From:Barbie Hatcher [bkaialau@hawaii.rr.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:16 PMTo:House RecordSubject:HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Barbie Hatcher and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Our islands have waited long enough for another means of transportation. I would love to sail across our beautiful ocean and experience the true beauty of our islands. I have friends and family in the neighboring islands and we've looked forward in FINALLY riding the Superferry.

It is such a shock to see so many negativity when great things could come from this. I am sure it is not the Superferry's mission to target whales or any other endangered species. It amazes me on how behind we are with innovative technology.

I have a cousin who is afraid to fly, but loves the ocean and boats. This would finally give him the opportunity to travel over the ocean the way he knows how to. "Riding in the boat". It will be such a shame to see a handful of people spoil it for so many others.

Barbie Hatcher 89-1015 Pikai'olena Street Waianae 96792

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From:Rick [rick@mayberryassociates.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:22 PMTo:House RecordSubject:Save the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I, Rick Mayberry, strongly support the Hawaii Superferry for the following reasons:

We need an alternate method of transportation between islands other than by air.

We need another form of transportation for workers and handicapped people.

We need the competition to keep the prices of transportation down.

The ferry would aid in the case of an emergency or disaster.

Rick Mayberry

PO Box 510 Makawao, HI 96768

(808) 575-9911

From:David Lundquist [dlundquist@hardwarehawaii.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:10 PMTo:House RecordSubject:Hardware Hawaii Supports Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I am David R. Lundquist, President and CEO of Hardware Hawaii, and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hardware Hawaii is a \$50 million locally owned company with 285 employees, including employees who live on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island.

Hardware Hawaii is an interisland company and our planned use of the Superferry to transport trucks, building materials, and hardware, along with our drivers, has been an important part of Hardware Hawaii's recent business planning decisions, and the \$20 million in investments Hardware Hawaii has recently made in Hawaii's economy, including a new hardware and lumber store in Koloa, Kauai.

Our decisions have been jeopardized and our company has already been hurt by the delay and uncertainty regarding the Superferry, which we strongly support. Please get the Superferry going! Hawaii's people and small businesses want it, need it, and have been planning on it.

Many of our employees have also expressed great disappointment since they planned to use the Superferry to visit their relatives and have vacations locally, spending their money in Hawaii instead of flying to Las Vegas.

So called environmentalists have also greatly wasted good will that could have been used to really solve important environmental problems, instead of squandering it on the bogus issues they have brought up against the Superferry.

David R. Lundquist

President and CEO, Hardware Hawaii

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Waimanalo, HI 96795 381-3393

From: Francis Hasegawa [hasegawaf001@hawaii.rr.com]Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:17 PMTo: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

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

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From:	lee gervacio [leegervacio@yahoo.com]	
Sent:	Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:11 PM	
To:	House Record	
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lee Gervacio and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I support the Hawaii Superferry because I believe it would bring stronger economic growth to all the islands and especially to the small local business'.

Lee Gervacio 45-721 Kalamalo Pl Kaneohe, Hi 96744 808-457-8448

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From:Francis Hasegawa [hasegawaf001@hawaii.rr.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:17 PMTo:House RecordSubject:HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ralph Hasegawa and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly support the Super Ferry because I believe it will improve my life and standard of living.

Ralph Hasegawa

98-855 A Iho Place

Aiea, HI 96701

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From:jt [j-w-t@hawaiiantel.net]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:05 PMTo:House RecordSubject:Testimony in support of superferry bill

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I, John Thorvaldson, support this bill which allows the Superferry to proceed and provide vital public service to tie out state together, while any required environmental study is being done. This is my submission to for the house record emailed Oct 23 2007.

Thank you, John Thorvaldson, 2115 Ala Wai Blvd, Honolulu HI 924-5037

From: GAllen [gallen@harbormall.net]Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:57 PMTo: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Greg Allen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My family and I live on Kauai. The Superferry is a great alternative to flying and renting a car on another island. It will be cheaper for us to take our car on the Superferry than to rent a car big enough for the six of us. We plan on using the Superferry often, in fact, we were at the pier waiting to board the Superferry the night it was turned away by the protestors. It will also be cheaper for our church, sports and school groups to take trips to another island when we can take our own transportation with us. The savings will greatly benefit these community groups and will enable us to enrich the lives of our children by providing a wider variety of life experiences.

I am also involved in two businesses that will benefit from the Superferry. For one business, it will be more feasible to take on a job on another island when we can take our truck with all our tools loaded up and ready to go. The other business will benefit from the dollars spent by the additional people that the Superferry will bring. In both cases, many families will benefit by the increased money brought to Kauai.

If the Superferry has to wait for the EIS to be completed, I fear it will never get to run. I know of a case in Arizona where the EIS process was dragged out for years. The environmentalists kept taking it back to court claiming the study was not good enough. Those opposing the Hawaii Superferry will continue to prolong the process until the Superferry is forced into bankruptcy. Please allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate prior to the EIS completion. Sincerely,

Greg Allen 808-645-4500 gallen@harbormall.net

From: Victor Pellegrino [booksmaui@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:18 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Vilctor Pellegrino, Owner, Noho`ana Kalo Farm - Maui

Relating to HB 1 Relating to Transportation Requiring an Environmental Impact Statement, oversight Task force, etc.

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007 TIME: 9:00am PLACE: Auditorium Please distribute copies to the House members. Mahalo.

> FROM: Victor Pellegrino P.O. Box 967 Wailuku, HI 96793 808-242-4642 __x__(Your Signature: Victor Pellegrino <u>booksmaui@hawaii.rr.com</u> HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007

<u>COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION</u> Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

<u>COMMITTEE ON FINANCE</u> Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

I am a kalo farmer in Waikpu. We are the only kalo farmers in Waikapu, which in 1865 had 1,800 Io`i kalo. We are restoring 12 Io`i kalo that date back to before 1800. These are the only Io`i kalo in Waikapu.

We are constantly vigilant about protecting our kalo, our way of life, and our livelihood. Invasive species can bring utter destruction to our farm.

Please honor the Court's decision to require an Environmental Review of the HDOT Harbor project <u>BEFORE</u> allowing the Superferry to operate. Please follow the law so that my children and grandchildren will be proud owners of my farm and know that it was made safe by ensuring the environmental protection necessary. In addition, doing so will be living proof that the law is more important than our current encomical situation. If we do not protect

our environment, what then will happen to our "economy?"

You are the lawmakers...not the lawbreakers. You have heard from testifiers from three islands and Judge J. Carcoza. We have done what is right. Now it is time for you to honor all islands with respect and dignity for the law.

From:	Louie [elfreitas22@yahoo.com]
Sent:	Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:12 PM
To:	House Record

Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Eloise Freitas* and I strongly support the Hawaii Super ferry. I think it's about time that we have something like this (besides the airlines) to travel between islands, most importantly, saving us some money because we don't have to rent a car when we do go to the other islands and spend outrageous airline fares. This will also helps with moving the Big Island's fresh produce (and not to mention other things like motorcycles, cars, freight) to the other islands faster. My thought is that Matson, Young Brothers and the rent a cars are fearing competition from them... My question to the state is Why wasn't this EIS done when the Super Ferry was in the planning stages instead of now, when they're ready for business? Kind of backwards I think. Need to reach me, my cell phone is 990-6993 and my email address is

elfreitas22@yahoo.com. Eloise Freitas

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From: Alyssa Cabinatan [civic613@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:18 PM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Alyssa Cabinatan* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Super Ferry because I know it will be a good thing for Hawaii. The experience to see the islands beauty as we travel from one island to the next. On an airplane we can't see much and we are not able to see it up close. How everyone say that the super ferry will endanger the animals of the sea, what about the cruise ships that dock at our harbor everyday of the week and they stay over night?? The super ferry is only here to drop people off and pick people up. They are not even here for a whole day we are lucky if it docks for a couple of hours. Everyone had years to testify about the super ferry and they wait until now when its finally up and running?? I just hope the people of Hawaii can come to their senses and realize that this is another way to travel instead of being on an airplane. I know that something good will come out of this.....Thank you!! Alyssa A. Cabinatan civic613@hotmail.com

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From:	Joy Sakamoto [emijoy002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:12 PM
То:	House Record
Subject:	Testimony: Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Joy Emi Sakamoto and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is in my opinion that the Superferry will benefit the residents of Hawaii by allowing us to have another means of transportation to the neighbor islands, as well as having the convenience and opportunity to use our own vehicles. We have experienced in the past that when there are holidays, car rentals agencies get booked and it is hard to get rentals.

It would also provide tourist with a nice relaxing trip to the neighbor islands as well. I know when I have traveled to Japan and Canada, the highlight of my trip was taking the Ferry to the various smaller islands. So it would definitely help to boost the economy for the state also.

My family and I are anxiously waiting to have the privilege of utilizing the Hawaii Superferry and hope that it will be allowed to resume its service. Thank you.

Joy E. Sakamoto 575 Akolea Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 (808) 244-8407

From: Ipo and Stacey Waiwaiole [waiwaiols002@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:21 PM

To: House Record

Subject: superferry

ATTN: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCES. DATE: THURSDAY, OCT. 25, 2007 TIME: 9:00 A.M. AUDITORIUM, STATE CAPITOL

DEAR CHAIRS SOUKI AND OSHIRO:

MY NAME IS STACEY WAIWAIOLE AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT HAWAII SUPERFERRY. FOR ONE THING IT GIVES THE ISLANDERS A CHANCE TO GO BY MEANS OF DIFFERENT TRANSPORTATION. I GOT TO GO ON THE SUPERFERRY AND I THOUGHT WHAT A BRILLIANT IDEA! I'VE NEVER BEEN IN THE OCEAN LIKE THAT BEFORE. GIVE THIS VESSEL A TRY FOR THE LOCAL PEOPLE AND LET'S START TO SAIL!!!

RESPECTFULLY YOURS, STACEY WAIWAIOLE

From: Leilyn Kauihou [leilyn81@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:22 PM

To: House Record

Subject: SuperFerry Support

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

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I name is Leilyn Kauihou. I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

It's a step forward for the state of Hawaii and it provides the support in our economy as well as benefit the residents of all islands. The so called "environmentalists" views are very soft in my opinion and hold little weight. It can be applied to our barge system and the inter island cruise lines if taken to its full extent and it's ridiculous. It seems like an issue is being made just for the sake of making an issue and not truly for a cause.

Please help the people of Hawaii participate in some progress to stimulate the economy and give more choice and convenience in traveling interisland for the state.

Sincerely,

Leilyn Kauihou

1223 Ala Alii Street #54 96818 Honolulu, Hawaii Ph. 808-222-0966

From:JEAllin@aol.comSent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:21 PMTo:House RecordSubject:Support Superferry

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

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

We are Joann Allin and Robert Allin and we strongly support Superferry. We are working taxpayers and long time Hawaii residents. Young Brothers, Matson, cruise ships, Naval ships, tankers, etc. sail in the same waters as Superferry. A ferry system for Hawaii would improve interisland travel and give alternative transportation. The ferry will not pollute Hawaii any more than the above carriers of people, goods, food, etc.

Since the ferry does not have propellers, it can turn on a dime. With added "spotters" and slower speeds in the harbors, it will be safe.

Please allow Superferry to resume service immediately. Thank you, Joann and Robert Allin

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From:Smith [cdsmith@hawaiiantel.net]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:27 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Testimony in Favor of Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kay Denise Smith and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel the Super Ferry is needed to give additional options to the citizens of Hawaii. Two major airlines have for many years controlled the cost of travel between islands and it is time that other means be introduced. After 9/11 when all flights were grounded it became painfully obvious how dependent we are on the only current means of travel between islands. The ferry cannot be any more environmentally destructive than the hundreds of cruise ships which ply our waters on a regular basis. Shutting down the ferry after the expense and good faith effort on the part of the ferry company reinforces our existing reputation that Hawaii is as a difficult place to establish a business. This could have a negative effect on future businesses, of any kind. I strongly urge you to let the ferry operate while the EIS is being performed. I will not be giving testimony in person.

Kay Denise Smith HCR 3 Box 13510 Kea'au, HI 96749-9210

808 982-5625

cdsmith@hawaiiantel.com

From:	Terrie Goodness-Palupe [jgoodness001@hawaii.rr.com]		
Sent:	Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:23 PM		
To:	House Record		
Subject: HB 1 Relating to Transportation			

My name is Terrie L. Goodness-Palupe I do not plan to submit in-person. You may contact me via e-mail jgoodness001@hawaii.rr.com

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Terrie Lee Goodness-Palupe* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. *I think that having the Hawaii Superferry would be great for Hawaii and its people. Not only offering another mode of transportation to the outer isles, but also enabling us to take our personal cars and saving hundreds of dollars and making it possible for local families to visit our outer isle ohana. I also think that it is bringing more employment to our state and I would really like to have a chance to experience this Hawaii Superferry.*

Sincerely,

Terrie Lee Goodness-Palupe 47-701 Hui Io Place Kaneohe, HI 96744 808 239-8664

From: MSK Trading [msktrading@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:24 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Malsik Kothenbeutel and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Super Ferry becasue it would allow me to to transit neighbor islands with my vehicle. This would be a luxery for me. I can not afford to stay at neighbor hotels and pay for air fare and rentals more than twice a year. The Super Ferry would allow me to transit with my vehicle to the neibor islands and greatly reduce my costs so that I may stay longer before returning home.

Malsik Kothenbeutel

2920 Ala Ilima Street #305

(808) 744-2547

From:Terri Jenkins [tjenkins@gracepacificcorp.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:30 PMTo:House RecordSubject:Super ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Teri Hookano and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

It will help us to travel with so much less hassle. when we have to go to the outer Islands to compete in rodeos etc. The rental car companies don't rent 4x4 that tow trailers/canoe's so we have a very difficult time getting our trailers around the islands once there. Plus we have to send someone there ahead of time to receive our things at the barge. plus when we visit our families we all can't go due to the cost of air fare and a rental car with insurance! While our car is sitting parked at the airport with insurance. I hope you can see or hear the MAJORITY and not the Minority with big mouths!

Thank You. Teri Hookano 99-064 Ohiaku Pl 216-3958 488-3380

From:Esper Resayo [espergo@yahoo.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:33 PMTo:House RecordSubject:HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION - Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Antonio Resayo and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hail to the Superferry – It's Here Let Us Use It!

Travel by Superferry would definitely save time and money for the people of Hawaii. Flying takes too much time because I have to park my car at the airport which is frequently full to capacity, go through so much security, rent a car or have someone give me a ride to/from the airport.

Superferry travel will be so convenient because all of the above is not necessary. For example, I can drive my car into/out of the ferry and reach my destination at any time. Realized savings on gas, time and money.

The quality of life for many travelers will be greatly improved and avoid travel restrictions/bureaucracy.

Let's spare the earth from global warming because the Superferry will somewhat aide in this cause. Every little bit helps!

Stop wasting taxpayer's money and move on with the Superferry.

Why does Hawaii have double standards? The Cruise Ships and Shipping Companies were not required to perform an EIS? Why the delay?

Thank you for your consideration.

Antonio Resayo, 91-1028 Kaiikuwa St., Ewa Beach, HI 96706

From: Gary Lloyd [garylloyd@hawaii.rr.com]Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:35 PMTo: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are *Mr. Gary D. Lloyd and Mrs. Donna Lee M. Lloyd* and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry. My wife is 3rd generation born on Kauai. I've lived on Oahu and Kauai just over 5 years. Before that, I lived 45 years in Puget Sound Northwestern Washington State, which has the largest ferry system in the United States if not the world. The Puget Sound is also rich with hump back whales. The shipping lanes for the Port of Seattle and Tacoma, not to mention the oil freighters from Alaska, and 100's of the rest of the shipping industry's freighters sailing into the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Puget Sound have rarely, in many decades, ran over a whale or brought in alien species attached to the ships that harmed Washington State. Re-write the law to allow the Superferry to operate, or mandate all other vessels and barges over 40ft to follow the old law.

Gary and Donna Lloyd 312 A Iolani Avenue Honolulu, HI 96817 265-6989

From:David Tyreman [david@worldfamousco.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:35 PMTo:House RecordSubject:SuperVeryStupid TESTIMONY

Oh how

Super-Very-Stupid to allow a crazed mob to lynch a business

Super-Very-Stupid to allow this kind of discrimination

Super-Very-Stupid to allow the victimization of one company without holding all to the same standards

Super-Very-Stupid to appear so small minded in the eyes of the world

Super-Very-Stupid to play with rules and cause one company such huge expense

Super-Very-Stupid to needlessly allow loss of jobs, economic prosperity and improved quality of life for Hawaii

Super-Very-Stupid to deny the Superferry the right to conduct business in Hawaii.

David Tyreman 1296 Kapiolani Boulevard #2903 Honolulu, HI 96814

David@Worldfamousco.com

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Red Lambert [captred@reorient.com] Tuesday, October 23, 2007 10:52 PM House Record 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 im
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From:Tony [tajs@hawaii.rr.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:38 PMTo:House RecordSubject:HB 1 Relating to transportation

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro: My name is Anthony Storino and I do strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Many times I have flown to Honolulu and while there saw something that I really wanted to purchase but it was to large to carry back on the airplane. Living in the state of Hawaii has it's drawbacks because the state is so spread out. The Superferry changes all that with the fact that I can use my car and load it up with goodies and bring it back with me. I am not alone in this dilemma.

Protesters are just that, life long addicts that have nothing better to do. This state needs the Superferry to make Hawaii more accessible to other Hawaiians. The pros out weigh the cons on this issue. There is no real environmental impact caused by the Superferry. The people who run the ferry have gone out of their way to make sure all safety precautions are taken. The sad part is the only ones that seem to be causing damage and ciaos to the state are the protesters while the people like me, do things by the book and wait for you to make the right decision.

Anthony J Storino P.O. Box 1126 Hilo, HI 96721 808-938-4297

From:Georgialynn [gdainard@juno.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:10 PMTo:House RecordSubject:Testimony Re: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Georgialynn M Dainard* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Simply stated, the Hawaii Superferry, will afford Hawaii's citizens a much needed alternate means of transportation between the islands. As a resident of Hawaii island I look forward to Hawaii Superferry's maiden voyage from O'ahu to Kawaihae Harbor.

I truly hope the State's elected officials will do whatever is needed to allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while the necessary EIS or EA obligations are met.

Respectfully submitted,

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From:Noakua@aol.comSent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:42 PMTo:House RecordSubject:Superferry support YES

Hi,

This is a No brainer...I am surprise that it is taking so long to say Yes... because a NO is a lose lose situation. A yes will make things a bit salvageable.

Thank you,

Sam Nakata

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From:Henry Bennett [bennett_henry@hotmail.com]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:56 AMTo:House RecordSubject:HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Having the Superferry in Hawai`i as an alternate form of transportation would be a major asset to the islands. I stand on the side of the quiet majority and want to have access to this option. I hope that decision makers will see past the actions of a few protestors and take into account the vast majority of others who want and support this new mode of transportation. The Superferry offers "locals" both business opportunities and the opportunity to spend some vacation time (and spend our money) in our own state. The ferry allows for relaxing travel without the hassles of the airport and delay ed and lost baggage.

It appears various guidelines and regulations may be imposed on the Superferry to allow it to operate. It would not be reasonable to impose any guidelines and regulations on the Superferry <u>that would not also</u> be imposed on other companies that carry passengers and cargo-specifically vehicles-between the Hawaiian islands. The speed of the Superferry should not be restricted just because competing vehicle carriers use slower boats.

Those who oppose the Superferry are deluding themselves if they believe that people and vehicles are not being transported between the islands every day this controversy rages on. Barges full of vehicles and planes full of people are in continuous transit between the islands.

It does not add to the traffic congestion if an interisland traveler uses either their own vehicle or one rented on their origination island as opposed to renting a vehicle on the destination island-it is a simple one-for-one exchange.

Marine mammals are far more protected from injury by the use of the Superferry's non-propeller waterdrive power system than they are from the propeller ("prop")-drive tugboats pulling our current barges and from the prop-drive self-propelled barges in current use.

These barges and tugs are in constant inter-island commerce-and are far more likely to be transporting invasive species than the Superferry with its state-of-the-art anti-fouling systems and zero ocean discharges.

This is NOT an ecological debate-it is simply an attempt to limit competition.

Shutting down the Superferry would be damaging to the vast majority of Hawai'i businesses and would be one more nail in the coffin of public perception of Hawai'i as a state in which to do business.

Me ka mahalo nui,

Henry Bennett 46-044 Pu'ulena Street #821 Kàne'ohe, Hawai'i 96744 tel: 808.737.6655 e-mail: <u>bennett_henry@hotmail.com</u>

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From:modernlaurahi@aol.comSent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:48 PMTo:House RecordSubject:Save our Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Laura Marie <u>Sturges</u>* and I strongly support Hawaii <u>Superferry</u>.

I own land on the Big Island and the only way I can visit it now is by air. Which is expensive and limits what I can take with me if I want to camp on my land I have to rent a car to take some camping gear. I can't carry a lot because the airlines charge extra if you go over weight. I want the Superferry to give me an alternative which I hope they will have the opportunity to do when they start service to the big Island in a couple of years. I rode one of the first sailings to Kauai filled with mostly local people enjoying a great ride that is until we came into the harbor and were greeted not to nicely by protesters when do a minority dictate to the majority. In closing please let the Superferry continue to operate while the environmental impact statement is being done. Please don't stop us from having alternatives for traveling between our islands. Thank you Laura M. Sturges 55 S. Kukui St D406 Hon, HI 96813 536-8829

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From:	Ralph M H Lee [ralph0mhl@mac.com]
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То:	House Record
Cc:	Ralph M H Lee
Subject:	HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

I am sending this testimony for record, because I am not able to attend in person.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Ralph M H Lee and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Travel by air is impossible, because my spouse is handicapped both mentally and physically. Just going thru the airport security check system is a nightmare. With the need to bring along medications and other necessities - wheelchair, canes etc., I could load them in my car and travel by superferry.

Without the superferry, there will be no opportunities for us to visit family and friends on the other islands - especially Hawaii Island.

I have waited over 20 years for a superferry to happen. Will it continue to be a dream?

Ralph M H Lee 2222 Apaakuma Street Pearl City, Hawaii 96782 Ph: 808-455-2149 Email: ralph0mhl@mac.com

Ralph Lee, President Oahu Urban Garden Ohana

From:Jim [JLong@hawaii.rr.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:49 PMTo:House Record

Subject: I support Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Peter James Long, Jr; I am a resident of Hawaii and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii needs the Superferry and we need it now - not after a lengthy EIS. I am convinced that environmental concerns have more than adequately been addressed. I am concerned that not allowing immediate operation will result in us losing this opportunity for a means of pleasant, safe, efficient travel. I urge you to support immediate return to service without restrictions that would cripple operation.

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From:Bob Takei, Jr. [jrlopaka@hawaii.rr.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:53 PMTo:House RecordSubject:SuperFerry for Hawaii - The Will of the People

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bob Takei, Jr. and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that we need another form of transportation between our islands and what better way than on the beautiful Pacific Ocean. For me personally, I want to be able to take my family in our own vehicle to visit and enjoy Hilo, where I'm from and our relatives live. We'd like to bring our recreation equipment (golf clubs for me, my fiancé and two sons), along with gifts of island favorites from Oahu to our relatives and friends on the Big Island.

We also plan on bringing home our favorite island produce and goodies that are found only on the outer islands.

We like the idea of being able to bring our own vehicle and avoid the extra expense for car rental, insurance, and avoiding the amount of time wasted on picking up the rental vehicle and returning it on departure.

I have been waiting for this type of service all of my adult life and feel that our State should listen to the majority of its citizens on this issue.

Mahalo for taking time to hear my reasons for wanting the Super Ferry service for our State.

A hui hou,

Bob Takei, Jr.

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Email: jrlopaka@hawaii.rr.com
From: jim [johnsa003@hawaii.rr.com] Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:51 PM House Record To: 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 Oversight Task Force. Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro: My name is Ann Marie Johns and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Hawiaii needs the superferry for transportation, jobs, revenue and the positive impact it will have on the future of our islands. PO Box 391 Waianae, Hi. 96792 Signed Ann Johns 808-695-1391

From:	Denis Salle [denissalle@gmail.com]
Sent:	Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:35 PM
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Denis Salle and I fully support Hawaii Superferry.

I had been involved with the project as a graduate business student since the early planning stage and it saddens me to see how a perfectly viable and sound business endeavor with great leadership and funding is being destroyed before our very eyes. I have very little hope left that this project will survive the legislative and environmental hurdles put before them, but I still think that this state will realize it has too much to loose if the Superferry doesn't get to sail.

I will spare you a long list of pros and a very short list of possible negative impacts. I tend to think that the environmental concerns voiced by some groups are only the tools they chose to prevent the Superferry's service for other, less defined and more personal reasons.

Sincerely,

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From:Sherron Skeele [sskeele@hawaii.rr.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:54 PMTo:House RecordSubject:Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sherron Skeele and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the Superferry should be able to operate in the State of Hawaii. The development of the Superferry has been in the works for 5 years and millions of dollars have been invested in the project. It is not fair to demand an EIS now that the Superferry is ready to start business when it was not required at the outset. It makes Hawaii look bad as far as doing business in the State.

Sherron Skeele

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From:	Michael Sendrey [info@hawaiiphotos.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I think this ferry could be one of Hawaii's best attractions. I think It could become an incredible benefit to the Tourist Industry, and help to bring more money and business to the State of Hawaii. I also think that this Super Ferry would be invaluable to the local population. I know I would be using this mode of transportation every time I would visit the Outer Islands.

I believe that the Super Ferry, if allowed to operate here in Hawaii, would serve to better, not only the local economy but also stimulate more Tourism. I believe that, in no time, the ferry would be an Iconic feature for the destination traveler. Just as the ferry's are in British Columbia.

It would be absolutely tragic if the Ferry would, through no fault of their own, be disallowed to operate here, with all the foot work and money that has been thrown into this great venture. It, I'm sure would create a "stink" in Hawaii that would no doubt waif its way throughout the world of big finance. Then, and then were would this great state be if no one thought to stand a chance to bring big investment here. WE WOULD STAY LIKE SOME THIRD WORLD TROPICAL ISLAND.

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/Michael Sendrey 45-423 Pua Inia St. Kaneohe (808) 262-6015 /

From: Paul [paul.whitehead15@btopenworld.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:30 PM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

As a frequent visitor (from the UK) to your wonderful islands, i strongly support the Hawaii Superferry because i believe in having the choice

of how i can travel between the islands. the Hawaii Superferry can only benifit the State of Hawaii.

Paul Whitehead. (accept as sig)

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From:Lakes [llake@hawaii.rr.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:56 PMTo:House RecordSubject:Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Luella Lake and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I work for the Hawaii Superferry as a Port Customer Experience Representative and I am very well trained by the Company to protect Homeland Security and our Environment. There are many reason why I support the Hawaii Superferry. Our Islands need other source of tranportation besides air, the high cost of living here on our islands makes it hard financially to feed and pay for our childrens education and with me bringing in extra income I can help ease the load on my husband. If I ever had to vote on the best company to work for in Hawaii I would choose the Hawaii Superferry. The Hawaii Superferry has been very generous, kind and caring to their employees. Such a great company with so much Aloha Spirit. I don't plan on testifiying in person and thank you so much for letting me voice my opinion.

Thank you, Luella Lake

Luella Lake 45-270 C Puaae Rd. Kaneohe, Hi. 96744 (808) 206-7587

From: John Gerakas [gforce@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:56 PM

To: House Record

Subject: support.

I,John,J,Gerakas fully support the supper ferry in its attemp to go through legislation to get back service to these beautiful islands.You have my support.

From:NSWCCLCKKE@aol.comSent:Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:59 PMTo:House RecordSubject:Save the Superferry for Hawaii

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nelson S.W. Chang and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

In many ways our beloved State of Hawaii is unique and different from any other of its sister states. One very unmistakable difference is our geography. We are a state consisting of islands. Our people, our loved ones and our families are physically separated by the deep waters of the Pacific. Commerce and communion among our people hang on the wings of financially weak commercial airlines at war with each other. It would be irresponsible to deprive the people of Hawaii an alternative mode of travel that is so in keeping with who we are as an island state. One must ask why the people of Hawaii has not had a fast, comfortable and safe mode of travel on our natural waterways long before today. This is a time for our leaders to step forward. This is a time to save this alternative mode of travel for our people.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Xuan Chau and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My reasons for supporting the Hawaii Superferry are as follows:

- The ferry provides a useful mode of transportation between islands

- The ferry allows for transportation of vehicles from island to island

- The ferry supports local businesses and provides many jobs

- The ferry resulted in many improvements to the harbor in Honolulu

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From:Terrie [keheleha@aol.com]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:00 AMTo:House RecordCc:Sen. Fred Hemmings; Rep. Thomas WatersSubject:Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Theresa Yap. My family and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I want to express my support of the Hawaii Superferry. I have been listening to the controversy over the past few months and still cannot understand why the issues are only directed at the Superferry. An EIS is for the harbor improvements – not for the individual vessel and its cargo. I believe the EIS should have been done prior to and/or during the harbor improvements. Since the harbor improvements are already completed, why should the Superferry be penalized to start their business? They have shown good faith in all they've done to get to this point. If they were misinformed by our government, then the government should be held accountable. Not allowing the Superferry to open for business only does more harm than good for our economy.

If the legislature is going to put stipulations on the Superferry regarding everything from "vacuuming the cars" to the speed at which the Superferry is traveling outside of the whale sanctuaries, then those same stipulations MUST apply to all vessels – including the interisland supply ships that are operated by Young Brothers and the cruise ships. The airlines are not subjected to stipulations regarding goods that are transported between islands, including plants. We don't even "inspect" visitors arriving from all over the world on any type of transport. We give them a questionnaire and hope they are honest with their responses and every now and then, a snake is found.

I have not yet heard a logical answer to explain what the difference is if a local family brings their personal vehicle to another island to visit, versus flying over and renting a vehicle to use during their visit. The same amount of vehicles will be on the same roads. If we bring a vehicle with us, it will be gone when we leave. If we rent a vehicle, it will still be there for another person to rent. The Superferry is not going to be used for that quick weekend trip, but it sure makes a difference if one needs to make an extended trip because a family member is sick and needs assistance or a halau, school or athletic group is participating in an event for a week.

The small local businesses, like farmers, would be able to get their goods to market on the other

islands, on the same day. They could drive their trucks right onto the Superferry, get off at the next island and drive it right to the stores. On their return, they pick up their supplies to bring back with them. Just think how much that could possibly save them in shipping costs.

Hawaii is long overdue for additional interisland transportation options. The monopoly of the current businesses – airlines and ships – greatly contribute to the high cost of living here. The local residents continue to pay outrageous prices for everyday expenses. As our Hawaiian culture is based on our family - to be able to visit our families on the other islands, AND for them to be able to visit us, at a reasonable cost, is a major impact on our culture to survive. I see the Superferry as another way to keep that spirit alive.

Please do not allow our people to lose again – to those who continue to take away our heritage.

Sincerely,

Theresa Yap P.O. Box 159055 Honolulu, HI 96815 (808) 277-4062 Email: <u>keheleha@aol.com</u> Residence: Waimanalo, HI

From:Char77in@aol.comSent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 12:05 AM

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Charlene In and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I want the ability to go to the neighbor islands on a boat, not just an airplane, and to use my own car. I am tired of paying for a rental car and refusing the expensive insurance (over \$10 a day), but constantly worrying about getting into an accident and paying for the car. It would make it cheaper to support neighbor island tourism and be a pleasant alternative mode of transportation. Please support the super ferry. Also, it's not fair for the owners to have spent so much money and now be told they can't operate.

Sincerely,

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	senslom@Capitol.hawaii.com; hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.com; zeuswoof@att.net
Subject:	Hawaii SuperFerry

Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Henry Miyamoto and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I do not plan to testify in person, just via e-mail.

The solution is rather simple. Allow the Superferry to operate in Hawaiian waters while an ongoing EIS is completed. Should it cause harm to ocean creatures and spread invasive species throughout our islands, only then should the restraining order be enforced. It might surprise many that the ferry's own procedures to mitigate environmental problems are far superior to existing methods. Our Superferry will cause no harm!

Additionally, opposition testimony stating the depletion of limu, opihi, maile, "taking the next wave," etc. should be immediately rejected. Everyone has a right to gather those things or catch the next wave, if done lawfully and without harming others.

Henry Miyamoto 612 Hahaione St. 927-5333

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From: Linda McDole [tropigal@clearwire.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 11:18 PM

To: House Record

Subject: Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Linda McDole and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Our economy needs the jobs. I believe that the service will benefit our tourism industry, our business passengers, and friends and ohana. The operators are not gores who are out to get ther Hawaii flora and fauna. They are sensible business people who have a vested interest in the preservation of our ocean environment so that they can continue to have an ideal climate in which to work.

Linda McDole

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