

April 9, 2015

Senator Laura H. Thielen
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
Contact Number: 808-587-8388

Re: Governor's Message No. 706, Ronald Rapanot, Sr. - Governor's Nominee
Member Possessing Membership in a Hunting Organization Organized in the State
Natural Area Reserves System Commission - Expiration Date: June 30, 2017

Dear Senator Laura H. Thielen and Committee Members:

Please accept the following information as part of my testimony.

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Natural Area Reserves System Commission?

I wish to become a member of the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to represent the hunters and to make it easier to gain access to hunting areas.

- (2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Natural Area Reserves System Commission?

I perceive the roll of the NARS Commission member to listen to the concerns of the public and to make hunting better.

- (3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I the time of serving the Commission, I hope to make the island a better plan to hunt.

- (4) Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered by the committee?

I was born and raised here on Molokai. I've always been involved in hunting. I started the hunting club which I serve as the president and I represent Molokai in the hunting council.

Ronald Rapanot Sr.

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Objective: Obtain a position in the Nature Area Reserve System Commission.

Summary Of Qualifications:

- *Being on the Molokai Hunting Advisory
- *President of the Molokai Hunting Association
- *Molokai/Hawaii Hunting Forum Panel

Training Skills:

Teaching the safety of handling a rifle, and also the proper way of cleaning and caring for the fire arms.

Education

Molokai High & Intermediated School

Graduated June 1958

Joined Guards at age 17 and at age 18 I went to a six month basic training.

Employment History

Maui Electric Company

Started: May 1, 1961

Ended: May 1, 1995

Reason of leave: Retirement

Louis & Cooke

Started: May 1960

Ended: May 1961

Reason for leaving: I got the Maui Electric Position

my name is Ronald M. Rapant &

I attended Maunaloa High School, &
in 1958.

I joined the national guard and &
my basic training.

In May 1, 1961 I started working
Maui Electric Co. and retired at 1995.

I represented the Maunaloa Hunters
to and on various islands to prevent issue
Maunaloa.

I've worked with nature conservation
about 2009 to control the animals and
hunters here.

I've been the president of the Maunaloa
association for 7 years now.

I've been on the water shed board
since 2011.

I've worked w/ adults and teenagers
the safety of handling guns.

Ronald M. Rapant

March 11, 2015

Dear Governor Ige:

The reason for my special interest in applying for the opportunity to sit on the Natural Area Reserves System Commission as the hunter representative, is a love for hunting and caring and wanting to help in every and any way possible. I can and have been doing this for years on Moloka'i. I have been on the Commission for a full term (4 years) and am very interested in serving a second term as the hunter representative on the Commission.

I have hunted all my life. As you probably know, residents of Moloka'i hunt for subsistence, and not just for recreation. I bring this important perspective to the table and speak for others with similar concerns. I am also the first person from Moloka'i to sit on the NARS Commission. I very much enjoy working with the other commissioners and have learned a lot from them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald M. Rapanot Sr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' at the beginning.

Ronald M. Rapanot, Sr.