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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 620
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE GAME
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
NELSON RAPANOT, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 620, nominating Mr. Nelson Rapanot to the Game Management Advisory Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

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. Rapanot has been nominated as a member for the Commission from the County of Maui, Moloka'i. Mr. Rapanot is an active licensed hunter who has leadership experience working

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directly with local hunter and shooting organizations, such as Molokai Bowhunters. He also provides guided hunts on Molokai Ranch. Mr. Rapanot's knowledge and experience in hunting qualifies him as a member on the Commission representing the County of Maui, Moloka'i's hunters.