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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

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

**Friday April 12, 2019  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 576  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE NATURAL  
AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
JEFFREY SAITO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message (GM) 576, nominating Mr. Jeffrey Saito to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission (Commission) for a term to expire 06-30-2021.**

Mr. Jeffrey Saito is an avid hunter and is a founder of The Guild – Maui Hunting Club, thus fulfilling the Commission membership requirements of Section 195-6, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as the hunter representative. The Guild has provided over 1,000 volunteer hours at 'Āhihi-Kīna'u Natural Area Reserve.

Mr. Saito is a regular volunteer at 'Āhihi-Kīna'u and gives presentations to the community about what the Natural Area Reserves System is and does, including the removal of ungulates from vulnerable areas.

The Department strongly supports GM 576 and recommends that the Senate confirm the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Saito on the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

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