

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1721

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2017

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 661

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 661, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

G.M. No. 661 JAMES GOMES,
for a term to expire 06-30-2021,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds James Gomes to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated for reappointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of James Gomes from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; County of Maui Department of Public Works; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Maui County Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Ocean Tourism Coalition; Maui Cattle Company; Haleakala Ranch; Kapapala Ranch; Ponoholo Ranch Limited; Diamond B Ranch; Kaupo Ranch, Ltd.; Kuahiwi Ranch; Kukaiiau Ranch, LLC; Palani Ranch Company, Inc.; Puuwai Ranch and Nursery; Haupu Ranch, LLC; Nobriga's Ranch, Inc.; McCandless Land & Cattle Co.; Maui Boardsailing Association; Maui Soda & Ice Works, Ltd.; Quicksilver Charters; and sixteen individuals.

James Gomes is the Operations Manager at Ulupalakua Ranch, and holds a degree in Liberal Arts from Maui Community College. Mr. Gomes serves on numerous community boards, councils, and

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associations, including as a member of the Maui Cattlemen's Association Board, Central Maui Soil & Water Conservation District Board, and Chair and former Vice-Chair of the County of Maui Liquor Commission. Mr. Gomes has also served on the Board of Land and Natural Resources since 2013.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Gomes' experience, background, and broad community involvement and service further qualify him to be nominated for reappointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Testifiers commented on the nominee's long family history of ranching in Hawaii, and that the Board benefitted from the wealth of knowledge and experience in agriculture and land management that Mr. Gomes brought to the Board during his first term of service. Testifiers also noted the nominee's long-lasting commitment to service and willingness to give back to the community. Mr. Gomes indicated in his personal statement that the strongest attribute he brings to the Board is his commitment to the land of Hawaii, along with the unique first-hand experience he has had working within the rules and procedures of various agencies at the Department of Land and Natural Resources throughout his career. Your Committee further finds that with his extensive experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service, Mr. Gomes is and will continue to be an asset to the Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

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

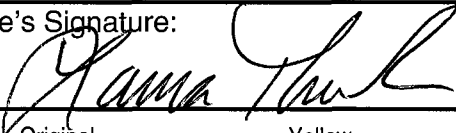


KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Governor's Message No.:* GM 661	Committee Referral: WTL	Date: 04-17-2017		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				✓
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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