

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 705

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 705, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

G.M. No. 705 STANLEY RUIDAS,
for a term to expire 06-30-2022,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Stanley Ruidas for service on the Game Management Advisory Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Stanley Ruidas from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Pūlama Lānaʻi.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Ruidas' experience as an avid hunter, commitment to public service, and proven leadership qualify him to be nominated for reappointment to the Game Management Advisory Commission as a member from the Island of Lānaʻi. Your Committee notes that Mr. Ruidas is an active licensed hunter who serves on the Lānaʻi Hunter's Focus Group, which assists landowners, Pūlama Lānaʻi, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources in the management of game management areas on the island. He has also served on the Lānaʻi Community Plan Advisory Committee and the Lānaʻi Planning Commission.



Your Committee further notes that as a member of the Game Management Advisory Commission, Mr. Ruidas was involved in addressing the issue of the aerial eradication of goats in the Waianae Mountain Range, and worked with the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to temporarily halt the aerial eradication and bridge a gap between the Division and hunters. If appointed to serve a second term on the Commission, Mr. Ruidas indicated in his personal statement that he would like to work on completing a game management plan on Lānaʻi to enable Pūlama Lānaʻi to enter into another term lease agreement with the State and prevent losing 30,000 acres of hunting land. Testimony received in support of the nominee indicates that he has extensive knowledge and experience in hunting, which will continue to be a valuable asset to the Commission.

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



