STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3367** 

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 1 2 2012

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 527

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 527, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

## ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY COMMITTEE

G.M. No. 527 PATRICK JAMES HART, for a term to expire 6-30-2015,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee finds that Dr. Patrick James Hart possesses the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of Dr. Patrick James Hart from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that this nominee's experience, professional background, and education qualify him for appointment to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee. Your Committee notes that the nominee recently completed his first four-year term as a member of the Endangered Species Recovery Committee. Dr. Hart's exceptional understanding of the issues pertaining to threatened and endangered species in Hawaii enabled him to contribute meaningfully to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee in his first four-year term. He is an expert in Hawaiian ecology with a specialized knowledge of Hawaiian birds and plants and is currently a professor of biology at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. The nominee received a

Doctor of Philosophy degree in Zoology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy and Environment,

MIKE GABBARD, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Energy and Environment ENE Advise and Consent

| Governor's Message No.:*  GM 527                  | Committee Referral:<br>ENE |   |     | Date: 15 March 2012 |                                       |         |
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| The Committee is reconsidering its decision       |                            |   |     |                     |                                       |         |
| The Recommendation is:                            |                            |   |     |                     |                                       |         |
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| Members   |                            | Aye                                       | Aye | (WR)                | Nay                                   | Excused |
| GABBARD, Mike (C)                                 |                            |   |     |                     |                                       |         |
| ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)                           | · ·                        | V   |     |                     |                                       |         |
| GREEN, M.D., Josh                                 |                            |   |     |                     |                                       |         |
| IHARA, Jr., Les                                   |                            | V   |     |                     |                                       |         |
| SLOM, Sam   |                            |   |     |                     |                                       | V       |
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| Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted             |                            |   |     |                     |                                       |         |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: Calami Calami    |                            |   |     |                     |                                       |         |
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