

**TESTIMONY**  
**GM 426**

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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**on GM 426 - "GEORGE R. COATES" GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE KAUAI  
AQUATIC LIFE AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FOR A TERM TO  
EXPIRE 06-30-2012**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
WATER AND LAND**

**February 20, 2008**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports GM 426 to appoint George R. Coates to the Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee for a full term to expire on 06-30-2012.

The Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee is composed of five members appointed by the Governor in accordance with Section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and who are knowledgeable in hunting and fishing. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to consider matters related to hunting and fishing within the county, including proposed rules and the enforcement thereof, and to communicate its findings and recommendations to the Department.

Mr. George R. Coates is a current member of this Advisory Committee and has supported the Department's efforts on matters related to hunting, fishing, and the conservation of natural resources. He is active in the community with a wide range of professional skills that include policy development and implementation and public relations. Mr. Coates is an active hunter and fisher and is also a certified Hunter Safety Instructor. Mr. Coates will continue to bring valuable expertise to the Advisory Committee to assist in the Department's work to provide hunting and fishing opportunities to the public.

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