

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1630

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 22 2013

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 776

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 776, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

G.M. No. 776 JAMES GOMES,
for a term to expire 6-30-2017,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds James Gomes to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of James Gomes from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Palani Ranch Company, Inc.; Ulupono Initiative; Olumau Angus Plus; Kaupo Ranch Ltd.; Parker Ranch; Haleakala Ranch Company; Maui Cattle Company; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; 4 Ag Hawaii; Pu'u Ohia Ranch and Livestock; Kealia Ranch; Maui Equine Veterinary Services; Hawaii Fish Company; McCandless Ranch; Maui Cattlemen's Association; Princeville Ranch; and numerous individuals.

James Gomes is the Operations Manager for Ulupalakua Ranch Ltd., a position he has held since 2003. He also served as President of the Maui Cattlemen's Association and on the Board of Directors of the Association. He is the Chairperson of the County

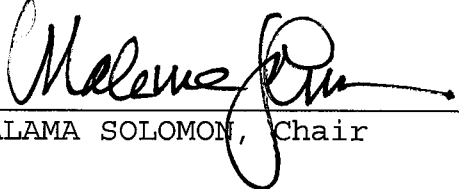


of Maui Liquor Commission. The nominee also serves as Director of the Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District.

Your Committee notes from the nominee's personal statement that his strongest attribute is his commitment to the land of Hawaii and his knowledge from experience to assist in dry land reforestation projects. He also hopes to assist in finding the best use of our resources and to protect them for future generations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

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


MALAMA SOLOMON, Chair



