

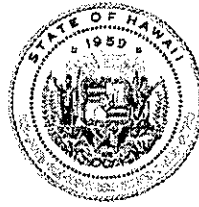
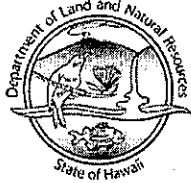
HB1903, HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO OUTDOOR HERITAGE MONTH.

Report Title: Outdoor Heritage Month; Established

Description: Designates June as "Outdoor Heritage Month" to celebrate Hawaii's natural environment and recreational activities. (HB1903 HD1)

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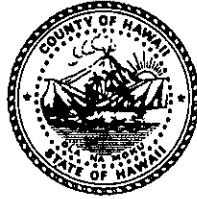
Tuesday, March 25, 2014
3:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In Consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1903 HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO OUTDOOR HERITAGE MONTH

House Bill 1903, House Draft 1 proposes to designate June as "Outdoor Heritage Month" to celebrate Hawaii's diverse natural environment and recreational activities. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this measure.**

America's Great Outdoors Week was first recognized in 1998 and has become an annual monthly celebration of our natural resources, including forests, parks, and other public waters and lands. It also encourages the public to get outdoors and experience the natural environment. Hawai'i joined this national event in 2012 when the Department requested a Governor's proclamation. June was selected to coincide with National Trails Day, National Fishing and Boating Week, and Take Pride in America. "Outdoor Heritage Month" would coincide with the annual Presidential and Gubernatorial proclamations of June as "Great Outdoors Month."

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March 25, 2014

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on
Energy and Environment
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic
Development, Government Operations and Housing
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on
Technology and the Arts
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room, 225
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: House Bill 1903, HD 1 RELATING TO OUTDOOR HERITAGE MONTH

Aloha, Chair Gabbard, Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

Mahalo for this opportunity to express our support for House Bill 1903, HD 1, which declares the month of June as Outdoor Heritage Month.

Hunting is a long-established activity on Hawai'i Island that is an important source of food for many people and both a wholesome recreational activity as well as an important contributor to the state economy. Hawai'i County's recently established Game Management Advisory Commission (GMAC) has advised me that this bill, if passed, would be strong affirmation of Hawai'i's commitment to the preservation of its natural resources and recognize hunting as an important recreational activity in the state.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

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William P. Kenoi
MAYOR

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO.1903

To: The Hawaii State Legislature,

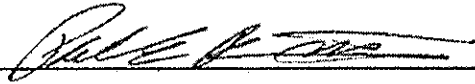
I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB1903

Subject: Outdoor Heritage Month; Established

Purpose: Designates September as "Outdoor Heritage Month" to celebrate Hawaii's natural environment and recreational activities.

Summary: In celebration of the rich diversity of the people of Hawai'i. This measure will showcase the healthy lifestyle of our "Outdoor Heritage" of hunting, fishing, and gathering with everyone in Hawai'i. Educate the public on a healthier lifestyle what many people already enjoy.

Signature: _____



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HB1903

Submitted on: 3/24/2014

Testimony for ENE/EGH/TEC on Mar 25, 2014 15:15PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Willie-Joe Camara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB 1903, designating the month of June as Outdoor Heritage month. It will allow the people of our great state of Hawaii to celebrate our most treasured resources, our outdoors.

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Submitted on: 3/24/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Kohatsu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a "no-brainer." Outdoor recreation is so important today with all the technology removing real life from our future generations. Preserving outdoor recreation is not only good for the natural environment, but better for society as a whole. I support this bill!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Hodges	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee, I am a former Hawaii DLNR wildlife employee. I Support HB 1903. Celebrating our outdoor heritage is a great way to encourage our youth to become stewards of the land.

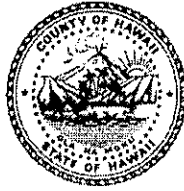
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Josh Gealon	Individual	Support	No

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March 24, 2014

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair,
and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Government
Operations and Housing

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair,
and Members of the Committee on Energy and Environment

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair,
and Member of the Committee on Technology and the Arts

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Gabbard, Chair Wakai and Joint Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 1903, which designates June as "Outdoor Heritage Month" in recognition of the State's commitment to the preservation of natural resources and the promotion of outdoor recreational activities.

For the health of our residents and the enjoyment of our natural resources, we should encourage the full range of outdoor recreational activities, including hunting, fishing, swimming, hiking, paddling and surfing.

Act 2 (SLH 2009) designates June 8 as "World Ocean Day." This and other commemorations during the month of June – including National Trails Day, National Fishing and Boating Week and the Great Outdoors Month – makes June an appropriate month to designate as "Outdoor Heritage Month" in the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawaii County Council Member

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Nakagawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wholeheartedly support this bill that celebrates our outdoor heritage and natural environment that is beginning to become a rare commodity....nothing natural about fence lines!

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James S Kawasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Outdoor recreation such as hunting and fishing has been an continues to be a large part of living in Hawaii. Hopefully this bill will help perpetuate that lifestyle for the future generations.