TESTIMONY OF THE COUNTY OF KAUA`I OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

LATE TESTIMONY

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2008

> February 20, 2008 2:45 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GM 426 AND SET**, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES GEORGE R. COATES **AND SET OF THE KAUAI AQUATIC LIFE AND** WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

TO THE HONORABLE CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Bryan J. Baptiste, Mayor, providing testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominees George R. Coates (GM 426) **Contract Science (Contract Contract)** to the Kaua'i Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee (Committee).

The Committee plays an important role in our county. Its jurisdiction encompasses all matters involving taking and conserving wildlife in the ocean and on land, including proposing rules governing taking and conservation, and enforcement of these rules. Both nominees are familiar with the island of Kaua'i and its natural resources, and are wellgualified to serve as members of the Committee.

We ask you to confirm their nomination, and thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.