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From:	Bruce Greek [Bruce_Greek@JBL-ABS.com]	Sent: Wed 10/24/2007 7:56 AM
To:	House Record	
Cc:		
Subject:	Do Your Jobs For Hawaii!	
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I am appalled and embarrassed that our local government can not get their act together. We are a local business that has been supplying building materials in Hawaii (all islands) for almost 40 years. The Super ferry will assist our company by allowing us to provide better service and make us more accessible to our sister island customers. We deal with manufacturers around the globe and I can not begin to tell you how embarrassing it is to here the ridicule of our state government.

Get your acts together now! No more Banana Republic folks!

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Bruce Greek

Vice President bruce\_greek@jbl-abs.com

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Sent: Wed 10/24/2007 7:47 AM

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DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Levani Hao and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

*I* support it because it is alternate means of transportation. We can bring our cars to other islands while we are there for a short while. I really don't think that it will affect the welfare of our marine life in a negative way being that there are already ships coming in and out of this place anyway. Why are these bogus activists winning over the state? That scares me.

Levani Hao 92-1084 Palahia st. K103 Kapolei, HI 96707 218-1465

# Have a great day!

## Levani Hao

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cori Sonognini and I strongly support Hawaii Super Ferry.

I support the Super Ferry because it is another means of transportation for the Hawaiian Islands, it is also giving jobs to people of the islands, tourism is getting weak and we need other means of ways to get tourists to come visit our islands, we the people if given a choice should vote on this issue, I think it is unfair that a handful of people who are protesting the Super Ferry are being given exactly what they want. The islands don't belong only to them, it is to be shared with respect to the public. Their intense actions to protest the Super Ferry should have stiffer consequences being they are physically and verbally assaulting others and damaging cars when they off load. If anything they are more of a danger to the islands being so rude and destructive. If it is decided that the Super Ferry cannot run while the EIS does their studies ALL boats should be banned from those islands and let those islands suffer the shortage of foods and goods that are shipped there not to mention gas. They should also stop ALL Airlines from flying into those islands causing the lost of their tourism meaning losing jobs so they can feel how it feels not being able to service the tourist that they claim go there to "rape their islands." They should also have no airlines coming out of the outer islands especially during the holiday season when most of the outer islanders come to Oahu to do major Christmas shopping, they should be limited to what they have on their island, nothing new incoming and see how they feel. Oahu is constantly being reminded drive with aloha, in Waikiki it is expected to show the aloha spirit extend to the outer islands?

*Cori Sonognini* 95-1004 Wekiu Street, Mililani, HI 96789 <sup>808-277-0160</sup> This message was sent with high importance.

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Berny M. Luning H&W Foods / Palama Meat Co. Cell: 780.6331 I support the SuperFerry but unable to testify in person.

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Subject:	Testimony on the Superferry HB1		
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IF we were to start an EIS today instead of talking about it, we could be way ahead of the game in two months. I am not against the Superferry, I want to make that we establish good guidelines and responsibilities for the business as well as for the public to understand before we start service. Isn't that what our laws require?

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Treat us with respect, and we will show you the same. Obey our laws, and you're welcome to do business here.

Cynthia Punihaole Kennedy

**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: Cynthia Punihaole Kennedy 73-4310 Mamalahoa Hwy Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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То:	House Record	
Cc:		
Subject:	Let them sail	
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I am a resident in Mililani and born and raised in Hawaii. I am in full support of free enterprise and was anticipating sailing on the Super Ferry. I don't understand why the environmentalists waited until they were already sailing to say their peace, it seemed to me the Super Ferry was sabotaged. This premeditated act is just plain criminal!!!

Let the Super Ferry operate!!!

# Allyson Endo

Controller

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Subject:	support Super Ferry on the Big Island	
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Please support the Super Ferry for immediate use. It is important that we have another source of transportation off the island, especially in case of emergency. In the meantime, we are stuck with the airlines with "exclusive" control of us getting off island.

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Carolyn Wadley

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October 23, 2007

#### Sirs/Madam,

This letter is written to tell you of our support of allowing the Superferry to operate interisland during the period of the environmental assessment.

My husband and I have long awaited an alternative to flying interisland, especially once the air fares became prohibitive. In addition, he is claustrophobic and our travels elsewhere where ferries are in abundance have proven to be an excellent form of transport.

Our children and grandchildren who live on Oahu have not been to our home in Maui for years partially because of the high cost of transportation. If the ferry is in operation we can visit them, saving the cost of car rental, and vice versa. As senior citizens we live in a small home so they must seek other accommodations when visiting us, adding to their expenses.

Please, heed the voices of the more quiet majority, those of us who don't have issues which interfere in the lives of others. We agree that we do not wish any MORE invasive species (many here were brought in with foreknowledge as you already know) in the islands. We do not wish to see sea creatures injured, although that already happens with some frequency (see "Archipelago" recently at the MAAC gallery). It appears the operators of the Superferry have taken into consideration the need for caution in operating in our waters, especially during whale season.

Give the citizens of Hawaii and the Superferry an opportunity to prove how progress can be attained while conducting the assessment which, if the courts had done their job in a timely fashion, would have been completed by now.

Thank you for your consideration of our wishes.

Signed: Wally and Darlene Rogers

1421 Nuna Pl., Wailuku, Maui, HI 96793 rogersw001@hawaii.rr.net

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From:Lilia Kane [kaneb002@hawaii.rr.com]To:House RecordCc:SuperFerryAttachments:Katachments

Sent: Wed 10/24/2007 6:57 AM

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Lilia Kane*. I am a Hawaii resident since Jan 2005, and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry because the islands need inter-island transportation other than airplanes for business, or personal purposes. I came from Washington State, where the ferry is part of everyone's life. I know very well of all the advantages that this kind of transportation brings to workers and business owners, and it is a great tourist attraction, therefore, I have no objection in allowing the SuperFerry offer those advantages to the people of Hawaii, especially because Hawaii's main industry is tourism.

I would also like to state that I refuse to accept laws made by lobbyists through the court, and not by the people of Hawaii, through our corresponding legislative body. Laws that support lobbyists only benefit them, their industries, and their pockets, while the people affected by them –usually the whole community, pay for the consequences. (that is what Business books say). Please do not let that happen in Hawaii. The islands need to rise up to their level of greatness, and the SuperFerry is in accord with that goal. Our Governor Lingle did not make a

mistake in supporting such infrastructure, in the best interest of the people she represents. Please do not let environmentalists groups speak in the name of the majority. Nobody has appointed them to do that.

Whales are important; alternatives should be established to protect them without affecting the people of Hawaii, who are more valuable than whales.

Lilia Kane

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Aloha Legislators:

We strongly support the operation of the Superferry starting immediately. The court in 2005 dismissed opponents attempts to require the EIS and now suddenly they reversed their position. That just isn't fair.

Perhaps we should stop sending ALL boats to Maui & Kauai - including those that contain their food and supplies. Maybe that will get their attention.

Anyone stop to investigate that perhaps existing shippers are behind all this protest? Follow the money....

Albert Benevento Barbara Allen

Waikiki

Sent: Wed 10/24/2007 6:39 AM

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From:Todd Rasmussen [ToddR@Hawaii.rr.com]To:House RecordCc:Hawaii SuperFerry Testimony for the recordAttachments:Hawaii SuperFerry Testimony for the record

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Todd Rasmussen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Over the past ten years I have been amazed at the way things happen in Hawaii. Good things. But the way they get implemented baffles me. There is something seriously wrong with the process. The fact is that someone told the SuperFerry that everything was OK to proceed without the EIS. I don't know who or why or how, but it is clear to me that Hawaii SuperFerry must have had the green light at many levels or we wouldn't be where we are today.

This situation is reminiscent of the situation that occurred over the property at pier 38 where we had vacant buildings waiting to be utilized as intended because the process is flawed. The government gives the premature go ahead and then when everyone involved has invested their time, money and effort to the project; it hits a brick wall for some ignorant oversight. These are always things that should have been resolved up front, messing things up at the end. This costs the government, and therefore its tax paying constituents, a whole lot more than the project would have cost if they could just follow the easy and straightforward process from the very start.

There is no question in my mind that mistakes have been made in the case of Hawaii SuperFerry. Now is the

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time for those mistakes to be corrected. I do not think that this mistake should necessarily fall squarely upon the shoulders of the SuperFerry and us taxpayers. I think it is time for the people responsible for giving the green light at each stage come forward and explain to the public why it is that we find ourselves in this position yet again. Let's hold the responsible parties accountable, get the SuperFerry up and running as promised, and get the EIS all done at the same time. I've seen this pattern too many times and it will continue to cost the taxpayers millions until we stop it.

Todd A. Rasmussen

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is [Mary Therese Pattee] and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Hawaii Superferry economically is needed for the State of Hawaii. It will give family, friends another means of transportation to visit the outer islands without the hassle of flying and at the same time keep the air transportation competitive in price. It will bring more jobs to Hawaii. The world has changed globally and it is no longer realistic to try and confine an island to a minority that does not want to join the world globally. If we allowed the Big Cruise ships to Hawaii, why would we not allow the SuperFerry, which will be much more beneficial to the local people?

Mary Pattee President, Owner Staffing Solutions of Hawaii 1357 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 810 Honolulu, Hawaii 96814 (808) 949 - 3669



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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Stephen Fredrick and my wife and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

As a realtor on Maui, I have a great interest in not only keeping our island one of the premier destinations in the world, but in seeing our economy grown and flourish. I believe the Hawaii Superferry will provide a viable alternative to air transportation in our state and be a net positive once the service is in operation.

A huge investment has been made by the State -- our tax dollars -- and should this situation be allowed to languish, this money will be wasted.

A private business has relied on state agencies in forwarding their plan and should they suffer a loss, I fear a lawsuit will follow with the possible waste of more tax dollars in legal fees and eventual judgments.

I have heard nothing but emotion and fear from the side of the anti-Superferry folks. While I do not doubt their concern or sincerity, I do doubt their "science" and conclusions. They throw up barriers based solely on emotion and fear. They offer mitigation plans which they must know will make the whole venture unviable. They warn of injuries and deaths from overzealous "storm troopers". They claim to want the rule of law, but if their view is not the result, pledge to break the law and place themselves and others in harm's way by "jumping into Kahului harbor".

This is a matter of pure fact versus pure emotion.

There is one philosophy of the anti-Superferry folks that I adhere to: "Nothing is forever, except extinction." I believe if you do not act, the Superferry and Hawaii's economic future will follow in the path of the wooly mammoth.

I urge you to do the will of the people. Polls show a large majority of my fellow citizens want the Superferry to operate while the EIS is completed and therefore I urge you to pass the required legislation to make that happen.

Mahalo.

Aloha, Steve



## Stephen Fredrick REALTOR (S)

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

When I first heard about the superferry being talked about on the news about 1 or 2 years ago I was so excited my whole family was talking about how great it would be to go to another island all together in our own cars. I am from Oahu born and raised and am hawaiian and as with most people born here I love the ocean I have never been on a boat except for this one time on the big island and I loved it and just wanted to get the chance to do it again. I hope that one day I will be able to do it again and I hope the people from the other islands that are against it will one day be able to appreciate it for what it is, a way to visit family, friends, loved ones that we haven't seen in a while or just to see another beautiful island. Thank you for your time and hard work I know that this hasn't been an easy task.

Sincerely, Mona K. Gohier 92615 Auwaea st. kapolei, hi 96707

Take care and godbless.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Judy Sakurai and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I do support the Hawaii Superferry as it will provide residents with alternative transportation services between the islands

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Aloha,

Please let the Superferry operate under governed restrictions. If you do not it will hurt the future of all Hawaii business. Mahalo,

Joe Zappala R(S) CENTURY 21 ALL ISLANDS - HILO Direct: (808) 965-2324 Cell: (808) 443-6670 Fax: (808) 965-2324 email: <u>kapohojoe@hawaiiantel.net</u> website: www.HawaiiRealEstateResources.com

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From:	Milton Gabriel [Milton.Gabriel@hawaiiantel.com]
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Milton L. Gabriel and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly believe that if we abandon the superferry now. We the State of Hawaii would have past up one of the greatest opportunities we have ever had. Not only this would be an alternate route to connecting the Islands together, but an educational opportunity as well. Children and Parents will be able to explore the outer Islands a lot easier and affordable. This also posses a great asset for the State of Hawaii in case of emergency. I remember after hurricane Iniki hit the Island of Kauai. We had the hardest time in getting our personnel and equipment on Kauai. We need more avenues for the state to utilize.

### M.L. Gabriel (Gabe)

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