.

Please save this transportation option which provides vast benefits to Hawaii's tourism industry and enhances your business climate.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Janice Still and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel the Superferry would be a wonderful addition to the islands. It would make access to the islands more economical, plus, providing the ability to transport your own vehicle. I also think tourists would love to 'island hop' by ferry.

Janice Still

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I support the Superferry and want to see it sailing between the Islands. Please make it happen.

Kristine Huntsman

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Subject: Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Blen J Hinton* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

This will be the Biggest black eye the State of Hawaii will every have to over come if the Superferry does not sail. The world's businesses will not come here to help make a future for our children. All we will become is dried up sugar cane and pineapple fields, and run down buildings with potholed roads between them. The superferry offers a leg up for the State to get into the 21st century. The threat to the environment is a ruse to cover-up the practical and logical fact that it will promote more economic growth for all businesses.

Please get a bill passed to promote the Superferry. And promote the State of Hawaii to the world.

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My name is David R. Roscoe, Ph.D. and I strongly support the SuperFerry for use in Hawaiian waters because it will provide a much needed optional way for us all to travel between the Islands and I believe that environmental concerns can and will be sufficiently addressed in a way that accepts progress and protects the environment. David R. Roscoe, 47-24 Mawaena St. Kaneohe, HI 96744 Phone: 239-6638.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am in full support of the Superferry.

Although there may be some valid environmental concerns that are being raised by a vocal minority, their position is illogical given the other modes of transportation that can cause the same types of potential environmental problems. It appears that there is a hidden agenda to stop the Superferry from operating under the pretext of environmental concerns. Adequate reasonable safeguards can be implemented to address these environmental concerns while the Superferry continues to operate. The bills being proposed are a reasonable compromise that addresses the environmental concerns raised by the opposition to the Superferry. On behalf of the silent majority, please have the courage to enact a law to allow the Superferry to operate.

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Att: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007
Time: 9 am Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshero,

MY NAME IS THOMAS KEKONA AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY.

We are a kamaaina family from Maui with ohana spread throughout Hawaii Nei. Recently one of my sister's moopuna got married on Oahu. The wedding was Saturday, October 6, but true to local style the celebration started Friday lasting through Sunday. There were more than twenty of us who flew to Oahu from Maui and Big Island for the happy event. Needless to say, it required airfare for each of us as well as the cost of renting several cars to accommodate the "off island" families. We could not all get the same flight (or airfare I might add). It required a lot of wasted time getting rental cars at different times of arrival and having to wait around to get the family members and their luggage in the right car to go to stay at a relative's home or a hotel. How much better had we been able to pack our own vehicles, go one time as a family, without spending the extra time and money. Just going to a wedding becomes a major undertaking and expense for a family.

It seems evident that low airfares are artificial and will soon be a thing of the past. In addition, plans are already in place for additional parking at the airports. I wonder what the cost will be when the airfares have returned to their increased prices and the parking spaces set empty because local families will again have to curb their frequent travel due to high airfare along with the above mentioned costs of current inter-island travel?

Those in opposition to the ferry do NOT represent the majority of the kamaaina of our Hawaii Nei. Nor have they admitted that their reasons for opposition are not new issues nor are they specific to the Superferry. Invasive species, potential whale collisions, damage to our environment and all the rest have happened on a bigger scale than will be posed by the operation of the superferry.

GIVE OUR KAMAAINA A CHOICE.....SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated support of the Hawaii Superferry.

ALOHA,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Tammy C. Yamauchi* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As an employee of a small disadvantaged business in Hawaii, it is our biggest challenge to for us to provide competitive costs to our outer-island clients. With the current resources available, we unfortunately have additional down-time for our technicians when our vehicles and employees mobilize to the outer-islands. If there were any way for us to cut that time down and still be able to maintain a consistent workload, the Hawaii Superferry would be an outstanding resource for our Company. As a start-up company, there are always flaws and bugs to fix. They just need a chance to try to survive and make the adjustments. We need more options other than just Young Brothers to ship our vehicles.

As a resident of the State of Hawaii, I support the Hawaii Superferry, due to the fact that efforts had been made in the past for a ferry system to be a mode of transportation but have not been accomplished to this day. It would be beneficial to both residents and visitors of Hawaii. Although it may affect the other modes of transportation, overall it would be another "choice" for people to utilize in travelling throughout Hawaii.

With respect to the environment, all modes of transportation have impacts on our air quality, water quality and waste quality, etc...What makes Hawaii Superferry so different from the current Maui-Lanai-Molokai ferry or the cruise ships or the freight liners? Looking at the Hawaii Superferry website, they have made all efforts to follow "the rules" and spent a lot of money and time doing the research needed to do business in Hawaii. Please let the Superferry conduct business while waiting for the Department of Transportation to perform the EIS, that way they can collect data and additional information while conducting the survey. In my opinion, if the Hawaii Superferry has to undertake an environmental impact statement, why do the other methods of transportation not have the same requirements? How is the Hawaii Superferry so different from any other method of transportation?

With respect to the employees of the Hawaii Superferry that are currently on furlough, I feel for them as now they may have to look for other jobs. With the cost of living in Hawaii being so high, I can't imagine what they are going through. People talk about taking care of the land and the ocean and the air, but what about taking care of the residents of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marche Hales and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I feel that it will help to improve the Hawaiian economy by allowing more options for transportation between islands. It can do no more damage than any cruise ship, tourist boat, or Matson. It has already created more jobs for the people of Hawaii and is sure to continue doing so. I ask you not to pass up this great opportunity to improve the state of Hawaii.

*Marche Hales
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Laura L. Tobosa* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that having this service especially for the neighbor islands is necessary. Having another option for travel or transport of goods is good. The Hawaii Superferry will also boast economy to where ever they dock..

Laura L. Tobosa

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Aloha,

My name is David Chabriel and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I want to write to show support for the Hawaii Superferry. We have all waited such a long time for ferry service between the islands of Hawaii. Since the days of "Seaflyte", we have all been waiting. The time is now here and what a great ferry the Superferry is. I am in complete support of the ferry.

There are issues to be considered, of course, but they can be worked out. The ferry needs a chance to get started. There is overwhelming support for the ferry. Unofficial polls show 90% pro, 10% anti. Although you would think it was the opposite because of all the "noise" the detractors are making! The vast majority of the Hawaiian people want the ferry. Please continue on with your plans to allow the ferry to start up operations as soon as possible. Mahalo for listening.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Aloha,

As a proprietary business operating for over 25 years in Honolulu, I find the option of the Superferry a positive, economical choice in bringing my vehicle, personnel and equipment to outer-island job sites. The money I save in travel, vehicle rental and tool-shipping will lower my pricing, making me more competitive in a wider market, saving customers money, and having a beneficial effect on the customer's and my business, ultimately helping the state's economy.

Please endeavor to ensure we have this economically positive alternative to intra-state transportation.

Thank you for ensuring our freedom of choice.

James Brogan

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Aloha Honorable Chairmen

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Eugene B. Taylor and I strongly oppose the Hawaii Superferry generally, but especially since it's owners and our administration have been so patently dishonest in their attempts to have their way at the expense of all Hawaiians. If they had not tried to subvert the law in the first place, none of the ugliness that has preceded this day regarding the Superferry would have happened, and added to my tax bill.

If the law had been followed, you would probably have your Superferry...and, over time, much less of the beauty you, and so many others come to Kauai to see...

You all should be ashamed of yourselves. Our country is based on the rule of law. The Superferry owners, in collusion with Gov. Lingle, and her affiliates, broke the law.

Why are you (if you are a supporter of the ferry) insulting our citizenry by having this hearing in the first place. It makes no legal sense. After violating the law, they (or you) are now considering rewriting the law for just one private entity. How do you explain this to your children?

Just as I must comply with the law, Ms. Lingle, the Superferry owners, and their supporters must comply with the law also.

Mahalo for your considerate attention to the law, and your oath to uphold the law, and your oath, when you took office...

Sincerely,

Eugene B. Taylor
Resident, and home/land owner of the lovely Island/County of Kauai

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is James Joseph Bueche and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Having been formerly been a frequent vacation visitor to Oahu, Hawaii since 1996; and being now a current permanent resident of Oahu, Hawaii, I offer this testimony as both a former visitor and as a current citizen of Honolulu, Hawaii.

I believe the inter-island service offered by the Hawaii Superferry creates an unprecedented opportunity to the State of Hawaii to increase Tourist Revenues. Before I moved to Hawaii, I brought my family to Oahu for vacations seven different times, and not once did we visit any of the other islands because of the high costs of airfare and car rental, and because of the inconvenience of having to fly back and forth. Now that I have moved my family to Oahu and we are residents, we still have not visited any of the other islands because of the same reasons. If the convenience and lower costs of the Hawaii Superferry had been available during the past decade, I would have taken my family to several of the other islands, and that I would have extended the duration of my vacations by several days to do so. I know that my off-island friends would be more likely to vacation here if they new that the Hawaii Superferry was available for inter-island travel; and I am sure that tourists from all over the world would too.

Today, if the Hawaii Superferry were available, I would choose to vacation on other islands instead of taking my money off-island for vacations. With the Superferry's convenience, we would be able to regularly take weekend trips as well. Obviously this means spending additional moneys on the Superferry, restaurants, hotels, etc.; all of which would help improve Hawaii's Tourism industry, and the economy of the State of Hawaii. I believe the Hawaii Superferry will provide an unprecedented economic benefit to Hawaii Tourism.

Why would anyone want to stop the Hawaii Superferry? Having studied the issue, It is my carefully considered opinion that plaintiffs who have filed law suits against the Hawaii Superferry have unscrupulously used the "Environment" as a disguise so that they don't have to openly admit that their true intent is to destroy the Hawaii Superferry and its business in Hawaii regardless of the cost to the Superferry, the Hawaiian Tourism Economy, or to everyone else who loses the opportunity to travel. It appears obvious to me that plaintiffs have absolutely no intent of allowing the Superferry to operate its business in Hawaii **EVER**; but rather it appears that plaintiffs intend to use law suit upon

law suit to legislate from the Bench, while frustrating the Superferry, the Legislature, the Courts, and the State of Hawaii and its citizens.

I believe that Legislators, the State of Hawaii, the Governor, and the Attorney General all acted appropriately when they tried to enable the Hawaii Superferry to operate under the laws of the State of Hawaii, in the same manner as is the law is enforced on other similar businesses presently operating marine vessels in the same waters of the Hawaiian Islands. Demands of the plaintiffs are not only absurd, they are laughable. For instance, to prevent "invasive species" from invading the Hawaiian Islands they say the Hawaii Superferry must agree to special precautionary procedures such as vehicle (automobile) inspections, undercarriage washes, etc. etc. etc. In July, 2007 I drove my vehicle (Chevrolet Tahoe) from Phoenix Arizona, to the Grand Canyon, across California to Los Angeles, and had it shipped by boat to Honolulu, Hawaii. There was no inspection, no undercarriage wash, and no special procedures to accomplish this, I simply washed my own vehicle and sent it to Hawaii. What good does it do to frustrate the Hawaii Superferry now, with procedures not now (or ever) applied to the vehicles, cargoes, sea-land vans, etc. that have already been (and are still being) shipped to Hawaii from all over the world? Other boats, including the plaintiffs supporters, freely engage in commerce throughout the Islands unhampered by these special precautionary procedures.

I want my legislature to change the law so that the Hawaii Superferry can freely operate its business unhampered by bizarre, unusual demands, and so that plaintiffs are no longer able to use the Courts to frustrate the Legislature, the Law, the Superferry, and the State of Hawaii and its citizens. I want the Superferry and other businesses to be allowed to operate their businesses here, and for the demands made upon them regarding the operation of their business to be no greater and no different than those demands already imposed upon other businesses freely engaging in similar commerce here today.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Scott Kamiya* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is moving the state in the right direction. What people in Hawaii dont understand is that we depend alot of Tourism. If the people on the neighbor island dont understand this they need to wake up and realize this is a reality. The Superferry will allow locals as well as visitors to visit all the islands thereby bringing in revenue to the State.

Aloha,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is LISA ZAKAR and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It's already tough for the small business owner to do business in this state. Businesses like myself have planned and budgeted for the SuperFerry to accomplish specific business plans with the use of the Ferry. Another viable alternative is necessary for interisland travel and cargo.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jocelyn Ayson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in support of the Hawaii Superferry. I believe it is very useful for travel within the Hawaiian Islands. It would be beneficial to have another form of travel to the outer islands, other than just by air.

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Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kenneth Tom, manager for Advanced Towing & Recovery, based out of Honolulu.

We strongly support the Hawaii Superferry and feel this would help our business by allowing us to travel efficiently to the other islands with our company vehicles.

My wife and I are also looking forward to traveling with our family to the outer islands and being able to take our vehicle instead of renting one when we get there.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kenneth Tom
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Dear Chairs Joe Souki and Marcus Oshiro:

My name is Chuck Clarke and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I live up here in Waimea with the farmers. Cutting out some of the portage costs for the farmers should be a top priority. Load the truck, drive to the Superferry, drive to the store on Oahu, unload and send truck back.

We all need a transportation system that does not depend on airplanes and TSA. This is becoming a less friendly and stable world and will become more so as global warming starves more and more people.

Joe, as you may remember, I was labeled the "father of whale watching in Maui back in 1976. Guests on my boats enjoyed thousands of encounters with nearby whales. The only serious motorized threat to whales is incessant noise, jet skis in berthing areas, and quick moving outboard driven skiffs and rubber boats, which have scarred some of the keiki whales. Whales are highly intelligent and watch their keiki diligently.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jamie Fife and I am writing to express my strong support for the Hawaii Superferry.

My family has been very excited about the prospect of having the Superferry available for interisland travel. I am confident that any environmental impact will be minimal if there is any impact at all. This will be an important resource to the residents of Hawaii, providing an affordable and enjoyable alternative to air travel and rental cars. We have lived on Oahu for 6 years, and we have only in the last year or so gotten around to visiting a neighbor island. I want to visit all the neighbor islands and enjoy the unique qualities of each. With the Superferry, the journey can be an important part of the visit, offering a getaway for me and my family to enjoy each other's company and the tranquility of the beautiful ocean.

I understand that some people have concerns about the impact of the boat on the ocean inhabitants and such. I think all the residents of the island want to keep Hawaii beautiful -- I know I certainly do. But these few vocal opponents are drowning out the voices of those of us in favor. I think this is because those of us (the vast majority, I am sure) who support the Superferry are trusting our representatives to do just that -- represent us. Please allow the Superferry to go forward. It's good for our economy, and it's good for our morale.

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From: Marie Winner [winnerm001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:01 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: support of the superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name Marie E. Winner and I along with most of the people in Hawaii strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think it's outrageous that a few people can impose their view and sway our legislators into ignoring the many. The Superferry is good for the people of Hawaii and the businesses in Hawaii.

Please do what you were elected to do and listen to the voices of the majority.

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From: Michael F. O'Brien [onggi@aloha-state.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:34 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Supporting Hawai'i SuperFerry

Importance: High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael Francis O'Brien and I strongly support Hawaii SuperFerry.

It is my feeling that the SuperFerry people came here with the right intention, granted they came to make money but who didn't, and I also feel that this State has totally mishandled this whole affair. We owe it to them to straighten this mess out, not just send them away.

You are not going in the right direction.

We are dealing with a very vocal minority who is acting from pure emotion and who have not thoroughly researched this matter and refuse to do so. One can shoot holes in almost every argument they have against the SuperFerry. They are hiding behind what they call "the law." Laws are made, laws can be changed and laws can be made exception to! Everything they say that could be brought to any given Island would and does already come in on planes, ships, and barges who are not being held to the same standard as this people want for the SuperFerry.

If the SuperFerry is held to EIS, then we MUST go after the airlines, and the ships and the barges who have not been held to the same standards and who have already brought and will continue to bring all sort of aliens to our shores.

Keep the Spirit of Aloha alive!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lothar Eiserloh* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As 24-year long residents of Hawaii (Maui & Oahu), our extended family (grandma, grandpa, son & daughter-in-law, 4 Hawaii-born grandchildren; niece, her retired Hawaii police officer spouse with their Hawaii-born children; and my elderly sister), we strongly support the Hawaii Superferry being granted sailing and docking rights at all the proposed major Hawaiian islands; access to this economic form of interisland transportation will allow our multi-island family more frequent visits with each other between Maui and Oahu, as we can bring along one vehicle for use, reducing the costs greatly, as well as the consumption of resources;

the ferry will also promote great education opportunities, by affording economic travel with car to us grandparents, to take our four grandkids on field trips with their classmates (similarly for all Hawaii families) to other islands to explore Hawaii's grand educational opportunities with hikes to the the Kauai "Grand Canyon", Maui's Haleakala park and Oceanarium, big island Volcanos National Park and the new observatory/astronomy center UH/Hilo; and the Bishop Museum and Iolani Palace in Oahu, as examples;

Please support the immediate granting of sailing and docking rights for the Superferry (we grandparents are not getting any younger); mahalo for your consideration,

Lothar and Carole Eiserloh.
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From: Sun Tee's Hawaii [suntees@maui.net]
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To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

YES! YES! YES!

My previous written and verbal testimony supports the operation of the Hawaii Superferry.

YES! YES! YES!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Raynee Callihan and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel the Superferry should be given a chance to do business in Hawaii. I would welcome another choice to travel between the Islands. I feel that the Superferry should be treated fairly and not made a target by a small group of individuals. I am a Kama'aina, born and raised here. If I felt that the Superferry would have a negative impact on our Islands, I would not support it.

Please don't let the Superferry be forced to leave the Islands. It would be a shame to lose it.

Mahalo,
Raynee Callihan
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

As a small business owner here in Hawaii, I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

We need a commonsense solution enabling the Superferry to operate during the assessment. Please do not let this critical transportation alternative leave our islands.

Now is the time for political courage.

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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:02 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SB 1 SD 1 relating to the superferry

To Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I am in full support of the Superferry's service in the islands. We need this type of transportation and it broadens our options of travel.

Sincerely,

Patricia Jones
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From: Bob and Nancy Airhart [airhartbn@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:03 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Testamoney for the Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

The Super Ferry is needed by the people of Hawaii. Please do not let a few loud people with nothing to do -allow our Islands to miss this opportunity to improve our lives. Especially should something happen to our airports!!!

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From: Aloha Sue [alohasue@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Susan J. Beckmann* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think it is an extremely good idea, especially for those residents with family living on other Islands. Hawaii prides itself on the Aloha Spirit, and above all "Ohana".

The holidays are just around the corner. It would be wonderful for residents living on various islands to have this option to load up the car with family and gifts, and spend quality time with members of their families, no matter which Island they live on.

The only option, to date has been to fly over to spend quality time with friends and family. A little competition would do the airlines a world of good. They are trying to take away flying as an affordable option as we speak, i.e., Go Airlines.

The main source of passengers, I am sure, will be local people, and thank the ferry for that. So tired of this state catering to certain groups for tourist \$\$\$\$. This whole Island almost went belly up after 911 because everything is so concentrated to pleasing the Asian market, that the local-mainland market is ignored or forgotten.

Is \$\$\$\$ the real reason the other Islands are so afraid of the ferry? They love to see the big cruise ships coming in, loaded with tourists who will help the economy. You can't tell me those huge ships don't create any less of a threat to the environment than the ferry.

Is is really more about \$\$\$ than environment?

I am a total water baby and love the ocean above all and everything living there.

Strongly feel there should be some guidelines, (i.e., slower speeds when entering Maui's whale crossings), but other parts of the US (Washington in particular), have coexisted with the critters in their water for years.

For myself, I don't have any family, here or on the mainland, but would love the option of traveling by ferry (with my own car), to visit other Islands that are a part of the home I love so much. The ride on the water would be as big an attraction as the actual visit to another Island.

We are all part of one state, just separated by the Pacific. What makes more sense than using the water we love so much to bridge the distance and have another option to get to know and explore the rest of our state.

I also think many tourists would love the idea of traveling between Islands without having to go on a large cruise boat. Again for myself, I would love to have the option just for pleasure, but I think the real purpose and beauty of the ferry will be uniting "Ohana" living on various islands.

My heart and prayers go out to the CEO who is trying to bring something GOOD to the Islands, and especially to all the employees who thought they had job. Last job I had was working for the Walt Disney Company. In the 12 years I was there, went through 4 lay offs. It sucks to lose your job (especially this close to the holidays) because of a few selfish narrow minded groups who don't want "Oahu" people spending too much time on their Islands.

Anyone living on Oahu has my full support when they want to work. The superferry employees were led to believe they were gainfully employed and then had the rug pulled out underneath them. What message does that give to the population here? We need to increase employment options, not take away jobs people already have.

The CEO has shown compassion and a lot of class regarding his employees and the whole mess he is unfortunately facing. I would work for that man in a heartbeat, and hope the resolution is to support his vision and bring the superferry to us as a permanent option. Remember all the fuss about H3? What would be do without it? Why are the other Islands so afraid of change?

Mahalo,

*Susan J. Beckmann
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-- "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you did

*not do
Than by the things you did do.
So, throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor.
Catch the trade winds in your sails.
Explore, Dream, Discover”*

Aloha, Suzie --

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From: Matt Longfellow [matt@longfellow.com]
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To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Matt Longfellow* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need to have other travel options besides the airlines. It's amazing to me that we live in an island state and don't have ocean transportation options. This needs to happen for the good of Hawaii.

Matt Longfellow

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From: Tom Laidlaw [tom@hirezsoftware.com]
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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION - testimony in support of Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Tom Laidlaw. I am writing on behalf of myself, my wife, Emily Laidlaw and 23 year old son, James Laidlaw and 20 year old son Christopher Laidlaw. We all registered voters and all strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Given that we are an island economy together with the closed nature of Hawaii's business environment and the cumulative negative affects this has on our economy and families, the state government needs to get proactive in it's support of private businesses when the majority of Hawaii's people stand to benefit.

This is certainly the case with the Superferry. And what a great investment this will be in our tax dollars that will not only result in 'profit' for the state (in the form of tax dollars, etc.) from the Superferry and all it's users. Much of which will be 'new' dollars that would not have been spent otherwise....when you consider a family like mine that can't afford to see my 2 sons living and working on Maui because of the prohibitively high cost of getting my wife and 4 other children on a plane and renting a car to get to Maui to see them...and the farmer on the Big Island that has not been able to grow their business because they could not afford to get their products to Oahu's markets due to the high cost of shipping, now having access to our consumers...

...and the list goes on.

Should the Superferry be free from the same reasonable oversight as other interisland transportation companies as they operate their business...absolutely not. But neither should they be singled out and strapped with unreasonable and punitive restrictions that will make it extremely difficult if not impossible to operate efficiently and profitably.

Everyone is entitled to their 'opinion'...but much of the 'opinion' I hear and read in the papers is based on emotion and 'what-if's'...as the head of my family and a manager at the company I work for I am required to make decisions every day...but experience tells reasoned and intelligent people that good decisions are not based on emotion...rather good decisions are based on the facts and with experience factored in. I try to make my decisions each and every day on facts with experience...and not on emotion.

As legislators...leaders, you have to have a decision to make on the Superferry. To help it have an operating environment that will allow it to succeed based on the job they do and allow the people of Hawaii to benefit from this new service...to bow to the emotional arguments of a minority and encumber it with heavy handed oversight and regulations that will only hasten it's failure...

I urge you to make the decision to support the Superferry based on facts and experience...

Sincerely,

Tom Laidlaw

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From: steve scott [steve@scotthawaii.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:00 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Super Ferry Bill

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Steve Scott, and as a life long resident of Hawaii and as a business owner, I strongly support the Super Ferry. The one major obstacle to doing business in our state is transportation, and the Hawaii Super Ferry will address the need for another alternative to readily move goods from one island to another. This will greatly increase the markets for business on every island, not just Oahu.

Doing business in Hawaii is difficult. Being as far as we are from the Mainland and Asian markets is a definite disadvantage, making us less competitive in the world market. And then to have the state government step in and put roadblocks in the way of a private enterprise that would greatly enhance small company's throughout Hawaii from expanding their markets is unacceptable. The business environment in Hawaii doesn't need another black eye, and your support for the Super Ferry would go a long way in dispelling the perception that government is not business friendly.

Thank you for your consideration

Aloha
Steve Scott

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From: Nicole Felipe [nicolef@cbpacific.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:11 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lee Nicole Felipe* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Just one example is a choice in methods of travel—got stuck on Big Island yesterday due to over-booked flights and waited for more than 3 hours at Kona Airport—would be nice to have a choice, as in other areas w/bodies of lands connected—and separated—by bodies of water.

Mahalo—

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From: Rex Matsumura [rmats555@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:11 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rex T. Matsumura and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry, because *having another choice of travel would supplement methods of travel between the islands.*

Furthermore, I strongly believe the Hawaii Superferry has been treated unfairly where they are being held to higher standard of doing business compared to other businesses that use our ocean ways.

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From: Khalsa, Sampuran [SKhalsa@STRAUB.NET]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:11 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Super Ferry Now

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sampuran K Khalsa and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Superferry will be advantageous to, and improve the lives of, the people of Hawaii. We should be able to have the ability to travel island to island however, the government needs to make sure that Hawaii Superferry is regulated and closely monitored for compliance. Please act to permit operation as planned.

Thank you.

Sampuran K Khalsa

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From: Rgh0448@aol.com
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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Let the Superferry sail

I want my voice heard and wish that I could be there to testify. Your decisions today will go down in history and believe me I would not want to be one who voted down the Superferry and all it means to the Islands.

The horse industry has needed this for ever and being able to transport with in hours from one Island to another rather than days makes the Superferry very valuable to us.

Please allow our industry to grown

Sincerely Robert Hogan

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [Lori A. Lopez] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to see the Superferry up and running in Hawaii because I feel it is something we need for the local people to go to and from the outer Islands. Some of us don't ride planes but we sure like to ride boats. This would be great and we can visit Ohana as well. I think it would be good for Business too. The EIS is a good idea also, but let the Ferry sail during the EIS. Too many tree huggers and bull environmentalists here grumbling. They just don't want us on their Island. How dare them. We are from here. We belong on ALL Islands. Auwe. So sad.

Lori A. Lopez

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From: Joy Higaki [jhigaki@hilaw.us]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:12 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joy Higaki and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly feel that not allowing the superferry to conduct its business here for the benefit of all of the State of Hawaii residents and its visitors, will, in the long run, have a very negative impact on the State for a number of reasons. Whatever problems that the superferry is facing at this juncture, should have been handled way before they were to set sail in the first place.

[SIGNATURE - Joy Higaki

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From: Richard Ferguson [fergrich@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:13 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Continued Operation of Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

The Administration, the Legislature and a Court all allowed/encouraged the Superferry development to proceed. Then 17 months after the Court decision the State Supreme Court made its decision. Thank you Supreme Court! You in the Legislature are every bit as capable as judges to make this decision and you already did! The Legislature and the court was right the first time. The Supreme Court was wrong.

Making every little project subject to an EIS, just puts more power into the few professional naysayers who have never sought to be "for" anything.

As a 57 year Hawaii resident, I am excited the people are about to experience a whole new dimension of travel that will enrich our lives. A few professional naysayers use technicalities in the law to stop and harass projects of every kind. They don't represent the people, you do.

Mahalo,

Richard B. Ferguson

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From: Lopes [kats17@hawaiiantel.net]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Sandra Lopes* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the ferry because I do not like to fly and this would be a blessing to me to be able to travel interisland.

Sandra Lopes

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From: Wtt2ron@aol.com
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Ron Young* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in support of of the two bills before you permitting the Superferry to operate prior to completion of EIS. My family and I strongly support the Superferry and desire another mode of transportation to the neighbor islands.

Further, I am a business in Hawaii that could benefit as a vendor to the Superferry. I believe that allowing them to leave the State of Hawaii would severely curtail the flow of badly needed investment dollars to the state.

Respectfully,

Ron Young

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Leslie Tokunaga and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.
I work for Aloha Airlines and truly believe Hawaii desperately needs alternate inter-island transportation for business, personal and emergency purposes.

The State of Hawaii government approved the Super Ferry to do business here and therefore the business should be allowed to operate while opposers' objections and assessments are conducted.

*Sincerely,
Leslie Tokunaga
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My mom's brother had Alzheimer's and died a couple of years ago with no ability to hear and see and no memory. Please have the SuperFerry operating while my Mom still has her senses and while she can still remember...

Mahalo!
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From: Dennis Reed [dpreed@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:13 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dennis Reed and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry represents an unprecedented opportunity for residence of Hawaii to travel with their family and their own vehicle to neighbor islands at a tremendous savings. The impact on the tourist industry; inter-island airlines and rental car companies, would be minimal because many of the Hawaii Superferry would not otherwise have the means to travel as a family.

Environmental impact should be minimal. Frequent inter-island barges, cruise ships, fishing boats, and sail boats complete their voyages without impact. There is no logical basis to indicate the Hawaii Superferry's impact would be greater than the other vessels.

Aloha,
Dennis Reed

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From: Terre Hawkins [terre@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:14 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SB 1 SD 1 Relating to Transportation & Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

This email is to voice my strong support for the Hawaii Superferry for two reasons.

One, I believe it will be good for many local businesses in Hawaii as they will be able to expand their areas of operation, which in turn, will keep Hawaii-generated dollars in Hawaii. Examples which have been voiced to me by local businesses include Hawaii-grown agricultural produces and landscaping services.

Two, it is a very recent memory of \$100, one-way interisland airline tickets, which resulted because of a monopoly on interisland transportation consisting of Hawaiian and Aloha airlines as the public carriers. The advent of Go Airlines brought much-needed competition and immediate financial relief to the consumer. I have heard rumors that Go Airlines is in trouble. There is no doubt in my mind that interisland airfares will go back to a "mainstream consumer prohibitive price" if Go fails and the Hawaii Superferry is not allowed to operate. Competition in business is good for the consumer and keeps transportation costs at a reasonable level.

I am a strong environmentalist and I support the Hawaiian Superferry.

Aloha,

Terre Hawkins
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From: Greg Stephanoff [gds2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:49 AM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Greg Stephanoff* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Majority of the People in the State of Hawaii want the Superferry to begin operations immediately and to continue operating.

Sincerely,

Greg Stephanoff

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From: Howard Holt [hholt@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:17 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki & Oshiro,

I support the Superferry and I think it will be good to connect all the Hawaiian islands. I live on Kauai and I believe the residents that are opposed to the Superferry are really opposed to the high cost of living, the widespread development & the traffic congestion caused by one lane roads and they are blaming all the problems of the island to the Superferry. I believe the Superferry will be a welcome addition to the island.

Maureen Holt
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808-742-6176

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From: Charles C. Iona [Charles.Iona@resortquesthawaii.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:17 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: In Support of the Super Ferry

Aloha,

My name is Charles Iona. I am a native Hawaiian, born and raised on the island of Oahu. I attended the Kamehameha Schools from an early age and proudly graduated from the Kapalama campus in 1977. By blood quantum, I am 50% Hawaiian and the other 50% Chinese. I am proud to say that I am Hawaiian first. I am also proud to say that my parents raised me in the best country in the world and that is the United States of America. In this land of democracy, the silent majority should not be overcasted by the boisterous minority. I was raised always to respect the law whether it is good or bad. That is the reason I became a police officer for the County of Maui Police Department and proudly served the community. I then took an early retirement after my spouse passed away and moved back to Oahu. I then became an investigator for the Honolulu Medical Examiner's Office specializing in death investigations. I finally settled on the island of Kauai in July of this year, 2007.

It saddens me to see what our people suffered when they tried to disembark at the Nawiliwili Harbor in August. These were Kauaians just trying to get home. Yet, the biggest loud mouths were the Caucasians. Letting air out of tires, hitting personal vehicles, and swearing at the occupants in the vehicles. Did they ever tell themselves that they had to use some type of means to get from the mainland to Kauai. I am sure that they did not swim here.

I bet if the Super Ferry was in operation during Hurricane Iniki, transportation of goods and supplies would have been easier to bring to Kauai and I am sure all of the loud mouths affected would embrace the needed help and supplies that the ferry would have offered. So in retrospect, how easy for these people to forget what others have done for Kauai. And it is for this reason and this reason alone, I support the ferry system. We have high speed tour boats taking our visitors to the Na Pali Coast. We have on going missile testing at Barking Sands. We have the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds thrilling the crowds during special events. Yet all of these entities were not subjected to the harsh scrutiny that the Super Ferry was subjected to.

We cannot stop progress because we don't live in the stone age anymore. But what we can do is learn to live and work side by side with each other and Malama one another. I urge that the Ferry system be allowed to function as it was meant to do. Share with all to visit the islands. Though I don't fly on GO airlines, it did cause the other two major carriers to be humble and make flying a little more easier to handle because of the low fares. Having the chance to drive on with your own vehicle, what a deal. Right now, the monopoly is with Young Brothers. They need to be humbled too. In closing, I am also a part-time musician. The cost for my trio is high yet, when there is someone in need and they just don't have the money, I talk it out with the guys in the group and we humble ourselves and we pretty much give our musical services just to make someone happy. Sure it's about the money but sometimes, we have to overlook the money.

Mahalo for this opportunity. A Hui Hou!

Charlie Iona

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Ruth Joyce-Higa* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think another form of transportation between the islands will be good for competitive pricing. I look forward to pretending I am on a cruise.

Ruth Joyce-Higa

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From: Charlene Lee [cle@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:27 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Testimony for SuperFerry

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From: TANYA NOVOA [tanyadnovo@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:27 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: I strongly support the Super Ferry.

To all whom this concerns,

I am in strong support of the Super Ferry. This amazing and cutting edge boat will offer the local people of the islands, another way to get around to visit friends and family, to provide services for each other in the human race. It will provide transportation for those who are afraid to fly. We should feel privileged that they built this boat, at a huge expense and a lot of work, to service us here in Hawaii! And I hope they can make a profit someday and not be spit at and trampled on. It is shameful.

The "warmongers" have tried very hard to instill fear from varying situations, all that seem, would be very unlikely and would be happening already from all the other boats that travel to and fro from island to island, and all the daily flights. They want the Super Ferry to OBEY this LETTER OF THE LAW, concerning the Environmental Impact. I wonder if they are law abiding citizens? Many opposers look like Pot Smokers to me and probably Drunk Drivers (which by the way kills thousands of PEOPLE every year!)

If Hawaii lets the Super Ferry leave it will be a very sad day in History. And I hope they would be able to find their place somewhere in the world. But Hawaii would be the best place!!! For we are in the middle nowhere and need this boat so we can prosper with our businesses and Not be stuck with air travel as our only option!!

Please change the law so the Super Ferry can start their much needed service in the islands!!!! (Just trying to make it as a service will be challenging enough.. let alone with all these court battles...)

PLEASE HELP!

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From: AuntyMaile@aol.com
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To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Testimony for the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Bernadette Maile Akaka Yagi* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry's mode of transportation is important to the people of Hawaii. The Superferry creates many good things for us, such as more jobs, a healthy business environment, and a new option for the people of Hawaii to travel. Please do not stop the Superferry, I am a native of Hawaii, and I say, "Yes" to the Superferry.

*Bernadette Yagi
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From: Elisabeth Erker [eerker@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:28 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: sb1sp1 Relating to Transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I am writing to give my comments on the Superferry.

The Superferry should be held to the same environmental regulations as all other enterprises. To waive the Environmental Impact Statement will send a message that other projects can do the same.

The EIS should apply equally to all.

Elisabeth Erker
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From: Lohengrin & Shari Lee Naho'opi'i [sharbear@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:30 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lohengrin K. Naho'opi'i* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My wife, Shari Lee Naho'opi'i, and I have been looking forward to the SuperFerry when it was first introduced to the Islands, long before the actual ferry finally made it to Oahu. I am physically handicap and air travel is all but out of the question for me. Having the opportunity to bring my own vehicle when visiting interisland is such a relief and I am excited to visit ohana.

We do not understand why the protesters waited until the ferry was ready to run before they started making trouble. They could have followed the progress of the SuperFerry, but instead, they now start threatening ferry passengers and their vehicles. We just wonder what their actions are causing the mainland and world to think about Hawaii. The Sierra Club has caused so many problems throughout the mainland, now they are in Hawaii and we feel they are paying island folks to protest. It just isn't fair to our island residents that these few protesters are trying to close down the only other choice of interisland travel. Please do not let them have the satisfaction of making a mockery of our state.

Mahalo nui loa a me A hui hou -- Lohengrin K. and Shari Lee Naho'opi'i

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From: Bird, Jerry A MSG RES USAR [jerry.bird@us.army.mil]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:29 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

I am writing you in reference to the Hearing being held concerning the Hawaii Super Ferry on Monday, October 29, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol. I would love to be there to testify in person but my work load does not afford me that opportunity today. I am writing to express my complete support for the Hawaii Superferry. The Superferry is a exciting new way for residence of Hawaii to visit the island chain. It is clear that more Hawaii residence support the Superferry then do not. Free the Superferry. Changes is good and this is change that will have a very positive impact on all the residence of the Great State of Hawaii. It is time to move on and do what is right for Hawaii.

Master Sergeant Jerry A. Bird
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From: Emery Cardenas [emerycardenas@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:03 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: We Need Supperferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Emery J Cardenas and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I live in Kaneohe and want to move to the Big Island in the near future. I have a Electrical Contracting business here on Oahu and want to continue serving my loyal customers on Oahu.

When I live on the Big Island the Supperferry will make it possible for me to manage this cost efectively.

Sincerely, Emery Cardenas....DBA EMERY ELECTRIC

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From: Bruce Bonbright [bonbrightbd@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:29 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Support the Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bruce D Bonbright and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The people of the State of Hawaii need this form of transportation. Our families will have an easier time visiting our relatives on the other islands, our athletic teams will have an easier time competing because they will be able to drive their players and equipment to the other islands. Our small businesses will have an easier time moving their products to their customers on the other islands. In times of crisis or disaster, urgently needed supplies and people can be quickly moved to where they are needed. In short, we have needed this form of transportation for a long time and the time has come for the legislators to stand firmly behind it. Please DO NOT add any restrictions to the Superferry that you aren't already requiring of all other shipping or vessels. If you add restrictions, you are essentially trying to kill the Superferry for Hawaii.

If you want to do something to help the environment, then get the illegal campers off our beaches. They are creating an ecological disaster with their defecating on our beaches and throwing trash into our ocean. Stop trying to invent an ecological reason to prevent the Superferry and start actually doing something to clean up the ecological disaster on our leeward coast beaches that has already occurred.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY!!

Bruce D Bonbright
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From: Bruce Adams [badams@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 12:30 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Support for Superferry

My name is Bruce S Adams, 225 Kaiulani Ave #1001, Honolulu, HI 96815.

I have been in support for the ferry since its inception and have been looking forward to riding it. Bruce Adams

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From: maurev@aol.com
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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: (no subject)

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From: Gayle Hughes [hughesg007@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: Superferry Support re: October 29 Meeting

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gayle Hughes* and my husband, Michael, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

For ten years I lived on a sailing vessel and traveled over 20,000 miles in the beautiful Pacific. From Canada all the way down to the southernmost waters of Mexico and back again and again. Also from Acapulco to Oahu and Kauai to Vancouver Island. I can't tell you how many whales I've seen and so many varieties. They are amazing. Anyone that has been on the ocean as much as I knows that whales are very easy to spot. The last time that my husband and I took a NaPali trip I saw more whales than even the ship's captain! I can look out in the ocean and tell exactly what is there from a long distance, be it whales, a school of fish, dolphins, etc. And I was at sea level in this 42 foot sailboat. From the deck of the Superferry it will be a no brainer. And between the equipment they have the weather and water we enjoy here in Hawaii, I'm just not concerned. Plus, whales aren't stupid and unless they're asleep, they will take care of themselves. And have you seen how maneuverable the ferry is? We saw the film of it's making and also saw it one day off of Kauai practically doing wheel stands! It was designed for Hawaii and for whale avoidance. And don't forget, they are very motivated not to hit a whale because of the damage it will cause their vessel.

I'm originally from the Seattle area where there are tons of ferry boats. The Victoria Clipper races from Seattle to Canada plus there are many huge ferries up around Vancouver Island. My husband spent years sailing in California to Catalina Island which also has ferry service. He and I have never heard of a single incident involving these ferry's and a whale.

In regards to the traffic concerns on Kauai, I really don't think the ferry will have much impact. There are over 5,000 rental cars on this island on any given day and that is why we have traffic issues. And that is also why we have an economy - we need the tourists. People that visit from Honolulu or the other islands would simply rent a car if they have no ferry to bring their own car over. The only "additional" vehicles, in my opinion, would be the farmers and other local business owners that would be able to transport their own goods.

Let the ferry run. It's here to provide us with a wonderful service and most people do want it to happen soon. Whether or not an EIS was done when "some" of the people on neighbor islands asked for it is now a mute point. And this controversy should not be about the counties having their feelings hurt when the governor didn't agree that an EIS was needed. We have to solve the problem that we have currently which is there will be no ferry in our island state unless we figure out a way to let it the Superferry operate very soon. They are trying to run a business and to offer a wonderful service for the people of our state.

Gayle (and Michael) Hughes

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jeffrey Y. Kanada* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am in support of letting the Superferry operate while the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation conducts the EIS for the improvements.

1. The Superferry will allow an alternative route of transportation for passengers and commerce.
2. The Superferry should be subject to the same requirements or conditions that our Tug & Barge operations if any with respect to invasive species. They have the pose, the same threat to the spread of invasive species.
3. I have navigated the waters between the islands of Kauai, Maui & Molokai for many years during the peak whale season and have very rare sightings of whales in the waters that the Supperferry plans to travel. This includes for the channels and waters between the islands of Molokai, Maui and Kauai.

Please take my testimony to heart and allow the Supperferry to operate while the Department of Transportation conducts the EIS.

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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 *Marcelle Mau* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is a wonderful alternative means of travel between the islands. Thirty years ago, I worked for SeaFlite which travelled at least as fast as the Superferry can go. We never hit a whale. We did however, take extra precautions to avoid this. During whale season, there were extra eyes in the wheelhouse to spot whales. If a whale did approach too close (and they will), we cut speed immediately until we were a safe distance away.

Many people are opposed to the Superferry because they oppose the additional cars that will be coming to their islands, but the cars go back and they do not carry any more foreign species than a car arriving on a Young Brothers barge. Did they have to submit an EIS? I'll bet they didn't have to. And who did they know to pull strings for them?

What about all the cruise ships? Did they submit an EIS? They dump more crap in the ocean than the Superferry does.

What about all the aircraft that dump fuel to lighten their loads. Did they submit an EIS?

With proper restrictions, the Superferry can be a successful and pleasurable alternate means of travel for all. I'm sure our very capable lawmakers can come up with a solution that is fair & acceptable to all parties concerned.

Mahalo,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Peter Shungcho Hwu* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is in the interest of the people of the State of Hawaii and its economy to have a viable transportation option other than air. Being an isolated state thousands of miles away from the mainland, it is to our interest and survival to build a closer link among our island communities to foster a stronger economic, cultural and social bond and larger economic base among us. Our islands lack an alternative way of transportation. Super Ferry provides this alternative as well as an artery to link our island economies together. The present and future of our islands, our families, our economies, our opportunities as an island state depend on the success of this most viable ocean highway. Our present and future economy as an island state cannot be solely dependent on air but rather by land and by sea. We are about the only island metropolis in the world without an interisland ferry service. We cannot afford to make another mistake. This is our future and the future of our children.

Why inter-island ferry service is needed and why we cannot afford to lose

1. Hawaii is an island metropolis surrounded from all sides by water. Ferry is the most logical transportation to get people, goods and services around. Not air or car can substitute.
2. Ferry service will jump start our stagnant tourist industry. It will provide a vital and attractive option to tourists with the least environmental impact on land
3. We needed interisland ferry service 150 years ago. It is overdue to the islands, our people and our economy
4. Inter-island ferry service provides an alternate evacuation route in event of a major disaster
5. Our economy as an island metropolis depends on water to link our economies together, not air
6. Super tankers, cargo containers, aircraft carriers, nuclear submarines frequent our harbors and surrounding waters for centuries without complaints from environmental groups and without incident.

Their complaints are without ground.

7. Ferry service provides jobs and opportunities to our economy as the only state isolated by water
8. We are about the last island metropolis in the world without an interisland ferry service
9. Let's not make another mistake. Let's make a wise decision that will benefit our present and future generations.

Respectfully,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lisa Hatzenbuhler and I am in strong support of the Hawaii Superferry. I want an alternative other than flying to visit a neighbor island. Some people in my family have a fear of flying, so this is an alternative option for us. I would like to be able to take our car with us, as we have children and they feel more comfortable in their own car. We all live in the same State of Hawaii and I don't agree with other islands maybe not wanting us to visit by ferry. What is the difference to them if we come by plane or by boat, that should be our option, not theirs!
I will not be at the hearing today, so I am sending my testimony.

Thank you,
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jei-Nhy K. Barino and I ***strongly*** support Hawaii Superferry.

* I believe that the Hawaii Superferry is already legal to run in Hawaii waters

* I believe that the Hawaii Superferry shouldn't be singled out. All these protesters state that to host a Special Session and to pass special legislation in regards to the Superferry is to single out the superferry and it isn't fair.

Those protesters **ALREADY** singled out the superferry when they failed to include Matson, Young Brothers, Cruiseliners, and other ships that transport both people and cars to other islands in the protest for an EIS.

* I believe that this will be a great option for more choices regarding inter-island travel. The airlines has had its hold over Hawaii for **TOO** long.

* I believe that the **OVERALL** positive impact of the Hawaii Superferry far outweighs all the **NEGATIVE** impact.

* I am a local resident and I know the unique environment needs to be thought of when such matters are brought to attention, but the fact that the superferry's policies **EXCEEDS** state regulations overall, an expensive EIS won't due the cost of it justice. Middle-class working residence will in the end pay the price. I believe the arguments opposing the superferry are a bit weak and unjust. Especially when I know that the superferry's competition are being passed by. The Mely Fly that was found on the Big Island in late 2005 and then found on Kaua'i in the summer of 2006 and then in Maui in the fall of 2006. The superferry wasn't operating then-how did it get here to Kaua'i? The croqui frog found on the Big Island is now found on Maui, it's been a long time problem for residents-how did it get to Maui? The superferry wasn't operating so explain how it just "magically" appeared in Maui? **UNJUST** and **UNFAIR** to single them out. Especially when it provides working middle class residents 300+ jobs.

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;P - I've learned that artificial intelligence is no match for natural

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Victor L Redding Jr* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I feel that the SuperFerry is and will be a needed addition to our interisland transportation needs.

Aloha, Vic Redding

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