

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1041

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1041 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUNTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a State Game Commission (Commission), empowered to establish policies and develop plans regarding the management, protection, and promotion of public hunting and to serve in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the Board of Land and Natural Resources; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to establish the Commission.

The Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, County of Hawaii Game Management Advisory Commission, Hawaii Hunting Association, Hawaii Rifle Association, Babooze Bowstrings, Hawaii Sportsman Alliance, Hawaii Near Shore Fishermen, Big Island Outfitters, Society for Hawaii Heritage Animals, Lessons in Firearms Education, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pig Hunters Association of Oahu, Ahiu Hawaii, National Rifle Association, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The Friends of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge, Animal Rights Hawaii, Oahu Invasive Species Committee, Conservation Council for Hawaii, and several individuals testified in opposition to this



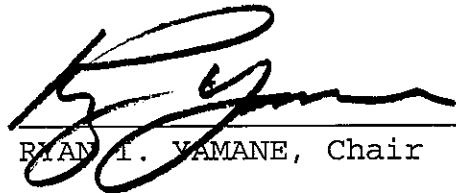
measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Commission serve in an advisory capacity only to the Board of Land and Natural Resources and not to the Governor;
- (2) Specifying that Commission members be licensed hunters in the State rather than persons demonstrating strong interest in the preservation, protection, and promotion of public hunting in Hawaii;
- (3) Amending the powers of the Commission to recommend procedures, develop plans, collaborate with other agencies, and provide recommendations on the allocation of funds and other non-game resources, to better reflect the advisory nature of the Commission with regard to the Board of Land and Natural Resources;
- (4) Specifying that meetings conducted by the Commission shall be subject to chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1041, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1041, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



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BRIAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB1041	<b>Committee Referral:</b> WAL, JUD, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2-9-2015		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/			
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)	✓			
3. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
4. ING, Kaniela	✓			
5. LEE, Chris	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
8. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
9. POUHA, Feki	✓			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	10	Ø	Ø	Ø
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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