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I am in complete support of the Super Ferry, this is something that Hawaii has needed for some time. The legislature needs to step to the plate and let this business move forward as it clearly makes sense and is of benefit to everyone, the residents and businesses of the State of Hawaii.

Ava Matchen

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ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance
 DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007
 TIME: 9:00 a.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

HB 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 Overnight Task Force.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Patrick H. Ogu,ma Sr. and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry on grounds of the following hands-on factual findings I witnessed as a former federal journeyman Shipfitter employed at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, specifically assigned to the Submarine division, external superstructure/underwater repair/modification/overhaul support team, I personally witnessed performing several COVERT OPERATIONAL REPAIRS to the front section, defined as the (Dome) of fast attack submarines travelling at top rated speeds underwater way exceeding the maximum speeds of the Superferry as you witnessed in the Japanese Training Ship incident. Our specialized group of worker's from various shop's were hand-picked by a special task force organization known as the "TIGER TEAM" to conduct and expedite high-security(excluded from the media) with diligent precisional repairs as a result of HUMAN NAVIGATIONAL ERROR/NEGLIGENCE involving devastating collisions/catastrophies ramming into reefs,whales, sealife and floating debris, and finally a civilian vessel. During the early 1970's, I was employed at the Federal Lualualei's Naval Ammunition Depot where I, along with other civilians was trained and certified as a Federal Ordinance Worker specifically hired and assigned to a "SPECIAL TASK FORCE" to secure and salvage all World War II ammunition and explosives stored within designated ammunition shelters along the Lualualei mountains. During my brief (1) One year assignment, I was directed to perform (2) two optional job tasks as described below:

1. Remove/Salvage/Block and Brace/Transport designated high-explosive to the Makua Valley to be assisted by Navy EOD for explosive discharge.
2. Remove/Salvage/Block and Brace/Transport high-explosive to a designated Navy barge to be relocated several miles off-shore of Yokohama Beach for disposal/dumping of all World War II munitions. Initial task was to transport obsolete munitions to the mainland. Cost was factored in.

Subject Matter is structuring/implementing an EIS:

My Questions: Was an EIS conducted prior to the military government discharging live explosives in Makua Valley that has totally killed/contaminated/condemned the Aina and it's wild life for their unwarranted acts of recklessness and disregard for the people of Hawaii?

Was an EIS conducted prior to the military government discharging/dumping high-explosives into Hawaiian waters endangering all sealife and mandkind in which after (30) thirty years releasing toxic materials and waste along the beautiful westcoast beaches causing unknown illnesses and disease amongst Hawaii people.

Is the EIS an mandatory requirement? If so, then an EIS should be directed to all Airline's commercial/private/federal for daily

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discharging/polluting toxic and volatile aviation fuel upon the land, water, and human life.

An EIS should be directed to all commercial/private/state/federal boat/ship operator's for polluting/contaminating the Hawaiian waters from discharging fuel oil/human waste/radiation and carbon monoxide into the air and inadvertently causing human and sealife catastrophies.

An EIS should be directed to all commercial/private/state/federal operator's of a motor vehicle on grounds of causing/releaing toxic and volatile carbon monoxide within the atmosphere that is causing detrimental respiratory health conditions to all breathing species.

The Superferry has all MERIT to continue performing daily operations irrelavant to an EIS. An EIS has absolutely no jurisdiction pursuant to being singled-out as the "BAD GUY" What is good for the GOOSE is good for the GANDER!

I understand that the Superferry operations will be a great impact finanancially on all Air, Land, and Sea businesses, but I believe the majority of people in Hawaii has already demonstrated that they want CHOICE and competitiveness that will eventually drive down prices, for example, Costco, Walmart, Home Depot and now Target.

PROTESTOR"S CANNOT STOP MODERNIZATION! Those civil rights suffered the ramification's on the first day the Hawaiian Islands became the 50th state.

Respectively,

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Kanoa Parker's Testimony

Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for giving me a chance to testify on this important bill. My name is Kanoa Parker and I work as Chief Officer aboard the Hawaii Super Ferry, ALAKAI. Working on board the ALAKAI has given me the chance to work on state of the art equipment in the waters where I grew up, while at the same time advancing my license and career. To have this chance to work here in Hawaii as opposed to the Gulf of Alaska or the Far East, is really a wonderful opportunity.

Growing up on O'ahu, I have been around the ocean my whole life, whether it has been surfing, fishing, paddling or sailing. I have a great respect for the ocean, and Hawaii's environment. Working on the ALAKAI, I have come to find out that Hawaii Superferrie's environmental policies are more stringent and environmentally conscious than any company I have worked for. I have worked on tankers in Alaska, containerships and car-carriers sailing around the world, and just prior to the Superferry I was on the cruise ships sailing here inter-island.

Not only do our environmental and whale avoidance polices go well beyond the scope of other companies working here in Hawaii, but the maneuverability and handling characteristics of the ALAKAI make this vessel and company a wonderful asset to the state of Hawaii. With our no discharge policy, and stringent inspections for invasive species I feel confident about Hawaii Superferry making the least amount of impact on the environment as possible. All my fellow co-workers, whether on board, in the terminals, or in the office share my views. The amount of training and focus that the company has placed on the environment is very impressive.

The Hawaii Superferry is a great alternative to the state of Hawaii for inter island travel. From conversations with passengers on the few trips that we have done, and just this past weekend talking with some of the passengers who came aboard for our military appreciation cruises, there was an overwhelming consensus of how much everyone on board enjoyed themselves. They were so impressed with everything about the ALAKAI and our crew. This gave me a real sense of pride to be a part of this whole operation. I think the people of Hawaii deserve this alternative to travel. They deserve to have a choice of whether they want to use the Superferry to facilitate their businesses, or take their cars to outer islands to see their families. The Superferry has so many positive things that it can bring to Hawaii. Besides an alternative for travel, the vessel could be used as a major asset for disaster and emergency relief. With the ferries cargo-carrying capacity, speed and maneuverability, the ALAKAI could play an integral role in disaster relief to outer islands.

Let's give the Superferry a chance, and let's give all the people who are employed by this company, along with their families a chance. Let's give the people of Hawaii a chance to come down and ride the ferry, and to talk with us, and I am positive they will see that the Hawaii Superferry is a good thing. Thank you for hearing my testimony.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Margaret Ochner* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The ferry will allow easy of travel between the islands and also help to improve interisland economy. In addition, schools may have greater opportunities to expose children to different aspects of our Hawaiian culture and eco-resources. In addition, it is highly unlikely that the different vegetation/parasites that can be transferred between islands will so vastly impact each different island's eco-system, that massive airtravel already hasn't.

Margaret Ochner

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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.

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Best regards,

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