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charles.amsterdam@hawaiiantel.net Monday, October 29, 2007 9:04 AM

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Subject:

#0022 Fw: testimony regarding the Superferry

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The House of

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State of

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1415 Pensacola St., #12

Hearing on the

Superferry

Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

For

10/29/07

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Hidden Agenda?

I am C Kaui Jochanan Amsterdam, an official in the

Interim Govnernment of The Kingdom

of Hawaii and a 2008 candidate for the Us House of

Representatives, District 1 and I have been

encouraged and requested by the citizens of Hawaii Nei to

present this testimony and inform the

People of Hawaii Nei regarding important matters. One such

important matter is that the Superferry

is designed to be a military transport vehicle. It is part

of

the Navy's Westpac Express Program. This

information is obtained from officials of the Superferry

themselves, but such knowledge has been

deliberately withheld presently from the public by the

officials and the media of Hawaii.

The public must be adequately informed. The use of

the Superferry also can endanger the

lives of the public due to depleted uranium ammunition used

and the dust of which when trans-

ported by military vehicles on the Superferry would

contmaninate the public. Impact studies must be advanced to protect the public and to omit such

studies and information and aim of

the superferry from the public would be irresponsible.

The public must be informed and studies completed as is required of all military projects.

Thus, along with environmental and cultural studies, the Superferry as a military transport ve-

hicle and its aim and impact on the environment, culture, and public is essential. As the old

saying goes "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

Therefore, our concern is that the Superferry officials will still

use the Superferry as a military transport vehicle for vehicles and troops, that such vehicles, troops, and resources will invest and damage

the environment, culture, and people on the Superferry, environment, and beyond, that the needs of the people of the Maui, Kauai, and the Big Island are not being seriously addressed and considered which can result in a serious backlash, action is premature with a rush to action, the people are not sufficiently informed, the officials

of the Superferry have not given assurance that the Superferry will not be used as a military transport vehicle for such as vehicles, weapons, troops, and resources with such assurances being manditory, and that such premature action also before a sufficient EIS is also as irresponsible as the Superferry officials irresponsible behavior in not previosly advancing an EIS. In order to also have sufficient assurances this testimony is presented and also presently not to support the present Bill 1 to presently allow the Superferry to advance service without a sufficient EIS in order to best meet the public best interests.

House of Representatives, District 1

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From:

lcclegal@gmail.com on behalf of Cheryl [cforeveryoung@gmail.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:56 AM

To:

hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0023 In Support of the Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cheryl Young and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need a variety of transportation as the only means to get to the outerisland is by air. I would make good use of the SuperFerry as will my family. Please don't let it leave our island. Thank you!

Cheryl Lynn M. Young

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From:

Smartrip@aol.com

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:00 AM

To:

hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0024 ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

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

# SB1, SD1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Stefanie Smart and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It's time. Just make this happen already. Do what you gotta do!

Stefanie Smart

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From:

GenieW@aol.com

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:12 AM

To:

hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0025 SuperFerry

I am in favor of the Hawaiian Super Ferry. We need an alternative means of transportation with in the State of Hawaii. We need to get to Oahu for medical treetemnt. unable to be supplied by Maui County.

Virginia Ward 1001 Ukiu Road Makawao, Hawaii 808-572-1290

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From: Mona [mona@lava.net]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:14 AM

To: hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0026 The Superferry Testimony

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#### **Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:**

My name is Mona Wengler and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe Hawaii needs the Superferry as a means of alternate transportation from island to island. My grandmother who lives on Maui can not fly on the airplane due to health reasons and would be able to ride the ferry service. I also believe that the Superferry would help local businesses by allowing businesses to delivery their products in a timely manner and providing personal service to their clients on various islands. As an entrepreneur, I would like to be able to pack my vehicle and sell my handmade crafts on other islands then just limiting myself to Oahu only. Other small businesses/crafters could do the same.

Furthermore, I feel that the Superferry is being singled out and should be allowed to operate while legal issues are resolved. We have a lot of other boat services doing business today and have been for years. How will we (Hawaii) ever going to move forward if we don't try something new and/or be innovative? Everyone including the Superferry needs to have a chance.

# Mona Wengler

10/29/2007

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From: GREGORY HARBOTTLE [ghthkh@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 7:13 AM

**To:** hseinpersonsbtestimony **Subject:** #0027 YES TO FERRY

Dear Chair Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Gregory Harbottle and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Please see through the negativity of the do-goobers and vote for the wishes of the majority voice of the people of Hawaii. I may never ride the Superferry but I do know a lot of elderly Hawaiian people that are looking forward to booking trips on this means of transportation.

Regards, Gregory. 1576 Ainakea Rd Lahaina, Hi 96761

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From: Fuata, Benedict L LTC NGHI [benedict.fuata@us.army.mil]

**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:16 AM

To: hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0028 SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Benedict L. Fuata and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

I believe that the Super Ferry offers us choices to travel inter-Island that we currently don't have available to us. I realize that there are controversial environmental issues that need to be address however, it would be a travesty to discontinue the program as a result of inflated environmental concerns. The economic benefits that the Super ferry brings to our Small Businesses as well as affordable travel to our local community that would bridge family relationships are priceless. Some of our handicap personnel, and elderly are unable to travel via airplane due to inconveniences posed on them. The super ferry would allow them to travel in the comfort of their own modified and approved handicap vehicle to visit loved ones and proper medical facilities. Finally, the Super ferry offers an immediate vehicle to transport much needed supplies, equipment and personnel in the event of a natural disaster and/or civil emergency in support of Homeland Defense and Homeland Security. The reality is that we are geographically separated and the Super ferry allows us an alternative travel means to forge support when need, enhance relationships and provide consumers competitive choices for travel. We cannot allow the stake holders to maintain the monopoly and limit our freedom of choice and business competition.

BENEDICT L. FUATA P.O. Box 7196 Hilo, HI 96720 Cell-(808) 936-8922

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

From:

Gail Rodrigues [gail@islandworldrealty.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 9:51 AM

To: Subject: hseinpersonsbtestimony #0029 SUPER FERRY

Aloha, my name is Gail Rodrigues and I'm for the Super Ferry. We need another way of visiting our relative on the other Islands and the Super Ferry is perfect. Also, being able to take our cars is a plus.

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From: Silva, Laurena [lsilva1@honolulu.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:52 AM

To: hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0030

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Soukí and Oshiro:

My name is Laurena Silva and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a farmer I feel this resource would tremendously help with transportation of produce as well as the Hawaii Superferry would play a big part when there is the need to transporting food and emergency supplies due to a natural disaster such as a hurricane.

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Kalaheo, HI 96741

Laurena Silva

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From: Donald K. Johnson [dkrajkahiko@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:54 AM

To: hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0031 Superferry Yes Yes Yes

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 Rev. Dr. Donald K. Johnson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii has been my home and that of my extended family since 1969. When we first came to Hawaii when our money was very tight, we packed our camping gear in the trunk of our car and shipped the car to each of our outer islands on subsequent years, then flew over, and our family of five camped and explored for a month on each island. Our sons and our nine grand children can no longer explore each island with their own car because the barge company charges too much, and there is a tone of red tape and a long delay. We need the Superferry!

When we run the Young Brothers Barges and the huge cruse ships over the wale waters, what is one more hull passing buy? I'm thinking it is the car rental companies, Young Brothers, and the airlines who worry about loosing revenue that have lobbies that stymy the advancement of this advantage four our local residents. If we put restrictions on the Superferry, make sure you put the same ones on Young Brothers ships and the cruse ships.

Even though Tokuda is representing my district, she needs to be supporting the Superferry.

Respectfully

Donald K. Johnson 45-320 Kahiko Street Kaneohe, Hi 967844

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From: Noble Mortgage [noble.mortgage@hawaiiantel.net]

**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:59 AM

To: hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0032 TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF THE SUPERFERRY

My name is Teresita Noble, an American with Filipino ancestry.

I strongly support the operation of the superferry.

We have to accept the fact that Hawaii is growing rapidly, we cannot hamper growth. Growth means changes. Everybody keep saying that we need to keep our children in our State, how could we keep them if we are discouraging the people who are bringing business and employment in our state. Let's not waste anymore time and money, let the authorities in-charge in operating this second means of transportation do their jobs.

Thank you for your consideration immediate action to this big issue.

From: Gary Edwards [gedwards@pixi.com]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:03 AM

To: hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0033 SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

TTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gary Edwards, M.D. and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I rode the SuperFerry on its inaugural trip to Maui. What a pleasure to be able to "drive" with my family from Kakaako to Kahului!

The fuss over and environmental impact statement is merely the attempt of those opposed to the SuperFerry to cause it so much financial harm that it will not be able to operate in Hawaii.

How much sense does it make to get such an EIS when ferries have been the method of choice for getting between islands for hundreds if not thousands of years? We all ready have jets, cruise ships, motor boats, sail boats, surfboards and whatever else going between the islands.

Please let's get this valuable service going without putting unneeded restraints on it. Hawaii needs it and the rest of the world needs to see that we are not the worst place in the world to do business.

Thank you.

Gary Edwards, M.D. 1329 Lusitana St. Suite 806 Honoulu, HI 96813

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From:

Keoni [Kforges@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:46 AM

To:

hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0034 Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Stacey Forges and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is absurd to watch this outlandish Superferry issue on the media. Furthermore it brings a total embarrassment to Hawaii politics and the local public that are in much need of this transportation system. I personally cannot accept that this new transportation system will shut down over some eccentric belief that a group holds. The Hawaii residents were looking forward in utilizing this new transportation system. Do what is right, do what is fair. We are heading into a future that will experience new technology, which should be an encouragement and not a demoralizing issue. Persons who object the Superferry are selfish and are doing it for personal and financial gain. Somebody re-think the EIS, make it effective and get rid of all the unnecessary obstacles. Secondly, when the protest first started, it was handled with pathetic decisions. How can a group of persons stop or delay something like this; I believe someone should make that clear to the rest of the Hawaii community.

Stacey John "Keoni" Forges 94-594 Kupuohi St. #24A Waipahu, Hawaii Home # 808-744-3445 Cell # 808-721-6006

From: Patrick Little [pjallittle@shaw.ca]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 10:24 AM

To: hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0035 testimony

Though this email may end up on the cutting room floor, I would testify to the fact of the disastrous ending of the 3 nearly identical Austal built Pacificat ferries which brought down an entire Provincial Government in British Columbia who, like the HSF, ceased their operations for many of the same reasons which confront your legislature today. The loss to the taxpayers exceeded \$400,000,000.000 and the Prime Minister was soundly defeated as a result.

I have corresponded with and furnished material in support of the disaster to your Kauai Senators and exchanged a few emails with Hermina Morita. The story is told here.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast\_Ferry\_Scandal (several good links within this)

I'd be pleased to furnish you with far more information, 250 748 2864 because of my familiarity with the issue and efforts to alert others in Hawai'i to the predictable dilemma which you are currently faced with.

I hold to the notion that all of Hawai'i has been duped by the present operators of HSF from the very first day going all the way back to the beginning. They do not deserve the gracious treatment that they are receiving from your body.

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#### hseinpersonsbtestimony

From:

Paul Perretta [g3sea@hotmail.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:26 AM

To:

hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0036 Testimony on SB 1,SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

To the House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Paul Perretta and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The FACTS ( and the FALLACIES of the Anti Ferry groupe ) have been laid out by numerous Pro Ferry testimonies.

Any 'Conditions' HAVE TO APPLY TO ALL OTHER MODES ( particuarly Maritime ) OF INTERISLAND TRANSPORTATION OTHERWISE the State AND the Protest groups will be open to litigation based on Discriminatory practices!

Consequently there shuld be NO Conditions imposed that the other modes of transportation are not subject to !

Paul Perretta

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From: Kathleen Lopes [klopes001@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 11:35 AM

To: hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0037 Testimony

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

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

Re: SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathleen C. "Kande" Lopes and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY as a resident of Hawaii, whose parents and grandparents (the Marciel and Souza ohana's), born on the island of Maui and is where my maternal grandfather was a paniolo.

Thus, there are strong ties I feel to my island of Maui "roots".

Currently, my husband, Clarence, and I visit many of our ohana, including my daughter and her family - having to rent a car most of the time. This sometimes prevents us from traveling there and elsewhere as we are now on a fixed income as retired DOE educators. The Superferry will bring our island community closer together and prevent the isolation that some of our neighbor island communities feel. We have heard from family and friends alike for many years - throughout Hawaii

- with regard to how frustrating it is for them because of some limitations in accessing services and for purchasing commodities.

My husband and I have saved for at least one special vacation occasionally, which has included 3 cruises over the last 6 years:

Alaska, Panama Canal, and Caribbean. We have been on 3 large cruise lines, whose crews regularly look for sea life (e.g. whales etc.) to point out to the passengers. Therefore, the presence of sea life is not unique to the waters immediately off our shores, but these vessels freely travel with caution and care all over the world - mindful of their responsibilities toward wildlife. The sea and harbor traffic, including the commercial, private, and military ships have freely traversed our Hawaiian waters indiscriminately and it is an embarrassment to the people of Hawaii that the Hawaii Superferry is being singled out for what others have done and presently continue to do.

The concern for alien species being introduced to islands of Hawaii as a reason for preventing the Superferry with passengers and cars should then result in all traffic to and from these islands to stop:

commerce, tourism, and the military should cease its operations. After all, where did the coqui come from on the Big Island, now on Oahu and elsewhere? Where did all the foreign insects and plants come from?

This is a "get real" decision - a decision that is a simple one when one looks at the past and looks ahead to the future. Are we going to be without issues or problems in the future from travel? Perhaps, but the ones being raised as potential problems do not outweigh the greater good for the needs of the Hawaii residents, tourists, and military - upon which our economy is based. "Get real" guys and gals and demonstrate to the people of Hawaii that you can continue to make tough decisions - even in the face of criticism.

Please, don't falsely believe that you can appease everyone in this matter! Good judgment, the will of the majority, and common sense must prevail in your decision.

Kathleen C. "Kande" Lopes 808-261-2117 or 808-753-5043 527 Uluhala Street Kailua, HI 96734

From: Sent: Pepi [pesentheh001@hawaii.rr.com]

Monday, October 29, 2007 11:05 AM

To:

hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject:

#0038 Please vote in favor of Hawaii SuperFerry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Good morning,

I write to you as a small businessman and Hawaii taxpayer asking that you vote in favor of the Hawaii SuperFerry's resumption and continuation of inter island service. While we are concerned about the environment we hope that any special conditions attached to such resumption are fair and viable for the ferry to accomplish this new method of inter island travel. The conditions should be applicable to other carriers as well.

Mahalo for your good service !

H. Pepi Pesentheiner, GM Eurotours Hawaii, Inc.

2108 Alaeloa Pl., Honolulu, HI 96821

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From: Desiree Fleming [DFleming@AlliedMachineryCorp.com]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 11:06 AM

To: hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0039 In Support of the Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on

Finance

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#### Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Desiree Fleming and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I sincerely regret that I have not been available to voice my opinion at the meetings that have taken place here on Kauai, although I hope my voice will be heard in this session.

I am also a single mother that shares custody of my only child who lives on Maui. I was so thrilled to find that there would be another alternative to get her to Kauai or another way for me to get to Maui. I had hoped to share the 3 hour long ride on the Superferry to share and teach awareness to my child about the islands and its environment. This not only would benefit the single parent, but a full range of people, such as people with disabilities, local and scholastic sports teams, more parents can attend games, farmers, small businesses, I believe the list goes on. I feel people need the resources to learn about the Superferry, have it presented in a non-threatening manner, and by all means have the panel of Superferry staff, everything from engineers to deckhands to be on hand to educate the people. I hope that we will see the Superferry succeed here in Hawaii, and I believe it to be a positive and beneficial addition to the economy, lifestyle, and State of Hawaii. Thank you for your time.

Desiree M. Fleming P.O. Box 1345 Kapaa, HI 96746 (808)821-1112

From: d.mortensen [MORTENSED001@HAWAII.RR.COM]

**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 10:40 AM

To: hseinpersonsbtestimony

Subject: #0040 Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David Mortensen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

What a wonderful opportunity for people of the entire state to enjoy economical travel between islands. Allow immediate inter-island transportation of goods/services, and also creates a venue to allow emergency service assistance/access in the event of major disasters. Allow the ferry to run, conduct the EIS during it's operation, producing a win, win situation for all groups!!!!

Thank You

David Mortensen

444 N. Kalaheo AVe.

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