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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 House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Friday, February 26, 2016
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

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

House Bill 1041, House Draft 2 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 and recommendations.**

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.

The Department supports the current House Draft 2 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 and 13-123, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR). However, we do not believe that an advisory role for issues related to Chapter 13-124, HAR, which regulates indigenous wildlife, endangered and threatened wildlife, and introduced wild non-game birds is relevant to the purposes of the game management advisory commission and should therefore be struck from this measure.

Additionally, the Department believes that an estimated \$100,000 is needed to provide administrative support for the implementation of this commission. Use of existing funding sources would decrease funding available for the hunting program, which provides hunter access,

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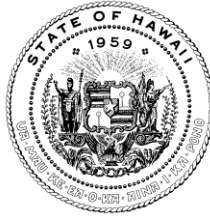
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game enhancement and management, and many other direct benefits to public hunting. While an appropriation is included in the bill, the long-term support of this commission may eventually rely upon funding from the Department's existing programs. This includes the Department's recently expanded Access and Acquisitions Program 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 House Committee on
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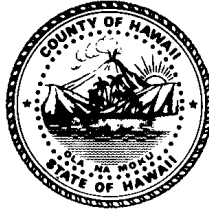
The Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC), established in 2012 through Act 288 is attached to DLNR and also serves in an advisory capacity to BLNR. **Aha Moku supports this measure.**

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.

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February 24, 2016

Honorable Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair and
Honorable Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 308
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: HB1041 HD2 – Friday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m. – Conference Room 308
Establishes the Game Management Advisory Commission to Serve in an Advisory
Capacity to the Board of Land & Natural Resources; Appropriates Funds

Honorable Chair Luke:

Mahalo a nui loa for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this important measure. I would like to express my strong **support** of HB1041 HD2 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.

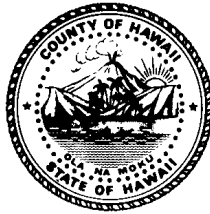
As we embrace our goal towards self-sufficiency and sustainability, protection and perpetuation of subsistence and cultural practices are critically important to achieving these goals which will benefit our collective island communities. I urge your favorable consideration of HB1041 HD2. Mahalo a nui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

Very truly yours,

Maile David, Councilmember
Hawai'i County Council
Council District 6

md/

William P. Kenoi
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The County of Hawaii Game Management Advisory Commission

February 24, 2016

Committee on Finance; 1:00 PM Conference Room 308; 2/26/2016

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Honorable Members of the
Committee on Finance,

Regarding House Bill 1041 HD-2, Hawaii County Game Management Advisory
Commission (GMAC) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** the creation of a State Game
Management Advisory Commission.

GMAC was voted into being with a 2/3rds margin from Big Island Voters
frustrated by years of neglect by DLNR and their many partnerships from being
included in the decisions that affect our forestlands, fishing and gathering rights
and the disturbing loss of resources. Part of that frustration is exemplified by the
attitude of DLNR when asked why they weren't following the mandates of 183D,
statutes regarding game, and told "So sue us!"

An Advisory Commission working in partnership with DLNR and being at the table
with them is something that has long been needed in order to bring the voices of
forest users to the forefront. Hawaii needs the participation of its resource users.
The goal of the Commission is to assist in developing sustainable strategies of
integrated resource management.

As to financing this Commission, we assume that a portion, at the very least,
would be funded through the Wildlife Revolving Fund, a fund that receives it's

monies from fees for hunting licenses and similar commercial interests, fines collected for hunting or wildlife law violations, bail forfeitures, as well as the sale of tags and stamps required before hunting. This Self-Funding is likely to be continually supported by hunters statewide as long as the goals of the Commission are being met by the DLNR.

The Hawaii County Game Management Commission strongly supports HB1041 – HD2 and ask that you pass this legislation as written. Thank you.

Much Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas Lodge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Lodge, Chair.



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OUR MISSION

HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed.

Through education, collaboration and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices and build a healthy economy.

In Support of HB1041
Relating to Hunting

House Committee on Finance
Friday, 02-26-16 1:00PM in House conference room 308

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA). HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization promoting agricultural bio tech to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy state economy.

HCIA stands in **strong support of HB1041.**

HCIA stands alongside Hawaii's local hunters and fisherman, acknowledging their wealth of knowledge and notable contribution to nature and food sustainability. Through combined efforts, we hope to establish a positive environment for hunters, fishermen, and farmers alike, so that we may pass that gift to the future generations of Hawaii.

We believe a State Game Management Advisory Commission will enable hunters to better work with the appropriate agencies to efficiently coordinate efforts. This commission should directly address and advise the Board of Land and Natural Resources to have a fair and unified representation.

Other states strongly advocate for hunting and fishing programs and typically have a "fish and game commission" comprised of sportsmen and wildlife experts from their respective communities. They work collaboratively and assist in conservation and resource management. State-level "Fish and Game Commissions" are standard practice in nearly every state except Hawaii.

Currently, funding for a State Game Management Advisory Commission can be made available through the Wildlife Revolving Fund. The goal of the Wildlife Revolving Fund is to provide funds to manage and enhance public hunting opportunities in Hawaii.

Hunter licenses, conservation stamps, tags, and application fees are paid solely by hunters. Using these resources, the State Game Management Advisory Commission will exist as one of the few commissions funded by its own revenue.

HB1041 will lead to an equitable system of natural resource management by empowering local communities, sharing knowledge, and responsibility.

In conclusion, HCIA supports HB1041 and the establishment of a State Game Management Advisory Commission to help both our state agencies and local hunters.

Mahalo,

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association



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February 26, 2016

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TESTIMONY ON HB 1041, HD 2
RELATING TO HUNTING

Room 308
1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, 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, HD 2, 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.

Committee on Finance

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Friday, February 26th at 1:00pm conference room 308

Report title: DLNR; Hunting; Game Management Advisory Commission; Appropriations

Description: Establishes the Game Management Advisory Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to BLNR

HB 1041 HD2 is a collaborative effort by the hunting community and the Department of Land and Natural Resources. This bill represents several years of robust dialog and effort and ensures appropriate balance is considered when managing the State's renewable game resources.

The hunting community is the dominate user of the State's forests and deserves an opportunity to have its voice heard. DLNR is in agreement with this sentiment and has partnered extensively to make this a reality.

Via recent rule changes in the hunting regulations, fees paid by the hunting community have tripled the size of the State's Wildlife Revolving Fund. These increases more than pay for the establishment of the proposed Game Management Advisory Commission. Hunters will pay the cost of the commission and happily do so. In fact hunters believe this is the model that should be used on a go forward basis; a model that says "users pay".

Thank you for considering HB 1041 and thank you for supporting it.

Mark Bartell

GMAC member

(Game Management Advisory Council, Hawaii County)

The Society for Hawaii Heritage Animals

SUPPORTING HB1041 HD2

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Friday, February 26, 2016 at 1:00pm Conference Room 308

Report Title: DLNR; Hunting; Game Management Advisory Commission; Report; Appropriations
Description: Establishes the Game Management Advisory Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Appropriates funds. (HB1041 HD2)

We respect and value the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and assist in conservation and resource management.

HB1041 HD2 will lead to a more equitable system of natural resource management by empowering local communities, sharing knowledge, power and responsibility.

Due to the renewal of the Wildlife Conservation Stamp, hunter license, application and tag fees, funding for a Game Management Advisory Commission is available through the Wildlife Revolving Fund. Funds have tripled from approximately \$160,000 to \$460,000 in the past year alone.

The goal of the Wildlife Revolving Fund (WRF) is to provide funds to manage and enhance public hunting opportunities in Hawai'i. Act 290, Session Laws of Hawai'i 1991, amended Section 183D-10.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) by adding a requirement for an annual report to be prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) on the status of the Wildlife Revolving Fund (WRF) and transmitted to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to each regular session.

The State Game Management Advisory Commission would be one of the few if not the only commission funding by its own user dollars. Hunter license fees, conservation stamps, tags and application fees are paid solely by hunters.

We strongly believe that the department and our stakeholders should continue this collaborative and transparent effort to achieve balance regarding all of our natural resources.

Mahalo for your support!

Tony Sylvester, Executive Director, The Society of Hawaii Heritage Animals

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Submitted on: 2/24/2016

Testimony for FIN on Feb 26, 2016 13:00PM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harvey Gerwig	Hawaii Rifle Association	Support	Yes

Comments: The Hawaii Rifle Association is in STRONG SUPPORT of this bill to provide a proper shooting range complex on the Island of Hawaii. The residents of the Big Island have NO proper place to shoot their firearms. This is creating an unsafe situation where people are using the forest areas to practice shooting. We need this facility to be approved and funded to protect the people and the land of Hawaii. This facility will also be a huge attractant to tourists that enjoy the shooting sports and bring in substantial revenue for the surrounding businesses. Thank you, Harvey Gerwig, President, Hawaii Rifle Association.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2016

Testimony for FIN on Feb 26, 2016 13:00PM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cathrina	PHAO - Pig Hunters Association of Oahu	Support	No

Comments: In collaboration with the Pig Hunters Association of Oahu we support the bill in regards to money/funding for the commission.

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

HB1041 HD-2

House of Representatives
The Twenty Eighth Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
February 24, 2016

Committee on Finance; 1:00 PM Conference Room 308; 2/26/2016

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Honorable Members of the Committee on Finance,

Regarding House Bill 1041 HD-2, Hawaii Hunting Association STRONGLY SUPPORTS the creation of a State Game Management Advisory Commission.

An Advisory Commission working in partnership with DLNR and being at the table with them is something that has long been needed in order to bring the voices of forest users to the forefront. Hawaii needs the participation of its resource users. The goal of the Commission is to assist in developing sustainable strategies of integrated resource management.

As to financing this Commission, we assume that a portion, at the very least, would be funded through the Wildlife Revolving Fund, a fund that receives it's monies from fees for hunting licenses and similar commercial interests, fines collected for hunting or wildlife law violations, bail forfeitures, as well as the sale of tags and stamps required before hunting. This Self-Funding is likely to be continually supported by hunters statewide as long as the goals of the Commission are being met by the DLNR.

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The Hawaii Hunting Association strongly supports HB1041–HD2 and ask that you pass this legislation as written. Thank you.

Much Aloha,

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

Tom Lodge



In Support of HB1041 HD2

Hawaii State Legislature

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

Regular Session of 2016

Aloha Representative Luke, Representative Nishimoto, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

Thank you for the opportunity to have HB1041 HD2 heard by this finance committee. We are looking forward to the hunters having a better communication with The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the wildlife personnel that works in conservation in Hawaii. Hunting is part of everyone's culture here in Hawaii, and our multi-ethnicity heritage goes back generations. Creating a game commission will secure hunters a spot on the table in making important decisions about the game resources.

Previous discussions at the HD1 hearing were about creating committees, our previous testimony still stands. We have committees on every island created and working with DLNR which is the Aha Moku Council. On Kauai we have the Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee (KALAWAC). Both of which are not fully functioning and not a requirement for these committee members to be legal hunters. This is one of the most important requirements of HB1041.

HB1041 won't need substantial funding, *The members shall receive no compensation for their services on the game management advisory commission but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses, including travel expenses, while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their duties.*

HB1041 could use the monies in the Wildlife Revolving Funds (WRF) in Hawaii and it's obvious that hunters monies make a difference in the management of our wildlife programs (see list of revenues for FY 2015 below). *Section 183D-10.5(e), HRS, also requires that the state first use WRF monies to "maximize the state's participation to secure federal funds under the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act."* I also hope that the State has honored the rules of the Pittman-Robertson Act, *These States must fulfill certain requirements to use the money apportioned to them. None of the money from their hunting license sales may be used by anyone other than the State's fish and game department.*

The top five revenues for FY 2015:

- Hunting Guide License \$1,825
- Game Bird Farmers \$10,425
- Hunting Licenses \$181,784
- Hunter Ed Fees \$1,368.50
- Sales of Game Tags \$15,610

From 2010 to 2015 there has been an increase in fiscal year revenue derived from the WRF (\$146,847 in 2010 and \$222,194 in 2015). According to the DLNR WRF report hunting economically benefits our state and hunters help keep the "nuisance wildlife" in check:

In addition to providing recreation and supporting a chosen lifestyle for many residents, hunting provides an economic benefit to the state. Hunting in America is big business. It generates more than \$67 billion in economic output and more than one million jobs. The top 10 states all receive over \$ 1 billion annually in economic benefit from hunting. The top two, Texas and Pennsylvania, which actively promote hunting, receive triple and double that amount, respectively (IAFWA 2001).

Hawaii, Montana, Maine and Idaho are states of similar population. Montana, Maine, and Idaho actively promote hunting in their states, and realize an average of \$430 million in economic benefit annually. Although Hawaii does not actively promote its game resources, the state economy nevertheless benefits from its hunting programs. The estimated overall economic

impact from hunting in Hawaii was \$31 million in 1996 and \$28 million in 2001 (IAFWA 1996), (IAFWA 2001). A modest effort in promotional activities could increase the state's economic benefit substantially.

In addition to the tangible revenue benefit described, hunters provide a no cost service to mitigate the adverse impact of nuisance wildlife, a cost that would otherwise be borne by government agencies. State and local taxes would have to be raised significantly to pay for professionals to make up for the loss of licensed hunters who currently pay a fee to provide the same service. National studies have been made to estimate costs to the public in areas of human health, transportation, safety, agriculture, dwellings, and infrastructure if hunting and trapping were lost as primary wildlife management tools (IAFWA 2005).

I see examples in the Fiscal Year 2015 WRF document attachments has many proud accomplishments described on each island. Wouldn't you want to see an objective accomplished that one day it'll say, "Successfully managed by our local hunting State Game Commission"? Wouldn't that make the State proud to know they're working with hunters and their issues in a professional setting?

Mahalo for your time,

Shyla Moon

Board Member

Hunting Farming and Fishing Association

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Philip Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a resident of West Hawaii Island. I STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. Hunters and fishermen are the strongest conservationists of animals and fish. They have a very strong vested interest in continuing sustainable hunting and fishing for generations to come. Hunters and fishermen pass on their culture and traditions to the next generation, teaching the next generation how to optimize the ecosystem for animals and fish. Please approve funding for this bill.

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Tom Lodge

From: Tony Sylvester <wekeis333@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 11:17 AM
To: Chair Tom Lodge; Tom Lodge
Subject: HB1041 HD2 state game commission hearing notice

Aloha Tom,

We need your help!

HB1041 HD2, GAME COMMISSION will be heard in the the house committee on finance this Friday, February 26, 2016. SUPPORT testimony needs to be submitted before Thursday February 25th by 1pm to be on time. After that time it will be marked as late.

Since the bill will be heard in finance, the narrative is money/funding for the commission so keep your testimony inline with that.

Sample testimony below.

SUPPORTING HB1041 HD2

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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We strongly believe that the department and our stakeholders should continue this collaborative and transparent effort to achieve balance regarding all of our natural resources.

Mahalo for your support!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nani pogline	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Legislators, Please support the funding of a State Game Management Commission. This is a long over due balance to the agenda of game eradication. Hunting is instated as a public opportunity in Hawaii, and there is sufficient interest in the public that merits this representation. There are funds available in the Wildlife Revolving Fund for these purposes.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ROBERT DUERR	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Fully Support HB 1041 to establish a Game Management Commission. Hawaii has no current Game Management Plan, a plan to guide the conservation and protection of sustainable food resources. Game resources including the Pu'a-the wild pig, feed thousands of families each year. But the Pua'a has no management plan. In fact the Pua'a is treated as an alien specie to be eradicated. Citizens want to know why is this? HB 1041 will put hunters in a Game Commission to help. How will this be paid for? Hunters are not asking for handouts. They have been footing conservation bills for years. Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program. This program was initiated in 1937 as the Federal Aid In Wildlife Act and created a system whereby taxes are paid on rearms, ammunition and archery equipment by the public who hunts. Today this excise tax generates more than one hundred million dollars each year that are dedicated to state wildlife restoration and management projects across the United States.

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Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee Members
Friday, February 26, 2016
1:00 P.M.
Conference Room 308

Report Title: DLNR; Hunting; Game Management Advisory Commission; Report; Appropriations

Description: Establishes the Game Management Advisory Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Appropriates funds. (HB1041 HD2)

February 24, 2016

Hunting in Hawaii has continually been reduced and much of this is due to the lack of game management on the part of the State DLNR. The lack of a game management plan that includes updated rules and regulations and plans for habitat improvement and protection is evidence of the Department's lack of commitment and concern toward hunting. The establishment of a game commission will provide the Board of Land and Natural Resources a coordinated resource management effort that will give stakeholders an opportunity to assist in the enhancement and maintenance of public hunting in Hawaii.

Hunters have the greatest interest in working collaboratively with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to assist in conservation and resource management. HB1041 HD2 will lead to a more equitable system of natural resource management by empowering local communities of hunters to have input into the management and conservation of our natural resources.

Due to the renewal of the Wildlife Conservation Stamp, hunter license, application and tag fees, funding for a Game Management Advisory Commission is available through the Wildlife Revolving Fund (WRF) . Hunters individually spend hundreds of dollars in purchasing these items and as a result the WRFs have tripled from approximately \$160,000 to \$460,000 in the past year alone.

The goal of the Wildlife Revolving Fund (WRF) is to provide funds to manage and enhance public hunting opportunities in Hawai'i. Act 290, Session Laws of Hawai'i 1991,

amended Section 183D-10.5, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) by adding a requirement for an annual report to be prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) on the status of the Wildlife Revolving Fund (WRF) and transmitted to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to each regular session. As stated in the 2014 (FY) report on the WRF (prepared by the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources “the major resources of revenue for the WRF come from direct charges to hunters” ; and because of this “priority is given to expenditures which benefit this group”.

The State Game Management Advisory Commission would be one of the few if not the only commission funding by its own user dollars. Establishing the State Game Management Advisory Commission will not only enhance communication and collaboration between hunters and the department but also ensure transparency that will lead to the equitable disbursement of funds (between districts and expenditure categories).

Once again I strongly support this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Testifier's name:

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Taylor Au	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help save hunting in Hawaii. Hunting is a resource that is invaluable to living and connecting to nature. I would like to see hunting for generations to come.

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Teresa L. Nakama	Individual	Support	No

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Jon Katada	Individual	Support	No

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Joy Yoshina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and assist in conservation and resource management. HB1041 HD2 will lead to a more equitable system of natural resource management by empowering local communities, sharing knowledge, power and responsibility. Due to the renewal of the Wildlife Conservation Stamp, hunter license, application and tag fees, funding for a Game Management Advisory Commission is available through the Wildlife Revolving Fund (WRF). The goal of the WRF is to provide funds to manage and enhance public hunting opportunities in Hawai'i. As you may be aware, funds have tripled from approximately \$160,000 to \$460,000 in the last year alone (Act 290, Session Laws of Hawai'i 1991, amended Section 183D-10.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) requires DLNR to submit an annual report to the Legislature at least twenty days prior to each session). The State Game Management Advisory Commission would be one of the few if not the only commission funding by its own user dollars. Hunter licenses, conservation stamps, tags and application fees are paid solely by hunters. We strongly believe that the department and our stakeholders should continue this collaborative and transparent effort to achieve balance regarding all of our natural resources. Please support this measure and thank you for your consideration.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1041 HD2, ESTABLISHING A STATE GAME COMMISSION

Hawaii currently has over 170 Boards and Commissions, including those on Acupuncture, Boxing, Elevator Mechanics, and Fatherhood. But there is no commission to represent the state's 23,000 hunters. They remain a disenfranchised minority, with no voice in affairs that directly affect their lifestyle.

Wildlife management in mainland states follows the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and Public Trust Doctrine, a system that keeps wildlife as a public and sustainable resource, scientifically managed by professionals. Agencies entrusted with wildlife management communicate with stakeholders via institutionalized processes, and receive advice, direction, and support from established Boards and Commissions.

There is no established and systematic process through which Hawaii's hunting community can effectively participate with the State's wildlife agency to address concerns and provide advice on issues that directly affect them.

As an example, The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, which taxes firearms and ammunition, provides a major source of revenue to the State's wildlife programs (\$3.3 Million in FY 15). It specifies public participation in state allocations. No established process exists, however, by which hunters can provide input into the distribution of the funds which they provide.

Operation of the proposed State Game Commission could be funded by appropriations from the federal Wildlife Restoration Act as well as the State Wildlife Revolving Fund, which is based on hunting license fees.

A Hawaii Game Management Commission composed of experienced hunters and wildlife professionals would be instrumental in moving the state to a scientifically-based and stakeholder-advised system for management of a valuable State resource. Properly managed, the State's game animals would contribute to island self-sufficiency, generate income, and provide recreational opportunity for Hawaii's people.

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HB1041 HD2 will lead to a sustainable system of natural resource management by empowering local communities, sharing knowledge, power and responsibility.

Due to the renewal of the Wildlife Conservation Stamp, hunter license, application and tag fees, funding for a Game Management Advisory Commission is available through the Wildlife Revolving Fund. Funds have tripled from approximately \$160,000 to \$460,000 in the last year alone and this source of annual income will be able to provide a solid source of sustainable financing.

The goal of the Wildlife Revolving Fund (WRF) is to provide funds to manage and enhance public hunting opportunities in Hawai'i. Act 290, Session Laws of Hawai'i 1991, amended Section 183D-10.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) by adding a requirement for an annual report to be prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) on the status of the Wildlife Revolving Fund (WRF) and transmitted to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to each regular session.

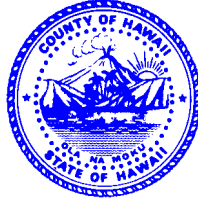
The State Game Management Advisory Commission would be one of the few if not the only commission funding by its own user dollars. Hunter licenses, conservation stamps, tags and application fees are paid sole by hunters.

We strongly believe that the department and our stakeholders should continue this collaborative and transparent effort to achieve balance regarding all of our natural resources.

Mahalo for your support!

Aaron Brown

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TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT** OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1041, HD2

A BILL FOR AN ACT
RELATING TO HUNTING

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Friday, February 26, 2016, 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Honorable Chair Sylvia Luke
And Members of the Committee on Finance

I am in **support** of HB 1041 which establishes a Game Management Advisory Commission to serve in an advisory role to the Board of Land and Natural Resources and appropriates funds accordingly. The County of Hawai'i has a Game Management Advisory Commission that advises the county on issues related to hunting, fishing, as well as traditional and cultural rights, and I believe that having a statewide commission will be beneficial for the hunting communities of the entire state.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of HB 1041.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Ross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass HB1041. The people best suited to manage the resource are those who use and depend on it.

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Logan Okamoto	Individual	Support	No

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Jaslyn Okamoto	Individual	Support	No

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Loretta Okamoto	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Okamoto	Individual	Support	No

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Isaac Moon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1041 HD2.

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Steven Hurt	Individual	Support	No

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Joni Kamiya	Individual	Support	No

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Kalani Pacheco	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I would like to submit this testimony in full support of this bill, as it will greatly benefit our hunting community. Sincerely, Kalani Pacheco

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Tom Lodge, Chair	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have long sought the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and assist in conservation and resource management. The goal of this legislation is to provide a more objective system of natural resource management by empowering local communities and encourage the sharing of knowledge, power and responsibility of our resources. The goal of the Wildlife Revolving Fund (WRF) is to provide funds to manage and enhance public hunting opportunities in Hawai'i. We envision that at least a portion of the funding for this Commission would come from this Wildlife Revolving Fund, almost solely funded through hunter dollars. We strongly believe that the department and our stakeholders should continue this collaborative and transparent effort to achieve equity and management parity regarding all of our natural resources. Mahalo for your support! Much Aloha, Tom Lodge

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Nicolai Barca	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill and the creation of Game management advisory commissions and believe it be a good step toward balancing the needs of hunters with the needs of managing the environment- a balance that has shifted in recent decades away from hunters. I do however suggest that in addition to requiring at least one member to be knowledgeable in Hawaiian cultural practices, at least one member should be knowledgeable in native hawaiian flora and fauna and the management of such. I do believe that is an important component to bridging the gap between game management and native ecosystem management, which are often one and the same. Full disclosure, I do work for a conservation organization, but I am writing this of my own time and my views and opinions expressed here do not necessarily represent that of my employer. Aloha.

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taylor sumida	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1041 HD2 For the Hawaii State Game Management Commission. I would like to see the WRF fund used to its intention. To manage and enhance public Hunting opportunities in Hawaii. Act 290, session laws of Hawaii 1991, amended section 183D-10.5 by requiring a annual report to be prepared by the DLNR on the status of the WRF. I believe that We all need to work together to find solutions for everyone.

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Joel Nakamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1041 HD2 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). In terms of funding, the Wildlife Revolving Fund (WRF), established by HRS 183D-10.5, could be a possible funding source for the commission, which is very appropriate since the WRF is funded primarily by hunters (through hunting license fees, conservation stamp fees, tag and application fees). With the reintroduction of the conservation stamp, game tag and application fees in 2015 the WRF should have significantly more annual revenue than in years past which is opportune timing for the creation of this commission. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your attention and consideration.

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Heiko Sacher	Individual	Support	No

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Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Friday, February 26, 2016 at 1:00pm Conference Room 308

Report Title: DLNR; Hunting; Game Management Advisory Commission; Report; Appropriations

Description: Establishes the Game Management Advisory Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Appropriates funds. (HB1041 HD2)

I respectfully wish to provide support for HB1041 HD2 which will lead to a more equitable system of natural resource management by empowering local communities, sharing knowledge, power and responsibility.

Due to the renewal of the Wildlife Conservation Stamp, hunter license, application and tag fees, funding for a Game Management Advisory Commission is available through the Wildlife Revolving Fund. Funds have tripled from approximately \$160,000 to \$460,000 in the last year alone.

The goal of the Wildlife Revolving Fund (WRF) is to provide funds to manage and enhance public hunting opportunities in Hawai'i. Act 290, Session Laws of Hawai'i 1991, amended Section 183D-10.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) by adding a requirement for an annual report to be prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) on the status of the Wildlife Revolving Fund (WRF) and transmitted to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to each regular session.

The State Game Management Advisory Commission would be one of the few if not the only commission funding by its own user dollars. Hunter licenses, conservation stamps, tags and application fees are paid sole by hunters.

I strongly believe that the department and our stakeholders should continue this collaborative and transparent effort to achieve balance regarding all of our natural resources.

Mahalo for your support!

Sincerely,



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stanley Mendes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support

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cathrina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My self and my family - Cathrina - self Myron Enos - significant other Tatiana - daughter Tiare - daughter Titus - son Are in support of this bill regarding money/funding for the commission.

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Comments:

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Luana Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Need strong education component to emphasize the importance of keeping invasives and viruses (etc.) from contaminating native species and eco-systems. Mahalo Nui Loa!

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Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please support our hunters and pass this bill to establish a Game Management Commission

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