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before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
and
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Monday, October 29, 2007
1:30 PM
State Capitol Auditorium

in consideration of
SB1, SD1
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Chair Souki, Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Lee and Committee

Members:

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports Senate Bill 1, Senate Draft 1 (SB1, SD1) in which the Hawaii State Legislature adopts, clarifies and amends policies providing for continued operation of large capacity inter-island ferry service while any required environmental review and studies are conducted. We support the legislature's explicit finding that the operation of large capacity ferry vessels between Hawai'i's islands is in the public interest and that such a service "provides a real and innovative alternative to existing modes of transporting people, motor vehicles, and cargo between the islands of the state."

We note that SB1, SD1 differs from HB1 that the House passed by inserting certain conditions related to whale-watching and invasive species. While SB1, SD1 replaces DBEDT with the Department of Agriculture on the temporary inter-island ferry oversight task force, we will provide any support needed by the Department of Transportation in carrying out the responsibilities of the task force and reporting to the Legislature and the Governor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

hseinpersonsbtestimony

From: John Beckett [john.beckett@zurich.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 2:50 AM
To: hseinpersonsbtestimony
Subject: Superferry

I have visited the islands many times in the past and always felt the only thing missing was a ferry system. Please don't let it disappear.

It will be an advantage throughout the islands.

Thanks.

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Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is William R. Farris and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel the State of Hawaii needs the Superferry to support the small businesses throughout the Islands who would like to transport their products inexpensively to other islands to sell. The Superferry would also benefit all those who wish to take their own vehicles with them to neighbor islands while visiting. I believe the effect would be minimal on the traffic as it would be offset by the equal reduction in rental car use. Also, I believe the Superferry has already addressed the issues of concern above and beyond the requirements contained in this bill. It is time to listen to the majority instead of the over zealous, loud, and outspoken super minority!

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From: Don Clegg [apcdac@aloha.net]
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To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

In spite of the testimony against the Superferry at the special hearings, it is clear that the majority of us in Hawaii are in favor of giving the Ferry a chance to operate successfully. The groups opposed to the Ferry that you have heard from are generally anti any progress and change. That is a sure path to disaster for us. We must innovate and change or be left behind as a second or third class community. A good point is made by Angela Chinen in the Oct. 24 morning Advertiser, Island Voices commentary. The State and the Super Ferry management went ahead after two judges had agreed that an EIS was not needed. Then the Supreme Court than took two years to decide to disagree. We simply can't function with these types of delays in government and judicial decision making. The Hawaii Environmental law, HRS C. 343 permits government agencies to specify exemptions to the requirement for an EIS. It is my understanding that the exemption previously granted for harbor improvements covered the kind of improvements made for the Superferry, and two judges apparently agreed. For rational individuals that should be enough assurance to proceed.

Another point. In spite of its size, the Ferry would most likely be seriously damaged if it hit a whale going at high speed. I am sure that this will further motivate the Ferry owners to operate carefully in the presence of whales, and I believe that is all we can ask.

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I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

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From: Earl [kimoskoa@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Alaska, Washington and other locations all have very successful ferry service and now is the time for the great state of Hawaii to join them with state of the art ferry service. I would personally use the service in two ways: to visit neighbor islands a couple times a year plus just to cruise, occasionally (one day round trip). As far as the environment goes, it would seem that the ferry would be no more dangerous to the environment than the cruise ships or Young Brothers, even though the ferry goes faster and more frequently. Regarding the whales, the ferry should be safer since it does not have a propeller which could cut a whale if it got too close. When considering legislation for the Super Ferry, I strongly believe that restrictions should not be imposed on the Super Ferry that are not also imposed on the cruise ships and inter-island barges.

Also, I think it is terrible that a small minority (around 20% according to most polls) can dictate policy to the majority. Why aren't the cruise ships or inter-island barges required to get an environmental assessment? Could it be because they are not a threat to the air lines? It would not surprise me to learn that an air line (operating behind the scenes) stirred this up.

The majority of the people of Hawaii (around 80% from the polls I've seen) want interisland transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by residents and businesses of Hawaii and will bring many benefits to our state.

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

Mahalo,

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Subject: Hawaii Superferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kenneth Ray Boyd* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have been a Hawaii resident and small business owner for over 30 years. I'm totally in support of the Superferry operating in Hawaii.

They have satisfied any doubts that I might have had, about their sincere efforts to address any possible negative environmental concerns. These folks have done their homework and gone the extra mile to assure safe, environmentally friendly, operation of their vessel.

Instead of hindering their progress, we should be lending a helping hand to make sure this much needed service stays in Hawaii. Where's the Aloha hiding?

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From: Lani Abrigana [abrigana@earthlink.net]
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To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SuperFerry Support

Aloha,

As someone who is born and raised here, I support another alternative means of transportation to the outer islands. I fly regularly between the other islands for pleasure, and would welcome another means to get there rather than flying. Because of the security restrictions, flying has become an unpleasant way to get anywhere. I would be willing to pay more to do so, if it mean having a more leisurely means to get to my destination. Give us a choice, and we will support or not support the SuperFerry and it will live or die on those terms, but don't let a vocal minority take away our right to choose.

Thank you.

Lani Abrigana

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From: thagaman1@comcast.net
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To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ronald D. Hagaman and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. My wife and I recently completed a trip where we spent one week on the Big Island and one on Oahu. During our travels around the islands we spoke to many people who reside in Hawaii. We continually asked their opinions about the Superferry. We found not one person who didn't think it was a good project and would benefit the islands and it's people. Many were looking forward to being more mobile and being able to sell their wares in a more diverse market access to the outer islands would afford. We are frequent visitors to the islands and are very much in favor of the superferry but as visitors have little if any vested interest. That is why we asked those who do their opinion. It was overwhelmingly positive. They would appreciate your support. Thank You

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From: Karen Billman [kbillman2001@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 6:41 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Karen Bardin-Billman and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I've lived in Hawaii for 37 years but I grew up in Washington state where I've experienced the ferry system in and around the San Juan Islands which allows passengers or cars to travel between the islands and Washington mainland. Having the Hawaii Superferry would offer the people of Hawaii another option of travel to the neighbor islands. I urge your support.

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From: Effieyama@aol.com
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To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: (no subject)

My name is Effie Yamaguchi and I strongly support the SUPERFERRY!!!

We should have the superferry in Hawaii with our beautiful coast lines and ocean. Its a wonderful way for families to travel and visit their relatives and friends on another Island.

Lots of people that are handicapped are not able to travel on an airline easily. On the SuperFerry it would be much easier and more enjoyable.

I strongly support the SuperFerry.

I am a retired employee from Hawaiian Airlines.

Thank you,
Effie L. Yamaguchi

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From: Jason Princenthal [jprincenthal@airiaq.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 8:44 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SUPER FERRY.. MAKE IT HAPPEN
Importance: High

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

As you in the State of Hawaii government continue to allow uncontrollable growth throughout this state, It makes it even more important that the citizens of Hawaii have every available means of accessing the NEIGHBOR ISLANDS whether it be for vacation, visiting families or conducting business.

The real issue here is **will it impact our oceans..** Folks, it a ship, **people are the polluters ,not a hunk of metal..** I am confident after looking at the company and vessel it likely provides the most efficient means of energy while minimizing any pollution the water or the air.

If you want to focus on a real potential problem with respect to pollution... What about the many other boats and foreign vessels coming in and out of Hawaii. God only knows what they do to our oceans out there .. How about that ??? If we are so focused on the Super Ferry and keeping the environment safe.

Of course I do believe we police the oceans with the Coast Guard, EPA, etc... So why would this be any different.

And as far as it affecting the environment on land, you got to be kidding, either way the people will get there and they will need transportation, so whether I rent a car or bring my own, I can only drive one car at a time.

So please... Stop kissing the okoles of the "I need a life "special interest groups, the environmental wackos, who always looks at the worse case scenario or the big businesses (gee, I wonder!) who think that they will be dramatically or negatively impacted.

Most people will likely not use the ferry very often, which is fine, but would still want that option.

And lastly, if you think that having Hawaii be at the **bottom of the list** when it comes to being a "business friendly state" is so great, by not allowing the super ferry to sail, you will make this state pay dearly in the near future by pushing away private investors to invest in business here.

"So get your ship together" and get this boat sailing.

Aloha and Mahalo

Jason

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From: Office [intellicision@sbcglobal.net]
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Subject: Hawaii Ferry

I'm in favor of the Hawaii Ferry as an excellent and safe alternative method of transportation between the islands.

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From: Sean Springer [res1za7o@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 8:07 AM
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Subject: SB 1, SD1 Relating Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Sean Springer* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think an alternative method of transportation besides planes are needed for our Island chain. We are the few states that are surrounded by ocean that doesn't have an alternate transportation by water. It is our original mode of transportation. As a Hawaiian, what is more natural then waterside transportation. Furthermore, to single out the Superferry is just wrong. Matson, Cruise Industry all use these same waters without an EIS or discrimination. Let the Superferry run while an EIS is done with required stipulations for a win/win scenario. I believe, just like all the humbug with the H-3, after it is all said and done, all will use it.

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From: Robert Vogland [voglandr001@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I grew up in the San Juan Islands where Ferry's are a way of life. To stop this service based upon environmental issues is beyond ridiculous. Tankers draw twenty feet and spin two to four, thirty foot props that DO chop up whales and many sea creatures. How is it that they get to use the oceans? Profit! How about benefiting the peoples of Hawaii instead of protecting capitalistic tyrants. We need transportation to be productive! We the people, remember? How about your vote?

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Subject: Superferry

By letting the Superferry die without a fair trial run tells constituents and others looking to start businesses in Hawaii the following:

Hawaii is the most hostile state to try to start a business (agriculture is already gone; the same folks who complain about the superferry are already trying to dislodge the military presence here, and Hawaii can't survive on tourism alone). What new company would want to take that challenge?

It is apparent that the established giants (airlines, shipping lines, etc.) get a pass, but the new guy (competition) has to jump over more hurdles than they did. Even when they legally requested variances and received them, the nay-sayers require a full environmental study. That's OK, but what about Hawaiian Airlines, Matson, Young Brothers, etc.???? When do they have to perform the same study? Will the state stop them until the study is complete? Where are the 'whale-watching' personnel on the barges and ships that have been operating for years?

When the next hurricane is imminent, and your relatives can't leave the outer islands because the airlines have been grounded, who will you look to, Young Brothers?

The politicians are owned here, lock, stock and barrel. Hawaii will never reach the 21'st century.

Ralph Valentino

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is ROBERT FISHER and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

THIS WIL HELP THE PEOPLE THAT FOR SOME REASON WHETHER MEDICAL OR PERSONAL CANNOT FLY TO THE OTHER ISLANDS

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marcia Lynn Murakami and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

- 1. The Superferry provides another means of transportation to the other islands for those who have a fear of flying.*
- 2. If ever another disaster there is another way to export goods and people to the island.*
- 3. I do propose that there is a set up like the airports to scan for weapons and drugs so the Superferry isn't to blame of transporting these things to the other islands.*

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Subject: FW: Hawaii Superferry

From: Ray Lyman
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:15 AM
To: 'testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov'
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Raymond Lyman, I work for Catalina Express out of Los Angeles/Long Beach in Southern California. My position with the company is Vice President of Vessel Operations in charge of 11 vessels and a boat crew of 180 members. We run high speed passenger vessels across the San Pedro Channel to Catalina Island. I wish to comment on the extraordinary efforts the Hawaii Superferry has undertaken to operate safely in the environmentally sensitive waters of your beautiful Islands. I have read the operations scenarios developed by the Superferry company regarding Whale seasons routes and added crew observations and electronic detection. I have 25 years experience running vessels within the migratory route of the California Gray whales and have found that a trained eye can spot the air/mist blow of the whales miles away. Avoiding whales is much easier for the smaller high speed vessels than it is for the large container and deep draft ships transiting your island waters. I realize there are many objections to the Superferry operation, however, I feel it is of huge benefit to the majority of the Island residents and visitors to have such a service. Products grown or raised on one Island can be shipped fresh and at low cost compared to current available transport. Precautionary procedures can be followed to address non-indigenous species transport from one Island to another. And the fuel burn of the Superferry compared to the fuel burn of the small commuter jets per passenger has to be significantly less. In closing, I wish to comment on the Court activity as I see it. The same Court that gave early approval for the Superferry to proceed (with hundreds of millions of dollars being invested) is now allowing a vocal minority to bully it into closing down the operations. If businesses can't rely on the courts of our country to hold to their decisions regarding operations like Superferry, then who in their right mind would move forward with any particular service that could improve the lives and economic viability of the people served by the operation. If the Superferry is forced to shut down I believe it will not have the resources to come back into service and that will be a real shame. A shame on the court system and a signal to all businesses that investments are not safe when trying to provide new ideas and services.

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Subject: Hawaii Superferry

Honorable Chairs and Members
House Committees on Transportation and Finance
Public Hearing, October 29, 2007 1:30 p.m. Capitol Auditorium

Re: SB No. 1 Relating to Transportation

There has been much discussion and controversy in the last several weeks relating to the Superferry. We support the Superferry and feel that it will be good for our islands. We travelled on a similar vessel between Seattle and Vancouver last year and found it to be a great way to travel.

Most of the supporters of the Superferry are in the silent majority as we are harassed when we state our views. What happened to freedom of speech? Is the Superferry the only vessel that we need to be concerned about when it comes to the whales? What about all the other vessels that sail between the islands? Does Matson check under the hoods of all the vessels they ship between the islands? The guidelines they use should be applicable to all vessels.

These concerns, as well as all the others that have been expressed, have been noted and addressed. Let's help our economy and move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to express our views.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald and Marilyn Chinen
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10/30/2007

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From: Travis Oki [treyz07@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 5:17 AM
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Subject: superferry

Dear Chairpersons,

My name is Travis Oki and I strongly support the superferry. There are simply too many instances where only the voices of a loud, boisterous minority are heard and taken as a representation of the majority. The State of Hawaii as a whole have been misrepresented by both those who want to stand for something but speak out of stupidity, and also incorrect press headlines and coverage. Free trade, free enterprise, and freedom in general has been denied by too much democratic garbage. It is common knowledge that the government has overstepped it's boundaries on too many occasions. It is sad that people who have nothing better to do are the only voices who are counted because the everyday folk, like me have something called responsibility. Responsibility that includes a job and a family. Allow the Superferry to run and stop giving business in Hawaii a black eye.

Sincerely,
Travis Oki
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [YOUR FULL NAME] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry because the LOCALS have family in the outer islands, with the rising cost of air fare it would be most beneficial for us LOCALS, also some people have fear of flying, we are able to take our own cars, and may be some of us may apply for a job on the outer islands and this would enable us to commute with our own cars.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sharon M. Takara and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Being a resident of Oahu and frequently traveling to Kauai the Superferry provides an alternate means of travel more conducive to our multi-island state.

Being a multi-island state travel via our pacific ocean should have been utilized long ago.

Also, after being on the recent and "last" trip to Kauai via the Superferry I was very impressed with this means of interisland transportation and wondered why our state did not have a ferry system sooner.

Previous to air transportation travel via ocean was the only means of travel available so why not have it still available to travel simply between islands.

It is my desire that the Hawaii Superferry can become a common means of travel as well as earn a reputable name to our state as well as our environment.

Sincerely,

Sharon M. Takara

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hseinpersonsbtestimony

From: Jeff Orig [jeff@abeleerealty.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:12 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Keep the Super Ferry!

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jeff Orig, RA and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please keep the Super Ferry. It will help interisland travel. Did you know my wife and I have never visited the outer islands? We were going to use the Super Ferry for our first trip. This will help the economy of the whole State and all the individual counties and towns. Plus, it will improve the quality of our lives.

Please allow Hawaii to be a business-friendly State. Let the market decide if the Super Ferry stays in business or not. If people like it, they will use it. If people do not like it, they will not use it and Super Ferry will go out of business.

Thanks for listening.

Jeff Orig, RA
Abe Lee Realty
Development Dept.

If you have any questions about Condo Conversions or Subdivisions, please feel free to ask me.

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From: Mike Vining [msvsails@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 3:21 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Request approval for super ferry to operate now

Sir,

I request your vote be to approve the Super Ferry, allow it to operate now.
The citizens of Hawaii desire to have the oportuntiy to use the ferry for travel now.

Let it operate and we'll show you we want it by using it. Allow Hawaii to continue to move foward economically.

Mike

Mike Vining
Ewa Beach, HI

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From: Tane . [tane_1@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 3:19 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: No Superferry Exemption - No EIS - No Sail

Because the governor has special ties to the military and its interests in the HSF (superferry), her campaign fund patrons who are part of the military industrial complex involved with the superferry, she demonstrates her biasness to call for a spessial session against the interests of the permanent residents to that of the settlers and military transits that plague our territory. We are aware of the over-militarization of Hawaii and find it alarming knowing their seditious history within our territory.

Belt Collins Hawaii Ltd. is connected with Raytheon Systems Company which are all part of the military industrial complex. It's like having the fox guarding the henhouse. This is the firm hired for the HSF study. Do you see a conflict of interest?

The U.S. Army has repealed the federal regulations governing its air and water pollution, toxic waste, resource protection and noise abatement practices, according to documents posted today by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER). This repeal leaves in its place only internal guidelines, which cannot be enforced and which are in the midst of a secretive redrafting.

Several legislators are in a conflict of interests as they have received monetary donations from HSF top officials. This goes from the governor to Mr Say, Ms Thielson, and a few more. They should reclude themselves in the voting process.

I find it unconscionable that there are many legislators who do not know what the EIS is about and the processes involved. When asked the question at the hearing, they couldn't answer that simple question. If they are that ignorant; then they shouldn't be involved in the process.

There are legitimate concerns for not wanting the HSF to operate before completion of the EIS. MARAD (Maritime Administration) points the finger at the State of Hawaii, Lingle, Fukunaga (DOT); and they in turn point the fingers at MARAD. This smug arrogance of ineptitude to grease palms for self-interest rather than for the public inteest who ultimately foots the bill is unconscionable.

What lessons are we teaching our children by these seditious acts? Is it money talks to get what you want if laws are problematic for your interests? Use who you know rather than what you know to go around laws you don't like? How to cover up unlawful activities and that might makes right? Making money overrides the safety and environment is the rule of thumb?

Hawaii is overly militarized as it is. This is just another step closer to the militarization of a police state. We know why Kawaihae is considered and not Hilo. It's called Pohakuloa, earmarked for the Stryker Brigade which we are against and a possibility of spreading DU fugitive dust. There are many concerns we need to know how they will be addressed before HSF operates to our satisfaction. Speed of the HSF in our waters is one key point.

As a Hawaii national, I find this another justified reason for the USA's belligerent occupation of our nation-state to cease and desist as it violates the laws of occupation and disrespects Hawai'i's neutrality and its laws. It is tantamount that the interests of the Hawaii Nationals and the permanent settler residents within Hawai'i's territory be respected and protected as stated in the international, Hawai'i, and USA laws.

Mahalo,

Tane

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From: mike@veteranshelp.com
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:38 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Veterans Help Network

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Mike Harper* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a disabled Veteran and corresponding with other disabled people, we all agree that it would be so much easier to get around the islands in our own vehicles.

Mike Harper

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From: Frank James [surfswell2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 6:40 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Your Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Frank James and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please do the right thing and get the Ferry going! I find it hard to believe that our Hawaiian Government let the Ferry and its investors get this far in the process and then try to stop it. Only in Hawaii. That is why you get your negative comments from folks on the mainland and abroad. Don't be stupid. Mahalo!

Frank James (electronic signature)

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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:45 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sacha van de Putte and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will be another means of inter-island transportation for Hawaii residents and tourists. It will also provide jobs. Economically it will be so much cheaper to travel inter-island with the Superferry if one has to spend several days on one of the other islands and has to rent a car. Renting cars are becoming more expensive and being able to bring your own car would be a great savings. For tourists it would be a wonderful way to visit another island and go by way of a beautiful scenic route with the Superferry. Also, it would absolutely be a savings for certain merchants to go with the Superferry to sell their merchandise/produce on one of the outer islands.

I don't see why Hawaii residents and tourists have to be at the mercy of a handful of residents who not only oppose the Superferry sailing without an environmental impact statement but who just are against a Superferry rendering transportation services to the people of Hawaii. Are they truly concerned about our wildlife? What about all the cruise ships, Young Brothers and Matson, did they have to obtain an environmental impact statement? Did they protest when some time ago a whale was found dead because it got entangled to the anchor of a ship in the Hawaiian waters? There have been occasions whereby turtles got entangled in fish nets in Hawaiian waters. Did they protest?

I do believe that the State should clearly define the rules as to what is required before one can operate a transportation business or any other business in the State of Hawaii. This could prevent situations like we are experiencing with the operation of the Superferry. Why wasn't the environmental impact statement required before the Superferry started its inter-island service?

Do we also have to be at the mercy of some of our State Representatives who are now afraid to openly support the Superferry for fear of losing votes during the election year?

Sacha van de Putte
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From: Michael Vos [mvos@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 3:02 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Michael Vos* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii SuperFerry will help bring the islands together economically and culturally. Over time, with the ease of travel the SuperFerry will create, the wealth of Oahu will be more easily distributed to the other islands. Not only in tourist dollars, but in the availability of products and services. The ecological impact is minimal as compared to the economic, societal and cultural benefits. Please register my strong support for the Hawaii SuperFerry.

*Michael Vos
Ocean View, HI
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From: Roger Debebar [Debebarr001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 12:08 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Superferry

I think its good for the state to have another means of transportation. There is many other form of vessels that come into our harbor and Im sure they abide by the bylaws of the waterway.

If we stop any new ideas to come to help the state, than we should stop anymore merchants from bringing there products to Hawaii. We want to keep other predators out of our community, than we should also stop tourist. We want to keep the heritage of the islands, than we should not welcome any more new comers. We can be still and not improve ourselves. That is not progress.

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From: David French [dave_french@prodigy.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 1:54 AM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

My Wife and I visit the islands often and the ferry would be an ideal way to travel between islands . You can take your rental car with you which makes it very convenient .It would also give you a whole new view of the islands as you travel between them .

*David French
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From: Ping S Chun [ping.chun@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 1:53 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Cc: ping.chun@att.net
Subject: Support for Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

As property owners on the Big Island, we strongly support the Hawaii Superferry and wish to see it operate unhindered as an alternative means of interisland transportation. The Hawaii Superferry offers those of us with property on both Oahu and on neighbor islands the means to quickly and inexpensively transport household goods, repair and maintenance materials between our primary and secondary properties.

Please vote to allow the operation of the HSF prior to the completion of an Environmental Impact Statement.

Mahalo,
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From: Kahu Gary [kahugary@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 12:24 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Gary Langley* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry is just the latest innovation in transportation options for Hawaii's citizens. Although there may be some valid reasons for environmental cautions, there is simply no reason to reject or delay the operation of the inter-island ferry further. The people of Hawaii have spoken clearly in every published poll that they favor allowing the ferry to operate, and I, personally, resent the tyranny of the vocal minority who try to force their will upon the rest of us. As a 25-year Hawaii resident I realize the limitations of traveling from island to island via air, and am highly likely to expand my visits to neighbor islands for both pleasure and business when the ferry is in full operation.

I would also urge the Legislature to take action to protect the freedom of travel and commerce of our citizens by making sure any future protests are allowed only in such ways that they do not impede the free flow of traffic and commerce. The recent events on Kauai were an embarrassment to our state, and should never have been allowed to go that far.

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From: Thomas Deponete [depontet001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 12:16 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Farmers, small business, and local craftsmen want the superferry

Grove Farms, Maui Land and Pineapple, Kauai Coffee, Big Island coffee, Big Island Candies, Maui Rum Company, and Kona Coffee all want the superferry to run right away. We want to bring our goods to market quicker, and in refrigerated trucks. Young Brothers takes 3-5 days to Oahu and in non refrigerated trucks, much of the produce is not fresh after 3-5 days. Don't single out the superferry for an EIS , when you have thousands of other ships, boats, barges, whale watcher vessels, and cruise ships that sail through Hawaii waters daily with no EIS OR EA. Please don't believe that shibai the activist are trying to say to hide their hidden agendas and ties to YOUNG Brothers, Matson, NCL, Pacific Whale foundation, NCL, Hawaiian, and Aloha Airlines. If the activist are serious and truly care about the environment then why let all the others go and single out the superferry that makes 1 trip daily to each island? Remember the whale watching tourist operation Pacific Whale Foundation has a fleet of 7 ships and makes 3 trips a day for each ship that is 21 trips daily through the Whale sanctuaries bothering and hitting the whales all in the name of a monetary profit. The PWF was cited and fined 5 times in the past 3 years for colliding with whales, and injuring whales. Why are the protestors looking the other way for the PWF? More funding from the PWF and Young brothers to the protestors. Follow the money lawmakers and see the shibai. TOM

hseinpersonsbtestimony

From: Phyllis Z. Levy [pzlevy@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:52 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

RE SB 1, SD1---I support Hawaii Super Ferry. It is TIME!!!!

Phyllis Z. Levy

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From: AuntyHonu@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:12 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SB 1, SD 1

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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My name is JoDee Hunt and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. I would like to submit testimony but am unable to attend the Hearing.

We have been waiting for this opportunity for years as it is often too costly to travel interisland with one's entire family by plane. The Ferry would enable us to go more frequently by cutting other costs and take our car as well. Our family has used a Ferry like this between England and Ireland and it is an incredible ride and a great experience. We miss the days when we could go to and from the Mainland by Matson ships and this would be a bit of nostalgia in that regard.

I also fear that this controversy sends a very negative message to all who want to do business in this state. I would think that it would make them very apprehensive about trusting any communication with the Hawaii government. I can't imagine that this is in our best interest.

I am of the opinion that most of the opposition to the Ferry from the outer Island folks is merely due to inflammatory half truths that they are being fed by a small group of opponents to any type of economic development.

I don't think that the Ferry should be exempt from any legitimate restrictions which are demanded of other ocean carriers but it seems ridiculous for them to be held to a higher standard that will effectively run them out of the State. I would strongly urge you to support this Ferry and let it sail while any further requirements are being met.

JoDee Hunt
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From: June Myers [juneby@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:54 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

I strongly support the Hawaii Super Ferry, because I believe it is good for the people of Hawaii AND our visitors to have a choice of travel. Not everyone wants too, or can afford air travel.
It will enable families to visit families of other islands.
Please let this happen, we need it.

June D Myers
1605 Kalaniiki Street
Honolulu, 96821

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From: June Myers [junebby@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:01 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

I strongly support the Hawaii Super Ferry because it will give the people of Hawaii the choice of travel. Not everyone wants too, or can afford to travel by air.
I believe it will be a wonderful opportunity for our visitors to travel to other islands.
Families need to visit families and this will be easier for them.
Please let this happen.

June D Myers
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Honolulu, 96821

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From: Jennifer Mctigue [jmctigue@transpacificmortgage.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 9:15 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Superferry Testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jennifer McTigue and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Super Ferry because they were given the necessary approvals to start operating and I as a resident deserve the opportunity to support that business entity. The super ferry will be good for business and tourism and will allow alternate modes of transportation to outer islands. Tahiti has utilized a Ferry for years and it is very convenient to use.

Please do not further deter business development in Hawaii, it is an embarrassment for Hawaii and only serves to prove that our leadership is unable to take the right stand and stick with their decisions.

Jennifer McTigue

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From: Elsa Dasigo [elsadee@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:00 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SAVE THE SUPER FERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Elsa Dasigo* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Super Ferry should continue to run and do business in Hawaii, because it would give the people of Hawaii a chance to explore and visit the outer islands along with their vehicles and their extra baggage without having to spend a lot of money to rent cars and pay extra for extra baggage. Also, school buses would be able to take the school kids to explore and learn about our Hawaiian islands. There are so many good reasons to keep the Super Ferry running in Hawaii, and not to mention the economy.

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From: Ben & Akiko Mathieu [bamathieu@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:41 PM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Benjamin Mathieu and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that alternate methods of transport between the islands is necessary for our growing population and will be additional fuel for our tourism and economy. Local families will benefit with the ease of transporting big families with small children and the family vehicle between islands.

Thank you for supporting the Hawaii Super Ferry.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Mathieu
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Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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From: Darizumi@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:32 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: (no subject)

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Donn Arizumi* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am a pharmaceutical sales rep for Abbott Labs and I supple diabetic meters and supplies for patients in need on all the islands. It would be very beneficial for me and my customers if I could drive my company van onto the Hawaii Superferry and service my customers face-to-face and know exactly what their needs are and be able to carry my supplies and provide it to them immediately.

Donn Arizumi
Abbott Diabetes Care
808-722-7634 cell

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From: Ralph and Jean Saito [ralfjean@aloha.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:29 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: support superferry

My mother lived in Kukuihaela, Hawaii and was fortunate to be able to attend high school at Mid Pacific School in Manoa. In 1926, the then "Superferry" was the only means of transportation. She and the other passengers rode with the cattle to Honolulu from the ports of Mahukona and Kawaihae, Big Island. Without this means of transportation she would not have been able to go back and forth yearly for 4 years to get the education her parents wanted her to have.

I truly hope that you will make this alternative transportation possible once again. I support the running of the Superferry while the EIS is being conducted. Thank you.

Jean Saito, retired teacher. Residence Kawaihae, Hawaii . Our home overlooks Kawaihae bay...where we watch barges, cattle ships, cruise ships, fishing boats, canoes, military LSTs , jet skis, kayakers, and yes, the whales. My husband and I are supporters of the Superferry.

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From: Mike & Dara Fugett Kauai Scooter Rental [fugettm001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:27 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: COMMERCE FOR KAUAI

Dear Representatives,

Please do whatever is you have to do to see to it the Super Ferry will service Kauai and the outer islands.

My business like most businesses on Kauai serves the tourist industry. Increasing commerce and creating potential new markets on Kauai in vital to small businesses and the Kauai economy as a whole.

Every other state in the US that has Islands has a ferry - and there is a reason for it. The ferry is a tool that we need and it will help us thrive and to best compete with the other States for the tourism dollars.

We should be rolling out the red carpet for the Super Ferry. We have needed this service for years.

Thank you,

Mike Fugett
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hseinpersonsbtestimony

From: Amie Arizmendi [diamondsedc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 8:33 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Amie A. Arizmendi and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. *The Superferry is a great investment in many ways. First it will be an increase for the economical aspect. Second, it would allow for people to travel to other islands with their vehicles which will allow for diversity and greater knowledge of other island cultures. I would love to have an affordable way to travel among the islands so that I can learn more about this beautiful state. Lastly, in the event that there were no other means of travel, in the event of natural disaster, the Superferry would be offer an avenue to find shelter at a safer location and/or provide food and supplies if we were unable to get them via other means.*

Amie A. Arizmendi

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From: PATRICK J PALENAP ASING [pasing@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:00 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: In support of Supperferry

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 *Patrick T. Asing* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[I Know the quality of life for locals both residents and bussiness will be enhansed in numerable ways

[SIGNATURE Patrick T. Asing

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From: HellerBlaisdell@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:17 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Support the Super Ferry

Dear Elected officials: The Super Ferry is good for my family and friends. I urge you to let it operate like any other business. They have as much right to a future whether to fail or succeed as any other business in America. Just because the law abiding citizens did not go out and protest the protesters does not mean we approve of their ideals. ron heller....Lihue 245-7745

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From: Lorraine Zane [kulazane@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 8:00 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: re: Superferry

My husband and I were in a market the other day and almost did not recognize a pile of Ahi in the fresh fish bin because it was so small. In the last thirty years we have noticed a marked decline in the size of Ahi, Aku and other seafood and fish sold in our local markets. There has been a 350% increase in recreational boats since 1960 according to the US Coast Guard. At the same time, there has been an increase in the whale population with 1000 calves born in Hawaiian waters this past year alone. With all those whales and all those small boats it was inevitable that some of the whales would be victims of collisions from boats, recreational boats. In 2006 to my knowledge, there were 7 (reported) collisions between small boats and whales. (You have to ask yourself, if every vessel that struck a whale actually got reported) One of these collisions, as we know, took place with a Whale Foundation vessel. Unfortunately, these things are sometimes unavoidable.

The decrease in size and variety of local fish, and increase in the number of recreational vessels might lead you to believe that these factors alone have quite an impact on our environment. You may even think an environmental impact statement is warranted. But of course other factors are involved here like the intentional and non-intentional introduction of foreign species that effect the local fish population, long line fishing, increase in the residential population, sonar fish finding devices, etc. Let me be clear that I support the endeavors of the Whale Foundation and would NEVER want to include their vessels in an EIS. The foundation serves an important educational need. I, and my family and friends have gone on whale watching tours and been amazed at those large marvelous creatures. My concern is that the Superferry is being singled out for environmental concerns when other factors are not being considered. Remember, those Really Big cruise ships dump their ballasts of foreign water in our Hawaiian waters and bring more than tourists to the islands, as do other large cargo vehicles. Also remember the increasing impact of foreign commercial fishing on our local fish population which could warrant an EIS all on its own.

I used to have a large and very productive vegetable garden with very few concerns about insects. Now my plants get attacked by bugs I have never seen before. I have been bitten by crab spiders, invaded by stink bugs and have my rose bushes invaded by Japanese beetles.

Lets not forget our poor wiliwili tree invasion by the gaul wasps and the mite attacking our plumeria trees. My daughter is a Horticultural major and could go on and on about species that have been intentionally introduced, without proper environmental impact statement and have had a negative affect on our plants, birds, fish and reefs. Many pests have arrived here from foreign countries. How did they get here? Not rocket science to figure that one out. Just look how most of our belongings have arrived here.

My point is, that none of these environmental issues have anything to do with the Superferry. At all costs, the ferry will try to avoid collisions while altering their course during whale season. If you think about it, who has a better chance of hitting a whale; the huge number of recreational vessels making several whale watching or fishing expeditions a day or the once a day trip by the Superferry. The Superferry is not going to bring anything to another island that couldn't be brought there by a tourist or cargo vessel. If I don't bring my car I would rent one, either way, one more car on the road. Remember you need proof of ownership and insurance to take your car with you. The one concern that I really have, is residents coming from places like Oahu to Maui, Kauai, Hawaii with their fishing nets and lay nets and fishing/diving equipment. The influx of visiting fisherman who can take large coolers back and forth could have a negative effect on our local fishing areas. But, these kinds of concerns can easily be addressed by regulations and inspections of every vehicle prior to boarding, prohibition of certain fishing nets and equipment, and limits on the amount of seafood you can take home with you on the ferry

not purchased commercially. If you want to stop the invasion of non native species, and other environmental concerns, banning the superferry won't have much impact at all, and I personally feel it will have little or no significant effect on whales.

Being a manager of a small Emergency Room and involved in the county's disaster response procedures, I feel that the ferry could be a life line connection between islands. there are also many of our citizens who cannot fly for one reason or another who could greatly benefit from an alternative mode of transporation.

In conclusion, I support the Superferry and hope to be able to take that trip i missed last month with my husband, next year. The Superferry will be a great service and enjoyment for our local population and a source for local employment. For those who want to ban the ferry, you had better include all the other large cargo and cruise ships, and the small recreational vessels in your EIS if your reasons are sincerely environmental. You may then ask yourself if the reported concerns about the Superferry are the real reasons behind the move to prevent its operation. You may be surprise at the answer.

Lorraine Zane

hseinpersonsbtestimony

From: Kaio Family [ckaio@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 8:49 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Supporter of the super ferry

I am writing this letter in support of the super ferry, The question is why is it that the minority votes mostly consist of outsiders to these island testimony so powerful that it is causing so much controversy. The so called activist for the environment just a front in my opinion to hide behind, i believe that the effect that this business will have on them is more in their pocket books. Oh and i forgot the so called effect that us HAWAIIANS from the island of oahu will have on their peaceful island what crap need i remind them that one of the biggest supplier for the real problem we have here in hawaii DRUGS came from the island of Kauai.

hseinpersonsbtestimony

From: PATRICK J PALENAP ASING [pasing@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 8:47 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: In Support of Supperferry

Aloha!

We are in support of the Supperferry

s Patrick T. Asing
s Jane L.P. Asing

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From: Diane Rozumski [rozumskid@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 8:44 PM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject: Supporter of the Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are *Henry and Diane Rozumski* and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We support the Superferry as a alternative means of transportation to the other Island. This mode enables a family to travel in comfort and with their own vehicle. It is a much more refreshing traveling experience than an airplane ride.

Secondly, haviung this Superferry in all probably will compete with the three other airlines for ticket prices. It is an overall better environment for the passenger that is certain to keep ticket prices more stable and lower.

Thirdly, the Superferry is less polluting that an aircraft. Even though an airplane may consume less fuel that the Superferry on the same route, an airline places heavy toxic pollutants in the air. It also deliberately spills extra fuel and passager wastes in the ocean on a regular basis.

Watching some of the testimony on TV concerning this issue, I noticed some really unnecessary ideas put forth. One such idea was washing the undercarriage of vehicles as an environmental concern. This will cause more pollution and waste lots of water.

I, Henry, who was raised in New Zealand have used the New Zealand InterIsland ferry system. They are very environmentally-conscious. They do not wash the undercarriage of vehicles, perform intense screening of person items, such as fruits and foods and plants. They even allow sheep aboard in large pens. All types of vehicles and commercial trucks go aboard, whether its for milk or lumber. They are cautious in the harbor areas as to speed and course. At a particular point though they open the engines-wide. As someone said in their testimony. Marine engines are more efficient at faster speeds.

Sincerely,

//signed//

Henry and Diane Rozumski

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From: Vince Ng [vkwn75@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 8:31 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: I support the Superferry!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Vince Ng and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It seems that all harbors in Hawaii are way too small, and behind the times. This is not the Superferry's fault. Why wasn't there any harbor improvements done when NCL decided to increase cruise ships in our harbors?

The Superferry carries way less the amount of people compared to the numerous cruise ships which utilize our harbors.

Even before the Superferry, Kahului Harbor was bursting at its seams. This is the only port to serve Maui, which has close to 150,000 residents! Why do we only have 3 piers? Why was NCL ok'd to increase their cruise ship presence in Maui with the existing harbor conditions, when they bring about twice the amount of people to the island compared to the Superferry?

The State is at fault for not keeping up harbor improvements with the growing island population and business. Don't blame the Superferry for this.

NO EIS NEEDED!

Mahalo for your ears.

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From: dk h [todkhoe@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 8:03 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: A REAL HAWAIIAN says: Hawaii needs the Super Ferry NOW

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 David Kealii Hoe and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We the majority of the populace of the State of Hawaii as shown via all opinion polls done on this issue, need you to pass legislation **NOW** that will ensure that the Super Ferry can start operations immediately without any outrages operational restrictions that will hinder it from being a successful business venture that will serve the majority of the people in the State of Hawaii.

You cannot let a minority group of mainland power mad "WACHO ecologist" types, (quote from The Kauai Garden Isle News), who are new comers to the islands, and who have no interest in the real people of Hawaii, hijack the the islands of Kauai and Maui and by ex facto the whole State of Hawaii, via the "biased media with an agenda".

The "biased media with an agenda" is complicit in this issue in by promoting such biased one sided viewpoints against the Super Ferry article after article after article, one in particular "to incite a riot" 'bloggers quote' i.e. surfers blocking legal access to a public harbor, past and future.

Again the will of the of the majority of good people who have lived here for generations need the services that the Super Ferry will offer them.

Act **NOW** and pass the legislation necessary to get the job done! Your job is at stake here! All the working local people that know and talk to want this to happen **NOW**.

A Law change precedent? Well yes, women were not allowed to vote, and blacks were slaves until the laws were changed. So CHANGE THIS LAW NOW!

Aloha, David Kealii Hoe, Hawaiian born, Hawaiian blood heiritage, a REAL HAWAIIAN.

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dk h <todkhoe@yahoo.com> wrote:

Senate Committees: Judiciary and Labor, Transportation and International Affairs, and Energy and Environment

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Legislators of the State of Hawaii,

We the majority of the populace of the State of Hawaii need you to pass legislation NOW that will ensure that the Super Ferry can start operations immediately without any outrages operational restrictions that will hinder it from being a successful business venture that will serve the majority of the people in the State of Hawaii.

You cannot let a minority group of mainland new comers to the islands hijack via the media the will of the majority of people who have lived here for generations and need the services that the Super Ferry will offer them. Act NOW and pass the legislation necessary to get the job done!

Aloha, David K. Hoe

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From: R G BOB and LOUISE FRYE [bobloufrye@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 8:29 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Super Ferry

Just a thought! The protesters on Kauai and Maui must have influential leaders or is it just a random protest? If there are groups organized to discourage the Ferry would it be feasible for the Ferry to invite some of them for a free round trip to the Island of their choice? I know this sounds "off-the-wall" and expensive but it might have favorable influence. During the cruise Ferry personnel could explain much about their equipment and the nimbleness of the big ship to avoid large obstacles etc. Bob Frye, North Shore.

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From: Sank [sankovic@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 8:07 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: SuperFerry

I had to work today so I missed the deadline but I feel we need this in Hawaii.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael Sankovic and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly support the Super Ferry for the State of Hawaii. It not only provides transportation to and from other islands in the state it also provides a reliable support system during natural disasters. A reliable alternative to airline flights. Think they don't pollute?? Those in Maui and Kauai can come and shop the larger stores of Oahu. I've run into tourists coming to Hawaii that had wanted to ride the Ferry during their stay. Since they've (Ferry) been cut off the tourists only spend their money in Oahu. Nothing for the other islands.

Super Ferry is a win-win situation for the residents. Failing in this effort has a ripple effect we cannot afford.

Signed:

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From: SANTOS [lps@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 8:06 PM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *ELIUDE R SANTOS FILHO* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry

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From: Capt Ron [jonesr021@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 7:48 PM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject: HAWAII SUPERFERRY

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE! NEW JOBS FOR HAWAII!! THE SUPERFERRY WOULD DO NOTHING BUT HELP THE HAWAII ECONOMY AND HELP SO OUR PEOPLE HAVE AN EASIER WAY TO GET TO THE OUTER ISLANDS AT A REASONABLE PRICE.

THE THING ABOUT THE WHALES IS BULL. THE WHALE SOCIETY HAS ALREADY HIT MORE WHALES THAN ANYBODY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I THINK THIS IS A GOOD THING FOR HAWAII AS A WHOLE.

RONALD D JONES VOTER!!!!!!!!!!

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From: Diedrick Griep [diedrickgriep@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 7:39 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: i support the superferry

The people that are against the superferry are so vacal and aggressive that they make people like me remain quiet. Please give the superferry a chance.

Thanks,
Diedrick

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From: Larry and Sarah Higgins [lnshiggins@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 8:17 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Superferry

My husband and I are long time Hawaii residents. We are strongly in support of the Superferry being allowed to operate while the environmental issues are studied. We think that allowing a few rabble rousers to seriously hurt the operation of a business is a grave injustice to that business, and also a very bad example of how businesses are treated by the citizens of Hawaii. It could negatively impact any business planning to open a branch or start a new enterprise in our state. For years, we have heard about some tour boats whose propellers actually cut whales. Yet, those boats are still operating. The ferry is a hydrofoil, with nothing projecting into the water, so it seems LESS dangerous. When did whales become more important than legitimate businesses? The millions of dollars in lost income, both to the ferry owners and to the employees who were laid off, seems to me to be the important issue here. If those people on Kauai felt so strongly about the ferry, why didn't they object during the planning stage, rather than waiting to cause trouble AFTER it began operating? I would hate to see a noisy abusive minority make decisions for us legitimate business people.

Sarah Higgins, Hilo, Hawaii
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From: Guy Moriguchi [g_moriguchi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 9:50 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Guy Moriguchi* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry in Hawaii. This will give us locals a chance to chose how we want to travel. We need aulternate transportation.

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From: dtoba [dtoba@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 7:38 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Superferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Dennis Toba* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My mother is getting old and has a very hard time traveling on airplanes. The superferry would provide a better way to travel to her home town on the Big Island. The last time she visited the Big Island was several years ago and she said the plane was too cramped for her arthritic legs. After the trip she was very sad because she said it would be her last time she would visit her home. Having the Superferry would give her and others another means of getting to Hawaii and Kauai.

Note, it would also provide an economically viable way for many sick and bed ridden islanders to travel to Honolulu for medical treatment without having to charter an air ambulance.

Dennis Toba

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hseinpersonsbtestimony

From: John Sizelove [johndog.cpa@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 7:21 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is John Sizelove and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am a resident of the island of Kauai. I have lived on Kauai for 15 years. Prior to that I grew up on Oahu. I am 51 years old and moved to Hawaii in 1966 when I was 10 years old. I am saying this to say that I am not a recent transplant from someplace else.

I strongly support the Superferry to be allowed to operate in Hawaii waters. For too long the airlines have had a monopoly on interisland travel. For too long Young Brothers has had a state supported monopoly on interisland freight. The Superferry represents one big thing to the people of Hawaii and that is choice.

Young Brothers did not have to prepare an EAS. Norwegian Cruise Lines did not have to prepare an EAS. Hawaiian, Aloha and Go airlines have not had to file EAS. Why is it now that the Superferry has to? Why is the playing field not even?

While as a Kauai resident I do not want to see the beauty of my island lost. I do not want to see traffic that is a big problem. I do not want to see Coqui frogs and other invasive species on this island. The Superferry will not be the primary reasons for these to occur. Kauai already has a colony of Coqui frogs and other invasive plants and animals. Kauai already has traffic problems and drug problems. Did the Superferry cause these problems? Of course not. Why is it being singled out for these problems? Again is the Superferry held to a

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standard that the other transportation carriers do not have to uphold.

The Superferry has the potential of being a good thing to the people of Hawaii. It could be also used in times of natural disaster. If the Superferry was available right after Hurricane Iniki the people of Kauai may have had relief much faster than what they did.

Please pass the bill to allow the Superferry to operate while the EAS is being prepared.

If the Superferry is to die let it die due to economic reasons and not petty political reasons being forced on the majority of the people by a vocal minority.

Thank You Very Much

John Sizelove

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John Sizelove CPA

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From: Thomas Deonte [deontet001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 7:35 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: The superferry should be allowed to serve the people of hawaii ASAP

I am handicapped and confined to a wheelchair. It is nearly impossible for me to fly inter island. I need my custom made handicapped equipped van. I can't bring my van on the airplane and Young Brothers takes 4-5 days to get my van to me and charges me over \$200.00. I can't rent a handicapped equipped van as no one rents them on any of the islands. Please let the ferry operate to benefit the over 10,000 handicapped people in wheelchairs in the state. TOMMY

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From: Thomas Deponte [depontet001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 7:30 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Let the ferry sail now.

Stop playing games and let the ferry sail today. The law has to be amended as it is for the good of the entire state of Hawaii and it's majority. Don't be fooled by a few loud mouth special interest protestors that are misguided, misinformed, and ignorant. The protestors are funded by Young Brothers as they fear the competition. Just as Hawaiian and Aloha feared Go airlines. Now we have affordable airfare rates inter island. The same will happen with young brothers rates, it will drop and shipping goods, cargo, and vehicles will be affordable to all. Carol Deponte

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From: EDWARD DOUGLAS [himotor@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 6:48 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Support for Hawaii SuperFerry from Big Island

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

My name is Edward Douglas and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am a life long local resident of the Big Island and I want to see and alternate way to travel between the islands, to visit family and to visit the other islands

Aloha and thank you for your consideration Edward Douglas
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hseinpersonsbtestimony

From: Kathleen Watanabe [kswat27@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 6:53 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Written Testimony - SB1, SD 1 Relating to Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathleen S. Watanabe and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that Hawaii Superferry provides an alternate means of transportation for the people of Hawaii. Also, I would like to state for the record that whatever restrictions you place on the Hawaii Superferry, those same restrictions should be placed on Young Brothers, Matson, Pasha, NCL-America, Aloha Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, Island Air, Go, and other shipping and airline companies.

At Kahului Harbor, Young Brothers accepts and ships vehicles covered with dirt. It's just that the people have not seen what goes on behind their fence lines.


The invasive species are here on our islands and I'm sad to say that they did not even get a chance to ride of the Superferry. Whales, Superferry is new technology and can divert faster than a cruise ship, tug & barge or container ship. Stealing our resources, it's not Superferry's job to police that, it's DLNR/DOCARE'S job! I'm sure a lot of imu rocks get shipped to Oahu via Young Brothers, just that again, we don't know what goes on behind those fence lines.

If an EIS is required for Hawaii Superferry, one should also be required for all the shipping and airline companies.

I ask that you vote to allow the Hawaii Superferry to run while an EIS is being completed by the DOT.

Thank you.

*Kathleen S. Watanabe (808-264-3215)
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Johnson S. Chen* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Rather than giving you all the reasons that I am supporting the Superferry, wasting your time and energy. I must say I find no reason to go against it.

Just one point I must stress is that the way how the bottom of the ferry is designed will not run over any whales and harm them, at any speed. The wave will only push the whales to the side. Those who claim that the ferry may run over and kill the whales should go back to school and have more education; rather than making the people in Hawaii sounded like an idiot. And I am sure those who oppose the Superferry do not eat fish at all.

Best regards,

Johnson S. Chen

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Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2007 7:08 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Fw: House Committee on Transportationand House Committee on Finance

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Darlene T. Sugimoto and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Superferry is a necessity for the outer islands. I am originally from Kauai and was on Oahu when Iniki hit the Island. It was so difficult to get help to my family back on Kauai when the Airports were closed. I feel that if the Superferry had been in operation, I would've personally been able to bring the needed supplies and be assured that they'd get it.

Sincerely,
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From: Vivianne Salzman [salzmanmrk@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 7:28 PM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject: My testimony

Hello, as a native hawaiian of hawaiian ancestry, I believe that this ferry will greatly help me to get to the islands to visit with elderly relatives and allow me to stay there longer with my automobile in order for me to help assist my family with taking them on doctor visits as one of them are handicap and don't drive. They live far in the mountains and cannot afford a cab or get to use the local buses. I need this. I cannot afford to fly all the time and rent cars when i go to the big island. Hawaiian and Aloha for many years have not given us locals a break. There is not enough competition for us hard working people here as compared to the other states. We need this ferry badly. I Travel to California every month to work and I know how much competition there is to choose to travel, price wise. So please consider the Superferry.

Sincerely

Nalani Paea Hoe

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From: Richard Sasaoka [rtsasaoka@hawaiiintel.net]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 6:53 PM

To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Subject: Superferru

We need the superferry to operate now because, if "go airlines" goes under Hawaiian and Aloha airlines will raise the price of travel to the outer islands. Thats when the superferry will an ideal way to travel to Maui, Kauai and the Big islands.

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From: Mistressjadehaz@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 7:01 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: Save the Superferry

I would be a great thing to keep the Superferry, I live on the big Island and I have Ohana on the other islands and it cost so much for airfare and a rental car, so with the ferry I could just drive me car to go to see my friends and family like it is one big state. I also think that it will be good for our economy when we need big things that take a week to get here on a barge, would only take a few hours. So please let them run while doing a environmental assessment. Thank you Holly Zimmerman of Volcano Big Island

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From: ricky [ricky@isp01.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:36 AM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: in support of the superferry

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

My name is Ricky Mau and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.
This will allow me and my family travel options without having to pay the high rental car fees.

Ricky Mau
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From: Tom & Kathy Welch [welch@pixi.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 6:54 PM
To: hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject: I support the Super Ferry & Vacation Rentals

Thomas A. Welch

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Re: Vacation Rentals & Hawaii super ferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Please clear the way for the Super Ferry to continue

operations in Hawaii. We as a progressive state are getting criticism

around the globe for the actions of a few in the stopping of

the super ferry as well as the witch-hunt of vacation rentals by KIK (Keep it Kailua) .

We are being tagged as not wanting visitors to our shores. Those that do come are being forced into

Waikiki style lodging and are told that travel to the outer islands is at your own risk.

The over-reactions of a few have a major impact on the majority of the residents

and local business in the Aloha State. Please consider the Super Ferry as a sought after

means of transportation and the vacation rentals as a choice of lodging in the state of Hawaii.

I thank you in advance for your considerations.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Welch

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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Subject: SB 1. SD 1 Relating To Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My Name is John Dallas Heatherman and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I feel that the Superferry will greatly benefit the State of Hawaii in the long run and provide residents a very enjoyable and interesting sea voyage to all of the islands. Please remember that the slower the Ferry has to travel the rougher the voyage will be; so in effect I am saying that the 13kts which someone wanted the Ferry to adhere to is not viable.

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From: BonzaiMaui@aol.com
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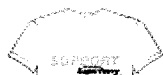
My name is Bonnie Swink and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Superferry would be a great asset to the State of Hawaii. It would especially be of value during a time of crisis. Mahalo and aloha.

Bonnie Swink

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Wayne Hangman and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have been waiting for a long time for alternative interisland transportation. It would be so great to be able to have my car when I go to another island like Maui where the car rentals are price gouging and to see my Ohana and friends without having to borrow a car from them to save money. My Ohana and friends are also supporting the super ferry and it would be great not to be hurried by having to jump on a plane. My mother has cancer and this would make things more feasible to be able to visit her with the grandchildren. I am sure with all the money spent on building these vessels that the whales will be safe. It is good to be cautious. I am wishing the superferry would have come to the big island first. All of this could have been avoided by doing the EIS before or during the construction and the proper information should have been given then not now in time of operation.

Wayne Hangman
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From: Heidi Baker [FlossGodess@hawaii.rr.com]

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Loren and Heidi Baker and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

There is no evidence to suggest that whales or other marine life will be injured by the Superferry.

Also, the protestors in Kauai held up signs telling people not to surf their waters as a protest against the Superferry. That sounds like exclusionism to me, and don't we already have enough of that in this state, what with 10% of our citizens already benefiting from our taxes on an exclusionary basis?

Enough, already. This state can't remain in the 1950's forever. Let's get some progress in here, some jobs, some invested monies.

Heidi Baker
PO Box 6674
Hilo, HI 96720 982-6727

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I find it extremely unfortunate that a vocal minority has so greatly influenced the courts and is now on the verge of jeopardizing our chances to move forward with an alternative transportation option. I do not recall any such uproar when the cruise ships began inter-island travel or when barges bringing goods travel to the various islands. Change is always difficult, but how sad that a few people have turned what could have been a wonderful opportunity to further unite our many islands into a clash that threatens to distance us from our brothers and sisters on the other islands. I hope your committee can hear the "silent majority" and make the right decisions that will ensure Hawaii's future will continue to flourish.

Sincerely,

Cindy S. Chu

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From: Jaydon2@aol.com
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Subject: FOR SUPERFERRY

ALOHA ,I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY AND FEEL THAT IT WILL BRING OUR PARADISE INTO THE 21 ST.CENTURY OF TRANSPORTATION! OR NAMES ARE JAYNIE AND DON REICH,78-6852 KAULA ST. KEAHOU ESTATES, KAILUA KONA HI. 96740 PHONE NO. 808 324-0605 MAHALO,JAYDON 2

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