



GM821

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LORI BUCHANAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2019

Senate Committee on Water and Land

April 19, 2017

1:30 p.m.

Room 224

The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** GM821, which would confirm Lori Buchanan to a first term on the Game Management Advisory Commission (GMAC).

Native Hawaiian subsistence practitioners i ka wā ma mua (of the time long before), developed their skills and customs in synthesis with the natural world around them. For them, the concepts of subsistence and survival, carefully attuned to Hawai'i's unique environment and ecology, was dependent upon the precise management of these islands' natural resources. The legacy of this art-form of subsistence and sustainability, passed down through generations, has evolved into what are now recognized as Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, which today include practices reliant upon the availability of both native and human-introduced flora and fauna.

Game hunting remains an important cultural and subsistence activity for many Native Hawaiians, particularly in rural regions, and in many cases may be considered a constitutionally-protected Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practice. For example, a report issued by the Governor's Moloka'i Subsistence Task Force found that Hawaiian families on Moloka'i continued to rely heavily upon subsistence to supplement their meager incomes, deriving 38% of their food from these activities. This report revealed that subsistence activities, including hunting, were also critical to the persistence of Native Hawaiian culture and values. Updated data from 2014 found that Native Hawaiians on Moloka'i continue to state that subsistence is "very important" for their family's livelihood.

Accordingly, OHA appreciates the requirement that at least one GMAC member possess knowledge, experience, and expertise in the area of Native Hawaiian cultural practices, and supports nominees with a demonstrated and culturally-grounded respect for the need to manage, protect, and promote both natural resource conservation and public hunting in the state, consistent with traditional understandings and values. **As a subsistence hunter and cultural practitioner, Mrs. Lori Buchanan clearly possesses a deep and culturally-grounded understanding of the need to accommodate and appropriately balance Native Hawaiians' subsistence hunting needs with the protection of our natural and cultural resources; OHA believes that her appointment would be invaluable to the GMAC's efforts to ensure that hunting in Hawai'i can be appropriately maintained and managed for present and future generations.**

Mrs. Buchanan is a Native Hawaiian from the island of Moloka'i, where subsistence hunting is a large part of many resident families' lifestyles. She has an extensive record of service on various advisory councils and commissions, concerning diverse subjects that include natural resource management, land use and planning, and invasive species control. Mrs. Buchanan currently serves as Po'o (head) of the Moku (district) of Pālā'au, Moloka'i, as part of the Moloka'i 'Aha Kiole, where she provides expertise on ahupua'a (watershed) resource management as a hunter-practitioner. Mrs. Buchanan is also an accomplished hunter-practitioner with a substantial amount of relevant certifications that serve as a testament to her expertise, leadership, and experience in the management, protection, and promotion of public hunting in Hawai'i. Mrs. Buchanan's interests are therefore demonstrably rooted in protecting Hawai'i's natural resources and perpetuating the traditional and customary practices of Native Hawaiians, including subsistence hunting.

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM821. Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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TO: Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello
Councilmember

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy Helm Crivello".

DATE: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GM 821, SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LORI BUCHANAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2019**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this nominee.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. As a lifelong Molokai resident, I personally support the appointment of Lori Buchanan to the State Game Management Advisory Council. Her efforts to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources is a natural fit. Protecting our forests is part of her everyday employment. Lori directs Maui County's efforts to manage and control invasive species.
2. On Molokai, gathering of food is traditional. Lori Buchanan, her husband and family are practitioners of this lifestyle and because of this, I know Lori values management of our resources including our land. She will be an asset to the State GMAC.
3. Lori understands the importance of having a balance of controlling the "game" and more importantly to *malama aina*.

For the foregoing reasons, I ask for your support and consideration of Governor Ige's appointment of Lori Buchanan to the Game Management Advisory Commission.

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To Whom it may Concern:

We write this testimony in support of Lori Buchanan's nomination to the Committee on Water and Land. She is an excellent and valuable resource of knowledge and genuine concern for our islands and our people. We have known her for 30+ years and cannot think of anyone more qualified or better suited to participate and be included in such a necessary endeavor.

Lori's vast knowledge and desire to continue her education and understanding of Hawaii's unique environment and challenges combined with her strong cultural values and wisdom has proven successful and beneficial to the island of Molokai and to every effort she has made in her quest to educate and advocate for healthier and more sustainable practices and resources. She is a motivated team player with a positive attitude and open minded approach to even the most difficult situations. And she is also courageous and unafraid to stand alone on issues and in pursuit of justice and positive, sustainable outcomes for the greater good. Lori's expertise and commitment to the land and our people can aide ranchers and farmers, subsistence gatherer's and the food industries in Hawaii to work together and create a better future for our keiki.

We are pleased and honored that you are considering such a valuable resource to sit among such a necessary and important group of individuals; it speaks to your commitment and integrity to gather only the best resources and sincerest hearts. We thank you for this opportunity to support Mrs. Buchanan and look forward to her approval to sit on the Committee on Water and Land.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Mahalo nui for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Your Name])

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