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WILLIAM J. AILA JR.
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, January 29, 2014
9:45 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In Consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1903
RELATING TO OUTDOOR HERITAGE MONTH**

House Bill 1903 proposes to designate September as “Outdoor Heritage Month” to celebrate Hawaii’s diverse natural environment and recreational activities. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of the bill and would offer the suggestion to modify the month of celebration from September to June to coincide with the annual Presidential and Gubernatorial proclamations of June as “Great Outdoors Month.”**

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. The Department believes that this already established venue provides an opportunity to accomplish the intent of this bill.

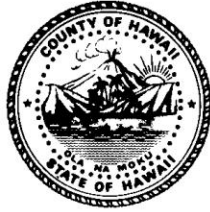
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January 29, 2014

The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair
And Members of the House Committee on
Water and Land
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room, 325
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: House Bill 1903, RELATING TO OUTDOOR HERITAGE MONTH

Aloha, Chair Evans and Committee Members:

Mahalo for this opportunity to express our support for House Bill 1903, which declares the month of September 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,

William P. Kenoi
MAYOR

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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

January 27, 2014

The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

Dear Representative Evans and Members of the Committee,

House Bill 1903 designates September as "Outdoor Heritage Month" in recognition of the State's commitment to the preservation of natural resources and 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 sustainable outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing, swimming, hiking, paddling and surfing.

Sometimes, even in Hawai'i, people need to be reminded to go outside more. This is the worthy goal of House Bill 1903.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Onishi'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member

County of Hawai'i
Game Management Advisory Commission

Testimony of the Game Management Advisory Commission
Supporting H.B. 1903
Committee on Water & Land
Relating to Outdoor Heritage Month
Wednesday, January 29, 2014, 9:45am room 325

The Hawaii Game Management Advisory Commission (GMAC) was instituted in 2012 to advise County, State, and Federal agencies on matters relating to the preservation of subsistence hunting and fishing, as well as the protection of traditional and cultural gathering rights.

What better way to showcase our great outdoors then Outdoor Heritage Month? The Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission supports HB1903. Hunting, gathering, hiking and exploring is dear to so many of our residents and visitors. Lets share in our Outdoor Heritage!

Mahalo,

Tony Sylvester, Chairman
Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission

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

Comments: I support HB 1903

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chad mata	Individual	Support	No

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russell ryan rudel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Sounds like a great time to start celebrating our beautiful island, and the lifestyle we live here.

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Napualani Wong	Individual	Support	No

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D'Armand Cook	Individual	Support	No

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Laura A. Camara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB 1903 which will designate the month of September as Outdoor Heritage Month.

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Philip Heilesen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SUPPORTING H.B. 1903 RELATING TO Relating to Outdoor Heritage Month HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014, 9:45AM, ROOM 325 My Name is Philip Heilesen of 66-1728 Kawaihae Rd. and I support bill H.B. 1903 Hunting is a major component in the Hawaiian culture as well and the current modern culture in Hawaii. Designating a month to celebrate this heritage is a great opportunity to educate others and see what a big part of the island lifestyle hunting and outdoor recreation really is. For this reason I support this bill HB1903 Aloha, Philip Heilesen The Hawaii Sportsmen Alliance strives for balanced conservation and wise use of all our natural resources. <http://www.hawaiisportsmensalliance.com/>

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Dalton H.Y. Lucas-Camara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB 1903 which will designate the month of September as Outdoor Heritage month. It will allow the people of Hawaii to celebrate outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing which are a large part of our Island culture.

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Leo A Millan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Support Outdoor Heritage month

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Jon Katada	Individual	Support	No

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Matt Hoeflinger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support

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troy samura	Individual	Support	No

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Michael Among	Individual	Support	No

Comments: People of Hawaii, Hawaiian, part Hawaiian, immigrants have hunted these Islands for over a hundred years. some of the animals hunted here have been brought over by merchants to our Kings in the 1800s. We should respect our heritage respect the land, respect the animals.. Harvest what we need to eat. As for the Powers being and restricting our Hunters and Gathering persons.. What you take we should have open to us in equal part. But don't treat us as the american indian and give us the lavas while you take the lush lands. Look at what has happened to Maunakea in the last 10 years. The State by order of Fed. Court have been removing the sheep.. the grasses have taken over any and all plants.. The grass that the State brought in " fountain grass." another thing when they do fly they shoot into the Palila Habitat, no one knows how many birds die . No one goes in and clears the grasses? We as hunters and gatherers see whats happening to the mountain... Although the Fed gov. has obtained this mountain..but the mountain belongs to the Hawaiian People.. We are the last Island on the chain. If for some reason the barge does not make delivery or no cargo plans drop food for a week.to 10 days.. we would run out of food... leave the rest of the sheep, goats, pigs, cattle alone. we can work together if given the opportunity to make a balance ... thank You

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Jerry Ilo	Babooze Bowstrings	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am Jerry Ilo. I am Owner of Babooze Bowstrings which caters exclusively to Archers and Bowhunters. I have also been a State of Hawaii Hunters Ed. Program Volunteer Instructor for the past 4 years. For each of those 4 years as a Volunteer Instructor I have participated in National Hunting and Fishing Day each September. I would be hard pressed to find a rewarding experience then sharing and introducing people to the Outdoors. As Hawaii has such a strong Outdoors lifestyle I find it suiting to designate September as the Official month to Celebrate our Outdoor Heritage and lifestyle. Mahalo, Jerry Ilo

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Bruce R. Faulkner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support H.B. 1903 and I would like to thank you for your support regarding this very important issue.

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Tom Lodge	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Outdoor Heritage recognition is a big step in recognizing the CULTURE of Hawaii and the reasons why people come to Hawaii. It is the Hawaii of Hula skirts, plantations, and rural ranches that gave Hawaii its flavor and we are quickly moving away from that Aloha flavor to one of Kapu and keep off the grass signs. Outdoor Heritage Month is a great way to reconnect and recognize the contribution to our well being that recreation, hunting, ranching, fishing, gathering and the enjoyment of their fruits are what makes Hawaii the Aloha State. Thank you and Much Aloha, Tom Lodge Hawaii Hunting Association

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Sent Via Email

Re: House Bill 1903 – SUPPORT

Dear Representative Evans:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, I support House Bill 1903, designating September as “Outdoor Heritage Month”.

Cordially,

Daniel S. Reid
State Liaison

Cc: Members, House Water and Land Committee

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