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Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND

Monday, April 17, 2017  
2:45 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of  
GOVERNORS MESSAGE 661  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF  
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES  
GOMES, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021

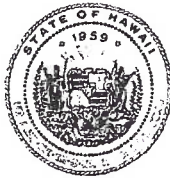
Governors Message 661 submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, gubernatorial nominee, James Gomes, for a term to expire 6-30-2021. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this nomination.**

Mr. Gomes is a resident of Kula, Maui and holds a liberal arts degree from the University of Hawai'i Maui College. He is currently serving on the Board of Land and Natural Resources representing the County of Maui.

Mr. Gomes has a long family history of ranching in Hawai'i. Since 2003, he has served as the Operations Manager of Ulupalakua Ranch Inc., and has also sat on the Board of the Maui Cattlemen's Association since 2006. Mr. Gomes was recently re-elected to the Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District where he has served since 2007. Previously, Mr. Gomes served on the Maui County Liquor Commission, former Mayor James Apana's Community Advisory Board, and was Director of the Wailuku Mill Yard.

The Department has found Mr. Gomes to be fair and open-minded, and he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in agriculture and land management that greatly complements the makeup of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. The Department looks forward to continuing to work with Mr. Gomes.

The Department asks this Committee's favorable consideration on the nomination of Mr. James Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 12, 2017

Testimony on **GM 661**  
Confirmation of **JAMES GOMES**  
Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee

Representative Lynn DeCoite

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Monday, April 17, 2017  
2:45pm, Room 224

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of JAMES GOMES to continue his service on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Gomes's tenure at the on the board shows his commitment and dedication to protect our natural resources while also finding a balance for all of our people in the State of Hawaii.

As a rancher on Maui, Mr. Gomes truly understands what it means to be a steward of the land. He knows the balance that it takes between members of many different communities to make the best decisions for the land, and to ensure access for native Hawaiian culture and for the community at large.

Mr. Gomes has served his community and the state in numerous capacities; Maui County Liquor Commission 2000-2005 and 2007-2013, (served as Chair and Vice Chair), Wailuku Mill Yard Association Board of Directors, Mayor Apana Advisory Upcountry Board, Maui Cattlemen's Association (past President and Board of Director), Central Maui Soil Water Conservation Board, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council Director, Committee for the Paniolo Hall of Fame State Wide, Ulupalakua Rodeo Club (past President) and Maui Farm Bureau Member. From his service and involvement in these organizations mixed with his professional experience Mr. Gomes contributes a level of institutional knowledge that is an invaluable asset to the board.

For these reasons and so many more, I ask for your full support in his confirmation.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Lynn DeCoite  
State House of Representative  
District 13

**From:** [Ornellas, Daniel L](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Karl Rhoads](#)  
**Cc:** [jimmygomes@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:jimmygomes@hawaii.rr.com)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Mr. Jimmy Gomes to be Re-Appointed to the State Board of Land and Natural Resources  
**Date:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 1:30:41 PM

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Aloha Senator Rhoads and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I serve as the District Land Agent for the State, DLNR, Maui District Land Office (MDLO). This office is responsible for the prudent management of over 130,000 acres of government lands on the islands of Maui, Molokai and Lanai. I have served in my capacity for the past 12 years. It has been my experience that effective leaders in government require a unique set of abilities that enable an individual to deal with complex issues that involve multiple stakeholders. Mr. Gomes has demonstrated such abilities.

Mr. Gomes has excellent communication skills and poses a no-nonsense yet patient and understanding demeanor. As the current Maui District Board Member, his approach to working with employees of the State DLNR Maui District has been both supportive and cooperative. For example, since his first year on the Board, Mr. Gomes has religiously attended our monthly district managers meetings where we strategize how each of our programs shall inter-relate and cooperate in addressing issues facing Maui's natural resources. More specifically to MDLO, Mr. Gomes has supported the Maui Land Division staff and funding needs by getting the central administration to request from the State legislature another full-time civil service land agent position for Maui District and worked to bridge the gap between the DLNR Land Division and the DLNR Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands by encouraging administrators to work together rather than "point-the-finger" and play the "it's not my job" tune.

Mr. Gomes recommendations are clear and concise. He uses logic and reason and that coupled with his many years of work experience in the fields of agriculture and land management leads to enhanced policies, programs and projects established to improve and protect our natural resources in Maui District. He provides much needed leadership and experience to our community not only for State and County agencies but also for private and private non-profit sector agencies on Maui.

I believe Mr. Gomes has the professional experience and much needed institutional memory to provide a solid foundation to assist the Maui District in our efforts to develop and protect Maui's fragile natural resources. Therefore I submit this letter in support of the re-appointment of Mr. Jimmy Gomes to the State Board of Land and Natural Resources. Mahalo for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please call me at (808) 984-8103.

Aloha,  
Daniel Ornellas, District Land Agent  
State DLNR Maui District Land Office  
(808) 984-8117

Senator Karl Rhoda  
Chair, Senate Committee on Water & Land  
State Capitol, Room 204  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

March 31, 2017

Dear Senator Rhoda:

Subject: Letter of Support for the Reappointment of Mr. Jimmy Gomes for a Second Term to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Confirmation No. 661.

Please accept this letter of support for the reappointment of Mr. Jimmy Gomes for a second term as the Maui representative on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Mr. Gomes for approximately 22 years, both professionally and personally.

Throughout my 22 years with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Gomes on several occasions while assigned as Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officer and as a Land Agent with the DLNR here on the island of Maui. Mr. Gomes has always been a very active member of our community and is well known for his professionalism as the Ulupalakua Ranch Manager and for his commitment in caring for and protecting our cultural and natural resources. As our incumbent Maui board member, he has been very proactive in learning about the responsibilities and challenges our DLNR divisions face here on Maui. He attends site visits with staff and members of the community to analyze situations or areas of concern which will be brought before the Board, in an attempt to better understand and allow him to make proper decisions on how the request could impact our resources, in a positive or negative manner. Mr. Gomes also attends monthly managers meetings in an attempt to familiarize himself with each branch manager here on island, and allows for direct opportunities for open communication with regards to areas of concern or issues we are faced with. Mr. Gomes has great people skills, and possess the ability to resolve and provide positive input with complex issues. He is known to everyone as being a straight up and a fair individual.

I have no hesitation in recommending and supporting the confirmation and reappointment of Mr. Gomes for a second term to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. He has done a great job representing both the people and the department during his first term as our Maui island representative.

Sincerely,



Larry Pacheco  
Maui District Superintendent  
Department of Land & Natural Resources  
Division of State Parks  
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JOHN R. SMITH, P.E., ACTING  
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April 3, 2017

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 204  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads:

**SUBJECT: GM 661: NOMINEE JAMES GOMES**

As the Director of Public Works for the County of Maui, it gives me great pleasure to write on behalf of Mr. James Gomes, who has been nominated to serve another term on the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

The Department of Public Works appreciates the hard work that Mr. Gomes puts into being the Maui BLNR Member as he understands the issues on our island and is always willing to help the Department with various land-related matters.

Therefore, we humbly request your Committee's support of the reappointment of Mr. James Gomes to the BLNR.

Sincerely,

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DAVID C. GOODE  
Director of Public Works

DCG:jso

xc: James Gomes (via email)

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 16, 2017 11:33 AM  
**To:** WTL Testimony  
**Cc:** warrenmcfb@gmail.com  
**Subject:** \*Submitted testimony for GM661 on Apr 17, 2017 14:45PM\*

**GM661**

Submitted on: 4/16/2017

Testimony for WTL on Apr 17, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

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**Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

**Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair**

**Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair**

**GM 661 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES GOMES, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dale Sandlin, and I am Managing Director of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 150+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **Strongly Supports** the appointment of James Gomes as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

James Gomes has a proven record of experience through various past agricultural positions, serving as the Wailuku Mill Yard Director, Central Maui Soil and Water Director (2 terms), Operations Manager of Ulupalakua Ranch and as a past member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. His experience in the management of land and water resources in his various positions has proven his valuable insight on land and water management issues. James' experience in the way that agricultural issues interact with conservation efforts is vital to the efforts of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

James' experience in many positions has shown his ability to work in both the private sector as well as serving the community. His work as serving as the Central Maui Soil and Water Director, shows his ability to oversee large and critical watersheds while working with agricultural producers to the benefit of all. He also currently serves as the Operations Manager for Ulupalakua Ranch, one of the largest ranches on Maui. In this role, he oversees the operations and management of the ranch's natural resources, by directing and maintaining the viability of the land for both their livestock operations and natural wildlife.

James has the support of the cattle industry because of his effective management in the most critical resource for our industry. James' background and experience have proven him to provide effective strategies in this role. We appreciate the opportunity to provide this letter of support and we urge you to support his nomination.

Sincerely,

Dale Sandlin  
Managing Director



**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 9, 2017 2:38 PM  
**To:** WTL Testimony  
**Cc:** alan@prloffice.com  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for GM661 on Apr 17, 2017 14:45PM

**GM661**

Submitted on: 4/9/2017

Testimony for WTL on Apr 17, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Gottlieb	Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Support	No

Comments: I have personally known Jimmy Gomes for over 15 years. During that time I have always felt that Jimmy was intelligent, well spoken, and very knowledgeable of the issues which affect the agricultural industry, and of the highest integrity. His management of Ulupalakua Ranch demonstrates his dedication to conservation and to the land itself. Not only is Jimmy a good businessman and land steward, he is a nice guy.

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COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
Kenekoa/Senator Karl Rhoads, Luna Ho'omalua/Chair  
Kenekoa/Senator Mike Gabbard, Hope Luna Ho'omalua/Vice Chair

No Ka 'Aha Ho'olohe  
NOTICE OF HEARING

Lā / DATE: Pō'akahī, 'Apelila 17, 2017/ Monday, April 17, 2017  
Hala / TIME: 2:45 p.m.  
Wahi / PLACE: Lumi 'Aha Kūkā 224 / Conference Room 224

**TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN STRONG SUPPORT OF  
GM661 NOMINATING JAMES GOMES TO SERVE ON THE BLNR**

Dear Senator Rhoads and Senator Gabbard,

My name is James Coon. I am the president of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC), speaking in Strong Support of GM 661 reappointing Mr. James "Jimmy" Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

The OTC represents over 300 Ocean Tourism businesses across the State, mostly operating out of DLNR/DOBOR Small Boat Harbors. Most of these companies are family owned and operated, have been in business for decades, are passionate stewards of our coastal and marine environment and are very involved in their respective communities.

I have personally known Mr. Jimmy Gomes for many years. He is a man of integrity whom we, the members of OTC, hold in very high regard. He is much respected both in the Maui community and across the State. We believe he has been a dedicated and effective representative on the BLNR and would very much like to see him appointed to serve another term. Specifically, Mr. Gomes has taken the time to interact with the boating community he understands the complex issues facing our industry and adjudicates fairly. He is collaborative but he is not afraid to stand up for what he believes is pono. He is available to meet with stakeholders and listens to their concerns which helps him and the BLNR make better decisions.

With his vast experience in managing ranch lands and deep commitment to and understanding of agriculture he is uniquely qualified to serve the needs of Maui especially as A&B lands are in transition from sugar and Maui strives for food and energy sustainability.

We believe that the BLNR, Maui and the State would be well served to have Mr. Jimmy Gomes serve another term on the BLNR.

We humbly request that you favorably consider and confirm Mr. James Gomes in accordance with the Governor's request to reappoint Mr. Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for another term to expire 06-30-2021.

Sincerely,

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James E. Coon, President,

Ocean Tourism Coalition,

808-870-9115

[captcoon@gmail.com](mailto:captcoon@gmail.com)

**From:** [diamondbranchhi@aol.com](mailto:diamondbranchhi@aol.com)  
**To:** [WTL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Jimmy Gomes  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 9:16:16 AM

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Dear Committee

I would like to write you in support of Jimmy Gomes fulfilling another term on the BLNR board. I have known Jimmy for over 45 years. He is a very knowledgeable person about land and its best use. He is also a very fair and open minded person with a lot of common sense. Something that is lacking much in our government today. I feel he will vote on the side of what is right and best for the lands in Hawaii and not for any special interest group. I strongly support him representing Maui on the board.

Brendan Balthazar  
Diamond B Ranch



**HALEAKALA RANCH**  
• EST. MAUI 1888 •

**COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chairman Rhoads and Vice Chair Gabbard:

**Subject: GM 661, Relating to Confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, James Gomes, for a Term to Expire 6-30-2021**

On behalf of Haleakala Ranch Company, I strongly support the nomination of Mr. James Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for a second term.

Haleakala Ranch is a family-owned company that has been in the ranching business on Maui for 129 years. The Company owns approximately 29,000 acres of land on Maui including about 6,500 acres of conservation land and has enjoyed a positive working relationship with the Department of Land and Natural Resources for many years.

We have worked with Mr. Gomes for many years through the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, the Maui Cattlemen's Association and our mutual interests in Hawaii's agriculture industry and related land management issues. As the Ranch Manager for Ulupalakua Ranch, Mr. Gomes has been directly involved with the land and natural resource management issues and understands the impact BLNR policy decisions may have on our industry and community. He is highly regarded in the industry and would continue be an outstanding member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Your consideration and approval of Mr. James Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Don Young  
President & CEO



## KAPAPALA RANCH

P. O. Box 537  
Pahala, HI 96777  
808-936-2922

April 6, 2017

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

**GM 661 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES GOMES, for term to expire 06-30-2021.**

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

We at Kapapala Ranch **Strongly Support** the appointment of James Gomes to a second term on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

As tenants of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, DLNR, for the past 40 years we have seen many Board members come and go over the years. James brings knowledge to the Land Board that is balanced in all aspects of managing land, especially ranch lands which comprise many of the acres managed by the Department. As the Operations Manager at Ulupalakua Ranch he has been selected for his skill in running one of the largest and most diverse ranches in the State. James has the business sense that coupled with knowledge of eco-systems makes his level of experience unsurpassed. Kapapala Ranch, as most all the ranches in Hawaii, needs that level of experience from our leaders. James has displayed in his first term on the BLNR his capacity as a natural leader.

Kapapala Ranch comprises 34,000 acres in the District of Ka'u. The ranch was established as a livestock enterprise in 1860 and has operated continuously in that capacity for the past 157 years. The ranch also borders with the Ka'u and Kapapala Forest Reserves and provides access through ranch lands to these public areas. Aside from operations, Kapapala Ranch also works with the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, DOFAW, for public game bird hunting on the ranch for three months out of the year.

Between the ranch and the forest reserves there is just under 100,000 acres of DLNR land in our immediate proximity that impacts our business directly and indirectly. We support the appointment of James Gomes for a second term to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

KAPAPALA RANCH



Lani Cran Petrie



Charles W. Petrie III

April 4, 2017

**Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Members of the Committee**

**GM 661 – Letter of Support for the Nomination of James Gomes  
To a second term with The Board of Land and Natural Resources  
Term to Expire 6-30-2021**

My name is Alex Franco, and I'm with Maui Cattle Company a small beef processing company which markets locally grown beef produced from Maui and the Big Island. I am writing this letter in support of James "Jimmy" Gomes for a second term on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

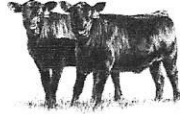
In his present position on the BLNR he has shown respect for Hawaii and its people by dedicating countless hours to understand key issues that will have an impact on future generations. His approach to critical issues is to do what is right by searching for the facts and truly represents the people as a board member. Jimmy's background in ranching and farming on Maui provides additional insight to Agriculture land use issues, which broadens the contributions he can make by serving on the BLNR.

Thank you for your time and considering Jimmy Gomes for second term to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Alex Franco  
President

Kaupo Ranch, Ltd.  
P.O. Box 4036 Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Phone (808) 639-6872  
olumauangus@msn.com



**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

**Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair**

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**GM 661 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES Gomes, for a term to expire 06-30-2021**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee:

April 5, 2017

My name is Robert H. Ferreira and I am a Ranch Consultant Manager for Kaupo Ranch, Ltd. Also, a member of Maui Cattle Company a consortium of the four largest ranches on the Island of Maui and owner manager of Olumau Angus +, LLC here on the Island of Kauai.

I have known Mr. James Gomes for over 25 years and have found him to have the experience to work in both the private sector as well as serving the community. Mr. Gomes pass experiences with Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District as director, his ability to manage large land masses as Operations Manager of Ulupalakua Ranch and his pass term as member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources clearly shows his steady and fair hand in dealing with land issues and our Natural Resources.

I Strongly Support the appointment of Mr. Gomes as a member to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. We need people like Mr. Gomes with his ability of effective management and strategies that he brings to the table in these most critical times.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this letter of support and I urge you to support Mr. Gomes nomination.

Thank you,

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Robert H. Ferreira

**From:** [Michelle Galimba](#)  
**To:** [WTL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** GM661 - Jimmy Gomes BLNR  
**Date:** Monday, April 3, 2017 8:39:00 PM

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Aloha,

I would like to express my strong support for the re-appointment of Jimmy Gomes to the BLNR. It is extremely important to have someone from agriculture on the BLNR. Aside from representing agriculture on the board, Jimmy Gomes brings to the deliberations practical common-sense, love for the aina, and empathy for the 'regular folks' who come before the BLNR with issues and requests.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Galimba  
Kuahiwi Ranch



# KUKAIAU RANCH, LLC

c/o 811 Kanoelehua Avenue  
Hilo, HI 96720

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

**GM 661 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES GOMES, for a term to expire 06-30-2021**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is David S. De Luz and I represent Kukaiau Ranch LLC.

I am a member of Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) and I am writing in strong support of GM 661. Hawaii Cattlemen's Council is the state-wide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations.

I support the appointment of James Gomes as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

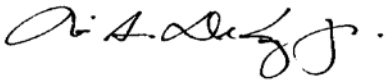
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Sincerely,

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David S. De Luz, Jr.  
Manager

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Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

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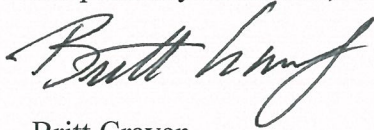
Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Britt Craven and I represent Palani Ranch Company, Inc. I am a member of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) and I am writing in STONG SUPPORT of GM 661.

I am in strong support of James Gomes as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I've known James for several years, and seen first-hand the natural resources enhancements Ulupalakua ranch has made under his direct leadership. James unique perspective is a tremendous asset to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and I hope you and the rest of the Committee agree.

Respectfully submitted,



Britt Craven  
President  
Palani Ranch Company, Inc

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

**Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair**

**Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair**

**GM 661 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES GOMES, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Doug Beaton and I represent Puuwai Ranch and Nursery.

I am a member of Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) and I am writing in strong support of GM 661. Hawaii Cattlemen's Council is the state-wide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations.

I support the appointment of James Gomes as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

James Gomes has a proven record of experience through various past agricultural positions, serving as the Wailuku Mill Yard Director, Central Maui Soil and Water Director (2 terms), Operations Manager of Ulupalakua Ranch and as a past member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. His experience in the management of land and water resources in his various positions has proven his valuable insight on land and water management issues. James' experience in the way that agricultural issues interact with conservation efforts is vital to the efforts of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

James' experience in many positions has shown his ability to work in both the private sector as well as serving the community. His work as serving as the Central Maui Soil and Water Director, shows his ability to oversee large and critical watersheds while working with agricultural producers to the benefit of all. He also currently serves as the Operations Manager for Ulupalakua Ranch, one of the largest ranches on Maui. In this role, he oversees the operations and management of the ranch's natural resources, by directing and maintaining the viability of the land for both their livestock operations and natural wildlife.

James has the support of the cattle industry because of his effective management in the most critical resource for our industry. James' background and experience have proven him to provide effective strategies in this role. We appreciate the opportunity to provide this letter of support and we urge you to support his nomination.

Sincerely,







**WAILUKU WATER CO.**

WAIKAPU IAO WAIHEHU WAIHEE

*Na Wai Eha*

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chairperson  
Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Senate  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 4, 2017

*Karl*  
Chairperson Rhoads and Committee Members,  
**RE: GM 661**

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Jimmy Gomes.

I have known Mr. Gomes on a professional and personal basis for the past 20 plus years. We have worked together on various governmental activities, business matters and community events.

Jimmy is a very dependable, trustworthy individual of high moral character, and whose integrity is beyond reproach. He is efficient, self-motivating, resourceful, and sees tasks through to completion. I have no reservations in supporting Jimmy in whatever endeavor he would pursue and I am confident that he will be a valuable asset and contributor to the DLNR Board of Land and Natural Resources.

To summarize Senator Rhoads, I stand in strong support of this nomination of Jimmy Gomes.

Please feel free to call me on Maui at (808) 244-7079 if you have any questions or if you need further information.

Sincerely,

Avery B. Chumbley  
President & COO, Wailuku Water Company LLC.  
Hawaii State Senator, (retired)



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Re: Measure GM661 - Maui Boardsailing Association endorsement of James Gomes serving on BLNR

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Aloha,

My name is Kevin Ozee. I am the president of the Maui Boardsailing Association (MBA), an organization formed in 1988 to represent the interests of recreational ocean users on Maui including boardsailing (windsurfing), kitesurfing, surfing, kayakers and all forms of recreational ocean use on Maui.

The MBA strongly endorses James “Jimmy” Gomes reappointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Jimmy has long shared a relationship of cooperation with the MBA and other associations on Maui. Jimmy has created a positive, pro-active atmosphere of cooperation between the BLNR and the public and our associations. Jimmy is the voice of vision and reason for the BLNR.

On behalf of the MBA, I humbly request you favorably consider for reappointment Jimmy Gomes to the BLNR. We all look forward to working with Jimmy and the BLNR to make Maui a better place for all who live here or visit to enjoy our precious beach and ocean resources.

Mahalo!

Best Regards,

Kevin Ozee



**From:** [Keith Unger](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Karl Rhoads](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of support for confirmation GM No. 661  
**Date:** Sunday, April 2, 2017 7:35:49 PM

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Aloha Senator Rhoads,

I'm am writing to lend my strong support to confirm Jimmy Gomes to a second term to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Aloha

Keith Unger

Keith F. Unger  
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April 3, 2017

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania St.  
Room 204  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Sent Electronically  
senrhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Senator Rhoads,

My letter is to ask for your support for James "Jimmy" Gomes who will be selected with your assistance to serve a second four (4) year term on the DLNR Board.

I am David "Buddy" Nobriga who served on the State Water Commission Board in the 1990's. I am the CEO of Nobriga's Ranch Inc., a family operation handed down from my grandfather to my dad, and, now with my son's and nephews, since 1970 to present. I am 90 years young.

Jimmy knows ranching. In fact, his dad and I were good friends when he ran his heavy auto/truck repair operation and until his dad passed away. They took care of our equipment.

I believe his first four years has proven to you that he can handle a second term. With your support, I know he will.

Sincerely,



David Buddy Nobriga  
CEO



# Maui Soda & Ice Works, Ltd.

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April 3, 2017

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Sent Electronically  
senrhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Senator Rhoads,

Aloha! My name is Catherine Nobriga Kim, President & General Manager of Maui Soda & Ice Works, Ltd., a family owned and operated business since 1893. I am writing for your support in the confirmation of James "Jimmy" Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Mr. Gomes for a good deal of my life as a business owner and rancher here on Maui. He is a steward of the land, its resources and the people of this State. I believe he carries with a sense of balance with each constituent, be it the land, water, wind, air and people, and has the desire to fulfill that balance in all that he does.

We both come from generations of family before us. Jimmy's Dad was a longtime Maui business person who instilled in Jimmy the value of hard work, honesty and integrity. I am of the third generation in our family business, Coca-Cola (a franchise) and Maui's own, Roselani Ice Cream. We have been making ice cream since 1932-back when dairy's existed on our island and in this State. We have had to adapt to changes in the use of our lands and resources, changes in our economic direction yet continue to make the best ice cream in Hawai'i. My dad, at 90 years of age, continues to come to work every day after retiring in 1998. As the only female in our family, I now run the Company with the help of talented individual's. But we could not continue to do this without the voices of those who volunteer for Commissions and Boards who bring another voice of the people to you.

I strongly urge you to reappoint Jimmy Gomes to BLNR as the voice of the generations who came before us, the generation of today and the generations to come. His knowledge and relationship with the land and its resources is a rare asset to our State.

Sincerely,

  
Catherine Nobriga Kim  
President & General Manager



**From:** [Michael Bryan](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Karl Rhoads](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Reappointment of James Gomes to Board of Land and Natural Resources  
**Date:** Friday, March 31, 2017 11:34:04 AM

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Senator Rhoads,

I am writing to urge the reappointment of James Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

He has been a friend and business associate for more than 20 years and I believe gives a practical and balanced approach to the many issues that face the Board and will continue to do so.

His approval would be in the best interest of Hawaii and its people.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Michael "Corky" Bryan  
Haupu Ranch LLC  
Kauai, Hi

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 9, 2017 6:31 PM  
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**Cc:** ashman.janet@gmail.com  
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**GM661**

Submitted on: 4/9/2017

Testimony for WTL on Apr 17, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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**GM661**

Submitted on: 4/7/2017

Testimony for WTL on Apr 17, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

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Darrell Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**From:** [Bruce Faulkner](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Karl Rhoads](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony GM661  
**Date:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 10:03:57 PM

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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 661.**  
TO THE HONORABLE KARL RHODA'S  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Bruce Faulkner, I am a real estate broker and I am also one of nine commissioners serving on the Hawaii State Real Estate Commission. I am very pleased to submit this letter in support of the reappointment of Jimmy Gomes as a second term member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Gomes has served on the board for a full term and it would be good to have him reappointed so that he can continue the work that this position entails. His attendance at the Board meetings has been excellent. I know that he spends many long hours preparing for each meeting and has demonstrated a broad based knowledge of land management as it affects the board's work. I have been impressed by his understanding of the issues, sense of fairness and dedication to the goals of the board. Mr. Gomes is an experienced ranch manager for Ulupalakua Ranch which is a progressive operational ranch located on Maui. His work ethic & dedication has served the board well.

For the reasons above, I respectfully urge your Committee's support to confirm Mr. Gomes to a seat on the Board Of Land & Natural Resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this appointment.

GM661

Aloha,

**Bruce R. Faulkner** (R), Broker, ePRO, GRI, SFR  
License # RB-16836  
Realtors® Association of Maui, **President** 2010  
Realtors® Association of Maui, **Realtor/Broker of the Year 2014**  
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**From:** [JIMMY GREENWELL](#)  
**To:** [WTL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting GM 661-confirmation of James Gomes for BLNR  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:05:40 AM

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I am pleased to write in full support of the confirmation of James Gomes to serve another term on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. We as a community are indeed fortunate to have leaders with the experience and passion that Jimmy has for the tasks and responsibilities that challenge our states natural resources. I urge a favorable vote for his confirmation. Respectfully submitted, James S. Greenwell(cell-809-721-0734)

Sent from my iPhone



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April 5, 2017

Karl Rhoda, Senator  
Chairman, Committee on  
Water and Land

**Re: Support for Re-Appointment of  
James A. Gomes Board of Land & Natural Resources**

Honorable Senator Rhoda:

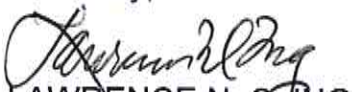
I have known James A. Gomes both professionally and socially for over 35 years.

Jimmy's experience as a small contractor and ranch manager provides an insight as to agricultural development and the use of resources which has already proven valuable to the Board.

We have worked together on many different projects throughout the years and I have always been impressed with his hard work and ability to solve difficult problems. He is also honest and involved with his community and has served on various County of Maui Boards and Commissions, including the Liquor Commission for which he served as Vice-Chairman and Chairman. He has shown over the years that he can review facts and listen to arguments and make fair and reasonable decisions.

I respectfully request that he be re-appointed to the Board.

Sincerely,

  
LAWRENCE N. C. ING

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April 5, 2017

**VIA E-MAIL [SENRHADS@CAPITOL.HAWAII.GOV] AND MAIL**

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania St., Room 204  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of James "Jimmy" Gomes

Dear Senator Rhoads:

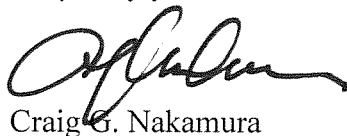
I write in whole-hearted support of James "Jimmy" Gomes's nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Jimmy for many years, starting when he served on the County Liquor Commission. Since that time, he has served on many boards and commissions, including the Board of Land and Natural Resources. He has always been open to listening to the community's concerns, well-educated on the issues and with the best interests of the community at heart. I can truly say that Jimmy speaks for our community and I am very pleased that he has been nominated to extend his term at the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

In short, Jimmy has all the attributes that makes him a very valuable and effective member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I support Jimmy without hesitation and would be pleased to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,



Craig G. Nakamura

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March 31, 2017

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

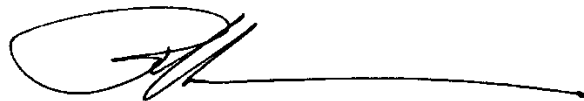
Re: GM661; Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Gubernatorial  
Nominee, James Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with James (Jimmy) Gomes for close to 20 years and have found him to be smart, ethical and very capable of continuing to serve on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Further he has demonstrated during his current tenure on the Board that he is a strong and independent steward of Hawaii's natural resources. For these reasons I support his nomination for another term without hesitation.

Thank you for considering my testimony. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RJK', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard J. Kiefer

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April 5, 2017

Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads  
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: Letter of Support – Mr. James Gomes**  
**Board of Land and Natural Resources**

Dear Senator Rhoads and Committee Members:

My name is Ted Yamamura, a 2001 to 2006 prior member of the Board of Land Natural Resources.

I write in full support of Mr. James "Jimmy" Gomes for an additional term on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Jimmy Gomes and I have been friends for over 50 years, and I have always found him to be a humble gentlemen as a result of his upcountry Maui upbringing, straightforward in his fairness and honesty, a persevering hard worker, and a man with quick humor.

His business and ranching background have provided Jimmy Gomes with vast practical knowledge of land, land uses, water, plants and animal husbandry, which makes Jimmy Gomes a natural fit with the State board charged to protect, manage and nurture the State's natural resources. He has the keen ability to balance preservation of our cultural and historical past with the present demands of population growth.

James "Jimmy" Gomes has truly been an asset and an important statesman member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and deserves all of our continued, wholehearted support for another term. I urge your favorable consideration of Jimmy Gomes.

Sincerely yours,



Ted Yamamura

**From:** [gary chow](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Karl Rhoads](#)  
**Subject:** Jimmy Gomes  
**Date:** Friday, April 7, 2017 5:08:40 AM

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Aloha Senator Karl Rhodes,

I would like to show my support for Jimmy in his bid for another term with DLNR Board.

I have had the pleasure of sitting before him on 2 occasions . One was when he sat on the Liquor commission for the Maui County, and the other was while he was on the DLNR board back in 2015.

My first impression was that he has much compassion for the people of Hawaii , and the surrounding communities.

He has the air of intelligence in his approach but tempered with humility. But most importantly , he asks the right questions. He is a good man and a great steward of our Aina. Please put him back on the board of DLNR.

Mahalo, Gary Chow

Sent from my iPhone

March 31, 2017

Sen. Carl Rhodes  
Chair, Senate Committee on  
Water and Land  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204  
415 S, Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

Re: Governor's Message No. 661

Aloha Senator Rhodes,


Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on the nomination of Mr. James Gomes for a renewed term as a Land Board member representing the island of Maui. I have known and worked with Mr. Gomes over the past five years and I strongly support his confirmation for another term because he has served admirably as the Maui Land Board member during the past four years. He has provided a Maui Island perspective on the Land Board that has served the people of Maui and the State of Hawaii very well during his tenure on that Board.

Mr. Gomes has an extensive background in ranching, land management and business which enables him to bring a unique perspective and experience to the Land Board. His presence on the Land Board is crucial at this critical time when the Department of Land and Natural Resources is dealing with many challenging and at times controversial land related issues.

He was raised and still resides on Maui where he has observed first-hand the important connection that our ranchers, farmers and residents have with the 'aina. He is a Native Hawaiian and a son of Maui who is committed to Hawaii's future generations and he will continue to work hard for the citizens of our State as the Maui Land Board member. He is an asset to the Land Board and the Department with his uncompromised commitment and passion for our people and I look forward to the many positive contributions that he will continue to make as a Land Board member.

My past experience with Mr. Gomes has included my tenure as Chairman's secretary at DLNR from 2010 through 2014 and we have kept in touch since then, up to the present time. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Susan N. Richey

Senator Karl Rhodas  
Chair. Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Via Email

RE: Jimmy Gomes

Aloha Senator

I am writing in support Mr. Gomes for the pending confirmation of his renewed term on BLNR. Mr. Gomes has excellent communications within the community and always responds in a very timely manner. His knowledge and relationship to the Islands is an asset for the State of Hawaii.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Ben Walin  
808.250.7687

**From:** [Ulalia Woodside](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Karl Rhoads](#)  
**Subject:** GM 661 Support for Jimmy Gomes - BLNR  
**Date:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 11:10:13 PM

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Aloha Senator Rhoads,

I'm pleased to support Mr. James Gomes to serve on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. He is experienced with the statutes and rules governing the Department, and knowledgeable of his island's resources and community interests. Jimmy brings a fair and transparent approach to his leadership on the board, and therefore the natural resources, lands and community members of Hawai'i have strong representation with him in service.

Thank you for the opportunity to add my voice of support for Jimmy Gomes to serve as a member of the Board Of Land Natural Resources.

Mahalo,  
Ulalia Woodside