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County Pledges to Support Superferry Protesters

LĪHU'E – In an effort to establish favorable relations with Kaua'i residents that oppose the return of Hawai'i Superferry, the County of Kaua'i has purchased \$23,000 worth of riot gear. "The solutions to problems regarding what's happening with the Superferry are not so easy," said Mayor Bryan Baptiste. "We felt that we needed to arm our citizens so they can effectively meet the challenge presented by the Governor's alliance with the Coast Guard and what is truly behind the effort to militarize the Hawaiian Islands to a greater degree than ever before. These are interesting times indeed and the council has decided this is the best way to go."

The mayor noted that it will be a risky solution yet one whose time has come. "We are calling on island residents to inform them about the 'riot gear' initiative and make these tools available to those who are prepared to go to the front lines if the Superferry returns to Kaua'i."

Those interested in participating in the program, dubbed "The Anti-Bully Program" are asked to register and provide a handling fee that will be used to perform background checks.

To sign up for the Anti-Bully program, please send an email with your name and number to anti-bully@kauai.gov and ask that your name be added to the list of riot gear recipients. If you don't have email access and would like to register for the program, please call 241-6300. Training courses will be available next week to assist those with using the gear properly.

NOTICE: Participation in the program requires your signature on a Waiver of Liability which will release the County of Kauai for any damages arising from the use of the A-B gear.

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