

# GM 776

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES GOMES, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Board of Land and Natural Resources

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Current Referral: WTL

Introducer(s):

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4/1/2013	S	Received.
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*Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources?*

The Department of Land and Natural Resources has the primary responsibility to enhance, protect and manage the natural resources of the State of Hawaii. The Department is led by its Chairperson, Mr. Aila, and by the executive board for which I have applied. The Board provides leadership in the management of the state's resources which are held in public trust for current and future generations. Being of Native Hawaiian ancestry, born and educated on Maui and working for a large land owner has given me the history and knowledge necessary to provide the leadership and decision making ability needed to manage the state's resources in a competent manner.

*How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources?*

The Board hears and makes decisions on various permits, applications and the management of the state's resources. There are times when issues or decisions are controversial, have cultural impacts or direct implications on the resources of the state. Decision making requires public input where necessary complete staff work from the various divisions within the department and the ability to attend meetings as a board member fully prepared and briefed on the issues before the board.

*Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.*

My strongest attribute is my commitment to the land of Hawaii and my tenure as the Operations Manager for Ulupalakua Ranch which has given me the experience and knowledge to assist in dry land reforestation projects which have been ongoing for 20 plus years under Dr. Art Mederios in the upcountry and Auwahi area of Maui as well as alternative energy wind turbines developed by Sempra Energy now operating on the ranch as a result of extensive permitting with DLNR and USFWS including environmental analysis and approval of a Habitat Conservation Plan for the project. As a member of the Maui Cattlemen's Association, I meet with the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council to discuss environmental and land issues, federal laws that may impact us as land owners, Water, transportation, critical habitat designation, real property tax and land use issues and animal welfare. When you compare the various divisions of the Department to the environment within which I work you can see that my duties and responsibilities as Operations Manager require me to understand and work within the rules and procedures of these agencies on a daily basis. That experience puts me in a unique position as a member of the board.

*What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?*

I hope to assist in finding the best use of our resources and to protect them for all future generations to come. I also understand the limitations of the state's ability to financially manage the extensive resources of the state and look forward to finding sustainable ways to improve the quality of our resources for future generations.

*Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Board of Land and Natural Resources?*

The three best qualities that describe me are honesty, common sense and loyalty. I am honest in my assessment of issues and in decision making, use common sense in the decision making process and loyal to a fault. Honest and timely decision making is needed in Hawaii. Common sense in addressing public needs and long term resource protection and preservation is critical in ensuring we provide for

our future. Leadership in these two areas are my strong points and I firmly believe I can provide new insight and knowledge as part of the decision making process.

*Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Board of Land and Natural Resources?*

The most significant energy project on Maui happened on Ulupalakua Ranch land. During the planning, permitting and construction of this large facility we protected burial and cultural sites for our culture and our ancestors. I learned from this experience that we must continually respect the Aina and communicate this respect to those before us and after us. I also had the pleasure of meeting and working with Kupunas who have instilled the wisdom of looking at our aina in a positive way.

*Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Land and Natural Resources? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?*

I am not at this time aware of any conflict yet if one does arise I will disclose the conflict to the Board and if necessary recuse myself from any relevant decision making on the matter.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2013  
1:15 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNORS MESSAGE 776  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF  
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES  
GOMES, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017.**

Governors Message 776 submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Nominee, James Gomes, for a term to expire 6-30-2017. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this nomination.

Mr. Gomes is a resident of Kula, Maui and holds a liberal arts degree from the University of Hawaii Maui College. Mr. Gomes currently acts as the operations manager for Ulupalakua Ranch Ltd., and has also served in a position on the Maui County Liquor Commission since 2000. In addition, he has served on the Board of the Maui Cattleman's Association since 2006, and was recently re-elected to the Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District where he has served since 2007. Mr. Gomes previously serve as director of Wailuku Mill Yard and as a member of Mayor James Apana's Community Advisory Board.

The Department looks forward to an opportunity to work with Mr. Gomes. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.**  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**ESTHER KIA'AINA**  
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April 12, 2013

TO: Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa  
Council Chair *GCB*

SUBJECT: HEARING OF APRIL 16, 2013; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 776,  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD  
OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
JAMES GOMES, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. James Gomes as the Gubernatorial Nominee to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I have known Mr. Gomes and his family all of his life and watched him mature into the fine man he is today. Coming from a long time kama'aina paniolo family, he grew up with a natural appreciation of the 'aina and the understanding of our Hawaiian culture. He embodies a love of good stewardship of our natural resources. As part of his daily responsibilities in the leadership of Kaupo Ranch, he understands the issues of ranch economics and operations, controlling alien species, critical habitats, reforestation, watershed protection and other related land management issues.

I have had the privilege and opportunity to work with him on community issues and events and find him to understand and communicate well. He knows the local community involved in DLNR issues well and is a team player.

Mr. Gomes will be a valuable and contributing member of the Board of DLNR. His experience, enthusiasm, and dedication will make him a great asset to the Board.

It gives me great pleasure to support his appointment without reservations.

G.C.B:amm



**Hawaii Farm Bureau**  
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April 16, 2013

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON GM 776

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural  
Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES GOMES

Room 225  
1:15 PM

Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

I am Dean Okimoto, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,950 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community

HFBF strongly supports the appointment of James Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Mr. Gomes or Jimmy as everyone knows him is a very strong advocate of agriculture. At the same time, his ethic is rooted in stewardship of the land. Ranchers have it hard. They are not on prime ag land and work fields that have slopes, rocks and other impediments. Taking care of the land is not an option but a necessity to save what resources there are for the future while ensuring the survival of the operation today.

Jimmy does not hesitate to take hard positions that are right. His extensive experience in working the land will serve him well to balance the needs of the environment and people to ensure that Hawaii's resources are used and preserved as intended in the State Constitution.

We respectfully request your strong support of the nomination of Mr. James Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Testimony in support of Jimmy Gomes nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

By: James S. Greenwell, Chairman, Palani Ranch Company, Inc

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Jimmy Gomes to the BLNR. I have had the honor and privilege of working with Jimmy on livestock industry and natural resource matters for over a decade and have the highest regard for his sensitivity, balance, sincerity, and dedication to any task he takes on. He is also a proven and effective resource manager with the field experience to contribute from his actual knowledge or, often more importantly, to ask the right questions to insure a thorough, full and fair discussion. We are fortunate to have candidates like Jimmy who are willing and able to serve in such important policy making positions as on the BLNR.

LAWRENCE N. C. ING

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April 12, 2013

Board of Land & Natural Resources  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii

Re: **Support for Appointment of James A. Gomes**  
**Board of Land & Natural Resources**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

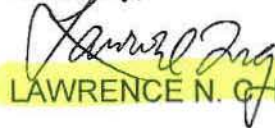
I have known James A. Gomes both professionally and socially for over 30 years.

Jimmy's experience as a small contractor and ranch manager provides an insight as to agricultural development and the use of resources that will prove valuable to the Board.

We have worked together on many different projects throughout the years and I have always been impressed with his hard work and ability to solve difficult problems. He is also honest and involved with his community and has served on various County of Maui Boards and Commissions, including the Liquor Commission for which he served as Vice-Chairman and Chairman. He has shown over the years that he can review facts and listen to arguments and make fair and reasonable decisions.

I respectfully request that he be appointed to the Board.

Sincerely,

  
LAWRENCE N. C. ING

Copy: James A. Gomes (via email)

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
Tuesday, April 16, 2013 — 1:15 p.m. — Room 225

**Ulupono Initiative Supports Governor's Message No. 776, Nomination of James Gomes to the State Board of Land and Natural Resources**

Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am General Partner of the Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally grown food, increase renewable energy, and reduce/recycle waste.

Ulupono is testifying in support of the nomination of Jimmy (James) Gomes to serve on the State Board of Land and Natural Resources. We believe that his experience as a rancher and operations manager will give him the background and understanding needed to serve on this important board.

Jimmy has long been active in the community, with Hawai'i's homegrown cattle industry, and served as a director of the Central Maui Soil & Water Conservation District since 2007.

We believe he will continue to work to steward the lands of the State of Hawai'i in a way that will help support local food production, while also caring for the state's precious natural resources. Ulupono has been working with a coalition brings together farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations. The idea is that putting more local food on local plates can best be accomplished by bringing people and organizations together who can work on the entire food value chain in a systematic way.

We believe that by working together, we can help produce more local food, and support an economically strong homegrown agriculture industry that strengthens our community with fresh, healthy food. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kyle Datta  
General Partner



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April 10, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President  
And Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

My name is Robert H. Ferreira; I am the owner of Olumau Angus Plus and the manager of Kaupo Ranch Ltd., a member ranch of Maui Cattle Company. I am writing this letter in support of the nomination GM776 of James "Jimmy" Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Jimmy since 1992 when he was at Gomes Construction Repair, Inc. Over the past 10 years I have worked closely with Jimmy in his present position of Operations Manager of Ulupalakua Ranch, Ltd. as Ulupalakua Ranch is a major supplier of cattle for Maui Cattle Company.

I have found Jimmy to be an honest and dedicated person that always ask the right questions and always will come up with good solutions to problems. He is very dedicated to agriculture in our State and well respected. But what most impress me about Jimmy is his love for the Aina and care he has for what we leave for the next generations to come. He is a true steward of the land and I believe if nominated to the Board of land and Natural Resources, he will prove to be a great asset to this great State in which we live in.

Thank you very much for your time and for considering Jimmy Gomes to be a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Ferreira



April 9, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
and Members of the Senate

RE: GM776

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

Parker Ranch offers its support of James A. Gomes, Gubernatorial Nominee, to be considered and confirmed to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

James Gomes is a leader in the community and has proven his commitment to preserving our islands natural resources. As a member of the Maui Cattlemen's Association, he continues to promote the smart development of land resources while insuring the preservation of Agriculture and Cultural interests.

Jimmy understands what it means to be a good steward of the land, and his efforts can be seen thru the partnership Ulupalakua Ranch has with HECO, with the wind farm on the island of Maui. This wind farm is a fine example of how natural resources can be used to assist our islands energy demands while still being mindful of the land and our island traditions.

Parker Ranch sees James Gomes as an excellent addition to the Board of Land and Natural Resources and we look forward to working with him as a new Board member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil T. Kuyper". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Neil T. Kuyper, President & CEO  
Parker Ranch, Inc.



**HALEAKALA RANCH**  
• EST. MAUI 1888 •

**COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
State Capitol, Room 225.  
April 15, 2013 - 1:15 PM  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chairman Solomon and Vice Chair Shimabukuro:

**Subject: GM776, Relating to Confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, James Gomes, for a Term to Expire 6-30-2017, Conference Room 225, April 16, 2013 at 1:15 PM**

On behalf of Haleakala Ranch Company, I strongly support the nomination of Mr. James Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Haleakala Ranch is a family-owned company that has been in the ranching business on Maui for 125 years. The Company owns approximately 29,000 acres of land on Maui including about 6,500 acres of conservation land and has enjoyed a positive working relationship with the Department of Land and Natural Resources for many years.

We have worked with Mr. Gomes for many years through the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, the Maui Cattlemen's Association and our mutual interests in Hawaii's agriculture industry and related land management issues. As the Ranch Manager for Ulupalakua Ranch, Mr. Gomes has been directly involved with the land and natural resource management issues and understands the impact BLNR policy decisions may have on our industry and community. He is highly regarded in the industry and would be an outstanding addition to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Your consideration and approval of Mr. James Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Don Young  
President & CEO



April 8, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President  
And Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature State Capital, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

My name is Alex Franco, I'm with Maui Cattle Company, a small beef processing company which markets locally grown beef produced on Maui and the Big Island. I am writing this letter to support the nomination of James "Jimmy" Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Ulupalakua Ranch is a major supplier of cattle into our program and I have enjoyed working with Jimmy Gomes who manages their cattle operation as he is a very organized key member of our cattle supply team. Jimmy has always been a go to kind of person to get things done and plays a key role in the Agricultural Community here on Maui.

I have attended a few meetings with Jimmy where he asks the right kind of questions and is well received by the group. Jimmy has also a lot of respect for Hawaii, our culture, and cares about how it will be left for the next generation. I believe if nominated to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, he will prove to be a great benefit to our State.

Thank you for your time and considering Jimmy Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Alex Franco  
President





## **Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.**

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### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND**

APRIL 16, 2013 1:15 p.m. Room 225

#### **GM 776**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, **JAMES GOMES**, for a term to expire 6-30-2017

Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am a rancher and the Government Affairs Chair for the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

**The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council strongly supports GM 776 nominating Jimmy Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.**

I have personally known Jimmy for over 10 years. During that time I have always felt that Jimmy was intelligent, well spoken, and very knowledgeable of the issues which affect the agricultural industry, and of the highest integrity. His management of Ulupalakua Ranch demonstrates his dedication to conservation and to the land itself. Not only is Jimmy a good businessman and land steward, he is a nice guy.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in strong support of GM 776 nominating Jimmy Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I am very pleased to submit this letter in support of Jimmy Gomes as an addition to the Board of Land & Natural Resources.

I have known Jimmy Gomes for over a decade through his position as the Ranch Manager for Ulupalakua Ranch on Maui. I was immediately and indelibly impressed by his understanding of the issues, sense of fairness, and dedication to the goals of the ranch. I believe that Jimmy would be a good addition to the Board of Land & Natural Resources. He will bring a balanced approach to the concerns which the board is tasked with overseeing. That is the sort of land steward philosophy which has been the formula for success for Ulupalakua Ranch. I really don't see Jimmy deviating from those values. The Board of Land & Natural Resources would be very fortunate to have Jimmy Gomes as a part of their team. Not only does he possess a great deal of valuable field experience & managerial skills, he will bring the most valuable asset any committee member can have which is common sense!

For the reasons above, I respectfully urge your support to confirm Mr. Gomes appointment to the Board of land & Natural Resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

Bruce R. Faulkner

Na Ala Hele Trails & Access (State, Maui) council member 12+ years

Lanai Hunters Advisory Council member (State)

Kaupo Wildlife Club VP

Past president of the Realtors Association of Maui (RAM) 2010

Commissioner Hawaii Real Estate Commission (State, term 2012-2016)



Hawaii's Agricultural Partnership

COMMITTEE ON LAND & WATER

Tuesday April 16

**GM 776**

*Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES GOMES, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.*

Chair Solomon; Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committees:

**4 Ag Hawaii STRONGLY SUPPORTS Confirmation**

We can't say it any better than Jimmy did in this video on Ulupalakua Ranch's Auwahi Wind Farm project –

**"I'm just a steward of the land - just passing through and want to be the best steward I can - and when I leave - somebody can say - Hey, you know, Jimmy did a pretty good job - I'm gonna malama pono the land - I'm gonna take care of the land"** - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83oV0DuYKH8&feature=youtube>

Jimmy is a man of impeccable character & integrity – a paniolo who loves the 'aina and its people and cares deeply about our future – he strongly believes that our land is Today's Resource and Tomorrow's Future. We can think of no better person to be entrusted with the future of Hawaii's land and natural resources.

4 Ag Hawaii is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation established as a public-private partnership focused on goals that include: promoting the agricultural economic welfare of Hawai'i and its counties; conducting agricultural economic; educational & media programs, and fostering statewide interest for responsible agricultural economic development of our islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



4/10/13

To whom it may concern;

My name is **Brendan Kennedy**, a manager with the general contractor that built the Auwahi Wind Farm on the Ulapalakula Ranch. I have been traveling the county for over 6 years building wind farms. To successfully do this, I embrace the idea that both my company and I are guests and make sure we carry ourselves professionally. After my first time sitting and speaking with Jimmy Gomes I felt the need to re-evaluate my mind-set. Never before had I encountered such respect for the land and the deep-rooted meaning it held. Jimmy, along with the Ranch, was a chief guide to responsible and successful construction activity on this otherwise foreign ground. I have never encountered such knowledge and genuine dedication to the land, culture and heritage in my personal or professional life. He would make an outstanding asset to any organization, especially one such as the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I am proud to know Jimmy and upset I will not be able to attend the hearing to endorse him in person.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brendan Kennedy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the main body of text.

Dear Senators,

My name is Doug MacCluer and I am a past member of the Department of Agriculture for the State of Hawaii. I am currently a member of the Board for Maui Farm Bureau, a Director and one of the original founders of Maui Gold Pineapple Co. Chairman of the Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District and a farmer in the Island of Maui for over 40 years.

I support Jimmy Gomez's nomination for the Department of Land and Natural Resources Board. I have known Jimmy for about 20 years and respected his integrity for many years. Jimmy has served on the Conservation Board with me, and I know he works toward Conservation Goals as he has reviewed Grading Permits and Conservations Plans for the District voluntarily. He is also a good rancher has been serving as the livestock manager for Ulupalakua Ranch for a number of years.

Aloha,

Doug MacCluer

*Doug MacCluer*  
360 Hoopalua Drive, Pukalani, Maui, Hawaii

Phone- 808-572-7336

March 29, 2013

**Piikea Tomczyk**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**GM776**

Submitted on: 4/13/2013

Testimony for WTL on Apr 16, 2013 13:15PM in Conference Room 225

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gregory Cordeiro	Pu'u Ohia Ranch and Livestock	Support	No

Comments: I believe Jimmy Gomes has the knowledge base and work ethic to be a great candidate for the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I know he knows the concerns and needs of a small Hawaii ranchers like myself. Best Regards, Greg Cordeiro Pu'u Ohia Ranch and Livestock

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**GM776**

Submitted on: 4/12/2013

Testimony for WTL on Apr 16, 2013 13:15PM in Conference Room 225

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sara Moore	Kealia Ranch	Support	No

**Comments:**

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**GM776**

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Testimony for WTL on Apr 16, 2013 13:15PM in Conference Room 225

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr. Brian Atwell	Maui Equine Veterinary Services	Support	No

Comments: I have worked with Jimmy for over 7 years now. I cannot think of a better candidate. He understands the importance of the land, the animals, and the connection between them. I fully support his conformation.

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Ron Weidenbach	Hawaii Fish Company	Support	No

Comments: Mr. Gomes' resume and work history indicate that he will provide balance between being both a protective steward of Hawaii's land and natural resources while also understanding of the need to support the proper use and development of our natural resources for increased food and energy self-sufficiency.

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Keith Unger	McCandless Ranch	Support	No

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William G. Jacintho	Maui Cattlemen's Association	Support	No
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Comments: The Maui Cattlemen's Association strongly supports the nomination of James A. Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources GM776. Mr. Gomes has a proven track record of committed leadership and dedication to the land in Hawaii, and its resources it provides, as well as protecting it from harm. He has a long association and understanding of the livestock industry and has led Ulupalakua Ranch, to be economically sustainable, while maintaining a high degree of agricultural productivity, actively promoting conservation practices, contributing to the community, and honoring the Hawaiian culture. These are what make him a very good candidate for board member at BLNR. William G. Jacintho MCA President

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britt craven	palani ranch	Support	No

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Karin Carswell Guest	Princeville Ranch	Support	No

Comments: Jimmy Gomes would be an excellent candidate for this position. He is someone that understands land and natural resource issues and comes with a great amount of experience. I highly support him.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marvin Hoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a good friend and have observed Jimmy's actions that at all times have shown a deep respect for the land and it's culture while at the same time running a complex ranch operation. He has good management skills and integrity.

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Nancy Hoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: excellent candidate for this position. very caring and rightfully concerned about the land and all that affects it. honest and forthright.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James Haynes III	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to support the nomination of Jimmy Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Jimmy has the experience, knowledge, and integrity to be a valuable addition to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. In addition, as a resident of Maui, he will add a neighbor island perspective that will be valuable to the Board as a whole.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Brooks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe that Jimmy Gomes will do a great job in this position. He is a very talented and intelligent man who has the best interest of the state and it's people at heart. Please support him and give him this chance to serve us all.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rick Kiefer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please confirm Jimmy Gomes. In the 10+ years that I've known him he has consistently shown good judgment, wisdom, and deep knowledge of the kinds of issues that come before the BLNR. He will be a real asset to the Board and to the State. Thank you, Rick Kiefer

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Frederick J. Magee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Jimmy is a very good human being we love dearly. We can't think of Ulupalakua without him. It is more than certain that he will do excellent job as board member of Land & Natural Resources. We support him whole heartedly. Magees

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Thomas M. Pires, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have know Mr. Gomes for over35 years and he is really concerned about Hawaii and it's growth to be done in the right way. my vote is for Jimmy.

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William Pyle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have worked in Hawaii for the last 46 years as an Agricultural Engineer, and I am a licensed Hawaii Professional Engineer, and owner of Ag Systems Hawaii. I would like to go on record as supporting the appointment of James Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Gomes has the best interests of Hawaii at heart, and will do an excellent job of working to protect Hawaii's valuable and delicate mix of natural resources. I have no reservations in making this recommendation for James Gomes. With Much Aloha, William Louis Pyle, PE Agricultural Engineer Ag Systems Hawaii Pukalani, Maui

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Stephanie Whalen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Jimmy is a well-respected and active member of the ranching community. He has been active in a variety of community public positions. It is important that the state's boards with responsibility over its lands have representatives from land users. There are over 4 Million acres in conservation and/or agriculture, much of that under state control and management. Jimmy is a proven steward of the land and will be a valuable asset on this board. Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for Jimmy.

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Jason Moniz	Individual	Support	No

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Patricia Risley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I cannot express my support on behalf of Jimmy Gomes in strong enough terms. Jimmy is a man of honor, honesty, with an understanding and love of the land that is unsurpassed. What a asset to the state! I am honored and proud to call Jimmy my friend and brother.

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kiimokeo kapahulehua	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Jimmy Gomes.

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Joanne Muchille	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This man supports and enhances the land he walks upon daily . He is an excellent representative for the land ,its resources , and the people that they support. We need a man of conviction and action who has great love for the land. Mr. Jimmy Gomes is that man.

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William F. Gibson	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Jimmy Gomes invited the Kauai Liquor Commissioners to Ulupalakua Ranch when Maui hosted the State Convention last year. As we toured the property we were all impressed with Jimmy's knowledge of the history of the ranch, the island and of his love for the aina and the people of Hawaii. William Gibson Chairman, Kauai Liquor Control Commission

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Wesley M. Wakuzawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Jimmy Gomes for over twenty years, and the one thing about him that always stood out for me was his deep love and respect for the land. A lot of us love nature and revel in the beauty of this paradise called Hawaii, but his love for the aina is more spiritual than most. When he says that he is a steward of the land and that he will do his best to take good care of it, I believe him because I have seen him doing it for years. Loyal, hardworking, honest and straight forward, I believe that he would make an excellent member of the DLNR.

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MARY- DOREEN ALBORANO	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Jimmy Gomes is an exceptional individual and would be a definite compliment to your committee. His knowledge of the `aina is outstanding.

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Barbara Schendel	Individual	Support	No

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Elli Funakoshi	Individual	Support	No

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Forest & Kim Starr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Jimmy has been helpful with access and logistics for our research on Ulupalakua Ranch property. His first hand knowledge of the land is quite high, we repeatedly learn things when chatting with him. We fully support Jimmy's nomination to the BLNR and trust he will do his best to malama pono. Forest & Kim Starr Makawao, Maui

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Teresa K. NoBear	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: James(Jimmy)A. Gomes couldn't be a better choice for your board!!!

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Michael Bryan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Bud & Katy Gibson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need a well rounded board from all walks of life but also one that fully understands how important it is to all of us and the difficulties of agriculture in Hawaii.

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Bud & Katy Gibson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need a well rounded board from all walks of life that also understand the difficulties and importance of agriculture in Hawaii.

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Daniel S. Nakasone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Subject: GM 766 I urge that you give your full support and install Jimmy Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Respectfully, Daniel S. Nakasone

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Calvin Wong		Support	No

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Michelle Galimba	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Jimmy Gomes is a highly-respected member of the ranching community and will make an excellent board member for the BLNR.

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Dathan Bicoy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of Jimmy Gomes. I have not known Jimmy long, but in my dealings with him, he is a stand-up guy.

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Aileen K. F. Wung Yeh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Jimmy Gomes for many years through the Cattlemen's Association and the Hawaii Cattle Producer's Co-op. Jimmy is an honest, hardworking man, who cares about the land as well as Hawaii's natural resources. I believe he will serve the board well, and be open-minded and fair in all of his dealings. As a land manager, he is familiar with the issues that arise.

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Dean Okimoto	Individual	Support	No

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Gregory Friel	Individual	Support	No

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Keith Unger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Jimmy's nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Jimmy is an active leader in his community as well as the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council and the Maui Cattlemen's Association. His many years of experience as a land manager makes him an excellent candidate to serve on this board.

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Matthew Stevenson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In my professional capacity as an extension agent with UH-CTAHR, I have worked with Mr. Gomes on several occasions over the last 7 years. I find him a highly competent ranch manager and steward of Maui's lands. He is honest and will tell you straight what he thinks while maintaining his very personable and friendly nature. Mr. Gomes would be a great asset to the people and land of this State and I highly support his nomination.

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