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## testimony

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RE: Testimony Regarding Governor's Message (GM) Number 427, Confirmation of Elton Ushio to the Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee

Committee: Water and Land Committee (WTL)

Hearing Date/Time: February 20, 2008, 2:45 PM

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Honorable Chairperson Hee and the members of the Water and Land Committee,

First of all, I must apologize for my tardiness in submitting testimony. I was informed of this hearing on Friday afternoon, as I was leaving to spend the weekend on Oahu in my volunteer capacity as a Master Instructor for the DLNR's Hawaii Hunter Education Program. In this timeframe, I was unable to obtain testimony or letters of support from others, so I've chosen to let my record and testimony stand alone. In the event that references will suffice, I will provide these below.

Also, I apologize for not being able to appear in person before you today. Like you, I serve the public as a government employee, and I'm not always able to travel on short notice. My work is with the County of Kauai Civil Defense Agency, and due to staff being on leave, I'm temporarily acting as either Administrator or deputy, depending on the day.

In any case, mahalo to all of you for your consideration of my nomination to the Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee. I humbly request your support in my confirmation proceedings, should you deem me worthy.

As a lifelong Hawaii resident and outdoor enthusiast who has maintained a strong connection with the aina, I have gained a deep appreciation for Hawaii's natural resources. Through my pursuits, I've learned and perpetuated traditional outdoor skills, provided food for my friends and loved ones and have become both environmentally-conscious as well as conservation-oriented. My love for the outdoors has given me a strong desire to "give back" to the resources and activities I hold dear, hence my desire to serve on the Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee.

I'm fortunate to have served a number of prior terms on the Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee. My first appointment was by Governor Wahihee, followed by subsequent appointments by Governors Cayetano and Lingle. My prior experiences have helped me to better serve DLNR and the people of Kauai, and I hope to do so again in this capacity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Elton S. Ushio

### References:

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