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Testimony of  
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Before the House Committee on  
JUDICIARY

Friday, January 22, 2016  
2:00PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1041, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO HUNTING

House Bill 1041, House Draft 1 establishes a game management advisory commission within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports the intent of this measure and offers the following comments and concerns.**

The Department is pleased to have had the opportunity to work with representatives from the County of Hawaii's Hawaii Game Management Advisory Commission and other interested hunters to come to agreements on amendments to enhance the effectiveness of this bill. Comments and suggested amendments pursuant to those discussions are provided below. The Department further suggests establishing island-based game management advisory committees that could also provide important components to a constituent-based advisory commission.

These proposed amendments are suggested to clarify the advisory role of the commission with regard to game resource management and hunting throughout the state, including regulations under Chapters 13-122 and 13-123, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR). We suggest that an additional advisory role for issues related to Chapter 13-124, HAR, which regulates indigenous wildlife, endangered and threatened wildlife, and introduced wild non-game birds is not directly relevant to the purposes of the game management advisory commission.

The Department further suggests that certain sections of the bill place an unnecessary burden on the commission to write plans, and conduct studies. While the Department agrees that the commission could provide valuable input and advice on these topics, imposing mandates on the

game management advisory commission places an unusual burden on the commission relative to other advisory commissions and committees in the Department.

Finally, the Department believes that community-based advisory groups provide an effective means to solicit advice from stakeholders and help facilitate engagement at local levels that are important for maintaining communication and dialogue between stakeholders and the Department. We feel these advisory groups provide valuable contributions to policy issues, planning, and program implementation.

Therefore, the Department suggests this bill would be better served through the additional establishment of Island Game Management Advisory Committees on Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, East Hawaii and West Hawaii Islands. A representative from each committee would serve in an advisory capacity at the state commission level. Island committees will afford an efficient mechanism for broader community participation that will provide advice and feedback to local game management decisions. This community-based participation on local resource management decisions has been effective in other programs and we believe they will be highly effective to address issues related to game management.

The Department suggests the bill be amended as attached:

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

**LATE**

RELATING TO HUNTING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the enhancement and  
2 maintenance of sustainable public hunting opportunities for  
3 subsistence and recreational purposes are of critical importance  
4 to the State and its people. A coordinated resource management  
5 effort involving stakeholders is needed to prevent and offset  
6 the loss of public hunting areas and hunter opportunities on any  
7 island of the State and expeditiously find replacement land for  
8 hunting.

9           The purpose of this Act is to establish a game management  
10 advisory commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the  
11 board of land and natural resources.

12           SECTION 2. Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately  
14 designated and to read as follows:

15           "§183D-       Game management advisory commission. (a) There  
16 is established within the department a game management advisory

1 commission, which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the  
2 board. The game management advisory commission shall consist of  
3 nine members to be appointed by the governor in the manner  
4 provided in section 26-34. Membership on the game management  
5 advisory commission shall include the chairperson of each game  
6 management advisory committee established pursuant to this  
7 chapter, one at large member, and the chairperson of the board  
8 or the chairperson's designated representative who shall serve  
9 as an ex officio, voting member; provided that:

- 10       (1) Each member shall be a hunter licensed in the State of  
11           Hawaii under chapter 183D;
- 12       (2) At least one member shall have knowledge, experience,  
13           and expertise in the area of native Hawaiian cultural  
14           practices;
- 15       (3) No more than three members shall represent, be  
16           employed by, or be under contract to any sector of  
17           government; and
- 18       (4) The initially appointed commissioners will also serve  
19           as the first chairperson of the game management  
20           advisory committees to be established on their  
21           respective islands with the exception of the ex  
22           officio, voting members.



1       (b) The game management advisory commission shall select  
2 its own chairperson from among its members. The members shall  
3 receive no compensation for their services on the game  
4 management advisory commission but shall be entitled to  
5 reimbursement for necessary expenses, including travel expenses,  
6 while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their  
7 duties.

8       (c) The game management advisory commission may recommend  
9 policies and criteria regarding the management, protection, and  
10 promotion of public hunting in Hawaii and may recommend  
11 amendments to existing department policies and procedures  
12 relating to hunting, particularly regarding chapter 183D and  
13 chapters 13-122 and 13-123, Hawaii administrative rules.

14       (d) The game management advisory commission shall:  
15       (1) Consult and advise the board on any matter affecting  
16       hunting, including proposed rules and regulations;  
17       (2) Assist in the evaluation and development of game  
18       management plans as appropriate or required and any  
19       changes to those plans as necessary;  
20       (3) Assist in establishing criteria to be used in  
21       determining whether an area is suitable for hunting;

- 1        (4) Advise on studies of areas for sustainable yield game  
2        production or enhancement;
- 3        (5) Recommend to the board areas suitable for game  
4        production or enhancement;
- 5        (6) Recommend policies and criteria regarding the  
6        management, protection, and permitted uses of areas  
7        that are used for hunting;
- 8        (7) Assist the department in developing ways and means to  
9        extend and strengthen game management areas, other  
10       designated hunting areas, and mixed-use areas within  
11       the State;
- 12       (8) In carrying out its duties, consult the most  
13       comprehensive up-to-date compilation of scientific  
14       data;
- 15       (9) Make recommendations relating to the process of  
16       hunting rules modification;
- 17       (10) Collaborate with agencies and other persons who gather  
18       information and implement hunting programs and data;
- 19       (11) Take testimony and acquire information as it desires  
20       and communicate its findings and recommendations to  
21       the board;

1       (12) Advise and assist the department in creating the  
2       island-wide network of game advisory committees; to  
3       provide advice and assistance in implementation of the  
4       game management program; and

5       (13) Advise the department on policies, plans, and  
6       procedures related to the control of game mammals.

7       (e) Any action taken by the game management advisory  
8       commission shall be by a simple majority of its members. Five  
9       members shall constitute a quorum.

10       (f) All meetings of the commission shall be conducted  
11       subject to chapter 92.

12       (g) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the game  
13       management advisory commission shall be subject to sections 26-  
14       34, 26-35, 26-35.5, and 26-36.

15       (h) The department shall provide administrative support to  
16       the game management advisory commission. Federal moneys and  
17       other moneys that become available to the department may be used  
18       to off-set administrative costs incurred by the department.

19       (i) The game management advisory commission shall submit a  
20       report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
21       convening of the regular session of 2017, and each regular  
22       session thereafter, on its efforts to comply with this section,

1 including a summary of its activities during the year preceding  
2 the regular session for which the report was prepared.

3 (j) The game management advisory commission may adopt  
4 rules pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this section.

5 §183D- Game management advisory committees. (a) There  
6 is established in each of the counties of the State, game  
7 management advisory committees composed of five members  
8 appointed by the governor in accordance with section 26-34,  
9 provided that Hawaii county, shall have two committees (one for  
10 East Hawaii and one for West Hawaii), and Maui county shall have  
11 three committee (one each for the islands of Maui, Molokai, and  
12 Lanai).

13 (1) Each member shall be a hunter licensed in the State of  
14 Hawaii under chapter 183D; and

15 (2) At least one member of each committee shall have  
16 knowledge, experience, and expertise in the area of  
17 native Hawaiian cultural practices.

18 (b) The chairperson of each island game committee shall be  
19 elected by a majority of that respective game committee. The  
20 chairperson for each game committee shall designate a secretary.

21 (c) The members of the game committees shall serve a four-  
22 year term and may be reappointed for consecutive terms.

1       (d) Representatives of the department, federal government,  
2 and other governmental agencies, and members of the public, may  
3 serve as ex officio members at the discretion of the chairperson  
4 and committee members.

5       (e) A committee shall meet at the call of its chairperson  
6 or of any three of its members for the consideration of any  
7 matter affecting game management and public within the county,  
8 including proposed rules and policies."

9       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for  
12 the establishment of a game management advisory commission  
13 pursuant to this Act.

14       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
15 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

16       SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

17       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

**Report Title:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Game Management  
Advisory Commission

**Description:**

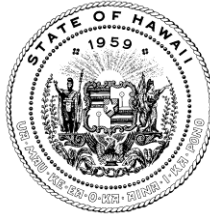
Establishes a game management advisory commission within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. (PROPOSED HB1041 HD2)

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Testimony of  
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Executive Director

Before the House Committee on  
**JUDICIARY**

Friday, January 22, 2016  
2:00 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of  
**HOUSE BILL 1041, HD 1**  
**RELATING TO HUNTING**

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

HB 1041 HD1 establishes a game management advisory commission within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). The Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC), established in 2012 through Act 288 is attached to DLNR and serves in an advisory capacity to BLNR. **Aha Moku supports the intent of this measure. Further, it supports House Draft 2 as proposed by DLNR with one recommended amendment.**

Because each island is geographically different, the game mammals, environment, and habitat are different on each island. We support a state gaming commission attached to DLNR and advisory to the Land Board. We support gaming committees on each of the four counties of the state with two committees on Hawaii County – one for East Hawaii and one for West Hawaii; three committees on the Maui County – one each for Maui, Moloka'i, and Lana'i; and one committee on Kauai with the **added recommendation of a sub-committee attached for Ni'ihau**. After much thought, and with input from Niihau, it pointed out that Ni'ihau is a privately owned island that does practice hunting. However, because the proposed commission may advise on general rules and regulations on hunting for the state, Ni'ihau people felt it would be important to be part of this committee.

The Native Hawaiian community is intimately attached to the issue of gaming. It deals with not only their subsistence practices, but the all-important issue of conservation of natural resources critical to the well-being and overall health of this state – their home. The proposed draft two of HB 1041 HD1 with its new language clarifies the intent of the state to address the complex issues that arise on each of the different islands. Having individual committees on each island will allow the general public, including Native Hawaiians the opportunity to discuss natural resource issues specific to gaming and to the districts and areas that are important to them. We urge this committee to adopt the proposed new draft two, with the addition of a sub-committee within the proposed Kauai committee.

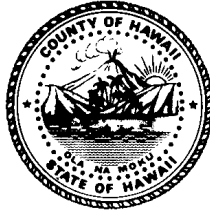
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.

Respectfully,

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### The County of Hawaii Game Management Advisory Commission

January 21, 2016

Committee on Judiciary  
2:00 PM; Conference Room 325  
01/22/2016

Dear Chair Rhodes, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, Honorable Members of the Committee on the Judiciary,

Regarding House Bill 1041- HD1 **STRONGLY SUPPORTS**

For decades, without implemented Game Management Plans, game animals, whether pigs, sheep, goats or deer, all have histories of populations being permitted to swell to unacceptable numbers and then as a follow up, "emergency" campaigns to control the numbers, most recently through the mounting use of illegal aerial shooting to slaughter game animals referred to in our Constitution as "Natural Resources".

The necessity of a Game Commission here in Hawaii is clear. It will foster transparency with DLNR and encourage the DLNR to actually address the positions of the public in their activities, which have for decades been ignored with simplistic "Findings of No Significant Impact", or as in the case of "Rain Follows the Forest", massive forest use changes with absolutely no public notice, accommodation, or hearings.

A Statewide Game Commission will promote transparency, cooperation with DLNR and their partners in the necessity for integrated management methodologies of our resources. A Statewide Game Commission will help foster a more inclusive representation of interests.

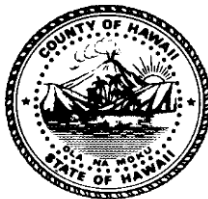
Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission, supports HB1041 HD1 in its current form and supports the negotiated amendments with DLNR with the one exception in that we **do not** support the requirement of having an assortment of appointed island committees. This requirement for appointed island committees would be burdensome, inefficient, and lack flexibility in support of Commission/Commissioner and reduce their independence in carrying out their functions and duties.

Much Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Lodge". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Much Aloha," text.

Tom Lodge, Chair

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**GREGGOR ILAGAN**

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January 19, 2016

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
And Members of the Committee on Judiciary

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee members,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 1041 HD1, relating to the establishment of a statewide Game Commission.

As you are aware, the County of Hawai'i Game Management Advisory Council has been active since its establishment by charter amendment in 2012, and it brings forward a number of issues relating to hunting, fishing, and public access. This model of an advisory commission has served Hawai'i County well and the State would be well-served to follow this example.

Nearly 900,000 acres of the 1 million acres managed by DLNR's Division of Forestry and Wildlife are available for hunting, according to testimony provided by DLNR last year. The proposed Game Commission would provide to DLNR invaluable and ongoing advice regarding game management practices for lands under its jurisdiction.

Again, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Greggor Ilagan*

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Council Member

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

1/22/16

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT  
OF HB 1041, HD 1  
RELATING TO HUNTING

Chair Rhoads and committee members:

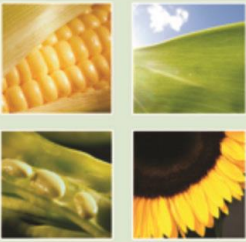
My name is Alan Takemoto, Community Affairs Manager for Monsanto Hawaii. We are an agricultural seed company that employs over 800 employees located on Maui, Molokai and Oahu. Our company strives to seek solutions to resolve the many challenges facing farmers throughout the world.

We support HB 1041, HD 1, which establishes a State Game Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the BLNR and appropriates funds accordingly.

Properly managing our game animals is important to our overall efforts of managing and sustaining our natural resources. Establishing a State Game Commission will allow stakeholders to provide input and guidance to preserve our natural resources and allow recreational and commercial activities, like hunting and fishing to occur. Allowing more representation on various sectors of the community who are directly affected should be part of this commission.

Many of Hawaii's agricultural operations, including our farms, are located near or on public areas and establishing a State Game Commission will be important to help facilitate discussion and make recommendation on best ways to move forward in dealing with various activities.

Thank you.



# Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

*Growing the Future of Agriculture in Hawaii*

**LATE**

HCIA STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB1041 HD1

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
Committee Members

Friday, January 22, 2016 at 2:00pm Rm. 325

Title: DLNR; Hunting; Game Commission; Report; Appropriations.

Description: Establishes a game commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the BLNR. Appropriates Funds.

Aloha, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members.

My name is Bennette Misalucha and I am the executive director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA). HCIA stands in strong support of our local hunters and fisherman, acknowledging their wealth of knowledge and notable contribution to Hawaii's nature and food sustainability. Through combined efforts, we hope to establish a positive environment for hunters, fishermen, and farmers alike, so that we may pass that gift to the future generations of Hawaii.

We believe a State Game Commission will enable hunters and fishermen to better work with the appropriate agencies to efficiently coordinate efforts. This commission can directly address and advise the Board of Land and Natural Resources with the goal of having a fair and unified representation.

Other states strongly advocate for hunting and fishing programs and typically have a "fish and game commission" comprised of sportsmen and wildlife experts from their respective community. They work collaboratively and assist in conservation and resource management. State-level "Fish and Game Commissions" are standard practice in nearly every state except Hawaii.

HB1041 HD1 would lead to an equitable system of natural resource management by empowering local communities, sharing knowledge, and responsibility.

In conclusion, we support the establishment of a State Game Commission to help both our state agencies and local hunters and fishermen.

Mahalo,

Bennette Misalucha

Executive Director  
Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

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January 22, 2016

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

TESTIMONY ON HB 1041 HD 1  
RELATING TO HUNTING

Room 325  
2:00 PM

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 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.

**HFB supports HB 1041, HD 1**, which establishes a State Game Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land Natural Resources to create a balanced resource management policy for Hawaii.

HFB understands the concerns the Department of Land and Natural Resources expressed in their testimony on the original bill. House Draft 1 addresses many of those concerns while providing a venue wherein interested and committed community stakeholders can effectively discuss, deliberate, and offer their knowledge and experience-based ideas and recommendations to the Board in a collaborative manner.

The Commission would assist the agency in a timely and responsive manner to help better manage the State's wildlife resources that provide both social and economic benefits to the public.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for HB 1041 HD1.

# **The Society for Hawaii Heritage Animals**

## **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB1041 HD1**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

### **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
Committee Members

Friday, January 22, 2016 at 2:00pm Rm325

Report Title: DLNR; Hunting; Game Commission; Report; Appropriations

Description: Establishes a game commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the BLNR. Appropriates Funds.

The State Game Commission will enable us to work with the departments' administration. That is where a coordinated resource management effort involving stakeholders begins.

States that are responsive to the concerns of their citizens, strongly advocate for hunting and fishing programs and typically have a "fish and game commission" comprised of sportsmen and wildlife experts from their respective community. They work collaboratively and assist in conservation and resource management.

HB1041 HD1 would lead to a more equitable system of natural resource management by empowering local communities, sharing knowledge, power and responsibility.

HB1041 HD1 addressed the concerns of the stakeholders, and in further collaboration we recommend amending parts of Section 1 and Section 2 as noted by the department, except for the Inclusion of the island committees.

Currently there are various working groups and committees comprised of the department and hunters. The following is already written into HB1041 HD1 and enables the commission to:

(10) Collaborate with agencies and other persons who gather information and implement hunting programs and data.

We are working and collaborating with the game biologists and the guys in the field.

In Conclusion:

The State Game Commission will enable us to work with the departments' administration. That is where a coordinated resource management effort involving stakeholders begins.

Mahalo for your support!

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Executive Director  
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# **Game Management Advisory Committee**

## **Island of Hawaii**

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***Advise county, state and federal agencies on issues related to our game resources.***

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### ***Supporting H.B. 1041 H.D.1***

Committee on Judiciary  
Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura  
Committee Members

Relating to Hunting

Report Title: DLNR; Hunting; Game Commission; Report; Appropriation

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Proper management of the state's game resources is essential to all residents. This is true whether the resident is a subsistence hunter, fisherman, a recreational hunter or an individual who is only concerned with maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

Game was introduced to the state as a way to augment the protein generated from the ocean. Today, that fact remains true. On Hawaii Island close to 500,000 pounds of game meat is harvested annually according to the University of Hawaii. That equates to approximately 2 million meals for island residents. The data for islands such as Lanai, Molokai, and Kauai are similar.

While county commissions can help with access to our forests, management of the resource is the state's responsibility. A state game commission is absolutely appropriate and necessary for an island based community who is concerned with maintaining some level of self-sufficiency.

Hunters represent the largest user group of the state's mauka lands. Paired with experts from DLNR, hunter's knowledge, experience and advocacy can help the state move to a data oriented, long term perspective in managing our game resources and ecosystems.

With your support, a State Game Commission composed of experienced hunters and wildlife professionals will be instrumental in moving the State to a scientifically based and stakeholder-advised system for management of its game resources.



Mahalo,  
Mark Bartell, GMAC member



**Conservation Council  
for Hawai'i**

*Hawai'i's voice for wildlife*

*Kō Hawai'i / leo no nā holoholona lōhiu*



CORRECTED Testimony Submitted to the House Judiciary Committee  
Hearing: Friday, January 22, 2016 2 pm  
Conference Room 325

Opposition to HB 1041 HD 1 Relating to Hunting

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee,

Aloha. Conservation Council for Hawai'i opposes HB 1041 HD 1, which establishes a game commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the BLNR, and makes an appropriation. This bill is unnecessary. Hunters may already advise the BLNR on hunting matters, and they do. The appropriation in this bill could be used to enhance existing appropriate hunting areas, facilitate hunting access to land-locked hunting areas, and support hunter access to remote areas with helicopters to help control animals and retrieve the meat.

While game mammals are valued by hunters for food and recreation, in many areas, these animals are destructive to native habitats and watersheds. The most important thing we can all do to support hunters and support native species and watershed protection is to enhance appropriate hunting areas and fence feral and game mammals in, while removing these animals from sensitive areas and fencing them out. Hunters, too, must kokua and manage lands that are appropriate for hunting. Game management doesn't just happen.

Until the State gets serious about these program solutions, there will always be conflicts and destruction. Hunters will always feel like they are losing hunting areas, even when they have more than enough land and animals to hunt. The number of acres of hunting area far exceeds the number of acres of actively managed and protected watersheds and native species habitats. Furthermore, there is no shortage of feral pigs, goats, sheep, mouflon, and deer in Hawai'i; there are too many of them. Here are some photos of the damage caused by feral and game mammals to our watersheds, native species habitats, and outdoor recreation areas.

What we lack in this state is an effective hunting program that supports hunting in appropriate hunting areas and minimizes the damage in sensitive areas, such as native habitats, watersheds, recreation areas, farms, ranches, nurseries, gardens, and other private property.

Please kokua. Do not waste time and money on a one-sided commission that will not address the inherent conflicts between introduced continental barnyard animals gone wild and wildlife (deer), and native Hawaiian species and habitats, including essential watersheds.

Oppose HB 1041 HD 1, and let us all work together on enhancing appropriate hunting areas, building fences, and protecting sensitive native habitats, watersheds, and recreation areas.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Ziegler

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Left to right: Kanea'a, Kohala, Hawai'i,  
Mauna Kea, Hawai'i and Pelekane,  
Kohala, Hawai'i.



East side of Wailau Valley, Moloka'i -  
pigs and deer for at least 35 years



Oloku'i, west of Wailau Valley, Moloka'i - pig free



Feral pig damage in native rain forest, 'Ola'a and Kahuku, Hawai'i



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House Committee on  
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Rep. Karl Rhoads (Chair)  
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Room 325, 2:00PM  
**House Bill 1041**

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The Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance **SUPPORTS HB 1041.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is currently tasked with managing Hawaii's unique hunting resources and native species. Balancing this is often a difficult task for the department alone and has caused much distrust and contention between all stakeholder communities.

There are, by count, more groups, councils, and boards tasked with native species while zero are tasked with managing Hawaii's hunting resources. State-level "Fish and Game Commissions" are standard practice in nearly every state except Hawaii. Sportsmen are simply asking for one to address hunting and game so all stakeholders, in the public lands they currently use, are represented fairly.

A state level commission must be formed to directly address and advise the Board of Land and Natural Resources to have a fair and unified representation. Simply creating island or county level councils will not address unified representation and will likely create inefficiencies. A state level commission should be established first before considering lower tier county level advisory councils.

Hunters currently hold the oldest organized user-pay system within the DLNR. A 2011 "National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation," conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, estimated over **\$50 million** dollars are spent annually by **hunters in Hawaii**. To maintain the public interest in hunting and the domestic economy that comes with it, it is imperative Hawaii's sportsmen have a direct connection to the DLNR and BLNR. This is long overdue and the DLNR has expressed support for a game commission in the past.

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For the above reasons and more, the Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance **strongly supports HB 1041.**

*Mahalo,*

*Ryan Kohatsu*

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*Hilo, Hawaii*

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***Hawaii Hunting Association  
To Protect & Promote Sustainable  
Public Hunting in Hawaii***

**HB1041 – HD1**

House of Representatives  
The Twenty Eighth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
HB1041-HD1  
Friday January 22, 2016; 2:00 PM Room 325

Judiciary Committee  
Karl Rhodes, Chair  
Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
Committee Members

Hawaii Hunting Association **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB1041 – HD1.**

For decades people have been battling with DLNR all nature of things and in particular their management of our resources. These management undertakings have led to criticism that DLNR engages in a sort of bust to boom crisis management.

Game animals, whether pigs, sheep, goats or deer, all have histories of populations being permitted to swell to unacceptable numbers and then as a follow up, “emergency” campaigns to control the numbers, most recently through the mounting use of illegal aerial shooting to slaughter game animals referred to in our Constitution as “Natural Resources”.

The necessity of a Game Commission here in Hawaii is clear. It will foster transparency with DLNR and encourage the DLNR to actually address the positions of the public in their activities, which have for decades been ignored

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with simplistic “Findings of No Significant Impact”, or as in the case of “Rain Follows the Forest”, massive forest use changes with absolutely no public notice, accommodation, or hearings.

A Statewide Game Commission will promote transparency, cooperation with DLNR and their many other partners in the necessity for **sustainable** integrated management methodologies of our resources. A Statewide Game Commission will help foster a more inclusive representation of interests.

Hawaii Hunting Association supports HB1041 HD1 in its current form and supports the negotiated amendments with DLNR with the one exception in that we **do not** support the requirement of having an assortment of appointed island committees.

Commissioners should be individuals vetted, knowledgeable, and committed to integrated resource management strategies, plans and policies and find that this requirement for appointed island committees would be burdensome, inefficient, and lack flexibility and independence in support of Commission/Commissioner functions and duties.

Much Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Lodge". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tom Lodge

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kyle furutani	Hawaii sportsman's alliance	Support	No

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The Hawaii Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB1041 – HD1.**

For decades conservationists and hunters have been in disagreement with DLNR in their management and financing of our game resources. Hawaii's game animal populations were not properly managed and as a result grew to unacceptable numbers. Thus began emergency campaigns to control the numbers, most recently through the use of illegal aerial shooting to slaughter and waste game animals referred to in our Constitution as "Natural Resources". Habitat management has NOT been done to maintain Sustainable game numbers, invasive weed control and wild fire hazards.

A Statewide Game Commission will promote transparency, cooperation with DLNR and their many other partners in the necessity for **sustainable** integrated management methodologies of our resources. A Statewide Game Commission will help form a more inclusive representation of interests.

The Hawaii Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation supports HB1041 HD1

Much Aloha,  
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Willie-Joe Camara	National Wild Turkey Federation	Support	No

Comments: The Volcano Island chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation strongly supports HB 1041. This measure is much needed to allow hunters to have a voice in the decision making process which directly effects the use of our lands and game resources.

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makani	Hunting Farming and Fishing Association	Support	Yes

Comments: The State Game Commission will enable us to work with the departments' administration. That is where a coordinated resource management effort involving stakeholders begins. States that are responsive to the concerns of their citizens, strongly advocate for hunting and fishing programs and typically have a "fish and game commission" comprised of sportsmen and wildlife experts from their respective community. They work collaboratively and assist in conservation and resource management. HB1041 HD1 would lead to a more equitable system of natural resource management by empowering local communities, sharing knowledge, power and responsibility. HB1041 HD1 addressed the concerns of the stakeholders, and in further collaboration we recommend amending parts of Section 1 and Section 2 as noted by the department, except for the Inclusion of the island committees. Currently there are various working groups and committees comprised of the department and hunters. The following is already written into HB1041 HD1 and enables the commission to: (10) Collaborate with agencies and other persons who gather information and implement hunting programs and data. We are working and collaborating with the game biologists and the guys in the field. In Conclusion: The State Game Commission will enable us to work with the departments' administration. That is where a coordinated resource management effort involving stakeholders begins.

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Kent Iwashita	J&K Island Magic of Hawaii LLC	Support	No

Comments: Club Member of: Hui Kuahiwi

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steven Onaka	Hui Kuahiwi-The Club	Support	No

Comments: My name is Steven Onaka I am 14 years old and a freshmen at Konawaena High school. I have been hunting with my dad since the age of 3. Besides hunting in Hawaii I have hunted in Alaska and Montana. I support HB1041 because a game commission will make sure that I have a hunting future in Hawai'i. Mahalo

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# Hui Kuahiwi

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*Promote the responsible management of our game resources*

*And teach our children to harvest game ethically.*

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## **Supporting H.B. 1041 H.D.1**

Committee on Judiciary

Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura

Committee Members

Relating to Hunting

Report Title: DLNR; Hunting; Game Commission; Report; Appropriation

Description: Establishes a game commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the BLNR. Appropriates funds

Friday, January 22, 2016 at 2pm conference rm 325

As a third generation born and raised Kona resident, hunter and active member of the community I can state, without a doubt, there is a need for a state game commission. I, like my father, hunt to provide protein for the family and offset grocery bills. This is a standard practice on the island of Hawaii.

Over the 50+ years I have hunted, I have observed how the state has managed our game resources. I fear that without some change to current practices, my grandchildren will lose the opportunities afforded to me.

Hawaii has always looked out for its citizens but when it comes to natural resource management, public involvement and input is lacking. Hunters are the largest user group that utilizes state mauka public lands yet we have the least representation. A State Game Commission would lead to a more equitable and balanced system of natural resource management

For the sake of those who depend on our game resources, I ask you to support the formation of state wide game commission.

Mahalo,  
Alan Taniyama

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Colin Onaka	Hui Kuahiwi	Support	No

Comments: Our club, Hui Kuahiwi supports HB1041 and humbly ask that this much needed and overdue commission passes. This commission could definitely aid DLNR by bridging communication between the hunting community, DLNR and law makers included. State Game commissions are established in every state and having a state game commission could certainly promote hunting to visitors of this state that are sportsman and women. Hunting is extremely important to many residents of this state. A state game commission would ensure oversight and the future of hunting is protected for generations to come.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keith T Reed	Hui Kuahiwi	Support	No

Comments: My name is Keith Reed. I am submitting this testimony in support of Hawaii's HB1041. I am not a resident of Hawaii, but my family heritage has over 100 years in Hawaii. I have spent many hours with my grandfather, father, uncles, cousins and my children enjoying the wonderful outdoors Hawaii has to offer. Our family has in particular enjoyed the opportunities to carry on our hunting traditions. To pass this on to my children as my father, grandfather and uncles did with me. I have seen in Alaska how the fish and game commission works for the betterment of the wildlife and for the people of the state. It is comprised of people who have local interest in the game of their area (sportsman, guides) as well as biologists, and people of the area that may not have direct interest in the hunting activity. The commission is basically a cross section of the people. I feel that a game commission for the State of Hawaii would give the people of Hawaii at a grass roots level the ability to have input on the management of their local game and resources. Collaboration between the state and the local sportsmen would foster relations between communities and the DLNR. It would allow the DLNR to hear the concern of the local communities in direct us of these natural resources. It would give the local community buy in to the land use, and the promotion of wildlife management for future generations. With proper game resource management the State of Hawaii will have another option for visitors to the state and the local resides alike. There is an income side of properly managed game that would benefit the local residents, the visiting tourists and the state's coffers. What does the State of Hawaii have to lose by establishing a game commission? I see it as a win-win for all parties involved. For these reasons I encourage the representatives from their local areas in Hawaii to vote in support of HB1041 to establish a game commission for the people of Hawaii and for the future generations to enjoy. Thank you Keith Reed

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Dominic Souza	Grey Boar Wildlife Services LLC	Support	No

Comments: The need for a State Game Commission: 1. A 2011 “National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation,” conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, estimated over \$50 million dollars is spent annually by hunters in Hawaii. 2. Sportsmen across the country contribute significant portions of funding to state wildlife programs through the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937. Currently Hawaii receives the lowest apportionment of these federal matching funds, which is a little over 3 million dollars annually. However, hunting license sales are the primary funding for these federal matching funds. It is imperative that hunting is promoted in Hawaii to continue to aide in funding our wildlife program and those employed by it. 3. States that have taken their hunting and fishing programs seriously typically have a “fish and game commission” comprised of sportsmen and experts from the community to aide in conserving all resources held in the public trust. This level of public involvement is absent from Hawaii and should be put in place. 4. The DLNR has, in past testimony, supported the establishment of a hunting advisory commission to advise on matters affecting hunting. We are still waiting for one. 5. A Game Commission should streamline the process of current administrative rulemaking that govern public hunting in Hawaii. The last administrative rulemaking took about 7 years to complete. This is an unacceptable timetable to competently manage wildlife for public use. Working more closely with the public and respective DLNR wildlife managers, a Game Commission can more efficiently review and advise the DLNR on rules and suggestions regarding managing the diverse hunting resources in the state. 6. The latest Tanaka vs. DLNR case prompted the removal of administrative powers of the department to adjust seasons, bag limits, etc. This is unacceptable and could have been avoided had a public process of a Game Commission been in place. 7. Balancing preservation “non-use” of resources vs. conservation “wiseuse” of resources has been an uneasy situation between the DLNR and many sections of the community. We feel this is because conservation, “wise-use,” advocates do not have the avenues for discussion that are afforded to preservation advocates within the State. Perhaps a State Game Commission can be a step towards a more fair approach to comprehensive natural resource management. 8. We feel there is a priceless value to being able to harvest and



consume truly wild resources. We feel this value is important to protect in the interest of societal health and sustainability for the residents of Hawaii. 9. Increased public involvement on the management of public trust resources is the fabric of which our country's wildlife conservation movement was built upon and will be critical to maintain. We feel a game commission is just one way to maintain this kind of involvement among many other councils and commissions that have already been established. For the above reasons and many more, I Strongly Support this bill!

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Jerry Ilo	Babooze Bowstrings	Support	No

Comments: I very strongly support establishing a Game commission in Hawaii. Hawaii is the ONLY state with one. Hawaii Hunters need and deserve a voice.

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Comments: I strongly support this bill and feel the need to have a game commission.

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troy samura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matthew C. Linden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe this bill is important to current culture of Hawai'i, especially on the outer islands. Kepā Maly, et al. stated in "Pigs in Hawai'i, from Traditional to Modern" that hunting was not part of Native Hawaiian practices before Western contact. While I can neither argue for or against this statement, I do believe that cultural practices and ideas are constantly evolving as a result of the circumstances and events of the current era. While hunting may not have been a necessary practice of the ancient people of Hawai'i for sustenance, the loss of agriculture land by development, the re-routing of water sources, and the ever increasing expense of fish, meat, and produce, has led to hunting being a sustainable and afford method of attaining nutrition in Hawai'i. Even though the number of hunting licenses taken out in Hawai'i is small (roughly 10,000), if you consider how socially connected the people of Hawai'i are, each animal taken is probably shared with ten or more other people, making the number of people affected by hunting exponentially larger then any current measuring system I have seen reported. For these reasons I believe this bill is important to the people of Hawai'i and is why I give it my support.

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Robert Okuda	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael F Shimatsu Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: LEGISLATORS YOU ARE A SAD BUNCH!!

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nani pogline	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I serve as a Commissioner on the County Game Management Advisory Commission in Hilo. Federal and State funds are overwhelmingly channeled toward native species preservation, and eradication of non-natives. Our historical, cultural, and natural resources need protection. We need the balance in place of a State Game Management Commission.

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john h mattos	Individual	Support	No

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Joel Nakamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Date: 1/18/16 To: Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Committee Members RE: Public Testimony in SUPPORT of: HB1041 HD1 – Relating to Hunting. Establishes the State Game Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the BLNR. Appropriates funds. Hearing on 1/22/16, 2:00 p.m. at the State Capitol, Room 325 I am writing to indicate my SUPPORT OF HB1041 HD1. HRS 183D-2 paragraph (12) requires that the DLNR “Preserve, protect, and promote public hunting” and HB1041 HD1 supports this requirement in that it allows the end users (hunters) an avenue/venue to provide input to the DLNR in a State recognized advisory capacity. Ultimately the Legislature is not responsible for the whether the Commission’s activities actually impact DLNR policy, however by passing this bill it is fulfilling a responsibility to support an existing state law by creating a public involvement component which is currently lacking. With regard to the benefit of having hunters on an advisory commission, they are the largest user group utilizing State public lands. As a group, hunters can be a tremendous resource as they are “on the ground” the most often and can provide valuable current information about conditions in the field to the DLNR. The County of Hawaii established a Game Management Advisory Commision (GMAC) several years ago and I regularly attend the monthly meetings. It has been my experience that the GMAC meetings are very educational and provide a venue for members of the public, like myself, to become educated and provide testimony on various issues concerning hunting. I would expect that the State Game Commission would function in a similar manner and I wholeheartedly support the formation of such a body. Thank you for your consideration, Joel Nakamoto

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Byron Ito	Individual	Support	No

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james kuniyoshi	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kellie Kurashige	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of bill HB1041 establishing a game commission to advise the BLNR. I am a member of the hunting club Hui Kuahiwi on the Big Island and feel there has been little involvement of the public, and hunters specifically, in BLNR's management of our public lands. The establishment of this commission will allow us to work together to create an equitable system to manage our resources. Thanks you, Kellie Kurashige

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew R. Fong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of bill HB1041 establishing a state game commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the BLNR. I am a resident of the Big Island and a member of the hunting club Hui Kuahiwi. I feel that there has been very little public involvement and representation from hunters regarding management of our natural resources. It is important for the BLNR to address and respond to the concerns of our local communities especially regarding the declining access to public lands. They need to empower these communities to share in the responsibilities of management of these lands and help promote island self sufficiency and sustainability. I believe the creation of this commission will allow us to work collaboratively to create a more effective and equitable system of resource management. Thank you.

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Riley De Mattos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support bill HB1041 HD1, The state game commission will be very effective in getting information out and voicing the publics concerns on certain topics of interest.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matthew Ross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the creation of a state game commission. Hunting is an important part of our culture, and good management is needed to ensure that it will survive into the future. Hunters know and appreciate the resource more than anyone, and their input is critical to the process.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Colin Miura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for introducing this bill, I urge you to vote in favor of this. By creating a commission, you will hear the views of all... including hunters, gatherers and fishermen.

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William King	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As an avid hunter, sometime fisherman, and concerned fisherman, I support the creation of this commission so that hunters and fisherman have a say in what happens in relation to our ocean and land resources. I would be a big step forward for the state.

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Tad Araki	Individual	Support	No

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In regards to house bill 1041

The hunting public needs to be able to provide input regarding hunting policies instituted by the DLNR. We (hunters) suffer at the whims of the decision makers at the DLNR. There are no specific names of officials that we can express our opinions to. Public hearings regarding pro and cons of important decisions are usually just a front to keep the public reigned in... In other words "shibai" generally decisions are already made for or against issues that concern the public by higher ups in the DLNR.

We have witnessed further and further degradation of hunting opportunities in terms of number of animals and areas to hunt. A prime example is Pohakuloa. Animals were eliminated, areas fenced off, access was restricted. These rules make it easy for DLNR and federal officials to administer the site but generally shuts out the hunters and other recreational users of the land. A lot of the land is state land leased by the feds. Allowable hunting was a provision on the lease provisions. Now thousands of acres have been fenced, animals were exterminated, and access either closed or severely restricted. Its one thing to say hunting is still available but instead of driving into the area one has to park outside and walk miles to productive (hopefully) areas.

Our resources need to be managed where a win win situation can exist between sustainability of animals and managing the land. For now it's all environmentalists . . . i.e. kill all the animals. Both can exist. Hunting provides food, recreation, income for companies selling trucks, camp gear, etc. It's a good way for the public to partake in outdoor activities in our beautiful resources.

Colorado is a prime example of resource management. Their game department is independent and with their expertise generate millions of dollars of income. Colorado is a sportsman's paradise. Hawaii is the complete opposite. Where we can be a sportsman's destination it seems we are doing our best to discourage people.

We need a game board comprised of hunters and other recreational users of the land to coordinate with the DLNR so we can have a viable user plan that would be of benefit to all users of our resources. To this end please support house bill 1041 regarding game advisory boards.

Thank you very much

Guy M. Sasaki



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Tim Shindo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this measure to protect the interests of our fading culture.

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Leo A Millan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need a game commission and get with the program as other USA states

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Chad Toyomura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please give hunters a voice!

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Donn Yanagisawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the creation of a State Game Commission. Hawaii needs to have a group that can balance the wildlife and marine conservation issues. Many of the other continental states have a great management outlook where animals and endangered species can co-exist with the proper people and legislators combined.

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Joni Kamiya	Individual	Support	No

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Lisa Yanagisawa	Individual	Support	No

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Steven M Doi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Thank you all for your hard work "for the residents and visitors of Hawaii". I've been a lifelong resident on Kauai, a father, grandfather, fisherman, hunter but first and foremost "a true person that cares for our lands and ocean". Always hoping that our lifestyle and everything I've done as a child is not lost or taken away for my grandchildren. For these reasons I feel having hunters, fisherman and folks that truly care for our Islands have a voice is a good thing and I am in support of HB 1041. Again, much Mahalo for all your hard work to make Hawaii a better place for our next generation. Hopefully they too will be able to do the things my grandfather, father and myself did with their children as fishing, hunting, camping etc. I pray Hawaii will be kept open to all residents and visitors to enjoy and never lost. Sincerely, Steven M Doi

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Richard Sakanashi	Individual	Support	No

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Mary Sakanashi	Individual	Support	No

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***Ted Lindsey***  
***Waimea, Hawaii***  
***Supporting H.B. 1041 H.D.1***

Committee on Judiciary  
Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura  
Committee Members

Relating to Hunting

Report Title: DLNR; Hunting; Game Commission; Report; Appropriation

Description: Establishes a game commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the BLNR. Appropriates funds

Friday, January 22, 2016 at 2pm conference rm 325

As a current member of Hui O Kuahiwi I am submitting written Testimony to strongly support H.B. 1041 H.D.1 for the creation of a State wide Game Commission which would serve as an advisory council to the BLNR.

Mahalo,

Ted Lindsey

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Ty Medeiros	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. HB 1041

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Ryder Souza	Individual	Support	No

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Kathy Takahashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support the recognition of the Hunting and Fishing community. Please pass this very important piece of legislation.

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January 20, 2016

TO: Hawai'i State Legislature, House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Mary Ikagawa, Kailua

RE: HB1041 HD1, strongly oppose

Aloha members of the committee:

There was a time in Hawai'i when land managers had a government mandate and funding to rigorously control (through widespread fencing, shooting, and other methods) the growing populations of non-native animals such as pigs, goats, and wild cattle that were destroying the islands' watersheds and agriculture. The control program worked, and the watersheds began to recover. But that model ended in the early 1950s with the rise of hunting interests, and the last 60 years have seen non-native animals explode in number and range, with a matching increase in losses to agriculture, watershed health, and Hawaiian plants and animals.

If DLNR had enough funding and staff to prevent game animals from continuing their destruction of precious island resources, and if there was actually any need for intervention to keep hunting available, a game commission such as the one proposed in this bill might make sense. But the opposite is the case, and the State cannot spare any time or money to support such a body. Please vote against this bill.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ikagawa

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Taylor Au	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hunting is a key part of society and humanity, I would like big game and bird hunting to be available to future generations. Big game and game birds are a resource and must be conserved and managed

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Wednesday, January 20, 2016

I, Alan Nakagawa, strongly support HB 1041 been a hunter on the Big Island for over 40 years and have witnessed the continued loss of hunting opportunities and areas. Large scale fencing projects throughout the island (especially in the Mauna Kea and Pohakuloa Training Areas) have not only eliminated large populations of animals but also prevents access. Loss of hunting areas with the opening of the new saddle road provided mitigation for loss of plant/wildlife habitat but no value or mitigation was awarded for the loss of hunting areas.

Hunting in Hawaii has continually been reduced and much of this is due to the lack of game management on the part of the State DLNR. The lack of a game management plan that includes updated rules and regulations and plans for habitat improvement and protection is evidence of the Department's lack of commitment and concern toward hunting. The establishment of a game commission will provide the Board of Land and Natural Resources a coordinated resource management effort that will give stakeholders an opportunity to assist in the enhancement and maintenance of public hunting in Hawaii.

Once again I strongly support this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Testifier's name:

Alan Nakagawa  
65-1156 Spencer Road  
Kamuela Hawaii 96743

January 20, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Bill 1041, the request to create a State Game Commission. As an avid outdoorsman for over 30 years, I have experienced the many changes in game management policies both good and bad. Policies have been put in place to protect our native and indigenous habitat, sometimes to the demise of our game animal populations. It is the practice of hunters and outdoorsman to care for the land and respect our precious resources. we perpetuate a unique island lifestyle based on strong family values and virtuous personal morals. I truly believe the implementation of such a commission is crucial to the conservation and preservation of our native habitat whereby promoting a harmonious existence with our diminishing game animal populations.

There is no doubt that Hawai'i's natural environment should be protected and the remaining native and indigenous plant species be preserved. Likewise, our distinctive island culture should be cherished and perpetuated as well. Our state motto is based on the fact that we must care for the land and it's surrounding waters as our forefathers have done for generations. I believe giving our stewards the opportunity to represent us at the legislative level ensures that we have the power to engage in decision-making that directly affects our culture as hunters and gatherers. In many states across the nation, there exists game and fish commissions to honor the opinions of the very people that maintain and oversee the natural resources of their communities. These groups like the Pennsylvania Game Commission operate on funds generated by outdoor use through hunting license fees etc. Why can Hawai'i, a state with the most distinguished natural environments, not have representatives at the state level who directly interact with the environment on a daily basis. Outdoorsman should be seated alongside BLNR representatives when discussions lead to eradication of our wildlife or the restricted use of and/or expansion of hunting areas. By allowing the formulation of a State Game Commission, the communication between lawmaker and hunter will progress. It is a simple request of the average citizen to be included in discussions and decisions about the land, it's habitat and the wildlife that is ultimately affected.

In a day and age where technological advance is at the forefront and competition for personal capital gain is encouraged, there exists a tremendous need for activities that promote the "We" instead of "I" concept. I believe hunting to be one of the most grounding activities that gives the youth a solid character foundation and nurtures the concept of respect for natural resources and your fellow man. Harvesting an animal is just one aspect of my journey as an outdoorsman. Along the way, one learns to appreciate his surroundings and more importantly the company that joins him. Nothing describes bonding to me more than a family outing in the mountain and the opportunity for core values to be passed on by parent to child. I would love nothing more than for my kids to become positive contributing members of society who are

educationally and financially successful. I firmly believe that these successes will follow if I am able to help build their character and instill morals/values as a result of my shared knowledge as a caretaker of the land.

In closing, I would like to request that Bill 1041 is approved and passed so our precious way of life may be supported and perpetuated by the very people who live it.

Mahalo for your time,

Mike Silva  
MSCP Counseling Psychology  
Member of Hui O Kuahiwi, Hawai'i Island

Members of the Legislature,

I am writing this letter to express my wholehearted support in favor of H.B. No 1041, which will establish a game commission.

It is important to point out that most if not all other states have such a commission in place to assist in the management of wildlife and the land they occupy. Additionally, here in Hawaii we have a long cultural tradition of subsistence practices. Hunting and harvesting wild game is a huge part of this tradition, which has been subject to myriad obstacles in recent years. It is my belief that an advisory committee will enable the board to frame policies going forward that will benefit all Hawaii residents and prevent actions that work to the detriment of cultural practices that go back for many generations.

Respectfully Submitted,

John P Bunnell DDS



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Joy Yoshina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A Gaming Commission is necessary to provide a venue for interests, particularly those of recreational and subsistence sportsmen and hunters, to participate in balanced management of our state's public resources. In modern times, such interests are valid but excluded from DLNR management activities. Many of these hunters are native sons and daughters who are continuing valuable and meaningful family traditions of resource gathering. They have an understanding of animal behavior, terrain and weather patterns -- as much as any recognized biology, ecology or similar conservation expert -- and a respect for our landscape and all it contains, Yet, for too long, respectful requests by various hunters groups for things such as basic game and management plan information have been ignored or downplayed, and this has precluded the inclusion of these stakeholders into significant decisionmaking. DLNR's mandate is well-known: to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei..." To "enhance, protect, conserve and manage" are all forms of active stewardship that can and should entail the public use's and enjoyment of resources. A Gaming Commission will function to ensure that management remains informed, objective and equitable for all present persons as well as those in the future.

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Dean Sensui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 1041 HD1 and the creation of a game commission for Hawaii. With an estimated 400,000 pounds of meat harvested on the Big Island by hunters, it's clear that many of Hawaii's residents rely heavily on hunting to feed themselves. It's not just a pastime or a hobby but a major contributor to food security and self-sufficiency. It is therefore important that this resource is properly managed. A game commission, consisting of experienced hunters, can provide a great deal of much-needed expertise to help guide the DLNR in its decision-making process, and help ensure that the practice of hunting and harvesting food is perpetuated for generations to come.

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nsimeon	Individual	Support	No

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Bruce R. Faulkner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. This bill is long overdue and will allow the hunter gather constituents the opportunity to share their knowledge. Rural lifestyles need to be preserved and this bill is a step in the right direction toward reaching that goal. Hunters deserve to have a seat at the table and not be discriminated against having a voice in the decision making process!

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kyle T Cheng	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support protecting hunting rights.

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David Norris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help us start to manage and use our resources properly. We need a voice here in hawaii so mainland environmental groups don't make the rules for us with their lawsuits

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Lydel Cardoza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In this day in age,I think we should be more than capable of managing and preserving both culture and wildlife with the appropriate means that can be generated if everyone can come to an reasonable agreement

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aaron Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly Oppose Bill HB 799 To whom it may Concern, The community of Hawaii strongly opposes giving any agency the ability to shoot animals from the air. This was made clearly evident when Hawaii County passed a bill making aerial shooting ILLEGAL. The DLNR, and anyone else for that matter, should be exempt from following the law. Setting precedent that an entity can find ways around the law, which the community stands behind, is dangerous and wrong. The shooting of animals from an airborne machine is absolutely unethical and morally wrong. Mahalo for your support! Aaron Brown

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derric nishimoto	Individual	Support	No

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Cory Kaizuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Per the following words from Mr. Tony Sylvester, I am in agreements with his words and statements: "Properly managed, game animals contribute to our Islands self-sufficiency, generate income, and provide recreational opportunity for the people of Hawaii. In 2011 the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service conducted their "National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Associated Recreation," and estimated over \$50 million dollars is spent annually by hunters in Hawaii. As a point of interest, 95% of all conservation money in the U.S. comes from taxes paid by hunters and fisherman. States that strongly advocate hunting and fishing programs typically have a "fish and game commission" comprised of sportsmen and wildlife experts from their respective community and assist in conservation and resource management. Hawaii has always looked out for its citizens but when it comes to natural resource management, public involvement and input is lacking. Hunters are the largest user group that utilizes state public lands yet we have the least representation. A State Game Commission would lead to a more equitable system of natural resource management. The Department of Land and Natural Resources shift from conservation "wise-use" to preservation "no – use, no touch" does not address long term mixed use practices and disconnects us from our land. With your support, a State Game Commission composed of experienced hunters and wildlife professionals will be instrumental in moving the State to a scientifically based and stakeholder-advised system for management of its game resources. "

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Conrad Dakujaku	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a concerned resident from the State of Hawaii, that would like to support HB 1041. I firmly feel that every State in the United States should have a Wildlife Gaming Commission, especially the State of Hawaii. We are a State like many others, that have deep cultural roots in hunting and gathering. It is for this reason a Commission such as this is vital for our hunting traditions to continue. For the past 30+ years federal mandates ordered the slaughter of a few species of animals. These animals are very important to hunting in Hawaii. All of those years these animals did not have a voice, a right, or even a chance. This Commission would be excellent for keeping hunting traditions alive, while also working together with other State agencies to keep natures balance. It is certainly about time for the State of Hawaii to move forward productively and positively. Currently, due to the nature of this Bill, we really need to enact this Bill right away on the State level. Wildlife Commissions on the County level can soon follow. As many of us farmers and ranchers know, mother nature doesn't wait. The sooner we act, the easier it would be for this Commission and State agencies to work "hand in hand" for the best interest of this State's wildlife and game.

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Randall Ciriako	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i support this bill because it gives us (the public) a voice and an opinion on what goes on with fishing and hunting choices. With this bill i think that we can come out with a solution that will make everyone involved happy.

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I am writing in strong support of HB 1041.

First off, I would like to say that I am not affiliated with any hunting or fishing organization in the State of Hawaii. I am a local resident who would like to ask you for your support of HB 1041.

A game commission on the state level is a highly needed commission for the State of Hawaii. We need to support hunting and wild food management throughout the State of Hawaii, or before we know it hunting will be just a memory. Great hunting states such as Montana have gaming commissions alike to work with their various state departments to unite the government and communities when it comes to hunting and fishing. A state game commission here is necessary to do the same thing for the people of Hawaii. We have gone far too long without community inclusion in the states decision making processes.

The people of Hawaii need a voice, WE need this commission to help the people of Hawaii be involved with the government agencies in making the best decisions possible on our behalf. Currently all of these different departments on the state level make these laws, rules and regulations without any input from the public. There is no communication between government agencies and local communities. They make decisions for us without having the proper knowledge of Hawaiian customs and traditions; without considering or knowing what the people of Hawaii want. Laws, rules & regulations, decisions affecting hunting and fishing are made solely by what they feel is the right thing to do, and not necessarily what is in the best interest for the people of our state.

At this time, I don't feel it is necessary for all islands to have a local gaming commission. For now, it would be more effective & efficient to have a state game commission as one voice for the people that represents all of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

JoAnne Dakujaku  
Hilo, Hawaii

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Paul Bueltmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Every other state has one why doesn't Hawaii have one. We already do not have a voice to the BLNR when it comes to doing what is right. We have already seen that with the Mauna Kea and TMT. Isn't it about time that we get onto the right track and give the people who utilize the natural resources an actual voice in these matters that people on the BLNR really know very little of. Mahalo pb

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Stanley Mendes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support

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Lyle Omoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A game Commission is needed to be a voice for the hunters. The public and hunters are losing lands and game animals. The mountain is becoming overgrown and in danger of going up in flames. There are no animals to help keep grasslands under control and ladder fuels are going right up to the trees. If a fire was to occur, the grass and the trees will burn. If all vegetation is gone, it opens the land up for massive erosion. The animals help maintain a healthy balance and keeps the mountain beautiful.

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taylor sumida	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our govt was designed so everyone would have a voice and say in the things that matter to us most. Anyone denying another person his voice is disrupting the legislative process. I strongly agree that Hunters gathers should have their own commission at the state level to have their concerns heard.

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Willie-Joe Camara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii hunters are the largest users of our forests and oceans, yet hunters have the least voice in the management of these lands. A state Game Commission will allow for hunters to have a voice in the decision process as they are being made not "after the fact". I strongly support HB 1041.

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Brian Ley	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It's obvious that we need a game comishion to protect local hunters and their family. There is no reason that the land can't be managed to protect native species and allow the land to support the local population. That was the reason king kamauma allowed the introduction of these animals to feed his people

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glenn fukuda	Individual	Support	No

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**RELATING TO HUNTING.**

**Establishes the State Game Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the BLNR. Appropriates funds. (HB1041 HD1)**

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1041 HD1**

**WHY A STATE GAME COMMISSION?**

- *The ability to work collaboratively requires a seat at the table*
- *Responsive action to the concerns of our members and our community*
- *Everyone values trust, respect, creativity and collaboration, and knowing they have a voice*
- *Address the decline in access to public lands and our diminishing wild food resources*
- *Currently, who is looking out for our subsistence gatherers and those who rely on our game?*
- *We need a more effective and equitable system of resource management*
- *Must have commitment, organization and involvement by our resources managers and users*
- *Assist DLNR in empowering local communities, share knowledge, power and responsibility*
- *Help promote sustainable land management*
- *Advocate that people, (the human resources) and the natural resources on which they depend, directly or indirectly, are inextricably linked. Rather than treating each in isolation, all ecosystem elements are considered together, in order to obtain multiple ecological and socio-economic benefits.*

**WHAT WILL A STATE GAME COMMISSION ACHIEVE?**

*"A balanced resource management policy for the future of Hawaii and its people"*

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Denton Souza Jr	Individual	Support	No

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Keoni Souza	Individual	Support	No

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Kawika Souza	Individual	Support	No

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Mary Ann James	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I do not hunt but my family does and I enjoy the game they bring home to prepare and eat. I strongly support a commission that will work with BLNR to give the hunting community in our state a voice. Mahalo!

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Danae Souza	Individual	Support	No

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Leilani	Individual	Support	No

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Grant Kow	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Darryl K. Turner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Not sure what I fat fingered however my statement wasn't completed.... I will attempt to pick up where it ended.... In other places the mistake has been made to not provide the balance between land, wildlife and people, as in Hawaii we seem to have a history of conflicting concerns i.e., do we protect one of the largest state resources with all the visitors we have all over the state or worry about some pigs,goats,sheep,deer,birds & fisheries? When the value on one resource has a higher income value to the states revenue stream somehow at the end of the day, history has shown where the governments focus goes more toward then the other...With a Hawaii State Game Commission work can begin to create as best as possible a more reachable WIN WIN balance between the land, animals, and people... mahalo in advance for the time and consideration of many many CONSERVATION MINDED HAWAII HUNTERS..... Darryl K. Turner 808-937-7407

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Thomas Lapera	Individual	Support	No

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James Madrigal	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I want more public hunting lands made available for myself and my children.

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Shanna Sato	Individual	Support	No

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paul	Individual	Support	No

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Kalani Pacheco	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, As a registered voter, law abiding, tax paying, and hard working individual in our community, I completely support this bill.

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Dennis Yamaguchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The outer islands depend a lot on game as food. We here on Oahu underestimate the importance of hunted game as a primary food source for citizens of Hawaii.

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Carl M Jellings Sr	Individual	Support	No

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Darrell Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hunting and putting meat on the table is a way of self-sufficiency. We don't all go to the grocery store to get our food and the DLNR is failing in its capacity to provide adequate hunting grounds and continually closes down hunting areas.

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kabel gebeke	Individual	Support	No

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Craig Okita	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hunting is a part of life for many, a way to sustain, a way to connect with their roots. Those who do not hunt will never understand the true meaning of this statement, and I don't expect them to do so. Non hunters should not be the ones who create rules or laws that negatively impact hunting. Non hunters clearly outnumber hunters, but that doesn't meet that hunter concerns should fall upon deaf ears. Hunting opportunities for the average citizen across our State has been on a constant decline. I humbly ask that this long tradition of our existence here on Earth be carefully maintained and promoted here in Hawaii. If you choose not to hunt that is your choice, your right, but please continue to provide opportunities to hunters who do wish to hunt. Thank You!

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garrick yamamoto	Individual	Support	No

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Forwarding testimony from Hawaii Island constituent.

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Hi,

My name is Casey Kiriara and I am from the hui kuahiwi club. I support state game commission.

Thank you for all your help.

Sent from my iPhone

## JUDtestimony

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From: Teriitavae Perez  
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Aloha,

Sending testimony below for Hawaii Island constituent.

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I'm a big island resident, 59 year old.. I started hunting and fishing at the age of 10. It has been a lifestyle for me and our family for decades, I have seen a lot of changes in the decrease of hunting areas and game animals. We need to have a STATE GAME COMMISSION to benefit the future generations. Please support Bill 1041.

Thank you,  
Wesley Kirihara  
Huikuahiwi member

(Please oppose Bill 799 aerial shooting on public and private land )

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Beacher Weitz	Individual	Support	No

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Shon Van Zandt	Individual	Support	No

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Dominik Kekoa Makaneole	Individual	Support	No

Comments: DLNR needs to be held accountable by someone. If Kawakami supports this bill then I do. I trust his due diligence.

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Bryan Yoshida	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii needs this! It will help to give voice for our outdoor community. Hawaii has always had strong ties to the outdoors with fishing and hunting. Having a commission would help to ensure that it remains that way for future generations.

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Brian F. Funai	Individual	Support	No

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Lawrence D. Patao Jr.	Individual	Support	No

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Chris Manfredi	Individual	Support	No

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**LATE**

Aloha JUD chair, vice chair and committee members,

There are many reasons why a State Game Commission is important, and our primary concern is that it would give our stakeholders the opportunity to address key issues directly with the decision making body of the Department and its Board.

What we see today within the current structure of the department is an absence of game management policies directed at game animals, the habitat they rely on and the people who rely on these resources for food and cultural practices.

In management of our resources held in the public trust, there exist structured commissions for Natural Area Reverses, Endangered Species Recover, Legacy Land Conservation, Water Resources and Management, etc. However, there exists no commission to address game animals on these lands even though every area of forest preservation, watershed protection and endangered species will attest that game management is a priority.

Currently, we have Island working groups, committees and commissions that can add to the State Game Commissions objectives but we do not need to create statute for these groups to work with them or add another layer of bureaucracy to a newly established State Game Commission.

The State Game Commission will enable us to work with the department's administration and its board. That is where a coordinated resource management effort involving stakeholders must begin.

Mahalo,

Tony Sylvester

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David Toyomura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is an essential and necessary first step to ensure proper stewardship of our natural resources. Cohesive and sensible long term management plans will ensure that resources and assets will be available for all generations.

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Jon Katada	Individual	Support	No

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Abraham Antonio sr	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shyla Moon	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I strongly support. HB1041 HD1 Hunting Farming Fishing Association In strong support of HB1041 HD1 January 22, 2016 Hearing 2:00 p.m. House Conference Room 325 Report Title: DLNR; Hunting; Game Commission; Report; Appropriation Aloha, My name is Shyla Moon and I traveled from Kauai to Oahu today to stand with our hunting and fishing communities statewide and to support HB1041 HD1. I speak on behalf as a member of the Hunting Farming and Fishing Association, a concerned resident of Kauai, and as a friend of the Ahupuaa Puna Moku of Kauai. I don't suggest a game committee to be an option. Kauai has a DLNR committee called the Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee KALAWAC for short. We've learned late last year that they haven't held a meeting in over a year and a half, yet their opinions weigh in on previous legislative sessions regarding hunting. I suggest committees from our communities to work with this future Game Commission to tie up loose ends in hunting issues. It says in our Hawaii State Constitution Article XI Section 1., "All public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people ". Transparency is key to balanced decisions, having a State Game Commission will provide the transparency we seek and will benefit the people of Hawaii. Thank you, Shyla Moon Board Member Hunting Farming Fishing Association Phone: 809-652-0913 E-mail: shyla.moon@ymail.com

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Heiko Sacher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Being familiar with wildlife and conservation management practices from other states, it is shocking to me to see the complete absence of a meaningful, long-term, strategic game management program in Hawaii. Obviously culminating in bizarre eradication efforts... Another puzzling phenomena is the hostile atmosphere between conservationists, hunters, state and federal agencies. That is completely unnecessary and the result of bad politics. I strongly believe a game commission could be a much needed starting point for a collaborative and communicative approach to bring those parties together. Those parties have the same high level goals and need to work together. Hunters need to be made part of the solution here!

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Daniel Duncan	Individual	Support	No

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