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Before the House Committee on WATER AND LAND

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In consideration of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 503 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JASON SANBORN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 503, nominating Mr. Sanborn to the Game Management Advisory Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

Under Section 183D-4.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), the Game Management Advisory Commission (Commission) shall: 1) Serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board); and 2) Consist of nine members to be appointed by the Governor in the manner provided in Section 26-34, HRS. The Commission shall include a member from the County of Kaua'i, three members from the County of Maui (one member from each of the islands of Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i), two members from the County of Hawai'i (one member from East Hawai'i and one member from West Hawai'i), one member from the City and County of Honolulu, one at-large member, and the Chairperson of the Board or the Chairperson's designated representative. Other than the Chairperson of the Board, each member must be a hunter licensed in the State and have leadership experience in working directly with local hunters or shooting organizations. At least one member shall have knowledge, experience, and expertise in native Hawaiian cultural practices, and no more than three members shall represent, be employed by, or be under contract to any government sector.

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AQUATIC RESOURCES BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT ENGINEERING FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE HISTORIC PRESERVATION KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION LAND STATE PARKS Mr. Sanborn has been nominated as a member of the Commission from the County of Hawai'i. Mr. Sanborn is an active licensed hunter in the State of Hawai'i. He would like to utilize his professional skills to assist the County of Hawai'i in addressing obstacles related to public hunting, access issues, utilization of non-PHA State lands, and wildlife urban interface issues. Mr. Sanborn is willing to meet with stakeholders to strengthen relationships that will, in turn, enhance game management policies and procedures. Mr. Sanborn has previously served on the Game Management Advisory Commission, and the Department supports his nomination to represent the County of Hawai'i for another term.