From: Sent: To: Subject: Kevin Myers [KevinInCA@sbcglobal.net] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:32 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony SB 1, SD 1 Testimony

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007, 1:30 PM, Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro;

I strongly support the Superferry and believe the sooner service is started, the better it will be for the people of the State of Hawai'i. Delaying its start will hurt the public financially and should not be allowed.

The ferry will be good for commerce, commerce benefits the economy, a better economy benefits everyone.

The ferry will be good for agriculture, agriculture benefits the health and wellbeing of us all.

The ferry will provide a practical and cost-effective method of transport during a major emergency.

I will personally use the ferry for interisland commerce as it will allow me to easily move large items, such as furniture, between O'ahu and Maui where I live and do business. The current system of barges is awkward, slow and inconvenient, effectively limiting my choices and opportunities as a consumer.

Kevin Myers

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From: Sent: To: Subject: procarcare@hotmail.com Monday, October 29, 2007 12:38 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony FW: Hawaii Super Ferry

From: procarcare@hotmail.com To: <u>HseWrittenOnlySBTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</u> Subject: Hawaii Super Ferry Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 09:56:29 -1000

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 Aaron Ah You and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

While I value our environment here in Hawaii as being very unique, special, and delicate, I feel the same goes for our economy. My family and I was privledged enough to travel on the inaugural voyage of the Alakai. Aside from the protestors who made things very ugly, the trip was pleasurable and non rushed. We felt comfortable driving our own vehicle on neighbor islands, the seating on the vessel was comfortable and cool. All of the employees we came in contact with were very friendly and hospitible. things you don't always find with other modes of transportation. I am also a small business owner, and while talking with my customers and associates, I find that ALL of them think that the Superferry would be good for our families and businesses. It would greatly help the transportation of people and goods to the neighbor islands. Of course I realize that my competitor could as easily come over to Maui (where I live), as I could go to other islands, but competition is good for us. It keeps businesses fair and affordable. I am always trying to find new ways to improve my business and services and rise above the rest. The same can be said for the Superferry, and other modes of transportation in Hawaii. Now that there are more airlines here, We can now afford to travel once again to the outer islands and visit our families "just because" we want to, and not just because of some emergency. The Superferry, will add another mode of transportation to the picture. I think it will serve mostly local families and businesses. The people we need to think about the most. Some tourist and many businesses don't want to spend the time to travel by ocean so will still support the airlines. I also feel that, while I miss how quiet Maui was when I was younger, progress cannot be stopped. We cannot hold our breaths and hope that progress will go away. We should not give in to the minority who

are still holding their breaths hoping progress will go away. It not fair for these few tantrum throwers to affect what the MAJORITY wants. As for our environment...I think the Superferry should be able to operate while doing the EIS. If they are found to negatively impact the environment, they should make the corrections and if still found lacking then make more drastic changes. It seems they have made more effort to please hawaii people than most other businesses out there, and what better, more accurate way do do an EIS than while it is operating. I dont recall any other airlines, ships, or large companies being forced to complete an EIS. From now forward I expect to hear more of these studies done for new larger companies. Perhaps they should be required for some larger tour businesses now operating, not to shut them down, but so they can be more environmentally friendly too. Thank you for hearing my testimony.

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Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:40 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	RE: Urgent: Testimony Needed Today for House Hearing

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Edward M. Ane and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the the Hawaii Superferry offers another alternative for traveling between the islands. In time, I believe it will probably fulfill other needs for the islands and its citizens.

Edward M. Ane

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From:mcchun@juno.comSent:Monday, October 29, 2007 12:33 PMTo:hsewrittenonlysbtestimonySubject:100% In Support of the SuperFerry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mark Chun and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

We need this alternative transportation for numerous reasons one of which is the valuable asset they provide in a Natural or Manmade disaster. I was the Hawaii National Guard Commander of the Medical Unit that was sent to Kauai during Hurricane Iniki, Sept 12- forward, 1992. We could have used this type of transportation to bring in needed Supplies, Vehicles, Personnel on a massive scale quickly and efficiently and economically. Opponents need to also realize that their demands to have the Ferry surgically scrubbed

of "Invasive species" is not well thought out...If the SuperFerry is required now...then ALL shipping must comply w/the same criteria right NOW...including Young Bros. Matson, All Cruise ships, especially ALL Freighters, and ALL US NAVAL Vessels.

They must also abide by ALL the preventive Environmental measures that the SuperFerry had designed and implemented into their vessel.

Mark Chun 444 Uluniu St Kailua, Hi 96734 261-0813

From:	Darren Seu [seubrew@gmail.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:41 PM
To:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Hawaii Superferry Support

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Darren Seu and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe that the superferry will allow safe transport of our residents and their belongings between the islands. I support the recommendations and rules set forth to ensure that the environment is safe from any harm. I also support the benefits that the superferry will provide. It will be another way to get from island to island. It will allow people different opportunities and options for travel. It will be a way to connect families, friends, and loved ones that cannot afford plane tickets. Most importantly, it will be another option for Hawaii residents so that the oligopoly of Hawaiian and Aloha airlines cannot charge inflated prices for their services.

I also believe that this is an important step in letting the country and the world know where Hawaii stands on the state of business in our islands. The international attention that this subject has been getting is a giant black eye for our community and more importantly our economy. If Hawaii is ever to move away from tourism and enter into the future where our residents will have the technical skills and know how to be economically stable in the 21st century, this issue of the superferry must be resolved quickly and with an emphasis on the economy in mind. As mentioned earlier, I understand and support the efforts made to curb the environmental impacts to our aina. However, setting the example that Hawaii is not business friendly could hurt our islands ten-fold. Change and progress are inevitable, the outer islands face that right now with the amount of traffic and residents that move to Maui, Kauai and the Big Island every year, we must plan ahead, and have the forward vision to plan for a strong future.

Thank you,

Darren Seu 343 Hobron Ln #3402 Honolulu, HI 96815

From:	David Hayter [davehayter@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:42 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	DJH** I support the ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David John Hayter and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry as an alternative mode of inter-island transportation because I believe the people should have a choice in how they want to get from point a to point b. In my particular circumstances, my wife suffers from a phobia about flying, and so this summer, when told of the impending arrival and start up of the service we booked a Maui vacation, thinking how wonderful to be able to travel to the family reunion on Maui and not have to worry about how to get there. Imagine our dismay to find that service was suspended indefinitely. I am all for making sure that wildlife isn't harmed, invasive species are controlled etc. and In feel this issues can be accommodated without the need to bar the ferry completely.

Good luck SuperFerry

david Hayter

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From:	Susie Coloma [susie.coloma@outrigger.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:42 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Cc:	Susie Coloma
Subject:	For super ferry

I support the super ferry because it'll be more easy access to visit our relatives on the neighbor islands with the whole family, or if you just wanted to get away, bring your own vehicle and be able to cruise the islands on your own time. Furthermore, it'll create jobs.

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Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:41 PM
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evasive action for whales less than 5 times in that period. Let the superferry sail and fix the DOT steve wright

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Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:42 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Theresa Doris and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Due to the amount of people that are not able to travel on plans, for health or personal reasons, this method of transportation opens a new opportunities for them.

These boats are less invasive then the tug boats, cruise ships, and inter island boats currently being used today.

If you look at the other countries (Canada, Finland etc.) that use these methods of transportation, it has proven cleaner then air travel and a preferred method of travel. Maybe we can learn from other countries.

Theresa Doris

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Gary L. Winterbottom

The Superferry is the best idea that has come to Hawaii for so many reasons it would take pages to list them all. Primarily I support SB 1m SD 1 because of the many opportunities it offers to small business, Hawaii residences (not just Oahu folks) and the future business opportunities it provides.

The opposition to the ferry is an emotional, misinformed minority.

Signed: Gary L. Winterbottom 1069 Kainui Drive, Kailua HI 96734 (808) 341 4048

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From: Sent: To: Alicia Raco [alicia@agordesigngroup.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 10:14 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY!!!!!!!!

From: Sent: To: Subject: Villa Bausano [bausano@yahoo.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:37 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Support for the Superferry.

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kathleen Joyce Bausano* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I am formerly from Washington state and have used the ferries as my normal commute to Seattle from the Olympic Peninsula. If not for the ferries I would have a 3-4 hour drive rather then a 1 hour drive plus 30 min.ferry time to reach the same destination. Washington state considers the ferry as an extension to the highways.

We have lived on the Big Island for five years and are permanent residents. I feel it will be a wonderful addition to a present poor road system we now have on the island of Hawaii allowing the people a way to travel with their family and car to other islands.

Kathleen J. Bausano 75-6009 Alii Dr., E-1 Kailua-Kona, HI 96740 808 331-0588

From:	Elizabeth Hansen [lihansen@ksbe.edu]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:45 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	SUPPORT FOR SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Elizabeth L. Hansen and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My family and I want interisland transportation choices and Hawai`i SuperFerry is a transportation alternative that we feel would benefit the residents and businesses of Hawai`i and bring many benefits to the State. We support a special session of the Hawai`i State Legislator to identify a solution that would enable Hawai`i SuperFerry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

Mahalo nui, Elizabeth L. Hansen 1208 Akamai St. Kailua, HI 96734 Ph: 271-1410/263-6043

From:	jwberger@msn.com
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:45 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Rev. John Berger* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I have high hopes for the Superferry and the benefit it will be to so many people. Interisland commerce will surely benefit, with people able to take their own cars to go shopping on the other islands. Please do whatever it takes to get the Superferry in operation for the good of the people of Hawaii and our visitors.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: karenconeil@gmail.com on behalf of Karen O'Neil [koneil@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:04 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Karen O'Neil and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I think it benefits our families on these islands to go back and forth and especially right now with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner.

Karen O'Neil

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From:	Steve Brenessel [rocketman@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:04 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Pass SuperFerry Legislation With One Condition

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Steve Brenessel. I was born and raised in Hawaii and would like to enter my testimony with regard to the pending legislation above.

Interisland transportation is critical to the State of Hawaii, and for a region that is separated by water such as the islands a ferry system is long overdue.

I don't see how the Superferry can possibly impact the environment any more than any current shipping operation does, nor than the present airline industry that brings people and organic materials from island to island and from all parts of the globe.

Hawaii is a state and movement between parts of the state is protected by the U.S. Constitution. The opponents are an intimidating minority and do not deserve the attention they have been given.

The only condition that needs to be included in this legislation is an effective whale watching and collision prevention program. There should be zero tolerance for whale strikes. The present shipping industry does not do harm to whales, but the Superferry's high speed makes it a preventable possibility. Some have said that the ships that sail between the islands are slow enough to make it safe for the whales; I beg the differ. There is an abundance of high speed naval traffic, destroyers and submarines that far exceed the Superferry's speeds. So, as the Navy does, a rigorous visual watch must be posted on the Superferry until a sonar system for civilian use is developed and can replace it. And it should be a condition that the Superferry buy and install that sonar system immediately upon its availability.

Thank you for your time,

Steve Brenessel

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Marie Winner [winnerm001@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:04 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony support of the supperferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Kurt Winner* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Our business Coastal Windows was looking for a better way to service the neighbor islands and the Superferry was the answer. Please do what is necessary to help us and our customers on Kauai, Maui and the Big Island.

Mahalo,

Kurt Winner

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From:	Claire Dauer [cdauer@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:05 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

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

Hawaii needs the Superferry. It is an efficient and cost effective way from Hawaiian residents to move back and forth from the various islands. It would give access to people who might not otherwise be able to get to other islands to work or visit family and friends.

I have been unable to buy into the ridiculous objections that some of these looney protestors and their deep pocketed supporters have presented. Don't tell me that the bugs that are introduced from Oahu are worse than the bugs introduced from Japan or some other part of the world. The barges that travel back and forth between the islands would carry more invasive material than one passenger ferry. I think that whales are probably more intelligent than most of these protestors and are more than likely able to adjust to the movement through the water of the Superferry. I think the environment will do just fine without our intervention (think mongoose).

Common sense should prevail. Please make it as easy as possible for the Superferry to do business in Hawaii.

Claire Dauer

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Honolulu, HI 96814

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From:	Randy Rees [rrees@prem-hi.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 10:28 AM
To:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	I Support the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Randal B. Rees and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry is very important to the economy and standard of living of everyone in Hawaii. All of these extra restrictions and amendmends will only have to be paid for by the Taxpayer or by everyone who uses the Superferry. Either way we all will pay.

Randal B. Rees 58-130 Mamao Street

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From:	Mona Bonbright [monalisa@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:05 PM
To:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Support the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mona Lisa Bonbright and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The Superferry will allow the residents of the state of Hawaii to have a viable, reasonable, and affordable transportation option alternative to airplane travel. Each county is physically separated by ocean, however, the Superferry can help unite the counties. Hawaii is one state after all.

Additionally, the Superferry can support the state in times of civil defense emergencies to allow quick and safe evacuation of populations. We do not currently have that capability.

The Superferry will employ local people on each island. More jobs mean more resources for the individual families, individual communities, and more taxes paid to support necessary services and infrastructure.

Small businesses on all islands will be helped by allowing fast and efficient delivery of goods and services between islands. Shipping costs will go down and profits for those small businesses will go up. More people can be employed. Small businesses employ more people than large businesses.

Unfortunately, some people believe that the Superferry will promote the spread of invasive species and have trumped up other unreal environmental concerns. This is ludicrous. We have airplanes moving between the mainland and all islands, we have barges and other ocean vessels going inter-island – how can one vessel have more critical impact than these other varied and multiple vehicles? If you impose undue strict environmental restrictions on one individual vessel, you better start looking at all the other vessels that go inter-island. Then you may as well write off our economy.

During this whole sordid mess, you also have assisted in allowing the impression to the world that radical locals on each island have determined that people on Kauai don't like the people from Maui and Oahu or the people on Maui don't like people from Oahu and Kauai. This equates to "we on Hawaii, don't like outsiders". Those "outsiders" are our life blood. Our state depends on visitors and tourists to survive. The "aloha spirit" that we carefully cultivate and spread to encourage the tourist and visitor industry has been trampled by this Superferry debacle. You need to change this horrible image. A few radicals should not be allowed to dictate to the rest of us. If the tourist and visitor industry falls, so does the entire economy of the state of Hawaii.

Please let us move into the 21st Century and put the Superferry back in business. Please stop putting up roadblocks to viable new businesses. Stop putting environmental issues where there aren't any. Get on with this and get back to critical issues like the illegal campers along beaches.

Our beaches remain trashy. Children are living in unsanitary conditions. Citizens who pay property taxes are unable to use their beaches. The beautiful vistas are sullied. What are you going to do about it? You cannot simply build a homeless shelter and then walk away. It is illegal to camp without permits. Why are you looking the other way? Why are you not doing something about this lawbreaking?

What message are you sending to the criminals who are abusing our beaches? Is it okay to litter our beaches and defecate in the water and in the sand? Have you seen the derelict cars? We cannot pour motor oil down gutters and drains because they all empty in the ocean, but in the illegal camps there are cars sitting on the beach, leaking their fluids directly into the ocean. Why is this allowed? This is an ecological nightmare. What message are you sending to the good citizens of the Waianae Coast, do we not matter?

Why are children allowed to live in such slovenly conditions? Think of the filth, the insects, and the lack of running water and other things like refrigeration for good and pure food. How can these children be properly nurtured and properly educated? How can they become responsible citizens?

Where are the police? Where are children's services? Where are <u>you</u>, our elected officials? Why aren't the remaining illegal campers given eviction notices and required to move off the beaches, move or be arrested? Why are these people allowed to continue to camp illegally? I do not understand how our state allows people to simply disobey laws as they choose, without any penalty. What other lawbreaking is being overlooked?

Please finish the clean up. Don't walk away from a partially completed job. Enforce the laws! Rescue the abused children. End this state sanctioned lawbreaking.

The Superferry needs our support. Pass the law to allow them to do business in Hawaii, and then get back to important issues that are causing real environmental problems. Stop the illegal camping along the beaches.

Mona Lisa Bonbright

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From:	Char Higa [char@firstfinancialhawaii.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 11:41 AM
To: Subject:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance, SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007 TIME: 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Char Higa and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

The State of Hawaii needs an **alternative** inter island mode of transportation other than the 3 airlines that seem to be fighting with each other and on the verge of bankruptcy. The ability to transport our personal vehicle is also a benefit that the airlines do not provide.

The State did not require the Super Ferry to complete the environmental impact statement. If the Super Ferry can't operate in the meantime they will probably default on their loan and sue the State which will **cost the taxpayers money**. Ironically, it was the lender that wanted the environmental impact statement waived to ensure the success of the project.

It makes the State of Hawaii look **anti-business** which is not good for the economy and the people of Hawaii.

Char Higa

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From:	ROB HICKS [robert5454@yahoo.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 11:40 AM
To:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	SUPERFERRY

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007

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То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is F. Michael Singer and I am the managing member of a construction company. I am a moderate environmentalist with common sense and a business advocate making sensible decisions. I strongly support the ferry system to provide service in the State of Hawaii. I believe if we do not support the Super Ferry it will cause irreparable harm to future business growth. There are many good and practical reasons to support the Hawaii Super Ferry. Young Brothers has had a hold on interisland barging and continues to use old technology by pulling tandem barges with a tug throughout the islands. A most slow and expensive means of ocean transport. Our State will continue to suffer with the high cost of goods and poor business climate unless we change our thinking and laws. The Hawaii Super Ferry is a good thing and should be supported by all.

Thank-you for listening,

F. Michael Singer, Managing Member

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Subject:	[Auto-Reply] Testimony for 10-29-07 Hearing on SB1, SD1

Thank you for your email. I will get back to you at my earliest convenience.

Lucy Mossman Lucille K Mossman, RS Realty Executives-Hawaii Brokers 808 969-9966 Lucille K Mossman-Certified Signing Agent Mobile Notary Direct: 808 989-0981

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Carol Young and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My Family and I strongly support these two bills before you. I feel we really are in need of alterrnative modes of transportation in this state.

Carol Young

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From:	Protacio Jeffrey [ch_47dvr@yahoo.com]
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Subject:	I SUPPORT THE SUPERFERRY

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Jeffrey J. Protacio* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe the Superferry is another transportation opton needed for the citizens of Hawaii. I don't believe that the Superferry is any more dangerous than any other vessel that navigates our waters, in fact I believe that it is far more advanced than most. The same sanctions that are proposed on the Superferry should be aplicable to all ships to be fair. First it was the Stryker Brigade, Go Airlines and now the Superferry, what is next tourist? Many business have already left our islands and we keep scaring off more and more. We already have suffered major agriculture income losses and the military keeps running into obstacles with their growth. These are part of our top three income and revanue generators, like I said earlier what's next tourist?

////Signed\\\\\ JEFFREY J. PROTACIO 949 Paaaina Street Pearl City, HI 96782 (808) 456-3377

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То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *David Welsh* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. My wife was born in Hawaii and I have lived in Hawaii for the past 44 years. We have made our home on Maui for the past 20 years. I want the opportunity to drive to other parts of the state. Citizens of the 49 other states all have this opportunity only the State of Hawaii does not offer this option to it's citizens. The Superferry will make this possible for Hawaii's people.

Today any one who wants to come to Maui comes via airplane. The Superferry will simply offer the option of a different mode of transportation for those wishing to come here.. That does not mean that more people will come here on a given day, it just means that fewer will come by air. Unless there is a substantial difference in fares between the airplane and the superferry (which there is not) there should be no increase in traffic between the islands. Those who come by air rent cars. Those who come by superferry may bring their own cars and not rent a car thus traffic increase is neutral. In fact since Maui residents may travel with their cars to neighbor Islands there may be a decrease in cars on Maui.

Thank You,

David Welsh

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Colette [Colette@HawaiiCareandCleaning.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:05 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony I SAY YES!!

House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance Monday, October 29, 2007

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Colette A. Buis and I strongly support having the Hawaii Superferry service our islands.

I think the Hawaii Superferry will be an added boost to our economy and a way for the larger families of different islands to visit with each other in an affordable way.

Personally, I've experienced riding the Victoria Express Ferry from Seattle to Victoria and another from Victoria to Vancouver. I've also been on several cruise ships and the Molokai Express from Lahaina and deep sea fishing boats off Kauai, Kona & Florida.

There are whales in all ocean waters and <u>I do not believe the Hawaii Superferry should be singled</u> out as a whale killer when all other modes of boats and ships are allowed to sail.

Colette A. Buis 4339 Pualoe St. Lihue, HI 96766 808-246-0199

From: Sent: To: Subject: Stuart Wilson [wilsons@dtsemaui.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 11:18 AM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

Stuart N. Wilson

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Haiku, Hawaii 96708

To the Hawaii State House of Representatives,

House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

RE: Testimony regarding legislation impacting the Hawaii Superferry

Hearing SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION for

Monday, October 29, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro,

I will not be able to testify in person. Please accept my written testimony in favor of allowing the Hawaii Superferry to operate, without restrictions that have significant adverse impact on its business model, and without avenues for continuation of the public relations and legal circus that has ensued in recent weeks.

Benefits of the Superferry are manifold. Its opponents have engaged in a campaign of distortion with the thinly disguised goal of altogether preventing the service's operation. They must not succeed.

- 1. The Hawaii Superferry is a great transportation resource for the state.
 - a. It will enhance intra-state commerce by giving smaller islands viable shopping access to the Oahu market.
 - b. It will reduce costs of service companies who do business state wide.
 - c. It provides a tremendous resource for disaster aid.
 - d. It brings new competition to intra-state shipping and travel.
- 2. Superferry service is favored by a majority of state residents.
 - a. This fact has been confirmed by numerous polls.
 - b. A minority, no matter how vocal, should not prevail over the voice of the people.

- 3. The supreme court's ruling concerned harbor improvements at Kahului. It is an unfortunate fact that this act has resulted in a counterfeit referendum on the service as a whole. The legislature should act with swift leadership to restore order and determinism to the state business climate.
- 4. Recent arguments of the SuperFerry opponents are without merit.
 - a. The so-called expert testimony in Judge Cardoza's court regarding timelines for tactical whale avoidance was laughably pessimistic.
 - b. The imu rock incident on Maui is something easily overcome by appropriate state guidelines.
 - c. Suggestions by Issac Hall that any legislative action would be unconstitutional and threats of further litigation are moot. These, along with criticisms of "over-ruling the courts" reflect a complete misunderstanding of the separation of powers. A well thought out bill would pass constitutional muster. I am sure that Mr. Hall understands this. His remarks are either little more than an attempt to cast doubt, or a chilling endorsement of judicial tyranny.
- 5. Longstanding arguments of the SuperFerry opponents are without merit.
 - a. The Superferry is not responsible for traffic problems. Among the tired lines of Superferry opponents is that the Superferry will worsen vehicle traffic congestion.
 - i. Attempts to demonstrate congestion in Maui proved the opposite.
 - ii. Other venues, such as the weekly Maui swap meet, result in far worse

congestion.

iii. If Superferry patronage grew so large as to cause congestion, there are multiple avenues for mitigation.

iv. Traffic congestion is due to scarce infrastructure, and is a statewide problem. Its application to the Superferry is a red herring.

- b. The Superferry is not responsible for drug problems. Drugs can be and are shipped by many means. If, as the opponents suggest, the Superferry service became a drug conduit, it would be a boon to law enforcement, captivating drug traffic in an enclosed area easily inspected with a dog.
- 5. Emotional appeals to whale welfare cannot be allowed govern the state.
 - a. Other animals are frequently victims of vehicle collisions, yet there are no calls for banning cars.
 - b. The Superferry is not the only operation that poses a risk to whales, yet it has been treated as if it is.
 - c. Comparisons to other parts of the world by Superferry opponents are not fair. A favorite, the Canary islands, not only has a year-round whale population, but also has far more than two vessels operating high speed ferry services. Further, statistics drawn from this venue assume causality that is unproven. It is also worth noting that pictures on anti-ferry websites show animals which were clearly victims of propeller cuts.
 - d. Given the political climate, and its efforts to date, one can safely assume that Superferry will do its utmost to prevent harm to marine mammals.

From:	
Sent:	
To:	

Debbie Alameida [alohadebbie@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:08 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Debbie Alameida and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I realize the Superferry was supported back in 1994 when the Legislature approved pushing the approval of the Superferry. Now because in 1994, Hawaii Legislature didn't go through the appropriate channels. and require an EIS, it is creating a hugh problem for everyone concerned.

There are reasonable requirements that can be made, before the Superferry is allowed to run. Yet I have seen and heard of some unreasonable requests. Please take into consideration the impact that not having the Superferry will have on the residents of Hawaii, the travel industry, special needs residents, small businesses.

Most residents of Hawaii don't have the time (busy working long hours, two jobs or commuting for hours daily) it takes to write a letter or to attend the sessions to support the Superferry, and if you were to take a vote, you would be surprised at the number of residents who support the Superferry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Debbie Alameida

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From:
Sent:
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Subject:

David Hammes [dlhammes@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:08 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Let the SuperFerry Sail

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Dear Honorable Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is David L. Hammes and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Having an alternative means of transportation between the islands is very important for both residents, visitors, and island producers. Please do all that you can to facilitate the prompt approval of the SuperFerry's right to sail.

Respectfully,

David L. Hammes 155 Alohalani Drive Hilo 808-959-2426
From:Bernard Uy [bernard@walltowall.com]Sent:Monday, October 29, 2007 12:09 PMTo:hsewrittenonlysbtestimonySubject:I support the Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Bernard Uy and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I feel that the Hawaii Superferry will provide an effective way to connect the residents of Hawaii that can only help our State's future. An opportunity like this does not come along often. Please, I urge you to consider it.

Mahalo,

-Bernard Uy

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Kamana'o Chun [kamanao@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:09 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Anti-EIS

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Jesse Kealaka'i kamana'o'i'o Chun and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry.

I support the supper Ferry because of the convenience it offers to the outer islanders to commute to Oahu on a regular basis. I am also in favor of the super ferry because I am not old enough to rent a car but i can ship my vehicle to the outer islands with convenience.

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From:	Susan Webb [webb-s@sbcglobal.
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 11:57
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Super Ferry

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My name is Susan H. Webb and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

An alternate method to reach the other islands is desperately needed. I do not enjoy flying on airplanes. I am looking forward to visiting with my own car, bicycle, etc. I donn't believe the SuperFerry causes any polution to the oceans or wildlife.

Susan H. Webb 927 Prospect Street, #701 Honolulu, HI 96822 805-529-5580

From: Sent: To: Subject: GREG MEADOWS [tgm13@sbcglobal.net] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:17 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony SUPER FERRY

HALL Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is GREG MEADOWS and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

IT WOULD BLE GOOD FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS

RECREATION, COMMERCE, EMERGENCIES, CONVIENCE

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From:	tdwyer@bigplanet.com
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То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Simple, Hawaii needs the super ferry

House committee on transportation.

The Super Ferry is a much needed and great addition to Hawaii transportation. It gives Hawaiians a real choice on intraisland travel, also will be a great choice for tourists. Tom and Joanna Dwyer Kailua Hawaii

From: Sent: To: Subject: Lee McCluskey [leerich808@hotmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:28 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony YES! Superferry

Aloha from Makiki:

I live in Honolulu, but also have homes in Wailuku, Maui. I would love to be able to take my car back and forth, as well as getting back to the sea voyaging way of transport. I am a born and raised local boy from Maui and support this new business venture. You should too. Think about it! Say YES to Superferry Mahalo Lee R. McCluskey

From: Sent: To: RACHEL.CAMBRA [RACHEL.CAMBRA@pruhawaii.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:26 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Rachel Cambra and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I take trips to the outer island on a constant basis every month and I stay there for several days, the idea that I can bring my car over with me is wonderful. It will certainly be a great financial help. I also have friends that are afraid of flying so riding the boat instead is an alternative for them. It's also another way to enjoy the islands. Please keep the Superferry on and let those people have their jobs back. This Superferry is such a great idea.

Rachel Cambra 95-720 Lanikuhana Avenue, Suite 120, Mililani, HI 96789 699-5334

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Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:24 PM
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The new rules I hear from the so called environmentalists, such as inspecting cars and vacuuming the floors, are ridiculous. Young Brothers has been shipping 100's of cars and trucks every week to the other islands without these restrictions; the propeller powered tow vessels pulling the barges do not slow until they near their destinations, I have never heard of one of these vessels colliding with a whale. The activists claim the Supperferry will increase traffic; however, for every vehicle coming in on the ferry, one will be going back, the few cars which come should have no impact on the islands, but will bring additional visitors to help out their economies. Many more people come in everyday by airlines than would be coming on the Super Ferry.

All recent polls show the small group of anti-ferry activists are not speaking for the vast majority of Hawaii's residents, please let the Superferry operate and operate without restrictions which would be unique to only the ferry.

Respectively

William L Forsyth, SMSgt (Ret) USAF Senior POW/MIA Analyst, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Hickam AFB 91-921 Oaniani St Kapolei Hawaii 674-6609

From:Norman Cox [alohabcox@juno.com]Sent:Monday, October 29, 2007 12:17 PMTo:hsewrittenonlysbtestimonySubject:Superferry

House Committees on Finance and Transportation.

I, Norman W. Cox, strongly support all efforts to get the Superferry up and running while any required evaluations are completed.

I personally do not believe that the Superferry will do any more environmental harm than existing forms of marine transportation and commerce.

I also believe that the majority of Hawaii's population also supports the Superferry but their voices are being drowned out my a small quality of protesters.

Norman W. Cox 47-321 Iuiu St Kaneohe, HI 96744 (808) 239-3992

From: Sent: To: Subject: Ed@NaHoku.com Monday, October 29, 2007 12:25 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

1. The Superferry gives the residents of Hawaii an alternative method for transportation between islands. I'm sure if Go! Airlines were not around, and the airfares were still \$180 round trip, people would be much more welcoming of the Superferry. One day soon there will only be two airlines again. A third alternative for interisland travel is a must.

2.In an emergency, like Iniki, it gives the residents a way to bring help and support to any ravaged island. Imagine how much better the residents of Kauai would have been served after Hurricane Iniki during the immediate aftermath, and the long term rebuilding if the super ferry were available. Building materials, labor, expertise, family support, the list is very long.

3. The allegations that it will add congestion are lame. The calculation to bring a car to another island only adds up if someone is staying over a week. In any case, they would have rented a car anyway. This will not increase the number of cars on the road; it will only affect the number rented from the car rental agencies.

Aloha,

Ed Sultan

President, CEO

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From:	Cathy Weaver [caweaver@ksbe.edu]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:28 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Testimony on Superferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007 TIME: 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol Re: SB 1, SD 1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Cathy Weaver and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry operating NOW.

I raised my children on Oahu, and I remember months of no visits to our family on Kauai because airline tickets were too pricey for a young family. I welcome alternate forms of transportation which will link our island `ohana more closely.

The Superferry is about family, about residents, about heart. I support the Bill before you, which is a resonable measure requiring an EIS, but allowing the Superferry to operate NOW.

Sincerely, Cathy Weaver 555-7 Pepeekeo St., Honolulu 96825 808-395-7465

From:	Heard, David H. [dheard@honolulu.gov]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:26 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Supperferry EIS

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My name is David H. Heard and I strongly support the Hawaii Supperferry!

1) It gives an other way of travel, not lock into the transportation that is here.

2) you will have a more accurate EIS with the supperferry running, it will be actual real time EIS.

3) owning a small one-man part time businesses, I constantly get call's to do work on the outer Islands and I always turn the work down because it will tie up my vehicle and not economical. With the Hawaii Supperferry

I can give service to the outer Islands.

David H. Heard 98-1263 Akaaka St. Aiea, HI. 96701 808-488-3315

From:	mbcapwell Capwell [mbcapwell@msn.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:42 PM
To:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mary Capwell and I am a full-time resident of Kauai. My husband, Robert Capwell, and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry.

Our islands need alternate means of inter-island travel. The Superferry will provide competition for the airlines, and competitive business is always a positive for the customer. I believe an EIS should be undertaken. (As an aside, I also believe the same EIS should apply to the cruise ships and cargo ships that enter our harbors, as well, as they have as much potential environmental impact as the Superferry.) I believe that much of the protest against the Superferry on Kauai is symbolic; residents here are alarmed at the rate of development of our island, as they should be, and have not had a vehicle through which to protest. The Superferry became that vehicle.

Thank you for your attention. I know that you will do the right thing.

Mary Capwell

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From:	Craig Stahl [craig@northeastmortgage.biz]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:44 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Cc:	'Hawaii Superferry'; governor.lingle@hawaii.gov
Subject:	Don't forget the Tourists!!!!
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Importance:

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Craig Stahl, both my wife Elizabeth Stahl and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

My wife and I support the Hawaii State Legislature to identify a solution that would enable Hawaii Superferry to continue operation while the environmental assessment is being conducted.

We are 10+ time visitors to Hawaii (all islands at least once), Maui Timeshare owners (4 weeks) and significant property tax payers, We know that tourists as well as the people of Hawaii want interisland transportation choices. Hawaii Superferry is a transportation alternative that is wanted and needed by residents, businesses and visitors, it will bring many benefits to Hawaii. We look forward to using the Superferry on our next visit to the islands when we plan to visit both Maui & Kauai.

Prompt action is needed to save this transportation option and protect Hawaii's business and tourist climate.

Mahalo,

Craig & Elizabeth Stahl

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From: Sent: To:	Henry Miyamoto [woofdjh01@worldnet.att.net] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:42 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Cc:	Gene Ward; repberg@Capitol.hawaii.com; senslom@Capitol.hawaii.com;
	senhemmings@Capitol.hawaii.com; senhanabusa@Capitol.hawaii.com; repsay@Capitol.hawaii.com; dotpao@hawaii.gov; governor.lingle@hawaii.gov;
	hawaiisuperferry@hawaiisuperferry.com; repmorita@Capitol.hawaii.com;
	senhooser@Capitol.hawaii.com
Subject:	1:30 p.m. testimony (10-29-07)

Chairs Souki & Oshiro:

I'm definitely in favor of amending the law and have Superferry in operation while the EIS is being structured.

My immediate concern, since the new bill is likely to be passed, is that 13 member task force. Wouldn't it be better to have monthly reporting accomplished by regular paying passengers?

That 13 member task force would be looking for things, whereas normal travelers would be reporting what they notice.

Paying passengers will provide thousands of monthly reports, whereas that select task force would generate 13 reports, if they travel once a month (and if they travel more than once a month, that is too much). Additionally, travelers would come from all walks of life; the continent; other countries, and might offer clearer insight if they happen to be from those areas where similar ferry operations ply.

Paying passengers will do the job for free, thus saving taxpayers' from footing the bill.

What is to prevent task force members from combining their duties with a mini-vacation, where they'd be visiting friends and family on the neighbor islands? How long is the layover between the first arrival and last departure of the day? And what happens if they are late catching the last return trip of the day (for questionable job-related meetings on shore) --- an expense-paid overnight trip on the taxpayers? This is where I see probable abuse of this select task force on the taxpayer's dollar!

A single page form, with check boxes, is all that's necessary, for questions pertinent to Alakai's operation and there could also be a small space at the bottom for travelers to comment. Use the reverse side if the legislature gets too wordy, as are most politicians and include additional questions.

Henry Miyamoto 612 Hahaione St. 927-5333

From: Sent: To: Subject: ClintnTra@aol.com Monday, October 29, 2007 12:47 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony I support the supper ferry

I strongly support the supper ferry. I would like to see it sail soon. It will benefit all of Hawaii.

Clinton Ho

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Marni Ellgren [marni.ellgren@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:47 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Testimony for the SuperFerry

I am emailing my support for the Hawaii SuperFerry. Our State really needs this service and I do not believe there are environmental issues relevant here. The people of Hawaii are in support of this issue -not aganist it. I hope the 'key' people will listen to the people.

Marni Suu Ellgren 4340 Sierra Drive Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

From: Sent: To: Subject: Coy [alohastar7@yahoo.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:21 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Support Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Coy B. Blanco and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I believe in having choices and Superferry is one way to travel to different Islands.

v/r,

Coy B. Blanco 91-210 Na'ina Pl Ewa Beach, HI 96706 (808) 685-4589

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Sally Youngblood [sallyyoungblood@hotmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:47 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony SB1, SD1 Please Allow Superferry to Sail

Dear Chairmen Souki and Oshiro:

Hawaii needs this ocean going ferry service. The tourists will enjoy it, but the residents really need it for the inter-island travel and commerce which unite the islands as one state. Thank you, Sarah Youngblood P.O. Box 699 Haleiwa, HI 96712 808-638-0829

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From:	JIM RUSSI [jim@photorussi.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:33 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	save the superferry!!!

hello, my name is mia russi. i am a resident of hawaii here on the north shore. we would love to have the super ferry here. please help save it. this would be a great thing for a family to travel inter island to visit other family and friends. my family of 4 votes to keep the super ferry!!! thank you very much. mia russi

From: Sent: To: Subject: Elaine [ElaineA@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:49 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Superferry

Please support the Superferry. I, and the members of my family, urge you to support the Superferry for the future of Hawaii. Thank you, Elaine Yamashita

From:	Sabate, Karen [Karen.Sabate@hawaiianair.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:48 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	super ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is karen d sabate and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

[i suport super ferry for small business such as mine agriculture i also support choices for all local people and i believe that the majority of hawaii people want it and this is still america and the people have spoken...]

karen d sabate hcr 2 box 6622 keaau hi 96749

ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER]

From:	Kathleen Oldfather [kathyoldfather@yahoo.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:15 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathleen V. Oldfather and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I support the Superferry because I think it will greatly benefit the islands and offer an alternative to air transportation and allows us to bring our vehicles as well. This will be an advantage over renting a car/ It will also allow our family to bring our camping gear and make camping on out islands easier and more affordable for our family. I think it is the wave of the future and necessary and needed. Thank you for considering my input.

Aloha Kathleen V. Oldfather 99 Pilialoha St Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Glenn Skedeleski [glenn@cghawaii.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:22 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Hawaii Superferry

Please let the Ferry operate. The state needs there services. Thanks Glenn Skedeleski.

From:	Murakami, Daniel M SFC NGHI [daniel.murakami@us.army.mil]	
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:22 PM	
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony	
Subject:	ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance	
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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Daniel Murakami and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry and be utilizing the Supper Ferry to travel to outside Island for vacation and business. This will increase the private company and private businesses for their productivities and transporting products at a cheaper rate, then using young brothers. Who monopolizes the outside island ports, who have raise the fuel charge, which will cost the small business a harder time to survive.

Daniel Murakami 1768-E Palolo Ave 292-1766 Classification: UNCLASSIFIED Caveats: NONE

From:	
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Subject:	

Vito Makauskas [alohavito@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:22 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Vito N. Makauskas and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. Please stop the world wide embarrassment of Hawaii.

Hawaii needs the competition and an alternative to traveling inter-island. Not all of us can afford 300.00 round trip airfare to the outer island which I was once imposed to pay.

Thank you and Aloha,

Vito N. Makauskas 1507 Ehupua Place Honolulu, Hawaii 96821 808.373.4979 office 808.373.4460 fax 808.291.1851 cell

From:	DERKINE@aol.com
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:22 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	(no subject)

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Mr. & Mrs. Roy Ryan and we support the Hawaii Superferry. The ferry is a great way for the Island folks to travel to and from outer Islands. We personally know the lengths at which Hawaii Superferry goes to protect the water ways and the Islands. We know the extent which the crews take to watch for and avoid whales. We hope and pray that you will allow the ferry to run. For the good of the Island and it's people let's let the Hawaii Superferry go back into service.

Roy and Sandy Ryan

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From:	Kekoa37@aol.com
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:22 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	(no subject)

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Willis C. Barnhouse and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I have lived in Hawaii for > 31 years.

I see no reason why I cannot get on a ferry and go to Kauai or Maui with any more impact than taking a plane. I see no reason if I were to ship my car that it would impact traffic on these islands any more than if I were to rent a car when I get there.

I see no reason that I could not ship my car on the ferry boat for me to drive when I get there as opposed to having it barged over there.

Usually, I would rent a car when I get there since the cost of sending my car on the ferry would negate any savings unless I would stay 4 days or longer.

I also encourage residents of these islands to come to O'ahu on the same ferry. The same feeling would apply to their coming by ferry as opposed to flying.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Kamila Dudley [kamila@hawaii.edu] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:23 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony testimony

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kamila Dudley and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I suport it because it gives more option for our farmers abling them to sell their goods on the other islands, it will be also easier to visit the other islands without wasting time trying to rent a car and just to have another option than flying.

Kamila Dudley P.O Box 578 Papaikou HI 96781 808 974 7521

Kamila Dudley University of Hawaii at Hilo (808) 974-7521

From:Ed Kostiha [edkost@hawaiiantel.net]Sent:Monday, October 29, 2007 12:54 PMTo:hsewrittenonlysbtestimonySubject:HSF

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Edward T Kostiha and Keiko Kostiha, and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

It's good for the state and all of us who reside here. We have lived in Hawaii since 1979, our son is a veteran Honolulu Fire Department Firefighter. although we are not native Hawaiians, we call this our home.

Edward T. Kostiha and Keiko Kostiha

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From:	Cindy Shih [cshih@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:55 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	SuperFerry Testimony for Record

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the bill that will permit interisland ferry service in Hawai'i while an environmental impact statement is being conducted. Aside from the recreational benefit to be had from being able to travel by sea between islands, I firmly believe that ferry service would be a tremendous benefit for all those in the islands who work or conduct business on more than one island.

My husband and I came to Oahu 23 years ago, bought a home, had 2 daughters and each started our own business. Mine is a sole proprietorship, which I began in 1994, doing child development training for agencies in the State of Hawaii's Healthy Start Program on Oahu, Maui, Molokai and the Big Island. I made a career change several years later and now do graphic design and illustration.

The Hawaii SuperFerry would have been an ideal way for me to travel to the outer islands with my training materials. I was unable to bring heavy or bulky items such as flip charts, overhead projectors, VCR's and items for display due to size and weight limits of air travel. I want to emphasize that many outer island agencies did not have the equipment I needed, or it was not working when I showed up to train their staff. This made conducting a professional training more of an adventure than I would have liked. Furthermore, the Healthy Start program, like others that struggle to operate with funding that changes from year to year, was unable to pay for rental cars for their trainers, so each agency had to transport me to and from the airport. Bringing my own equipment and materials in my own car would have made my job so much easier.

As for the environmental impact of the SuperFerry, I am reminded of a similar situation where I grew up on the mainland on the Rogue River in Southern Oregon. The pristine Rogue River is one of the original eight rivers in the United States designated by Congress as Wild and Scenic, and there was a similar outcry from a minority of residents who believed the new commercial jetboat tours from Grants Pass to the Oregon Coast would harm wildlife due to their speed, and create too much noise for those living along the river. Eventually, the jetboats were allowed to operate, and they do respect the requests of residents along the river who request that the boats slow their speed in front of their properties. There are no whales in the Rogue River, but plenty of salmon, ducks and other wildlife, which have not been harmed by the specially designed jetboats (no propellors), which skim the water and are able to operate in just a few inches of water.

I believe it is important to stop assigning blame to any particular group for the current predicament of the SuperFerry and to focus on working out a win-win situation for all involved. As with most relationships, each side has contributed something to the problem, and one would hope that the two sides can compromise so that the peoples of these islands do not lose this opportunity. I, for one, would be willing to ride the SuperFerry without my vehicle until the environmental impact statement is finalized. I support alternate routes and slower speeds during whale season to ease the fears of those who believe sea creatures would be harmed. I also support inspections of vehicles and their contents to prevent transfer of unwanted critters and things from island to island. If the State can control brown tree snakes and contraband from entering Hawaii on airplanes, they surely can advise the SuperFerry folks on how to implement a monitoring program.

Mahalo for allowing me this opportunity to voice my support for the Hawaii SuperFerry.

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From:sophieb@sonic.netSent:Monday, October 29, 2007 12:11 PMTo:hsewrittenonlysbtestimonySubject:The Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sophie Beth Pettigrew and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry. I think that it is appropriate for you to allow the ferries to run while the EIS statement is prepared. That should not be too difficult to do as there are already huge ships which daily unload thousands of passengers on the islands, container ships, freighters, oil tankers, private vessels that visit Hawaii's ports regularly.

I live in the bay area in California and take the ferry to football games, another ferry to east bay or to San Francisco for the day at great convenience to me. Why not here at great convenience for the local people and for those of us who are tourists, also. I would enjoy coming to Kauai as my husband and I do every year and be able to go by ferry rather than having to fly at greater expense, to Honolulu to visit friends there.

Thank you for considering my thoughts. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

Sophie Beth Pettigrew 1991 West Bristlecone Court Santa Rosa, California 95403 707-570-2777 sophieb@sonic.net

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Bob Chancer [bob@luxurylandco.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:55 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Support for Superferry.

I would like to go on record as supporting the Superferry. I firmly believe that the people of the State of Hawaii need and deserve this alternate means of transportation and commerce.

Regards,

Robert Chancer

From:	Dr. Jacqueline Brown [jsbrowndds@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:56 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	I WANT THE SUPERFERRY!

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dr. Jacqueline Brown-Hitomi and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

What a great opportunity for the people of all islands of Hawaii as well as the visitors to these islands!! To be able to have an alternative to flying and be able to bring your own car is very important to my family. The opportunities for camping and family vacations because of the ferry are priceless and I hope my children who are 4 and 5 can look forward to riding the ferry many times in their lives, starting soon. I feel if we miss out on this now we will never get the chance again and this is a disgrace.

Dr Jacqueline S Brown

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808-949-5644
From:	Nani Chan [nctravel@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:56 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Super Ferry Support

Attn:House Committee on Transportation & House Committee on Finance Monday October 29, 2007 Time: 1:30pm Auditorim, State Capitol

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

Our names are Ernest & Louise Chan and we strongly support having the Super Ferry for our Hawaiian Islands. We are life long, kamaaina, of Hawaii...having grown up here & are still living on the island of Oahu. Our reasons for supporting the Super Ferry are:

1) We need an alternate to airline travel between our islands.

2) This mode of transportation may be more affordable for families since we can take our own cars.

3) The Ferry offers easy acess for elderly people, and people with disabilities who reqire special equipment or cars when traveling.

4) The Super Ferry is giving jobs to many of our local young folk who need jobs.

Ferries operate frequently in the Pacific Northwest area between Washington State USA & another country Canada....with great ease. There's no checking of cars prior to sailing on the ferries there.

Why would that be required here in our own state where our cars would be traveling from island to island. PLEASE APPROVE THE SUPER FERRY!

Thank you. Ernest & Louise Chan 737 Kokomo Place Honolulu, HI 96825 Phone:808 395-6964

From:	Kaylene Remata [kremata@cuttercars.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 1:03 PM
To:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Attn: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee

My name is Kaylene Remata, and I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry!

As someone who works for an automotive company, I think it would be easier for outer island residents to buy and transport vehicles from Oahu. I also have family on Kauai who I'd like to see more often, but can't always afford the expense of airfare and rental car.

From: Sent: To: Subject: John Gerakas [gforce@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:57 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony support

I, john j gerakas fully support the ferry here in the islands. Great for business.

From:	Lopes M [Lopesm002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:57 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Hawaii Superferry Support Hawaii Superferry

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Margaret P.Lopes and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry. I strongly support them because, we need transpotation to and from the islands not only on airplanes. I have lots of family on other islands that i want to visited and at times i cannot afford for the hotel or rent a car so this would be real good and i really want to see all my family before i die. So, that is why I support the Superferry.

> Aloha, Margaret P.Lopes

From: Sent: To: Vanessa West [vwdds@yahoo.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:30 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

We are writing in strong support of the superferry. It would make our frequent travel to Oahu with kids so much easier. We need to make frequent trips to see family and attend dental continuing ed. This would greatly help us, the state, and many of our patients here in Kona.

Sincerely, Roger and Vanessa West DDS

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Kimo Spencer [kimospencer@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:57 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony In FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry!

October 29, 2007

House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance

In FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry

I am a lifetime resident of the State of Hawaii and I am native Hawaiian. I am in FAVOR of the Hawaii Superferry. Having a transportation alternative to interisland airline travel is in the best interest of all people in our state. Please don't let the vocal minority ruin this opportunity for the rest of us.

Mahalo,

Kimo Spencer

From:JON HAIG [jonphaig@aol.com]Sent:Monday, October 29, 2007 12:55 PMTo:hsewrittenonlysbtestimonySubject:HSF

I am in favor of the Hawaii Super Ferry. I'm Jon Haig at 2333 Kapiolani Blvd., Apt. 513, Honolulu, HI 96826 Phone 946-0481 and 255-9005. My group plans to hold plays for our brethren in Kauai, Maui and Hawaii. Because our custume contains swords we are unable to go by air. It would be too costly to ship the stage fixtures such as pillars, alters, and bridges. Honolulu York Rite Masons puts on plays which until now requires our brothers to come to Oahu. We are in hopes that the HSF will get passage soon for the sake of this non profit group.

Sincerely,

Jon Haig Governor, York Rite College

From: Sent: To: Subject: Pamela Lake [evanrhys@gmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:58 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Fwd: Super Ferry

----- Forwarded message ------From: **Pamela Lake** <<u>evanrhys@gmail.com</u>> Date: Oct 23, 2007 3:47 AM Subject: Super Ferry To: <u>testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</u>

I fully support allowing the SuperFerry to re commence service while an environmental study is conducted. The citizens of Hawaii have voiced our desires to have the ferry service. We need and deserve the choices. Super Ferry followed the letter of the law and it is no fault of theirs that this political debacle is taking place. You are in your elected roles because we trust you to make the correct choices for the people. I hope you do so now as you recall how may of your supporters are passionate about keeping the SuperFerry in Hawaii.

Pam Lake

From:	TLAntonio@aol.com
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:34 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	(no subject)

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007 TIME: 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Mr. & Mrs. Jason Antonio and we strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We support the ferry because it will give the people of Hawaii an alternate way of travel between the Hawaiian Islands, will create jobs for locals, and will help smaller businesses on all islands increase their customer base.

Jason Antonio

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From:	Mary Spadaro [mlspadaro@yahoo.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:08 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	SB1 - Amend with conditions in Morita's floor draft

I am deeply upset at the disrespect shown by our governors and those legislators who favored holding this special session to help a single business interest. It has been made clear by a large number of Hawaii residents that we simply want our existing laws to be properly enforced - with equal treatment to all.

(And please stop saying the Superferry is being singled out for unfair treatment - it is not true. As stated by the Honolulu Advertiser in its *** article, Matson, Young Brothers and others have had to perform EIS for their projects too.)

Since the legislature and the governor seem determined to take this misguided course, I request that you amend the Senate bill with conditions as set forth by Rep. Hermina Morita's floor draft.

More must be done to prevent collisions with whales. We must have assurance that Superferry will comply with measures prescribed by an EIS, and the Lingle administration must not exempt itself and the ferry from future debate of today's actions which are wrong. These issues are addressed in Morita's floor draft.

REspectfully, Mary Spadaro 980 Propsect St. #2 Honolulu, HI. 96822 808-533-2172

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From:	Lothar Eiserloh [hwg1@mac.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:34 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Super Ferry - Please Vote Yes!

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Carole de Angelis Eiserloh and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please give Hawaiian families the opportunity to visit each other via Super Ferry during the coming holiday season, while you carry out the EIS. We are retired, living on Maui; our 4 grandchildren are in Oahu. We can no longer afford the high prices of rental cars when we visit them. If the Super Ferry was operating we would be able to take our own car, thus making it possible for us to visit more often and being able to stay longer. We are not the only ones facing this issue. Please don't forget people like us when you make your decision.

Mahalo,

Carole de Angelis Eiserloh

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From:
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Kathy Vogt [vogtb001@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:36 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Super Ferry

ATTN: House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Finance DATE: Monday, October 29, 2007 TIME: 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Kathy Vogt and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

We need more inter-island travel options for residents and small businesses.

Sincerely yours,

Kathy Vogt

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James Stanley [webchiro@hotmail.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:36 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Hawaii Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Dr. James A. Stanley and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

I strongly support the Hawaii Superferry for improving cost and convenience of interisland transportation. Currently we have to pay more and have less convenient shipping interisland through Matson or by air freight. If I want to visit a neighbor island, I have to rent a car and pay airfare at a higher total cost than if I were to use the Hawaii Superferry. Many of our population on the Island of Hawaii are in a lower income category. They cannot afford to travel interisland with their family due to costs of airfare for family members, hotel, and car rental. Products may be transported more quickly and efficiently to market on such a vessel thus providing more room for economic growth.

The Hawaii Superferry provides a solution to these problems. I am originally from the State of Washington, where there is a large inter island ferry system. It has provided increased revenue for many types of business in many locations of the Puget Sound region that would otherwise be reliant on more expensive and time consuming transportation.

Regards,

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From: Sent: To: Robert Mason [rhx@comcast.net] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:52 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony

The Supreferry is a must for all who live in Hawaii ! In addition too all the obvious reasons, we need the added compition with the air service whos prices are causing many of us to be isolatedbecause of the cost. Competition will force better pricing and service for all.

Piilani Cook Mason 1970 Kalanianaole Hilo, Hi.

From:	NSWCCLCKKE@aol.com
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:38 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	We support the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

We watched with horror and shame as the few among us dared to speak for the "people" while shouting obscenities, deflating tires, pounding vulgarly on vehicles, obstructing traffic and intimidating others. Those who have treated others so reprehensibly have forfeited their credibility and do not come before their fellow citizens of this state with clean hands.

We all know that there are many ways our beloved State of Hawaii is unique and different from any other of our sister states. One incontrovertible difference is our geography. We are a state consisting of many islands. Our people, our loved ones and our families are physically separated by the deep waters of the Pacific Ocean. Commerce and communion among our people currently 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. Indeed, it is beyond belief that the people of Hawaii do not already have a fast, comfortable and safe mode of travel over our natural waterways, for the very ocean that has divided our people is the very thing that has always provided the means to unite us. The Superferry is long, long overdue.

The question should not be "Should there be a Superferry?" The question is, "Why have the people of Hawaii not had the Superferry a long, long time ago?"

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From:sophieb@sonic.netSent:Monday, October 29, 2007 12:11 PMTo:hsewrittenonlysbtestimonySubject:The Super Ferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is Sophie Beth Pettigrew and I strongly support Hawaii Super ferry. I think that it is appropriate for you to allow the ferries to run while the EIS statement is prepared. That should not be too difficult to do as there are already huge ships which daily unload thousands of passengers on the islands, container ships, freighters, oil tankers, private vessels that visit Hawaii's ports regularly.

I live in the bay area in California and take the ferry to football games, another ferry to east bay or to San Francisco for the day at great convenience to me. Why not here at great convenience for the local people and for those of us who are tourists, also. I would enjoy coming to Kauai as my husband and I do every year and be able to go by ferry rather than having to fly at greater expense, to Honolulu to visit friends there.

Thank you for considering my thoughts. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

Sophie Beth Pettigrew 1991 West Bristlecone Court Santa Rosa, California 95403 707-570-2777 sophieb@sonic.net

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From:	Milton Allione [schippi@yahoo.com]
Sent:	Monday, October 29, 2007 12:33 PM
То:	hsewrittenonlysbtestimony
Subject:	Support for the Superferry

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Dear Chairs Souki and Oshiro:

My name is *Milton S. Allione* and I strongly support Hawaii Superferry.

Please allow the Superferry to proceed while an environmental study is performed. This transportation is needed to support the many needs of Hawaiian residents as well as visitors who wish to vacation and travel to the various islands. Also many of the arguments against the Superferry are false. For example thousands of cars are shipped to Hawaii from all parts of the world with no environmental inspection. Also large navy and cruise ships travel Hawaiian waters without environmental constraints.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Howard Holt [hholt@hawaii.rr.com] Monday, October 29, 2007 12:39 PM hsewrittenonlysbtestimony Superferry

Dear Chairperson Souki & Oshiro,

I feel the Hawaii Superferry is a good thing for the state of Hawaii, it will provide transportation for those that can't fly and for emergency service in case of a hurricane. It is nice to be able to take your car over to a neighbor island for service or just to vacation.

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