

Honolulu, Hawaii

AUG 31 2017

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 1, 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
First Special Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 1 and 2, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY COMMITTEE

G.M. No. 1 LISA SPAIN,
 for a term to expire 06-30-2021; and

G.M. No. 2 LOYAL MEHRHOFF,
 for a term to expire 06-30-2019,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and finds Lisa Spain and Loyal Mehrhoff to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee.

LISA SPAIN

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Lisa Spain from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and three individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Spain's professional experience and background in conservation and natural resource management qualify her to be nominated for appointment to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee.

Ms. Spain is the current Director of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Conference Center and Hawaiian EDventure Program. She



previously served as the Hawaii Island Branch Manager, and later as the State Administrator, for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, where she participated in the Federal-State Joint Task Force on National Endangered Species Act Policy. She currently serves as Vice President of the Three Mountain Alliance Foundation, Treasurer of the Ka'ahahui O Ka Nahelehele, and member of the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island Strategic Planning and Resource Development Committee, Friends of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge Endowment Committee, Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, Hawai'i Preparatory Academy Strategic Planning Committee, and Japanese Chamber of Commerce. Based on her knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service, your Committee finds that Ms. Spain will be an asset to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee.

LOYAL MEHRHOFF

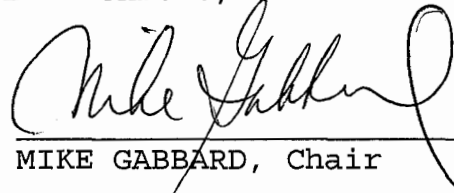
Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Loyal Mehrhoff from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Mehrhoff's experience and background in endangered species listing, botany, recovery, and consultation qualify him to be nominated for appointment to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee. Your Committee notes that Dr. Mehrhoff is the Endangered Species Recovery Coordinator at the Center for Biological Diversity and the former Director of the U.S. Geological Survey's Pacific Island Ecosystems Research Center. He has also served as the Field Supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office and has experience in field studies on Hawaiian endangered species as a Research Botanist with the Bishop Museum. Based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service, your Committee finds that Dr. Mehrhoff will be an asset to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment 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 Agriculture and
Environment,




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
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GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
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