

# GM860

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Natural Area Reserve System Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, TRAE MENARD, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
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**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2012  
2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 860**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE NATURAL  
AREA RESERVE SYSTEM COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, TRAE  
MENARD, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) **strongly supports** Governor's Message (GM) 860 to reappoint Trae Menard to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission (Commission) for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Pursuant to Section 195-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Mr. Menard will serve as one of the six members with scientific qualifications, and will fill the Ecology Subject Matter position on the Commission.

A graduate of the University of California, Santa Cruz with a degree in Environmental Studies and a Master of Science in Geography from the University of Hawai'i, Mr. Menard, based on Kaua'i, is currently Director of Forest Conservation for The Nature Conservancy Hawai'i Chapter and Coordinator for the Kaua'i Watershed Alliance. He has also served as a Field Ecologist with Hawaii Army National Guard and as Natural Resources Manager for The Nature Conservancy O'ahu Program, before becoming Natural Resources Manager for their Kaua'i Program and his current position. He is very interested in continuing to serve on the Commission and brings a very important perspective of hands on management and how it informs and guides enhancement of natural areas; he is also very committed to help guide and support the Governor's Watershed Initiative. His membership would benefit the Commission and the Department.

The Department strongly supports GM 860 on the reappointment of Trae Menard to the Natural Area Reserves Commission.