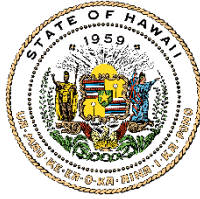


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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson**

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

**Friday, March 22, 2024
1:00 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 229, and Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 647
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE GAME
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NICOLAI
BARCA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 647, which nominates Mr. Nicolai Barca to the Game Management Advisory Commission for a term that expires June 30, 2027.

Under Section 183D-4.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), the Game Management Advisory Commission (Commission) shall: 1) Serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board); and 2) Consist of nine members to be appointed by the Governor in the manner provided in Section 26-34, HRS. The Commission shall include a member from the County of Kaua'i, three members from the County of Maui (one member from each of the islands of Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i), two members from the County of Hawai'i (one member from East Hawai'i and one member from West Hawai'i), one member from the City and County of Honolulu, one at-large member, and the Chairperson of the Board or the Chairperson's designated representative. Other than the Chairperson of the Board, each member must be a hunter licensed in the State and have leadership experience in working directly with local hunters or shooting organizations. At least one member shall have knowledge, experience, and expertise in native Hawaiian cultural practices, and no more than three members shall represent, be employed by, or be under contract to any government sector.

Mr. Barca has been nominated as a member of the Commission from the County of Kaua'i. Mr. Barca has served on the Game Management Advisory Commission since 2021 and has provided choice representation for hunters, fishers, and conservation groups. Mr. Barca also previously served as a Nā

Ala Hele Advisory Council member. Mr. Barca has been an active licensed hunter on the island of Kaua'i for many years. His knowledge and experience in hunting and past work related to ungulate management with the Nature Conservancy make him an excellent candidate for the Commission representing the County of Kaua'i's hunters.

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Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, Committee Members Chang, McKelvey, and Favella;

Mr Barca brings a both grounded in aloha 'āina, and a thoughtfully nuanced contemporary voice to the Game Management Advisory Commission. He is also a skilled communicator. Game Management efforts in Hawai'i would benefit.

me ka ha'a ha'a,

Kauai