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**Subject:** #0051 Support Hawaii Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

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

SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Francine Costales* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii Superferry is THE State of the Art when it comes to marine transportation.

People seem not to be knowledgeable on how the Superferry was built, and the immense amount of time and research that was afforded in its inception, including the special paint used on the outside that prohibits diseases, barnacles, and invasive species from clinging to the ship. And did you know that the interior of the vehicle deck was also painted with a special paint that "disinfects" vehicle tires that naturally rids them of any invasive species from being transported between islands? And it is a fact that no other maritime transportation company that is currently in service in Hawaiian waters, uses that type of extensive care and concern on any of their ships nor the cargo containers that are used. All of the vessel's positive qualities were documented by the National Geographic during/after the Alakai's construction.

During the Test Runs and the first sailing into Nawiliwili, there were only LOCAL people on the ship. The Hawaii Superferry IS about local people. Its about having the choice of an alternate mode of transportation for an island State. Hawaii Superferry is a way that will allow people with special needs a way to travel... and for some, the ONLY way they would be able to travel to the neighbor islands.

On behalf of my immediate family, my extended family, my friends and co-workers at Hawaii Superferry, I thank you for the opportunity to again present my testimony and humbly request that you search your conscience and vote favorably for this bill.

I truly believe in my heart that the Superferry is good for the State's economy. It is only right that we move forward. THIS change is good for the State...as ferries are used and a profitable and viable business that enhances the economy in other states and countries throughout the world. We need to now embrace this change.

The Superferry will *help* the future of the entire state and serve the local people of Hawai'i.

The Superferry will be **THE** *help* during times of natural disasters and will be able to assist quickly.

The Superferry will **continue** to be good for my grandchildren and and their children's children long after we are gone. Do not rob them of this progress.

Mahalo,  
Francine Costales

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**Attachments:** HI SuperFerry Sen Ver.wpd

**Late Testimony in Support of the Hawaii SuperFerry**

The House Committee on Transportation and the House Committee on Finance  
October 29, 2007 in the Capitol Auditorium at 1330

Chairs and Respected Members of the Committees,

My name is Reg White. I have been a U.S. Merchant Marine officer for the past 54 years. I have served in various Hawaii interisland transportation operations for many of those years.

Let's face it, 98% of all we consume arrives here via the ocean. We must be very careful what we wish for in this document, as the spill over, or to take a word from this document, the "secondary effects", of these rules as proposed here may well cost all of us many added dollars in the daily shipping of the goods and services that enable our island way of life, while providing very little gain in security or safety.

Both in Part II, Section 4, (a), (2), (A) through (E), and (3), and in Part IV, Section 13 (a) beginning at line 21 regarding rules to be made by the Temporary Oversight Task Force, we must be cautious in making laws and rules here that will affect how the Hawaii SuperFerry conducts its operations. We must be aware of how these laws and rules may spill over and affect all the other established means at hand for achieving the same transportation results. For instance, we must realize that Pasha, Sause, Young Brothers, Matson, Victory, Horizon, and many others less familiar to us, regularly and for many years have transported all sorts of vehicles both to and between our islands. Do remember that most containers are the body of the vehicle upon which they ride when on land and so receive the same splatter onto their undersides from truck tires as any other vehicle undercarriage. All of the carriers mentioned above regularly carry containers, cars and trucks both to and between our islands. None of them, to my knowledge, is held responsible for the cleanliness of the undercarriages nor the interiors of the vehicles nor the bottoms of the containers that they transport as we are contemplating requiring the SuperFerry to do in this document. Will we now require all vessels transiting Hawaiian waters at speeds in excess of 13 knots to carry an NMFS observer? Can NMFS supply all of the people required? Do we have all the sign mentioned herein posted at each boarding gate for all of the airlines serving passengers to and between our islands or at the piers serving arriving passengers from visiting cruise ships as they travel from island to island?

I have no desire to wantonly contaminate our islands nor the ecosystems that make our land so very special, nor to in any way jeopardize our very special way of life, but I do not believe we have the right to make one method of transportation meet a higher level or standard of performance than we do all other methods of achieving the same result or engaged in the same basic service.

Respectfully,

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## Testimony in Support of the Hawaii Superferry

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 10:30 a.m, Auditorium, State Capitol

Respected Chairs and Members of the Committees,

My name is Reg White. I have been a licensed U.S. Merchant Marine Officer for over 54 years. I am vice president, project development, for Paradise Cruise, Ltd. of Honolulu.

The Superferry has taken even more precautions and is using much more advanced electronic navigation gear than was available 35 years ago when I served as one of the two captains in charge of the Seaflite Hydrofoil, "KAMEHAMEHA", which operated on a more whale hazardous route than the Superferry contemplates, because we had to go into Maalaea and Kona rather than Kahukui and Kawaihae. The Superferry destinations makes a much more whale friendly routing possible than was available to Seaflite, yet Seaflite ran for three years between our islands, three boats making a total of five interisland round trips each day at a cruising speed of 43 knots, without injuring a single whale.

The Hawaii Superferry deserves the opportunity to serve us. Young Brothers carries many vehicles as well as containers that serve as the body of the trailer carrying them on our roads and so are just as contaminated with road dust as any other vehicle. They have been transporting freight between our islands for nearly 100 years and they have never inspected nor washed any of them to prevent spread of invasive species. The same goes for the freight and the vehicles that come from the mainland via Matson and Horizon Lines as well as the stuff that arrives from foreign via all the other carriers that regularly visit us from around the world.

Harbors builds all of the facilities to accommodate these other shippers, so why shouldn't they also build the facilities to allow the Superferry to operate?

As for traffic on our roads, 100 cars to Kauai from Honolulu and 100 cars from Kauai to Oahu on the return voyage, even in my public school upbringing, comes out to zero impact on the local traffic. If I visit the island via an airline, I rent a car and drive around the destination island. If I take my car on the ferry, it's still only me in one car, mine or one from rent a wreck, so again, no impact on existing traffic.

We do not want to start holding up harbor progress for protracted EIS proceedings every time someone brings in a higher technology in shipping. If we do, we may well run out of toilet paper in the store in five days while we all fool around contemplating the impacts of a better shipping method.

Respectfully,

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**Honorable President Hanabusa and Honorable Members of the Senate, Good morning.**

I am Gene A. Albano and I am one of those who are not in favor for the Legislature to have a special session and against a special law to be passed should the Honorable members of this august body decide to hold a special session.

Let me start by asking these questions. Why was the Superferry allowed to operate without going through the legal process or why were they given a special treatment? Is this a QUID PRO QUO? The decision made to allow its operation was a blatant and deliberate violation of existing laws on the environment which resulted in the polarization of the people of Hawaii.

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I am opposed for a special session for the purpose of passing a special law to accommodate a business entity for the following reasons:

1. It is totally illegal, unfair and improper for allowing anyone to go into operation before complying with laws,
2. To hold a special session simply to suit the cause of one who have no respect and regard of the law will encourage others to follow which is not good for the Legislature and the people of Hawaii,
3. The popularity of the Superferry is based on the assumption that it is good for the State and its people but up to this time there is no proof or statistic provided by the Superferry or its supporters to that effect,
4. The people of Hawaii totally agree that it is within the jurisdiction of the Legislature and have the discretion to amend an existing law provided it is for the majority and never for a special interest,
5. Everyone living in Hawaii welcome any businessman or business entity to do business in our State but should operate under existing laws. We are under a government of laws not of men,
6. I believe that should the Superferry is allowed to continue its operation, the problem we are having now will not be solved but worsened,
7. Whatever your decision, it is in the best interest for the people of Hawaii to have the Operating Agreement entered into between the State of Hawaii and the Superferry be investigated or audited to unearth the truth.
8. To hold a special session at this time is an unjustifiable use of taxpayer's money. This matter can be addressed during your regular session.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to appear before you and hope you will consider these reasons in making your decisions. ALOHA!

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1. Prices for the consumer on Kaua'i will drop, as they did in construction after Home Depot arrived, and as they did when Costco came and we saw supermarket prices drop drastically.

2. Products and services NOT AVAILABLE on this island will suddenly become available for those who want their own vehicle to use on Oahu. As it stands, nothing large size can be purchased on Oahu and brought here, even though it's cheaper to buy there.

3. The super ferry must sail, if for no other reason than to show that boisterous, uneducated, unruly crowds (as they were at the first meeting in the veterans center) can rule our lives with threats of violence and foul, filthy, gutter language shouted at our governor.

4. The real proponents against the super ferry are merchants who have a secret agenda---to maintain high prices. Who hurts? Not the rich guys with the million dollar houses in Poipu, but the poor people who survive with two working parents and three jobs each.

Don Paul

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**To:** hseinpersontestimony  
**Subject:** #0057 RE: SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

**THE HOUSE**  
**Twenty fourth Legislature 2007**  
**Second Special Session**

**ATTN: 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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**TESTIMONY**

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am testifying **IN SUPPORT** of the Superferry being able to immediately start service between the islands of the State of Hawaii.

All of the claims of harm to the environment and marine animals are full of holes and are not supported by science or common sense because of the following obvious and scientifically supported reasons:

- 1 - Daily, inter-island commercial and private jets and cargo air planes carry thousands of passengers and hundreds of tons of cargo between the islands without inspection for ants, spiders, bacteria, seeds on their soles (tires or in containers), etc.;
- 2 - Daily, inter-island ocean shippers tow huge barges from island harbor to island harbor. These barges are filled with hundreds of unwashed vehicles of all sizes and shapes including construction vehicles and equipment covered with mud and ants from every sector of the Island of Oahu and other Hawaiian Islands and all places on the earth. Additionally, the ocean barges carry huge ocean going containers full of goods and equipment of all sorts and sizes and dirtyness - which have been shipped into Hawai'i from every part of the world as well as every sector of Oahu - into each and every outer island in the State of Hawai'i;
- 3 - Private and Commercial ships of all sizes visit all the harbors in the State of Hawaii daily and none of these ships are searched for ants, seeds, etc., and these ships off load their passengers with all sorts of muddy shoes and carts and luggage without a cursory inspection by environmental inspectors of any sort;
- 4 - The pontoon design of the Superferry's hull creates a surge and wake in front of the ships

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pontoons which actually push fish and marine mammals (whales) away from the pontoons (*this is the reason one frequently sees marine mammals playing in the bow surge in front of ships*). Additionally, the Superferry does not have external propellers which are the great danger to whales and marine mammals and is the cause of 99% of the injuries and deaths being sighted by these opposed to the Superferry;

5 - The state-of-the-art propulsion system the Superferry is equipped with results in the ferry not requiring three tugs to maneuver it into and out of the state's harbors for docking. As a result of this modern technology it is able to move large quantities of people and cargo with a much smaller amount of smoke and pollutants being put into the environment compared with the several tugs that are required to maneuver the ungainly barges into the harbors up to the docks.

**IN CONCLUSION**, the Superferry should be allowed to start service immediately, because presently and for the last 200 years, none of the shipping containers or 1,000's of vehicles and construction equipment which barges and ships daily transport to the outer Hawaiian Islands are searched in the manner that the environmentalists are demanding that vehicles and cargo traveling on the Superferry be searched.

It is a very common rumor that the dock, tug and stevedore workers of Hawai'i are the real source of all the loud protests to the Superferry (*along with their families, investments and real estate brokers and anyone they can enlist in their protests. This group of harbor workers demand HUGE salaries which drive up the costs of every commodity available in Hawai'i and have deep pockets to create the loud protests which oppose the Superferry's Service*). They certainly have a right to protest the ferry, but the Legislature should disregard their loud protests because the majority of the residents of the State will greatly benefit from the use of the Superferry Service.

The protests against the Superferry should be ignored and the Superferry should be allowed to begin service immediately.

AT HONOLULU HARBOR, **LEGAL ADA COMPLIANT SIDEWALKS AND CURBS** LEADING FROM THE NIMITZ HIGHWAY SIDEWALK INTO THE STATE CONSTRUCTED HONOLULU HARBOR FERRY TERMINAL **ARE MISSING**. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE AND DANGEROUS FOR PASSENGERS WALKING TO THE SUPERFERRY TERMINAL FROM DOWNTOWN HONOLULU AND AREA PARKING LOTS.

Mahalo for your attention to this important matter.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Linda Staton* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*The Superferry is an important service to the citizens of Hawaii. We are the people that will benefit the most by this service and I for one, feel it will only enhance our quality of life. It will be an economic improvement in jobs and convenience. Please consider the larger picture.*

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**Importance:** High

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TO: Chairs Souki, Oshiro, House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance  
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 HEARING DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007  
 HEARING TIME: 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol  
 RE: SAVE HAWAII SUPERFERRY (Re: SB 1, SD 1 relating to transportation)

Aloha chairs Souki and Oshiro,

Please support Hawaii Superferry and save it from extinction!

Most of the good people who oppose Hawaii Superferry are mis-informed, mis-guided folks - who have been mis-led by those who fear Hawaii Superferry will compete with other existing business operations in Hawaii, particularly: barge shippers, the airlines, the rental-car companies. The issue is not about the environment, it is about money and business competition.

What's happened here is that the existing businesses who feel threatened by Hawaii Superferry have falsely painted Hawaii Superferry as a threat to Hawaii's environment and as a threat to whales - both subjects of which we are all sensitive too. IF this was truly an "environmental" issue every barge, plane, boat, ship travelling inter-island should be put through such rigid scrutiny, inspections, limitations that have been proposed by the anti-ferry-activists for Hawaii Superferry. But, the activists didn't demand that, did they? No. They just want to stop Hawaii Superferry because most have been duped into thinking it's a "threat to Hawaii's environment". Shibai! It's all about money, business competition.

To condemn Hawaii Superferry to extinction would be to deny the majority of the people of Hawaii a wonderful alternative to travel between islands; an alternative that's both family and small business oriented. I've traveled many times on car ferries all over the world - and I must say that the ferry mode of transportation is favored by the people of the local commuties who have been brought closer together by the ferries and particularly families who prefer to travel together, with

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their own cars, pets, to visit relatives. Travel on the ferry boat is a wonderful experience for families, particularly children, and destinations are so much easier to reach quickly by ferries and economically as well. There is no fear of flying on a ferry boat, for sure.

I toured Hawaii Superferry Saturday night at a benefit for the Hawaii International Film Festival. It's a magnificent ship, one that rivals the very best ferries the world over. Hawaii's people are so fortunate to have the opportunity to experience such an exciting new mode of transpsport for families, small businesses between islands. Superferry, if it survives your vote, will help to wonderfully transition our state-of-islands into an island-state. Help unite our Hawaiian islands. Support Supeferry.

Mahalo,

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