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HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed.

Through education, collaboration and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices and build a healthy economy.

In Support of HB1041 HD1 SD1
Relating to Hunting

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
03-31-16 9:05AM in conference room 211

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA). HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization promoting agricultural bio tech to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy state economy.

HCIA stands in **support of HB1041 HD1 SD1**.

HCIA stands alongside Hawaii's local hunters acknowledging their wealth of knowledge and notable contribution to 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 Management Advisory Commission will enable hunters to better work with the appropriate agencies to efficiently coordinate efforts. This commission should directly address and advise the Board of Land and Natural Resources to have 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 communities. 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 will lead to an equitable system of natural resource management by empowering local communities, sharing knowledge, and responsibility.

In conclusion, HCIA supports HB1041 and the establishment of a State Game Management Advisory Commission to help both our state agencies and local hunters.

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

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.

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| Joni Kamiya | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Support access to public lands so people can manage resources and feed their families.

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| Joy Yoshina | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB1041-SD1 in its current form, without amendment. In particular, I support the proposed composition of Commission members, as stated in the bill. It is crucial to maintain these criteria to ensure trust and confidence in the Commission, as well as to engage those Commission members who are concerned, experienced, informed and supportive of integrated game management and native resources management. This adds to the current strategy of DLNR. However, I am concerned about the \$100,000 stated as funding for the Commission. My understanding has been that Commission funding would be, in part, from the Wildlife Revolving Fund established by HRS 183D-10.5. Please pass HB1041-SD1 in its present form and justify the stated \$100,000 funding. Thank you for your consideration.

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| Stanley Mendes | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Strongly support

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