STAND. COM. REP. NO. 4008

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 6 2026

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 636, 637, 638, 692

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 636, 637, 638, and 692, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

G.M. No. 636	DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA for a term to expire 06-30-2029;
G.M. No. 637	CALVIN YOUNG for a term to expire 06-30-2029;
G.M. No. 638	JAMES CARPIO for a term to expire 06-30-2029; and
G.M. No. 692	RILEY SMITH for a term to expire 06-30-2030,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Denise Iseri-Matsubara, Calvin Young, James Carpio, and Riley Smith for service on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Denise Iseri-Matsubara from the Governor; Department of Business, Economic Development, and

Tourism; Department of Land and Natural Resources; one member of the Honolulu City Council; one member of the Maui County Council; Department of Water Supply of the County of Hawai‘i; SanHi Government Strategies LLP; Hawai‘i Farm Bureau; Ko‘olau Foundation; EAH Housing; Moss & Associates, LLC; Lowney Architecture; KKL Collective; Catholic Charities Hawai‘i; Royal Contracting Co Ltd; Ola Maui; Howard's Nurseries Inc.; Nareit Hawaii; The Wilhelm Group; and nine individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to the nomination for the appointment of Denise Iseri-Matsubara from the Waiākea Ahupua‘a Crown Land Heirs and nineteen individuals.

Your Committee received comments on the nomination for the appointment of Denise Iseri-Matsubara from the Sierra Club of Hawai‘i.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Iseri-Matsubara's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify her for appointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources as an Oahu member. Ms. Iseri-Matsubara's career in housing and community development began in 2005 at the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, and over the next two decades, she continued to collaborate across multiple agencies and navigate complex policy environments in service to the housing needs of the State. Ms. Iseri-Matsubara created the first housing plan for the City and County of Honolulu, facilitated the delivery of approximately three thousand housing units during her tenure as Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and served for many years on the Hawaii Interagency Transit Oriented Development Council and the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. In her current role as Executive Director of Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation, she helps develop and manage affordable housing for senior and disadvantaged communities. Your Committee further notes that Ms. Iseri-Matsubara has served as an interim member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources since 2025 and has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of its members. Your Committee therefore recommends that Denise Iseri-Matsubara be appointed to the Board of Land and Natural Resources based on her knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

CALVIN YOUNG

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Calvin Young from the Governor, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Group IQ, Capitol Consultants of Hawaii, SanHi Government Strategies LLP, and nineteen individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Young's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him for appointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources as an at-large member. During the course of Mr. Young's over forty-year career in federal and state-level litigation, he has gained broad experience and knowledge in many areas of substantive law, including professional errors and omissions, product liability, commercial litigation, and personal injury litigation. Mr. Young held clerkships in the First Judicial Circuit, State of Hawaii, before becoming a senior partner with Ayabe Chong Nishimimoto Sia & Nakamura and then a partner with Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel. Your Committee notes that Mr. Young has served as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association and Hawaii State Bar Foundation and maintains active memberships with the American Bar Association and, true to his roots, Native Hawaiian Bar Association. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Young has served as an interim member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources since 2025 and has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of its members. Your Committee therefore recommends that Calvin Young be appointed to the Board of Land and Natural Resources based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

JAMES CARPIO

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of James Carpio from the Governor; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Yamamoto Hetherington, LLLC; Hawai‘i Association for Marine Education and Research; Trilogy Excursions; American Hotel & Lodging Association; Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association-Kauai Chapter; Hawai‘i Hotel Alliance; Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea; and eighteen individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Carpio's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him for appointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources as a Maui Nui member. Mr. Carpio brings more

than thirty years of experience in hands-on conservation and stewardship of the State's natural resources, working as a hunter, guide, rancher, land manager, fisherman, and farmer, and currently develops innovative financing solutions for public-private workforce housing as a co-owner of A'ali'i Building Systems, LLC. Mr. Carpio is a co-founder of the Maui Nui Makai Network and The Limu Hui, two organizations dedicated to restoring nearshore ecosystems and advancing traditional resource management practices. Additionally, Mr. Carpio helped revitalize the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council as Chair of the Council's Fish Committee, co-founding the Waiuluku Coastal Managed Makai Area and expanding community-based marine management across Maui Nui. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Carpio has served as an interim member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources since January 2026 and has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of its members. Your Committee therefore recommends that James Carpio be appointed to the Board of Land and Natural Resources based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

RILEY SMITH

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Riley Smith from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity; Department of Transportation; Mayor of Kaua'i County; one member of Hawai'i County Council; Department of Water Supply of the County of Hawai'i; Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui, Inc.; The Queen's Health Systems; Hawaii Laborers and Employers Cooperation and Education Trust; Kohala Coast Resort Association; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; SanHi Government Strategies LLP; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Island Paddlesports Association; Parker Ranch, Inc.; Akinaka & Associates, Ltd.; Yamamoto Hetherington, LLLC; Hoku Capital LLC; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; Hawaiian Cement; Hawai'i Big Game Fishing Club; Hawaiian Telcom; and sixty-seven individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to the nomination for the reappointment of Riley Smith from the Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, Big Island Reef Keepers Hui, Waiakea Crown Land Heirs, and twenty-six individuals.

Your Committee received comments on the nomination for the reappointment of Riley Smith from the Sierra Club of Hawai'i.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Smith's background and dedication to serving the public qualify him to be reappointed to the Board of Land and Natural Resources as a Hawaii Island member. Your Committee notes that Mr. Smith brings extensive experience in land management, business operations, and resource stewardship on Hawaii Island, combined with a background in engineering and telecommunications. In his current role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Lanihau Properties, LLC, Mr. Smith manages significant land holdings and development projects on Hawaii Island and regularly works with federal, state, and county agencies on land use and resource management matters. Previously, Mr. Smith served as Deputy Chief Engineer for the Department of Public Works of the County of Hawaii, accruing technical and practical expertise in infrastructure, land stewardship, and regulatory processes. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Smith has served on the Board of Land and Natural Resources since 2022, in addition to serving as chairperson, director, trustee, and member for over thirty boards, committees, commissions, councils, panels, and associations throughout the State. Your Committee finds that Mr. Smith's experience and knowledge will continue to be assets to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee therefore recommends that Riley Smith be reappointed to the Board of Land and Natural Resources based on his experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

Your Committee notes that housing remains a top priority for the lands owned by the Department of Land and Natural Resources adjacent to rail stations. Your Committee respectfully requests that the nominees, should they be confirmed, recognize their responsibility to consider the housing issues of state residents with respect to the lands owned by the Department of Land and Natural Resources adjacent to rail stations, as members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land,
Culture and the Arts,

Culture and the Arts,

CHRIS LEE, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
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Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
GM 636	WLA	4-15-2026

☐ The Committee is reconsidering its decision.

The Recommendation is:

☑ Advise and Consent 2340 ☐ Not Advise and Consent 2345

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation: ☑ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

Lorraine R. Inouye

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GM 637	WLA	4-15-2026

☐ The Committee is reconsidering its decision.

The Recommendation is:

☑ Advise and Consent 2340 ☐ Not Advise and Consent 2345

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation:

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GM 638	WLA	4-15-2026

☐ The Committee is reconsidering its decision.

The Recommendation is:

☑ Advise and Consent 2340 ☐ Not Advise and Consent 2345

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation: ☑ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: Lorraine R. Inouye

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GM 692	WLA	4-15-2026

☐ The Committee is reconsidering its decision.

The Recommendation is:

☑ Advise and Consent 2340 ☐ Not Advise and Consent 2345

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha			✓	
TOTAL	4		1	

Recommendation: ☑ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

Lorraine R. Inouye

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