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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017  
1:30 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 823  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE GAME  
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
STANLEY RUIDAS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2018**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports  
Governor's Message 823, nominating Mr. Stanley Ruidas to the Game Management  
Advisory Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2018.**

Pursuant to Section 183D-4.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), the Game Management Advisory Commission (Commission) shall: 1) serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board); and 2) consist of nine members to be appointed by the Governor in the manner provided in Section 26-34, HRS. The Commission shall include a member from the County of Kaua'i, three members from the County of Maui (one member from each of the islands of Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i), two members from the County of Hawai'i (one member from East Hawai'i and one member from West Hawai'i), one member from the City and County of Honolulu, one at-large member, and the Chairperson of the Board or the Chairperson's designated representative. Each member, other than the Chairperson of the Board, is required to be a hunter licensed in the State and have leadership experience in working directly with local hunter or shooting organizations. At least one member shall have knowledge, experience and expertise in the area of native Hawaiian cultural practices, and no more than three members shall represent, be employed by, or be under contract to any sector of government.

Mr. Ruidas has been nominated to be a member of the Commission from the County of Maui, Island of Lāna'i. He is an active licensed hunter who serves on the Lāna'i Hunter's Focus Group which assists landowner Pulama Lāna'i and the Department in the management of the game

management area on the island. Mr. Ruidas has also been on the Lānaʻi Community Plan Advisory Committee and the Lānaʻi Planning Commission. As an avid hunter, he has hunted in Hawaiʻi, Wyoming and New Zealand. Mr. Ruidas also attended four Safari Club International conventions in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Ruidas' extensive knowledge and experience with hunting will make him an excellent member of the Game Management Advisory Commission.

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Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

**GM 823 Stanley Ruidas for Game Management Advisory Commission**

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 823 which is for your consideration and confirmation of Stanley Ruidas to the Hawaiʻi Game Management Advisory Commission. Stanley Ruidas is a Lānaʻi resident that contributes on many levels to our community.

I am Lynn McCrory, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for Pulama Lanai. Pulama Lānaʻi is the entity that was set up by Larry Ellison to work with the community and government as we move the island of Lanai forward toward sustainability.

Lānaʻi has a Game Management Area for the Hawaiʻi Division of Forestry and Wildlife that encompasses approximately 30,000 acres. This Axis deer and Mouflon sheep hunting area is and has been utilized by many hunters from across the state. Stan has been on the Hunter Advisory Committee almost since its inception, twenty-five years ago. This Advisory Committee works with the State, Pulama Lānaʻi, and the hunting community on Lānaʻi to communicate concepts and issues.

Stan is also active in community events and issues. He voices his positions and asks questions to new concepts and/or changes that will affect Lānaʻi in a thoughtful, realistic, and respectful manner, which results in the surrounding community members hearing what he says. We value his input and know that he will be a valuable member of the Hawaiʻi Game Management Advisory Commission.

We humbly ask for your support of GM 823. Mahalo!

Me ke aloha pumehana  
With warm aloha,

Lynn P. McCrory  
Senior Vice President of Government Affairs