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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

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

SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *CharlesW.Hodges* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I look forward to the day when I can take my small pickup truck, canoe, fishing gear, and retreat to Kauai's streams and rivers for a weekend to fish and camp. Being the only resource of trout streams in the State of Hawaii, I am limited in pursuit of a childhood joy. Fly fishing, specifically CATCH AND RELEASE, ZERO LIMIT has been a annual vacation destination for me. Please make this recreational opportunity available to me in our state, I can assure Kauai residents that I will respect their Aina as I always have on Oahu. My desire is enjoy their wonderful island and return to Oahu.

I would like to point out that it is important that with the increased flow of "local" tourists that the Department of Transportation must support Kauai's need for traffic flow and control, and not be bogged down by a sudden flashflood of people from a ferry. We look forward to their being able to provide great local produce and shopping with us here on Oahu. Aloha to Kauai residents coming this way too!

Mahalo,

C.W. Hodges

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Beth A Richardson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Brian Balidio* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Super Ferry because it provides us with an alternative mode of service than just the commercial airlines/cargo shipping. It would also better accommodate individual hobbies to ship their gear with ie; mountain bikes, kayaks, atv's, etc.

With Regards,

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From: Dukelow, Winonah [wdukelow@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:21 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SB1, SD1 Relating to Transportation

To: Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Committee on Transportation

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Committee on Finance

Date: Monday, October 29, 2007

Time: 1:30 P.M.

Place: Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Testimony on SB No.1, SD1, Relating to Transportation

My name is Winonah Dukelow and I do not support this bill. I do support HB No.1, Relating to Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

Winonah Dukelow

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From: James c [ovphoto@hawaiiantel.net]
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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: HSF

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro

As ardent supporter of The HSF, I urge you to listen to the masses and pass the SB 1, SD1, We (hawaii) need to pass into the 21st century the with the rest of the world, I have read the draft and to me it is more stringent than anything that HT&B (young bros) does, as far as Environmental protection, I have ridden the ferry and find it most convient and practical as another form of interisland travel as I pesonally don't like flying inter-island, and would be handy for my business. I have been on ferrys in australia (Melbourne to Tasmania) Europe (Nice Fr. to Corsica and Sardinia, where thier bigger and just as fast, Not an issue there so why here? All those places have marine life.

Thank you,
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From: Shshohetvln@aol.com
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To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SB 1, SD 1 Mon. 1:30, in support of Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sheryl Shohet and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please allow the Superferry to operate while an environmental study is being done. It is important for residents in the State of Hawaii to be able to travel economically to outer islands. As a music teacher, musician, and director of a student violin ensemble, I feel it would present affordable opportunities for my students to travel to perform on outer islands and encourage their local music students. It would also make it possible for students from outer islands to come to Oahu for music lessons and for music camps. Students from outer islands could come for one-day trips to attend Honolulu Symphony Youth Concerts, or on Saturdays or Sundays to participate in Youth Symphony rehearsals. The Honolulu Symphony would be able to travel to give more concerts on outer islands.

Thank you for considering serious music students and music fans. I am submitting these comments for the record and will not be testifying in person.

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Subject: Super Ferry is good for business good culture and good for the Community

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John C Fuhrmann and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

The Island of Oahu land is becoming too expensive for r agriculture and the business which depend upon them. The Super ferry provides an opportunity for this agriculture to and the related business to provide support for Oahu's population in an economic manner from the other islands. This is a two part support as it lowers the cost of local produce, dairy products and meat while providing work for those who wish to remain or move to these islands.

Industries such as shops which can build or manufactory products can also build and survive by moving to these island and delivering to Oahu. Entertainment and cultural activities can go to these islands at an economic cost by simply loading their equipment in trucks, There is little doubt in the business community the the synergy of this ferry system goes far beyond the simple travel of Hawaii's citizens,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Myles Okoji* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I believe that the Superferry will provide a valuable service to the people and businesses of Hawaii. I am looking forward to using this service and hope that you give this business a chance to operate in our islands. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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From: Charlie Pacheco [cpacheco@alarmhawaii.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:19 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Yes !

I want the ferry system. I've been on a couple of ferries from Seattle and Vancouver Island and it's great.

We need it between the Islands.

Charles Pacheco

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From: Jeffrey H Tamaye [tamayej@hawaii.edu]
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Subject: superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jeff T and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

If the superferry is environmentally safe, I think that it will benefit the Hawaiian islands economically, socially, and will allow the people another option to travel. It wont be perfect, and there will always be some negatives, as there is with everything in life, but overall, think of how much people would be happy. The people on Kauai and Maui who say that the people from Oahu should stay here (Oahu), are behaving like children and are so narrow minded. What about when when people travel over to Oahu for medical proceedures at Queens, Kaiser, etc. You dont have people protesting, telling them to "stay home" because our Island is too crowded. The residents on Maui and Kauai don't own the Island, and they need to realize that. Im sure if they had family on Oahu coming to visit them, they wouldn't protest that. The superferry is just another form of transportation, that has been shot down by the narrow minds of ignorant locals.

-JT

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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:09 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Strongly Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. My friends and I (local residents) enjoy camping and kayaking, especially on the neighbor islands. This service will allow us to do these activities more often and at a lower cost.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:25 PM
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Subject: Support Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

We need another means of transportation between Islands. This would help families, school groups, farmers, etc.

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From: lSteriyaki@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:23 PM
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Subject: superferry

please except this letter as my support for the superferry .

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Subject: for the ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Laurel A. Anderson* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

For lack of time I will just state briefly that the Superferry in my opinion will serve the island people and others in a positive way. I think it should be allowed to operate while the EIS is being done, and I think that the people that are making the decisions should look at other shipping vessels like Matson and Young brothers. It is my belief that they might be having something to do with the ferry being held back, just a feeling, I could be wrong.

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From: Hannelarue@aol.com
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Subject: Happy Superferry!

I certainly are for having the superferry run in the Hawaiian waters. And I hope and pray you finally make a right decision. Blessings. Hanne La Rue

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Raymond C. DuBoise and Shirley N. DuBoise and we strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. Each year we visit Hawaii for a month and always go to a minimum of three islands. We would love to ride the Ferry between islands allowing us to relax and enjoy the sea, beautiful views of the islands that we love so much. An airplane ride between island can only be compared to a bus ride!

We don't understand the concerns of boat damage to whales or whatever, as many, many ferries are used in Puget Sound and other areas of the world without the concerns that are being resented? What about the Cruise Ships?

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From: Joseph Spatola [spatolaj001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:26 PM
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Subject: Support Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I support the operation of the Hawaii SuperFerry because I have used it -I have sailed on the ship three times. The operation is very professional and the ship is maneuverable. I feel that The Alakai and the Hawaii SuperFerry company can live up to all the claims they have made. The Hawaii SuperFerry has already been approved by the Hawaii State Senate, that was done years ago when over \$120 million dollars of taxpayer money was authorized to be invested for it's operation. To not allow the Hawaii SuperFerry to operate now and then increase the taxes to make up for it's lost revenues would be a boondoggel to the residence of Hawaii. What would prevent the state from authorizing another project, then cancelling it as a way to increase taxes.

The Hawaii SuperFerry provides over 300 job opportunities now and more to come in the future when the Big Island and the second SuperFerry are added to the routes.

The Hawaii SuperFerry provides ease of travel for disabled people who otherwise would be restricted to uncomfortable travel by airlines or no travel at all. Using the Hawaii SuperFerry makes it safer and easier to travel by wheel chair or even complete hospital bed and medical teams. In peace time or time of natural disaster the Hawaii SuperFerry provides a means of evacuation of people, pets, automobiles filled with irreplaceable memories that no other existing form of travel does.

The Hawaii SuperFerry provides a more efficient way to ship fresh commerce between islands, businesses can take crew and equipment between islands faster and without weeks of prior arrangement. Auto and Motorcycle clubs and campers can move between islands more efficiently too. Families who are separated that live and work on different islands will be afforded a personal means of staying in touch. Our inter-island life style will benefit economically and culturally because of the Hawaii SuperFerry; after all isn't that why the Hawaii SuperFerry was created. When I arrived on Maui using The Hawaii SuperFerry, I was greeted by remarks such as "don't trash our Island" and "Why do you want to come to Maui"? This really insulted me. No one says these things to tourists that arrive by cruise ship or airplane. I am a resident of Hawaii and I want to keep it clean and beautiful too. No one who has seen the beauty of Maui needs to ask why do you want to come to Maui?

I feel if you restrict the operation of the Hawaii SuperFerry you also need to restrict the operations of every cruise ship and freighter that follows the same routes, and I know you are not going to do that.

As I understand the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) it is required on the facilities that were improved using Hawaii State Funds. It has nothing to do with the conservation of sea life or the actual operation of the sailing or routes of the ship. I empathize with the aim of the conservation groups and do not want to have any sea life hurt or degraded but I feel that these groups have raised there argument too late and have a hidden agenda. Has any of the opposition ridden on the Hawaii Superferry? Should they decide to break the law and jump into the harbor they should be liable under the law.

To quote a dear friend of mind "Beware of Stupid Humans" the fish are smarter than you think-they can and will avoid the Hawaii SuperFerry and other ships that travel our waters Why do you think there has only been a few whale strikes in the last 20 years.

The most important reason why I Support The Hawaii SuperFerry is because it is here - it exists-and it is already operational and there is no good reason to stop it now!. Due to some confusion on the part of the Department of Transportation and the courts the EIS was not done. I understand that the Hawaii SuperFerry wanted it done but it never was. Yes the EIS needs to be done to satisfy the law but I believe because the Hawaii SuperFerry provides a vital service, and the State of Hawaii has a \$120 million dollars invested it in already, that the EIS can and should be

accomplished while the Hawaii SuperFerry continues its operation.

Mahalo and Thank you for your support!

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Subject: HAWAII SUPER FERRY

WE ARE SENIORS LIVING IN WAIKIKI AND WERE VERY EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL WITH OUR CAR TO THE BIG ISLAND. WE HAVE FAMILY LIVING THERE AND SINCE WE ARE ON A FIXED INCOME WE DON'T SEE THEM TOO OFTEN.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I think it is important to offer alternative transportation among the Hawaiian Islands, not only for tourism but also for the benefit and convenience of the local population. I lived in Hawaii for 17 years (Kailua, Oahu) and heard tales of the old interisland ferry - always wanted to try it! Anyway, my husband and children remain frequent visitors, as we still have family and friends in the Islands. It would be very helpful to be able travel between islands without having to rent a car over and over again, etc.

Stephanie Aho

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From: Noelani Fowler [NoeFowler@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:27 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: I'm for the Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I am strongly in favor of the Superferry. I believe it will be a real benefit to the entire Hawaiian Islands for too many reasons to list! I haven't spoken to a single friend of mine that is not in support of the Superferry.

Please vote to allow it to operate while the impact study is done.

Thank you,
Noelani Fowler

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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:28 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Support Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Clifford J. Lopes and strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I strongly support them because, we need another transportation to get to the other islands not only on airplanes. I have lots of family that lives on the other islands and i want to visit them before I die. And also enjoy with them. I cannot afford to get hotel room, or rent car cause, expense had got up. So, this is why i am supporting Hawaii Superferry.

Aloha,
Clifford J. Lopes

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To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii Super Ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wai Lee and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry as an alternative transportation and commercial development for every citizen of our state. Your commitments and a "Yes" vote will bring forth this vision for our children. Senator Hooser's comments on the Sunday paper were self serving.

Please support the Super Ferry and give us an alternative.

=====

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Alan Linton and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Not only is the Superferry a tremendous asset to the islands, it's also paving the way for the future of Hawaii. There is nothing that I can determine after following all the information and articles and opinions that shows where the Superferry is a detriment in any way environmentally. I am concerned that the opponents to the Superferry are businesses that may be affected economically and they are using the environmentalist community to do their bidding.

Let's use some common sense here and get this thing moving forward. There is a lot at stake, and to lose the Superferry would be a big blow to any future investments in Hawaii.

Al Linton

President

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We locals having been born and raised in Hawaii Nei need another alterative means to reach families in the outer islands. The ferry allows us to take our own means of transportation while doing so.
The EIS is just another means of slowing the process to run the ferry
Did "Young Brothers" go through this scrutiny as well as Aloha/Haw'n Airlines?
Sincerely,
Ron Souza

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Harvey M. Yamauchi* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It will create a more efficient way to travel inter-island and will help our economy with very little impact on the environment. We need for this to happen. Thank you.

Harvey M. Yamauchi

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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:29 PM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ann Cosson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have an organic/native species micro-farm in Punaluu on Oahu that is off the grid, so I'm an environmentalist. I've chosen to work for the Hawaii Superferry because I've discovered it to be the most environmentally sound ship on the Hawaiian seas. Previously I worked on a research ship owned by the state and the practices on that ship were greatly inferior to the Hawaii Superferry. And when I reported the inconsistencies regarding required environmental practices and practices in fact, no solutions were forthcoming. The crew literally uses the ocean as an ashtray, as do most seagoing vessels, but not the Superferry.

Recently, on October 12th, the US Coast Guard was continuing to monitor one of the UH research vessels in Snug Harbor at Pier 45 that had spilled 4,400 gallons of diesel fuel into the harbor because they had erroneously dumped that diesel fuel into their sewage bilge. When the sewage bilge was being offloaded, it was cracked and drained into the harbor. This is a ship that is owned and operated by the state.

I support the Hawaii Superferry because it has raised the bar in inter-island travel for passengers and vehicles. In short, there is a preponderance of ignorance driving the emotional outcries we keep hearing in opposition. Please raise the bar and approach this situation with facts, logic and common sense. Move forward from the line that has already been drawn and cease beating the dead horse.

In considering my support, you may refer to the following reasons:

1. **From what I can determine, it is the most environmentally designed ship that sails in Hawaiian waters.**
 - a. It is a zero eject ship, discharging NOTHING into the ocean. (If you've ever been to sea and observed the "standards" in reality of most ocean-going vessels, you would be amazed at their lack of environmental concern in terms of actual practice.)
 - i. Since it is a **NO SMOKING** vessel, not even cigarette butts go into the ocean. It may be the only ship the Hawaiian seas to accomplish that. "Cigarette butts are the most common form of plastic litter on the beaches of the U.S. and world-wide. Toxic chemicals can leach out of the cigarette filters." (<http://www.longwood.edu/cleanva/ciglitterarticle.htm>)
 - b. Its hulls are treated with a special coating of non-toxic silicone so as not to accumulate detritus that could be transported between island environments.
2. **The Hawaii Superferry (unlike other ocean transporters or inter-island air carriers) practices following to restrict the transport of invasive species:**
 - a. Most thorough screening of cars to be transported.
 - b. Conducts agricultural screening of every inter-island passenger.

- c. Opens vehicles' and looks into the wheel wells and under the bumpers and other compartments.
- d. Rejects muddy vehicles.
- e. The crew of the ship & port staff have received extensive training on invasive species.

3. The Hawaii Superferry is conscious and aware of the potential impact of vehicular traffic embarking and disembarking from the ferry. They have:

- a. Implemented a vehicle and management plan based on traffic studies
- b. Revised arrival and departure schedules to avoid the busiest traffic times to minimize impacts.
- c. Allows for early arrival, lessening short-term traffic impact.

4. For residents pointing to the vehicular traffic increase on their respective islands, they need to get the facts before they make an issue of it:

- a. What has the percentage increase in vehicular traffic since Go! Airlines came to the islands bringing an airfare war, creating a marked increase in inter-island travel? That needs to be factored in.
- b. In addition, the number of vehicles traveling on the ferry, embarking and disembarking, will include residents of the respective islands – the vehicles will not just be “interlopers”. The number of vehicles daily impacting each island is a combination of outer island travelers and Oahu travelers. The outer islands are not being “invaded” by vehicles from Oahu. Vehicles will be traveling FROM the outer islands to Oahu also. It is not just a one-way path from Oahu to the outer islands.
- c. The ferry will also be carrying vehicles a number of the vehicles traveling will be for the transport of goods and services. These incoming vehicles potentially will be offset by less vehicular delivery traffic carrying goods from other ocean-going vessels or freight carried by the airlines offloaded to trucks for delivery.

5. The Hawaii Superferry is a service for local people – to travel personally, and for their business use. The company also employs local people and if the ferry sails, and grows as its business plan projects, many jobs will be provided. Additionally, the ferry provides cost-effective transport for inter island businesses and their products. The airfare war cannot continue indefinitely.

6. Finally, this business needs to be acknowledged as the environmental bar to which all existing transport businesses should be held. If people are really concerned about their environment, restrictions need to be imposed on the airlines and all ocean-going vessels, transporting passenger goods and vehicles:

- a. Are those cars transported by other modes clean and inspected?
- b. Are the crew and passengers on the other forms of transportation questioned as to their potential detrimental impact on our environment?
 - i. Have they been hiking, where they might have picked up invasive species?
 - ii. Have they been fishing and cleaned their gear?
 - iii. Have their backpacks been inspected?

Ahahalo for the opportunity to provide input.

Ann Cosson,
Monday, Oct. 29, 2007
1:30 PM

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

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Coast Guard Monitoring Fuel Removal from Research Vessel

October 12th, 2007 — Coast Guard, Marine Environmental Protection, Commentary
HONOLULU — The Coast Guard is currently monitoring the removal of nearly 4,400 gallons of diesel fuel that is unaccounted for from a University of Hawaii research vessel that is moored at Sand Island Treatment Plant, pier 43. The master of the Kaimikai-O-Kanaloa, a 198-foot research vessel, contacted the Coast Guard at approximately 11:45 a.m., today. The master reported due to a crack in the fuel tank, fuel was leaking into the water. The vessel's crew immediately shut down all operations and set up absorbent boom, which is environmental clean-up equipment that is used to contain a spill. The master of the Kaimikai-O-Kanaloa contracted the Pacific Environmental Corporation (PENCO) to clean up the spill. Kaimikai-O-Kanaloa is currently moored at Sand Island Treatment Plant, where PENCO is currently on scene removing the fuel. All crewmembers are safe with no report of injuries.

<http://coastguardnews.com/index.php?tag=kaimikai-o-kanaloa>

Update: Coast Guard Monitoring Fuel Removal from Research Vessel

October 12th, 2007 — Coast Guard, Marine Environmental Protection
HONOLULU — The Coast Guard continues to monitor the removal of diesel fuel that spilled Thursday at Pier 45. Currently, cleanup crews from Pacific Environmental Corporation (PENCO) have removed approximately 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel that spilled from underwater sewage drains while the Kaimikai-O-Kanaloa, a 198-foot research vessel from the University of Hawaii, was offloading sewage into the drain Thursday morning. The master of the research vessel contacted the Coast Guard at approximately 11:45 a.m. Thursday and reported spill. The vessel's crew immediately shut down all operations and set up absorbent boom, which is environmental up equipment used to contain a spill.

Email and AIM finally together. You've gotta check out free AOL Mail!

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From: Lorrie Diamond [diamond_gem008@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:02 PM
To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Superferry

Aloha,
I'm sending in my thoughts of the Superferry.
I would love to have it available to run for the purpose that it was built for. I would like to have the option of something other than a jet. I'm concerned about the whales but I believe that they will be fine.
I have a business and it would make traveling with my equipment easier and faster.
I'm in support of the ferry.
Mahalo,
Rod Diamond

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From: Linda Anthony [lanthony@shellhi.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:29 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Linda Lee Anthony and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As the Regional Vice President for Shell Vacations Hospitality, Hawaii, I represent approximately 40,000 timeshare owners and 300 employees on Hawaii, Oahu and Kauai. The Superferry offers many benefits to the vacation traveler as well as to local residents. This service will be an enhancement to the state's travel based economy as well as to the many residents who have family members across the state.

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From: James E. Anhalt, Jr., M.D. [janhalt@netzero.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:57 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Super-ferry

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

SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Requires the Department of Transportation to perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain improvements made to commercial harbors. Permits operation of large capacity ferry vessel company prior to completion of EIS upon meeting certain minimum conditions. Establishes a temporary Hawaii Inter-island Ferry Oversight Task Force. (SD1)

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is James E. Anhalt, Jr., M.D. and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Super-ferry does not bring "new " people to the Islands (they are already here) they are friends and relatives of people who are already living in Hawaii; transporting invasive species etc. is no more a problem than it would be on the airlines, cruise ships or on Young Brothers and Matson (could there be a conflict of interest somewhere here?); whale "watchers" on boats, and speed boats in the channel are more likely to collide with (and have collided with) whales than are the larger ships.

Cruise ships and airlines now move freely between the Islands without any Agriculture inspection of the passengers or their baggage. The environmental issues are theoretical at best, and only represent an excuse to further prevent business competition in the Islands.

Since Governor Lingle is to be investigated, it might also be worth while to investigate the ties between the Cruise ships, Young Brothers and Matson with certain legislators, Judges and others who are so adamantly against the Super-ferry!

Hawaii is about to loose what would be an extremely valuable asset to its economy and to life in the Islands.

Sincerely,

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From: Jeremy Hunter [JeremyH@cbpacific.com]
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To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii superferry support

What a mess,

That's the bottom line with the superferry. While I understand all the environmental concerns, they should have been raised long ago. Was the exemption from the EIS the right thing to do? Probably not, but it was given and the company moved forward with it's plans over the past couple of years, investing millions of dollars into the project. Once the ferry was here, then all the protests started. People who wanted to fight the superferry's EA and EIS exemption should have done so back when it was given in 2004. They are only jumping up and down about it now because it's the only leg they have to stand on to stop the ferry. If the EIS is done, they will find something else to whine about. This minority just doesn't want the ferry, period!! Why we are so concerned with the opinions of people that stoop to the level of dereliction to be pounding on cars, flattening tires, threatening people coming onto "their island" and splashing water at coast guard and law enforcement is beyond me in the first place.

But here we are. We all know the superferry will leave the state if it can't operate during the EA or EIS. A great service for island residents, tourists and businesses that the vast majority of people support will be gone. The company will be out millions, and will likely sue the state. Add whatever settlement that ends up being to the harbor improvements already done, which I believe is in the \$50million range.....what a waste of taxpayers money. Our money is being wasted even more now with all this energy being spent on this issue.

Then the business side of things. People say this is giving Hawaii a "black eye" as a bad place to do business. Forget that, we have always had a black eye. This is a knock out if you ask me. Much of the damage has been done already, but if the business fails completely, I hate to think how long it will be before any venture capital comes back to Hawaii for ANY big business projects.

This however is exactly what most opponents seem to want, no more growth. Keep things "old Hawaii". No matter where you go in the world people talk about the good old days and the way things used to be, but not reality. It seems local people sometimes like to think it is a Hawaii only issue, but it isn't. People have kids, their kids have kids, the population grows, you need more housing, jobs, and infrastructure to support those people, and on and on. Preservation and managed growth is important, but people who think they are going to stop growth and development need to wake up.

Even with an EIS, there is no way the true environmental impact will be known until the ferry actually operates. It will all be theoretical. I could go on forever about this, but wont.

So the bottom line is we shouldn't be where we are, but it is where we are. So let's deal with the current situation, and forget the mistakes that got us here, just learn from them for future reference. The ship is here, the harbor improvements are made, another ship is on the way next year. **LET THEM OPERATE!** Provide necessary security for the ships and it's passengers at the ports. If people want to protest, do it peacefully or be arrested.

Ships are between the channels every day and have been for years. Matson's ships do up to 22knots, not 10 as I have heard in some news reports. Cars are shipped inter island every day by Young Brothers. People on planes, cruise ships, private vessels, and on and on. The Superferry is just one more vehicle between the islands, what justification is there for thinking is the one that is going to ruin everything? The cars on the ferry will be offset by the reduced rental cars. If 200 people on a given day take their car to Kauai on the superferry, that is 200 people that would have taken a flight and rented a car. It's a wash!!!!!! As far as invasive species, what is the difference between this ship and any other? No new product, plant, animal, or anything else is being introduced between the islands, just another boat! Again, why the difference?

I just got back from a weekend trip to Kona. Overbooked flight back, got delayed at the airport for 3 hours. I was sitting there thinking how nice it would have been to be on the ferry.

There are a some valid concerns by opponents, but not matter what you do, you will NEVER please everybody. So what is the majority? The majority support the ferry operating NOW!!!!!! So lets get on with it already. We have a lot bigger problems that government and law enforcement should be devoting time and money too than arguing over a boat. With all the hype, I really feel people have lost sight of what that fact. We are back and fourth debating whether or not a boat should be allowed to go between islands on the ocean. Think about that.....

Jeremy Hunter

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From: Mary I. Floyd [petty@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: Hawaii Superferry

In my opinion it is much too late to stop the superferry service, considering the enormous investment in time and money and people's hopes and plans for jobs, for family travel, and so forth. It appears that the Superferry Company went above and beyond requirements to guard against harming whales, creating traffic problems, introducing invasive species, and the many other worries of the concerned people opposing this plan to continue to operate while the enviromental assessment is being made. I say, let's try it with adequate monitoring. A concerned resident of Hawaii, Mary I. Floyd

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From: robert.mc@att.net
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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Superferry Support

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

The Superferry will open many new economic possibilities for Hawaii that may never be realized without inexpensive inter-island travel. One of the main issues of interest to me is the possibility of commuting to work on neighbor islands. Today, it is impractical due to flying difficulty and expense.

Please help break through the logjam of artificial restrictions.

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From: James Mathison [mathison@lvnworth.com]
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To: hswrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: HI Superferry

My name is James S. Mathison, Leavenworth, KS, and I wish to register my support for the Superferry.

My wife and I visit Hawaii almost every year, and have been looking forward to traveling among the islands by this surface means. She does not care to fly any more than necessary, and we are currently booked on a trip from Oahu to Kauai later this year. I believe that the surface option is one that is both needed and desirable. Please allow it to continue.

James S. Mathison