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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Thursday, March 31, 2016
9:05 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1041, HOUSE DRAFT 2, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HUNTING**

House Bill 1041, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1 proposes to establish a Game Management Advisory Commission within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Biennium Budget. The Department also offers the following comments.**

The Department is pleased to have had the opportunity to work with representatives from the County of Hawaii's Game Management Advisory Commission and other interested hunters to come to agreements on amendments to House Draft 1, some of which were incorporated in House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1. This commission will provide a valued opportunity for collaboration between the Department and Hawaii's hunting community.

The Department supports the current Senate Draft 1 in that it clarifies the advisory role of the commission with regard to game resource management and hunting throughout the state, including regulations under Chapters 13-122, 13-123 and 13-124, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR).

Additionally, the Department appreciates the appropriation of \$100,000 needed to provide administrative support for the implementation of this commission because use of existing funding sources would decrease funding available for the hunting program, which provides hunter access, game enhancement and management, and many other direct benefits to public hunting. This includes the Department's recently expanded Access and Acquisitions Program

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that specifically targets increasing access to hunting lands and the acreage of lands available for hunting. In the past decade, more than 17,000 acres of new hunting opportunities have been added to the Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife's managed lands and an additional 28,000 acres are in the process of being added to serve the approximately 11,500 licensed hunters in Hawaii.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.

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**Testimony of
Piilani Kaawaloa
Moku O Keawe (Hawai'i)**

**Before the Senate Committee on
Ways and Means**

**Thursday, March 31, 2016
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State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1041, HD 2 SD 1
RELATING TO HUNTING**

HB 1041 HD 2 SD 1 establishes the Game Management Advisory Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. It appropriates funds.

The Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC), established in 2012 through Act 288 is attached to DLNR and also serves in an advisory capacity to BLNR. **Aha Moku supports this measure.**

Because each island is geographically different, the game mammals, environment, and habitat are different on each island. We support a state gaming commission attached to DLNR and advisory to the Land Board.

The Native Hawaiian community is intimately attached to the issue of gaming. It deals with not only their subsistence practices, but the all-important issue of conservation of natural resources critical to the well-being and overall health of this state – their home. House Draft 2 will allow the general public, including Native Hawaiians who hunt the opportunity to discuss natural resource issues specific to gaming and to the districts and areas that are important to them. We urge this committee to adopt this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.

William P. Kenoi
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Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission

March 30, 2016

Senate Ways and Means Committee
HB1041_SD1
For Hearing 03/31/2016
Conference Room 211; 9:05 AM

Dear Chair Tokuda; Vice Chair Dela Cruz and distinguished members of Ways and Means,

The Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission (GMAC) **Vigorously Supports** HB1041_SD1 in its current form and without amendment.

There are two points that we would like to make on this bill in its current form. One is the makeup of the Commission. It is CRUCIAL that the makeup of the Commission remain as is outlined in SD1 for the following reasons. 1) Trust and Confidence in the Commission, and 2) Qualified individuals who are already concerned with integrated management of game and native resources.

Our game resources have been under continuous assault for decades and much of it has been the result of ignoring our game till conditions demanded a crisis like response resulting in game being slaughtered and being vilified as invasive when the cause was an inadequate or deliberate management strategy of DLNR.

Leadership of Hunting and Shooting Clubs Statewide have experience with the issues of cooperative game management and what is necessary to produce a sustainable format of managing game with our native resources. We need **this perspective** as opposed to those predisposed to "all game or only preservation". We need those who are **willing to partner** rather than **polarize** and that is where these leaders are positioned within their own clubs and in the communities to which we serve.

The other concern we have is this \$100,000 necessary for the Commission. Where did this number come from? If anything, we envisioned the Commission would be somewhat self-funded in part through the Wildlife Revolving Fund created through **§183D-10.5** which monies from hunting licenses, fines, tags and fees are derived.

Many of us feel this number is just a number for no one has explained to what it would apply or where it came from. The Hawaii Hunting Advisory Council, of some years back, had 14 delegates and a \$10,000 budget provided by DLNR and worked quite fluidly with the help of the Wildlife Hunting Program team of DLNR.

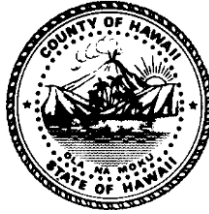
Please Pass HB1041_SD1 in its present form with some regard to keeping the makeup as is and to see if the \$100,000 dollar amount of the funding for the Commission be more thoroughly explained for our understanding.

Much Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Lodge". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Much Aloha," text.

Tom Lodge, Chair

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April 30, 2016

Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair and
Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 211
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: HB1041, HD2, SD1 – Thursday, March 31st at 9:05 a.m. – Conference Room 211
Establishes the Game Management Advisory Commission to Serve in an Advisory
Capacity to the Board of Land & Natural Resources; Appropriates Funds (SD1)

Honorable Chair Tokuda:

Mahalo a nui loa for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this important measure. I would like to express my strong **support** of HB104,1 HD2, SD1 and the appropriation of funds to establish a Game Management Advisory Commission. Each member's independent knowledge and expertise specific to that particular County will be a great asset to a commission comprised of members representing each County. Of greater significance is the requirement that at least one member have knowledge, experience and expertise in the area of native Hawaiian cultural practices. This will bring awareness, understanding, appreciation and respect for our natural and cultural resources.

As we embrace our goal towards self-sufficiency and sustainability, protection and perpetuation of subsistence and cultural practices are critically important to achieving these goals which will benefit our collective island communities. I urge your favorable consideration of HB1041, HD2, SD1. Mahalo a nui loa.

Very truly yours,

Maile David, Councilmember
Hawai'i County Council
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March 31, 2016

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON HB 1041, HD2, SD1
RELATING TO HUNTING

Room 211
9:05 AM

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB supports HB 1041, HD2, SD1, which establishes a State Game Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land Natural Resources to create a balanced resource management policy for Hawaii.

HFB understands the concerns the Department of Land and Natural Resources expressed in their testimony on the original bill. We believe the current House Draft addresses many of those concerns while providing a venue wherein interested and committed community stakeholders can effectively discuss, deliberate, and offer their knowledge and experience-based ideas and recommendations to the Board in a collaborative manner.

The Commission would assist the agency in a timely and responsive manner to help better manage the State's wildlife resources that provide both social and economic benefits to the public.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for HB 1041, HD2, SD1.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2016

Testimony for WAM on Mar 31, 2016 09:05AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harvey Gerwig	Hawaii Rifle Association	Support	No

Comments: The Hawaii Rifle Association stands in STRONG SUPPORT of this bill. Please vote to approve this much needed bill to manage and preserve our precious game resources in Hawaii. Thank you, Harvey Gerwig, President Hawaii Rifle Association

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Kohatsu	Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance	Support	No

Comments: Hunters in Hawaii are one of the few communities that have a long established and organized user-pay system within the DLNR if not the oldest. A commission should complement this system well and secure its viability into the future as well as be a model for securing future user-pay systems in the State.

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***Hawaii Hunting Association
To Protect & Promote Sustainable
Public Hunting in Hawaii***

HB1041_SD1

Hawaii State Senate
The Twenty Eighth Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
March 30, 2016

Committees on Ways and Means
Conference Room 211, March 31, 2016; 9:05 AM.

Dear Chair Tokuda; Vice Chair Dela Cruz and distinguished members of Ways and Means,

The Hawaii Hunting Association **Vigorously Supports** HB1041_SD1 in its current form and without amendment.

There are two points that we would like to make on this bill in its current form. One is the makeup of the Commission. It is **crucial** that the makeup of the Commission remain as is outlined in SD1 for the following reasons. 1) Trust and Confidence in the Commission, and 2) Qualified individuals who are already concerned with integrated management of game and native resources.

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Please Pass HB1041_SD1 in its present form with regard to keeping the makeup as is and to see if the \$100,000 dollar amount of the funding for the Commission be more thoroughly explained for our understanding.

Hawaii Hunting Association **Supports HB1041_SD1.**

 Much Aloha,

Tom Lodge

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cathrina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Myron, Tatiana, Tiare, Titus and myself are all in support of this measure
- We feed and educate our family of this culture need. Our hunters deserve a commission that will be taken seriously and be able to conduct professionally on issues that occur.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cathrina	n/a	Support	No

Comments: The Pig Hunters Association of Oahu are all in support of this measure - The Pig Hunters Association of Oahu motto is to work together, educate, communicate what it means to hunt. We are not there to eradicate as the source level on Oahu is very minimal. We are here to gather our family and to feed them. Our hunters deserve a commission that will be taken seriously and be able to conduct professionally on issues that occur.

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Jon Katada	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mike Tulang	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Ways and Means Committee, This Game Commission bill would mean a lot to our statewide hunters. These individuals deserve a commission that will be taken seriously and be able to conduct professionally on issues that occur. This commission would be a voluntary member one from each island, and financing for reimbursements could be found in areas such as the wildlife funds that hunters pay for. With my conversations with a few gun professionals and gun store owners, they agree that having a commission would benefit the relationship between the government and the people. I strongly support HB1041. Mahalo for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Willie-Joe Camara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joel Nakamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1041 HD2 SD1 because it establishes a State recognized advisory commission that can serve as a voice and information hub for the general public regarding game management related issues (where none currently exists). Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taylor Au	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hunting is an invaluable resource in the world. Please save it for future generations in Hawaii.

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nani pogline	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Legislators, Please support this bill. It will even the playing field, and provide much needed representation for our game resources and hunters. The DLNR is responsible to manage game resources and provide opportunity for hunting, but has been negligent. Focus has been unfairly concentrated on endangered species, invasive species, and eradication efforts.

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