From: Maury on Maui [maury@mauryonmaui.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:09 AM

To: House Record

Subject: NO special Superferry legislation, pls

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.

> HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2007 COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

MY POSITION: Please honor the Court's decision to require an Environmental Review of the HDOT Harbor project BEFORE allowing the Superferry to operate. If you pass this bill, please include the 29 conditions proposed by the Maui delegation (based on the court testimony during the recent trial.) At the very least, please don't put the Governor in charge of the oversight process. She has not demonstrated that she is capable of handling such an important task.

There seem to be concerns about our image in attracting business to Hawaii over the Superferry fiasco. This is not a reason to make a new law or exemptions to existing environmental law unless it can be proven the law doesn't work. Running the ferry during the EA won't prove the law doesn't work & may prove how well it was supposed to work if damage is done. Maybe our state should do a better job up front on rules & regulations & err on the side of being overly cautious with projects affecting our precious island environment & lifestyle so we don't look foolish on the back end. Would we look better as a state if business investors thought of Hawaii as a place where people could come to do business by rampantly getting away with rules & regulations – or maybe even get a special law written just for them to do business? Maybe if we had a reputation for being an easy place to do business that was overly concerned about the environment - because we all do acknowledge its importance to our economy & lifestyle - we'd attract businesses that were concerned about the environment as well & get us moving towards the sustainability we seem so interested in but don't seem to take actions that reflect that belief. What a unique idea. Attracting businesses that were pono, had their hearts in the right place, & their profits stayed here. Hmmm. I wonder what kind of Hawaii that would create? I bet most of us would like to find out.

I'm sorry for the people that lost their jobs. I wonder if the Superferry told them that pending litigation might cause that to happen at the time of their hiring? I think over 300 jobs - & a lot more than that – would be lost if one invasive plant or animal arriving on the Superferry wiped out one important food crop. Let's do the assessment first & malama aina like we're sposta. Maybe our governor or DOT Director should apologize to Superferry for the mixed signals they were given.

Maury King 3500 A Kehala Dr. Kihei, HI 96753

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From: Jan Sing [carioca@hawaii.rr.com]Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:13 AMTo: House Record

My name is Thomas Sing; a life long resident in Honolulu and now 12 years in Waimea. I am a Union Official for the Graphic Communications Int'l Union, Local 501. I have served on different boards and commissions. We are the only State that does not have a choice within the State; all other States can either fly or drive witin or or of state. There is a lot of commuting witin the State and the Ferry System is a needed option whether it be business/sightingseeing/or visiting friends and family I have relatives on three islands. Environmental laws can be improved and strengthened but for now, lets get the Ferry System started. Sincerely, Thomas K. Sing, 808-885-0955

From:Richard Helmick [ilSent:Wednesday, OctobTo:House RecordSubject:Superferry Operation

Richard Helmick [ilah145@hawaiiantel.net] Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:14 AM House Record Superferry Operation

10/24/07

To: House Committees on Transportation and Finance

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am not able to attend your hearings tomorrow; but I would like for you to know that it is very, very important, in my opinion, for the Superferry to be permitted to operate while the now-required environmental study is in process. The reasons are myriad, but suffice to say that any possible damage to the environment is not irreparable and can be dealt with in the event the completed environmental study discloses problems which must be solved.

Thank you for your attention.

Aloha, Richard R. Helmick

From:	Kathy Brown [waimea@prodigy.net]
Sent:	Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:17 AM
To:	House Record
Subject: Support of the Superferry	

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Nancy D. Dickson and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a former media person who researches these issues, I find no legimate reason why the Superferry should not be allowed to operate, and find that the support groups have substantive reasons for allowing the Superferry to operate. I personally can't wait to be a passenger.

Nancy D. Dickson P.O. Box 2396

Kamuela, Hawaii 96743 808 885-7674

From:	dchinna@lava.net
Sent:	Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:15 AM
То:	House Record
Subject:	Testimony re: HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Debra A. Chinna and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I would like to offer testimony in favor of allowing the Superferry to operate while the environmental assessment is being performed. As a horseowner, I had planned to use the Superferry in the future to travel interisland to compete in horseshows and rodeos along with other horseowners from Oahu. Currently, shipping a horse to neighbor island venues involves considerable stress on the animals as they must be dropped off at the pier early in the morning of the day of sailing and then cannot be picked up until the next day when their trailers or shipping containers are off-loaded and left on the pier in the sun. Additionally, Young Brothers does not offer daily livestock barge service so the animals must remain after their competition until the next barge. During this stay, the housing, care and feeding of the animals usually is relinquished by the owner as most of us cannot spend several days extra on a neighbor island. Finally, arrangements need to be made to transport the animals to the pier for the return trip.

Having a drive-on daily service will eliminate considerable stress on the animals and allow owners to maintain their personal standard of care for the animals.

Thank you for your time.

Debra "Debbie" Chinna 44-748 Malulani Street Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744 247-0566

From:Nancy Morgan [nancy@optionsforelders.com]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 6:13 AMTo:House Record

Subject: Superferry

I would like to go on record that I feel the Superferry should be allowed to operate while an EIS is completed. I rode Seaflite as a child and loved it. I am very much looking forward to a different way of travelling between the islands.

I feel that it would be very bad for our State's business image if the Superferry is forced to leave.

SAVE THE SUPERFERRY!

Mahalo, Nancy B. Morgan PO Box 179 Ka'a'awa, HI 96730 237-7028

From:	suzi [seawifem@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:17 AM
To:	House Record
Subject: Support superferry.	

I am the Bishop/Administrator of a church, however I do not like to get involved in political situations with my ministry. This however pertains to the entire state.

It seems to me that a few are holding the entire State of Hawaii hostage. The Airlines have had a monopoly and control on how much we are charged at their discretion until GO came in and upset their Apple cart. Now the ferry is doing the same.

Yes there will be problems in the start, and there will be growing pains, but after the novelty wears down, things will start to run smoothly. If Kauai doesn't want to be part of the ferry system then just skip them, Do Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. Leave Kauai out of the loop. They don't have much any way for the tourist scenes and at the moment NO ALOHA either. I am ashamed of them.

While on a return flight from Kauai there were two men behind me talking on how they paid off a Judge and some of the paddlers in the water, I do not know who these people were but from what I overheard this was paid political against the ferry. For that I am sorry that Hawaii residents were bought off that way.

A big yes to the ferry and also to GO, we need options on how we want to go places and how much we are willing to pay, stop holding us hostage and over charging us. Enough is enough, give us back our Aloha.

Rev Suzanne Mann Marilou Metcalf

From:	Kathy Biggs [kkbiggs@clearwire.net]
Sent:	Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:24 AM
To:	House Record
Subject: Hawaii Superferry	

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My husband and I are in strong support of having Hawaii Superferry service the Hawaiian Islands.

We are retired, and have relatives on Oahu. The ferry would give us an opportunity to visit more often. Airlines and rental cars are cost prohibitive.

I have a picture of the ferry sitting alongside the cruise ship in Kahului Harbor - it really looks like a toy boat in comparison. We cannot believe the ferry can be so ferocious when a comparison is made to the cruise ships. Also, the cruise ships have propellers, which the ferry does not.

Contrary to the hours and hours of testimony against (very lop-sided) the ferry, "the sky is really not falling, Chicken Little".

We ask you to please give this new mode of transportation a chance to prove itself.

Sincerely,

Ken and Kathy Biggs P. O. box 995 Haiku, HI 96708 (808)573-1910 kkbiggs@clearwire.net

From:jazareye [jazareye@gmail.com]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:17 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jaymee Nugal and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I won't be speaking in person but would like to voice my comments. I believe that the Superferry will be most beneficial for the State of Hawaii. Although I do believe that an EIS is important to have, I feel that everyone had more than enough time to object to not having the EIS at the time the contract was drafted. This whole issue is putting a strain on the families who were hired for the Superferry as well as for those who have longed for an alternative way to travel to the other Islands. We are one State, yet all are acting as if each Island are independent. Where is the true meaning of `Ohana? Have all other large operating vessels competed an EIS before traveling to other Islands or even into Oahu?

Jaymee Nugal jazareye@gmail.com

Jaymee Nugal Training Specialist, FCH Enterprises

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

From:Marshall Mizobe [marshall@hcahawaii.com]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:26 AMTo:House RecordSubject:HB 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Marshall Mizobe and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am writing my support for Hawaii Superferry since I am unable to make an in-person comment in tomorrow's House hearing.

Superferry should be able to effectively and economically operate while an environmental impact investigation is being conducted and concerns are being addressed. Given that other cruise and cargo ships and airlines that accomplish what Superferry will be doing are "grandfathered" in without any such requirement, I see and have read no irreversible consequences that could occur during this period of time that would be solely attributable to Superferry. As far as the concern for marine mammals, we are able to consider long-term environmental successes in other States. The role of speed in collision risk is currently unknown. A quick internet search revealed that in a study conducted by The Whale Center of New England, no collisions with marine mammals (including humpback whales) in the coastal route occurred in a 5-year period from 2002 to 2006. To what end (and in what time frame) is necessary to prove or disprove a theoretical?

The argument of "invasive species" is curious at best. Can Los Angeles use such an argument on San Diego?

Superferry allows us residents to economically enjoy the State as never before. For us Oahuans, a "drive to the country" no longer means going to Kahuku. There is no question the total cost of such trips, or even weekend visits will be cheaper than what is currently available. The published cost study showing that Superferry was a more expensive alternative was skewed because it was conducted during an airline price war, and also did not include the obvious value of convenient and timely delivery of personal automobiles.

To further dream, I as a commuter, can imagine the benefit to having Superferry's first run of the morning being a people-only run from West Oahu to the Aloha Tower.

It is my wish for our Representatives to support the majority of this State without by over-amending the

basic solution. We are residents of a State who should not be held hostage by maneuverings of an incredibly small, xenophobic minority.

/s/ MARSHALL MIZOBE

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From:	Michael F. O'Brien [onggi@aloha-state.net]
Sent:	Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:13 AM
То:	House Record
Subject:	Supporting Hawaii Superferry'
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Michael Francis O'Brien and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It is my feeling that the SuperFerry people came here with the right intention, granted they came to make money but who didn't, and I also feel that this State has totally mishandled this whole affair. We owe it to them to straighten this mess out, not just send them away.

We are dealing with a very vocal minority who is acting from pure emotion and who have not thoroughly researched this matter and refuse to do so. They are hiding behind what they call "the law." Laws are made, law can be changed and laws can be made exception to! Everything they say that could be brought in would and does already come in on planes, ships, and barges who are not being held to the same standard as this people want for the SuperFerry.

If the SuperFerry is held to EIS, then we MUST go after the airlines, and the ships and the barges who have not been held to the same standards and who have already brought and will continue to bring all sort of aliens to our shores.

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Keep the Spirit of Aloha alive!

Michael F. O'Brien PO Box 384899 Waikoloa, HI 96738-4899 Tel: 808-883-8002

From: Annette_Newman/KAILUAH/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:05 AM

To: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Annette Newmanand I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Hawaii needs more options to interisland travel than just the airlines, especially if the lawsuits against GO are successful. If Go ends its business here than we'll be back to the same old monopoly of Hawaiian and Aloha Airlines and the unaffordable fares that they charge.

I was born and raised on the Big Island. I live now and have my family on Oahu. I've always wanted to take my kids camping the way my parents did and w/the Superferry and the luxury of taking my own vehicle I can share the islands individual beauty with my family. I can make them more appreciative of what we have here in Hawaii, make them more caring of the culture and environment.

Please allow the Superferry to operate.

Thank you for your time, understanding and patience.

Sincerely, Annette Newman 41-867 Laumilo St. Waimanalo, HI 96795 (808) 349-4626

From: Bob Numbers [bnumbers@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:20 AM

To: House Record

Cc: Rep. Dwight Takamine

Subject: Testimony - HB 1 Relating To Transportation

TO: House Committee on Transportation House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

TIME: 09:00 AM, Auditorium, State Capital

RE: HB 1 Relating To Transportation

ATTN: Chairs Souki and Oshiro

The writer, testifying as a resident of Papaaloa, County and State of Hawaii and an individual of the Haw Biodiesel Consortium, strongly supports the proposed terms and conditions presented in the subject HB 1 enables a large capacity ferry vessel and company to operate while an environmental impact statement is prepared.

The writer knows of no other major developed island group in the world that does not have ferry service citizens, businesses and tourists. Therefore, the writer supports the bill to be heard at 09:00 AM on Thurs October 25, 2007, because:

- The ferry is in the public interest of all citizens, consumers and most businesses in Hawaii
- It provides an economical alternative mode of transportation for people, vehicles and cargo betwee islands
- Using biofuels, it will help to reduce carbon emissions in the islands
- It will enable more sustainable commerce between the islands
- It will improve the availability of fresh agricultural food crops to all islands
- It will lower the cost and increase the availability to consumers of perishables grown on all islands
- It will encourage development of more food crops on all islands
- It will be available to quickly provide disaster relief equipment, supplies and personnel to all island

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of the subject H.B. draft that enables a capacity ferry vessel and company to operate while an environmental impact statement is prepared. Plear not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions about my testimony.

Bob Numbers Hawaii Biodiesel Consortium P.O. Box 26 Papa'aloa, HI 96780 808-895-3041

From:Marci Williams [marci@hepa.net]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:15 AMTo:House RecordSubject:HR 1 Support SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I believe that ALL Hawaiians understand the need to be respectful of the aina. Unlike the self-righteous individuals on Maui and Kauai, I believe that the Superferry can operate and families can visit other islands without destroying property, resources, or the beauty of our islands. Please do not let the minority ruin the Superferry for the majority who want it.

Marci Williams Keaneohe, HI

From:Limor Farber [limorf@earthlink.net]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:58 AMTo:House RecordSubject:HB 1 Testimony

TO: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Limor Farber and I strongly OPPOSE HB 1 and Hawaii Superferry, and call for an EIS first!.

My family has been a resident of Kauai for over 10 years. We love our island lifestyle and made many sacrifices to live here. We know Hawaii is special, sacred and precious... not only to the native people but to the many visitors who come here. We are already seeing a change on our island due to the impact of many new developments. The risk to our precious environment is too great to be overlooked without thoughtful and well researched consideration. Hawaii is a treasure. I testify in love and deep care for this place.

I understand that change is inevitable. I ask that that the changes we all have the influence to effect serve the highest wellbeing of all life now and seven generations from now.

Limor Farber PO Box 2217, Kapaa HI 96746

10/24/2007

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This is a written testimony. I do not plan on testifying in person.

From:	Kay Hampton [kay@mmihawaii.com]
Sent:	Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:08 AM
То:	House Record
Subject	: HB 1 Relating to Transportation

Attention:

House Committee on Transportation and Committee on Finance.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kay Hampton (Mary Kathleen). I am a strong supporter of the Hawaii Superferry being allowed to operate in Hawaii.

Enough nonsense. Let this operation get to work. If an EIS was to be required, it should have been made clear to these folks at the beginning. Let's not make another mistake. I'm quite sure that at the end of the day, once the EIS is complete, we will find that all is well. As a taxpayer and a resident of Hawaii, I believe the hit to our pockets will be far greater than any noise pollution Kokee frogs' "singing" will have on our ears.

I agree completely with Calvin Say's position on this issue and wish to go on record as such.

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** Kay Hampton

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From: Maluenda, Frances [fmaluenda@honolulu.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:21 AM

To: House Record

Subject: Super Ferry Testimony

I support the Super Ferry, I feel that it's a great form of transportation for myself and relatives who live On the neighbor islands. A lot of times family will come to Honolulu for emergencies, medical reasons and Vacations that they would be able to use their own vehicle for transportation. It's also another way to see Our beautiful islands.

Mahalo

From:Marcia Godinez [marciasemail@earthlink.net]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:08 AMTo:House RecordSubject:RE: HB 1

RE: HB 1 Relating to Transportation Requiring an Environmental Impact Statement, Oversight Task Force, etc.

Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 Time: 10:30 am Place: Auditorium

Please distribute copies to House members.

~Mahalo

From: Marcia Godinez 146 Kono Place, Kahului, HI, 96732 808-877-7254

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Please honor the Court's decision to require an Environmental Review of the HDOT Harbor Project BEFORE allowing the Superferry to operate.

Please DO NOT allow this Administration's illegal policy of entitlement to proceed. Please DO NOT violate our State Laws and the Court's rulings.

From:	Ace S. Tanoue [rcdthezc@slider.net]	
Sent:	Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:14 AM	

To: House Record

Subject: Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

My name is Ace S. Tanoue & I strongly support the Superferry! The Superferry should be allowed to operate during the environmental study is being conducted. All Hawaii residents should have the choice of having another alternative to inter island travel. We all know there are big companies which do not want the Superferry to operate due to possibly loss in profits. It would a shame to see big business & government stop the Superferry from operating & having them leave the state of Hawaii. It should be left up to the residents & visitors if they would like to support the Superferry & decide its faith in Hawaii. If there are that many protestors that are agents the Superferry there's a simple answer, Just don't ride it, & if enough feel the same way the Superferry will not survive but if majority feel it is a good thing & support the Superfreev it will prosper & offer Hawaii residents & visitors & a great alternative. Has air travel ever been stopped because of an environmental study? Has one ever been done, since aircraft do fly's over conservation areas & how do we know the aircraft noise are not affecting the bird & other wildlife who make the conservation areas home. May be we should also stop all air travel until additional environmental studies are done on air travel. With all the ships, sailboats, fishing boats, cruse ships, military & more in the ocean around Hawaii, how can we say that the Superferry & Superferry only will be a danger to the ocean life, I'm sure with the current precautions & additional planning there will be very little danger to ocean animals who make Hawaii their home or come here on a migratory basis. We are a state that relies on tourism & by having the ferry visitors to Hawaii will probably be more willing to explore the outer islands & spend their money while their. The influx of additional cash to the economy & additional tax revenue can only benefit the state & residents. Many visitors do not visit other islands & since many airlines fly directly to the neighbor islands may visitors do not leave the island they arive on due to the cost of inter island air travel & additional rental car costs. I have business associates that go to Maui & never come to Oahu due to the cost, but was told that if the Ferry was operational they would take thier rental car onto the Ferry & visit another island overnight or for day trip that has to be good for our economy. There is always the same complaint that inter island travel is so expensive & many residents, visitors & families wants a more cost effective way of traveling inter island. Last year we decided not to vacation on the outer island due to the cost, It was more cost effective for my family to vacation in Las Vegas than on the outer islands. With the Superferry if would give my family the ability to visit the neighbor islands & learn more about Hawaii & seeing the neighbor islands instead of just looking pictures in books & magazines. Let the Superferry operate in Hawaii!!!

Ace S. Tanoue 98-1264 Kaahumanu St. #202 Pearl City, Hawaii 96782 808-487-7281

From:	Bergstrom, Rick [Rick.Bergstrom@xerox.com]
Sent:	Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:19 AM
To:	House Record
Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry	

I believe the Super Ferry should be allowed to operate while the EIS is being conducted. I believe the exceptions made for them was based on precedence as had been applied to ALL interisland sea going commercial & military craft prior. I do not believe you can pick and choose what you want to protest and what not too.

If the Super Ferry is going to be held to a higher standard then going forward ALL new ships or barges coming into the state should be held to the same standards. No Exceptions!

I do not feel the few noisy rude protestors speak for a vast majority of the population for the State of Hawaii! These people truly need to practice what they preach!

Rick Bergstrom

From:Charley [csayles@hawaii.rr.com]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:19 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Charles S. Sayles and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel the inter-island ferry system would be a great addition to the islands. Especially for those who don't like to fly (including myself). I also feel the people of Hawaii would enjoy the option of taking their own vehicles when visiting the outer islands. As a state, we need to look at other options of transportation.

Sincerely, Charles Sayles 45-119/B Wm. Henry Rd. Kaneohe, HI 96744 Ph. 808-382-8428 No virus found in this outgoing message. Checked by AVG Free Edition. Version: 7.5.488 / Virus Database: 269.15.10/1091 - Release Date: 10/24/2007 2:31 PM

From:	Gerald H. M. Schieven [gh_ms@yahoo.com]
Sent:	Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:53 AM
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Subject:	SuperFerry testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gerald H. M. Schieven and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I write in support of keeping the SuperFerry in operation while the EIS is in progress, for the simple reason that there must be more than one mode of passenger transportation across the state.

- Who can forget the several days of paralysis following the attacks on the World Trade Center, when there was no way to get to another island, even in an emergency? Heaven forbid that another such catastrophe should shut down all air travel, but other, much more mundane, events could have the same effect: for example an airline or airport strike, or failure of the air traffic control system.
- Secondly, this current situation of low interisland fares among the airlines cannot last. Do we want a return to having no choice but to pay high fares to travel to another part of the state?
- Finally, surface travel uses much less fuel per person-mile than air travel. In this era when global warming has at last reached the public's conciousness, we must take this factor into account.

Thank-you for the opportunity to express my opinions.

Regards, Gerald Schieven HCR1 Box 5352 Keaau, HI 96740 808-938-3365

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:47 AM

To: House Record

Subject: 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 Lesli McBride and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I know that tourism is vital to the economy of the State of Hawaii. Tourists will be more attracted to our state if we can offer all amenities available. A couple of years ago my family visited the Virgin Islands, and we went Island Hopping on the Ferries. It was a highlight of our trip. We should be able to offer our visitors the same opportunities.

Furthermore, as a resident of Hawaii I would like to have the opportunity to travel inter-island by other means than the airlines, and to also take my car with me. I do not believe it would cause any more traffic congestion than if I rented a car.

If the public does not support the ferry, they will be forced to close down. However, I believe that over 90% of the population of Hawaii support it, and the system is being swayed by the over-bearing few. I strongly feel that the airlines, Matson and Young Brothers have a strong hold with the opposition. It's not fair that they are allowed to control what the general population wants.

I still do not understand why the cruise ships are allowed such freedom in our waters, while one ferry is claimed to cause a major impact.

It's very sad that this State does not support growth.

Thank you.

LESLI MCBRIDE

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From:Lawrence Ham [paddle_boy@yahoo.com]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:22 AMTo:House Record; paddle_boy@yahoo.com; hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.comSubject:Hawaii Superferry Hearing.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lawrence Ham, and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry. It is time for us to put this expensive, and Nationally embarrassing issue to rest once and for all. The amount of time and money that has already been spent on this issue is shameful; not to mention the lost wages and revenue for the Superferry, it's furloughed employees, and the local farmers and merchants that have not been able to take advantage of the service.

Furthermore, we already have ships in our waters every day traveling at speeds that could harm, or even kill, our protected marine life. A Matson or Young Brothers freighter, as well as a cruise ship, could not stop or turn fast enough to avoid one of our whales; whereas, the Superferry could at least perform a last minute maneuver, which they have demonstrated.

Lastly, the argument that the Superferry will lead to invasive species transport is ludicrous. We already have thousands of people traveling from island to island every day by air and sea, as well as freighters and luxury vessels, all of which could transport invasive species. If Maui and Kauai truly want to protect their harbors and lands, then we must stop *all* transport in and out of their harbors and airports, so that they can protect their lands effectively. Isolating the Superferry as the only culprit of invasive species transport is absurd and unjustified.

I urge you to do what is right, and to support the vast majority of Hawaii Superferry supporters by allowing the Superferry to begin operations immediately.

Mahalo nui loa,

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From: Caroledivito@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:26 AM

To: House Record

Subject: Testimony

Aloha,

The Hawaii Superferry represents an unprecedented opportunity for residence of Hawaii to travel with their family and their own vehicle to neighbor islands at a tremendous savings. The impact on the tourist industry; inter-island airlines and rental car companies, would be minimal because many of the Hawaii Superferry would not otherwise have the means to travel as a family.

Environmental impact should be minimal. Frequent inter-island barges, cruise ships, fishing boats, and sail boats complete their voyages without impact. There is no logical basis to indicate the Hawaii Superferry's impact would be greater than the other vessels.

Thank you.

Carole DiVito Honolulu, HI 96815

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is ELIZABETH SCOTT and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

WE NEED MORE OPTIONS FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES TO GET THERE PRODUCTS THRU OUR STATE.

WE NEED TO GIVE OUR RESIDENTS ANOTHER WAY OF TRAVEL BETWEEN ISLANDS

WE NEED THE WORLD TO KNOW WE ARE NOT BACKWARD & WELCOME WAYS TO GO FORWARD.

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From: Diane Matsui [dmatsui@asbhawaii.com]Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:32 AMTo: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Diane Matsui and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Hawaii Superferry to better our economy and be able to see family and friends more often.

Diane Matsui 91-1041 Mamaka St.

Kapolei, HI 96707

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From:Richard Klemm [rklemm@aloha.com]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:26 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Testimony on HB 1

Testimony before the House Committees on Transportation and Finance

House Bill 1 Relating to Transportation

Thursday, October 25

Chairs Souki and Oshiro and Members of the Transportation and Finance Committees:

My name is Rick Klemm and I am testifying on my own behalf as a resident of Kailua, Oahu.

I support HB 1. As I understand it, the legislation would allow the Hawaii Superferry to operate while an EIS is carried out. This is a reasonable and responsible approach toward solving the dilemma of having a small number of anti-people activists holding the local citizens and visitors hostage to their radical political agendas.

Allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate while a regulatory paper requirement is being fulfilled will **not** likely have any discernable impact on the environment or the health and welfare of our citizens -- despite the hyperinflated claims of the anti-people activists.

At the same time, allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate will encourage its owners to continue on and, I hope, will result in long-term access for citizens and visitors alike to another alternative for travel among the islands. This is especially true for our local small farmers and other small businesses who currently lack economic and rapid transportation between the islands.

I am confident that, in the end, both the people of Hawaii and our wildlife habitats will benefit from new alternative transportation systems like the Superferry.

I urge you to support HB 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha, Rick Klemm 227 Uilama St. Kailua, HI

From:	Lehua Kalai [lehua.kalai@outrigger.com]
Sent:	Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:17 AM
То:	House Record
Subject:	Testimony in support of Hawaii Superferry

Importance:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Julie "Lehua" KalaGi and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Not only is this another great way of transportation, but it is a personal choice how you want to travel, by air or sea. The whole experience by sea can be very leisurely, but mostly an economical way to take your whole 'ohana to visit 'ohana on the neighbor islands.

Another added touch to the Superferry is, taking your own vehicle. This option is another great choice to pack items in your car, or air freight it over, which can be quite costly.

Please consider to give us another choice for transportation.

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From:	Chanelle Sakamoto-Falces [chanelleai@yahoo.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Chanelle Sakamoto-Falces and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry will help the local people of Hawaii in having an additional option for traveling to the neighboring islands. Whether it is having a fear of flying on airplanes, being able to transport your vehicle with you or when the flights are all booked up. It will make traveling inter-island and visiting family and relatives easier.

The Hawaii Superferry will especially help individuals like myself who travel between Oahu and Maui on a weekly basis in order to continue my education. I feel that it will help to open up many doors for more individuals who chose to reside on another island besides Oahu, but would like to travel to Oahu for work, education, seminars, etc.

Allowing the Superferry to run will help to keep costs of travel between the islands lower for locals by keeping the competion between the airlines and other companies of the travel industry competitive.

Lastly, I believe the Hawaii Superferry will help the Hawaii economy. Whether or not the people of Hawaii like it, the tourism industry is one of Hawaii's main source of income and I feel the faster the Superferry will be allowed to run, the faster and more tourism will be attracted to Hawaii. Therefore in return, the economy will be better for the people of Hawaii.

Thank you,

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Claire Dauer and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have lived in Hawaii for five years and I'm having a struggle understanding the opposition to the Superferry.

Their issue:. Invasive species being introduced to their island

My answer: Boats, plains, travelers come from all over the planet as I write this. Not a valid gripe on their part. At least the species that invade will be the Hawaiian ones, not species from Thailand, Japan, Europe, the Mainland, etc.

Their issue: More people are going to come

My Answer: If people want to get there, they will go by plane or take the cruise ship. They are going to get there.

Their issue: The Superferry will interfere with the whales.

My Answer: The whales got used to the noise from the planes, the barges from the shipping companies and the interference from the cruise ships. Whales are pretty intelligent creatures, they can get used to the far less offensive Superferry.

MY ISSUE: I'm fed up with people who make a living out of protesting. They don't care what they are protesting, they just protest. What ever happened to the concept of the greater good???????

Claire Dauer

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From:Walter Cheshire [cheshirew@gmail.com]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:29 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Walt Cheshire* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. To create a stronger and a more united Hawai'i, the Superferry should be allowed to operate unhindered. Likewise, from a Civil Defense perspective, the Superferry is another option for rapid surface transport in time of need. I believe the positive aspects of the Superferry greatly outweigh any potential drawbacks. Please allow the Superferry to operate unhindered. Mahalo nui loa!

Walt Cheshire 1067 Kuekue St Honolulu, HI 96825 (808) 861-5079

From:Kathleen Kim [kkim@panda-group.com]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:29 AMTo:House RecordSubject:Save the Super Ferry!!!Importance:High

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathleen H. Kim and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I am pledging my support for the Hawaii Super Ferry. It is the one thing Hawaii is missing and one thing that Hawaii needs the most. For people like me who hate to fly, it would be a wonderful opportunity to visit my family on Maui (I have no intentions of going to Kauai after all this mess) and I know that the ignorant and misguided protesters are only a very small percentage of Hawaii and the rest of us -- who rely on facts and accurate information -- are the silent majority that are gaining our voice and showing that a few bullies can't make the decisions for the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo, Kathleen Kim 4th generation Oahuan

From: Cherie Racadio [cherie@citytravelhawaii.com]Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:32 AMTo: House Record

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cherie Racadio and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I SUPPORT THE HAWAII SUPERFERRY, NOT ONLY WILL IT CREATE MORE JOBS IT GIVES THE LOCALS AS WELL AS VISITORS AN ALTERNATIVE TO GETTING TO THE OUTER ISLANDS. IT'S ABOUT TIME HAWAII HAS SOMETHING ELSE TO OFFER! AS A TRAVEL AGENT I SPEAK TO PEOPLE IN THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND SOME HAVE SAID THAT THEY LOVE COMING TO HAWAII BUT HAVE THE "BEEN THERE DONE THAT" ATTITUTE. AS FOR THE LOCALS, MOST OF THE AVERAGE PERSON HERE CANNOT AFFORD GOING ON A CRUISE, THIS GIVE THEM A CHANGE TO EXPERIENCE A LITTLE OF WHAT THEY ARE MISSING. ALSO THIS GIVES THE LOCAL TRAVEL AGENCIES A CHANCE TO BOOST BUSINESS. TRAVEL AGENCIES ACROSS THE STATE ARE CLOSEING OR LAYING OFF EMPLOYEES AT A FAST RATE!

I'M SURE THIS NOT NEWS TO YOU, BUT I FEEL IT SHOULD BE SAID.

Cherie Racadio

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From: Lisa Frank [Imlfrank@yahoo.com]Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:05 AMTo: House Record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [Lisa ML Frank] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[The neighbor islands don't realize how important to have the SUPERFERRY for instance: 1: local people could afford to take their families to outer island that is cost effective, 2: In case of a HURRICAN this is another way of transportation to get SUPPORT to the outer Islands, 3: Kauai and Maui LOCAL residence need to come forward to SUPPORT the usage of ALL OUR HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, 4: Residence of the Kauai and Maui should appreciate that we the LOCAL'S meaning the HAWAIIANS have empowerment to this HAPPEN. It was uncalled for how it end up. Attacking a FAMILIES CAR, if it was me, I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN OUT and KNOCK THEM DOWN. This becomes PERSONAL, this DIVIDES the ISLANDS, but mine you it was not the LOCALS/HAWAIIANS. Kauai & Maui NEED TO UNDERSTAND that we OAHUIAN'S will have SECOND THOUGHT OF ASSISTANCE for the daily living and for any and all emergencies that the future will bring in ASSISTING KAUAI and MAUI.]

[Lisa ML Frank

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

I'm part Hawaiian born and raised on Maui and very saddened by all the events leading up to the most recent ruling by Judge Cordoza. I'm disappointed that my relatives and friends on Maui who support the Super Ferry are too busy struggling to support their lives with menial jobs and just couldn't find the time to rally support for the Super Ferry. I moved from Maui to the mainland for work and fortunately have found a successful career as an engineer here on Oahu. However I have seen the same mainland migration happen to 2 of my 3 children and soon my 3rd. One lives in Seattle and the other in New London, both are graduates of Kamehameha schools with College degrees and my youngest who's also a Kamehameha graduate in her second year at UH talks about her hopes to find work here. My children live on the mainland not only for affordability but because their College degrees are so devalued here in Hawaii in this poor business and work environment. It's sad that in our efforts to care for the aina, and manage our limited resources, we neglect the futures of our most valued and prized resources, our Ohana. Our most educated move away, the ones who stay find themselves living at or below the poverty line, some manage to struggle to make ends meet, and some are lucky and others are just well connected. When I look at Hawaii's future I see our Hawaii our aina being left in control of the non-natives who are the ultimate invasive species. I strongly support the "Super Ferry" and feel that I'm part of the majority, and being the majority that isn't heard is primarily because, unlike the activists we actually have jobs to attend and families to support. So lets do this and make Hawaii a better place for our keiki.

Wayne Stachel 95-1149 Ahokele Street Mililani, HI. 96789 808-306-2177

From: Teri Mullenix [terilm@interislandsoftware.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:30 AM

To: House Record

Subject: Absentee Testimony

Aloha All Legislators:

I personally support the Hawaii Superferry because: I believe that Hawaii's people would have more options for inter-island travel; savings of not having to rent a car; not having to ship their craft items for craft shows; sewing machines and class supplies for quilting events; and just being able to see our own state in our own car.

Many Thanks and Aloha

Teri Mullenix 808-877-3746 M-F 9:30- 5:30

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Leilani Williams-Solomon and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As an island chain, Hawai'i needs an alternative, affordable transportation mode. The company that owns the Superferry bargained in good faith to bring this alternative and progressive method to Hawai'i, and it should be allowed to operate responsibly as planned. It is absurd to think that the Superferry will do more environmental damage than the hundreds of barges and cruise ships and recreational vehicles already operating in Hawaiian waters. Our state's reputation as a business location and in terms of responsible governance has been seriously damaged by this entire process. Please do the right thing and change the law to enable the Superferry to operate. And do it quickly...

Leilani Williams-Solomon 7021 Kalaniana ole Hwy Honolulu, HI 96825 808.395.4711 (home) 808.265.6349 (mobile) Leilani. Williams@boh.com

From:Lauryn Galindo [lauryn@poai.org]Sent:Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:36 AMTo:House RecordSubject:EIS First

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Lauryn Galindo and I strongly OPPOSE HB 1 and Hawaii Superferry, and call for an EIS first!.

I believe there is a huge risk to our marine life and I feel we should not take that risk without proof that I am wrong.

The EIS should have been done before this project got off the ground. Better late than never.

Please do not make exceptions for Big Business and special interests. Very bad precedent.

Thank you! Lauryn Galindo

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