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**GM706**

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**Testimony of  
CARTY S. CHANG  
Interim Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

**Friday, April 10, 2015  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 706  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE NATURAL  
AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RONALD  
RAPANOT, SR., FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message (GM) 706 to appoint Mr. Ronald Maximo Rapanot, Sr., to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission (Commission) for a second term to expire 6-30-2017.**

Mr. Rapanot, a resident of Moloka'i and a graduate of Moloka'i High School, is now retired after a 35 year career with the Electric Company. He is President of Moloka'i Hunters Association, serves as Moloka'i Hunters Advisory Council Representative and is a representative on the Moloka'i Hunters Working Group. Pursuant to Section 195-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Mr. Rapanot satisfies the requirement that one member of the Commission shall possess membership in a hunting organization organized in the State.

Mr. Rapanot brings a unique perspective to the Commission from the hunting community of Moloka'i, as well as other hunters in the State. He is the first person from Moloka'i who has served on the Commission, and he is familiar with Pu'u Ali'i and Oloku'i Natural Area Reserves, as well as The Nature Conservancy's Pelekunu and Kamakou Preserves, which are participants in the Natural Area Partnership Program administered through the Department. He has also worked with The Nature Conservancy and others to help establish the Moloka'i Hunting Group to seek a balance between resource protection and the interests of hunters, and finding ways to integrate such diverse points of view.

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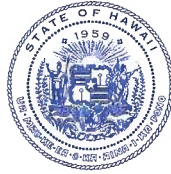
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The responsibilities of the Commission include advising the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Governor on matters that have to do with the protection and enhancement of native ecosystems in as unmodified a condition as possible; to review, consider, and make recommendations for strengthening the Natural Area Reserves System, as well as to review and recommend management plans (for the Natural Area Reserves System as well as the Natural Area Partnership Program), policies, and permitted uses within the Natural Area Reserves System.

The Department strongly supports GM 706 on the reappointment of Mr. Ronald Maximo Rapanot, Sr., to the Commission and looks forward to continuing working with him in the future.



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
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April 9, 2015

Testimony on **GM 706**  
Confirmation of **RONALD RAPANOT, SR**  
Natural Area Reserves System Commission

Representative Lynn DeCoite

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
April 10, 2015  
2:45pm, Room 224

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Glauteria and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of RONALD RAPANOT, SR to serve on the Natural Area Reserves System Commission. Mr. Rapanot has a strong history on working to help and educate the hunting community while also being a responsible steward of the land.

Mr. Rapanot is born and raised on Molokai, retired from Molokai Electric, Military service and could not be a better representative of our community. He has volunteered for the Nature Conservancy and is educated about forestry and wildlife. Mr. Rapanot has also served as the president of the Molokai Hunters Association and works with our youth to teach them about responsible hunting and preserving the natural environment.

For these reasons and so many more I ask for your full support in his confirmation.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**Lynn DeCoite**  
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**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i  
Supporting GM 706 Gubernatorial Nominee Ronald Rapanot, Sr.  
for Confirmation to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Friday, April 10, 2015, 2:45PM, Room 224**

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*For more than 35 years, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i has been working closely with government agencies, local businesses, private landowners, non-profit partners, and interested communities across the state to preserve the lands and waters upon which all life in these islands depends. The Conservancy is a private non-profit conservation organization that has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 35,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i, and support 19 coastal communities seeking to co-manage marine resources in partnership with the State of Hawai'i.*

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The Nature Conservancy supports Rondald Rapanot's appointment to continue on the Natural Area Reserve System Commission (NARSC). Ron has been a strong, experienced and positive representative for Moloka'i and hunting interests in general on the NARSC. While he may not support some conservation management methods, he always listens, offers important insights and expertise, is respectful of all views, and never takes an "all or nothing" stance. He works hard to ensure that accurate information is presented and to directly address misinformation.

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