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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 588
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE GAME
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NANCY
TIMKO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2024**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 588 nominating Ms. Nancy Timko to the Game Management Advisory Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2024

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.

Ms. Timko has been nominated to be a member of the Commission from the City and County of Honolulu. Ms. Timko is an active licensed hunter and is the President Elect of the Safari Club

International (SCI), Hawaii Chapter. Previously, she served as Vice President and member of the Board of Directors for the organization.

Ms. Timko has been an asset to the Hawaii Conservation and Wilderness Education Project's annual youth camp, a partnership between the Department's Hunter Education Program and SCI, Hawaii Chapter. She has hunted in Hawaii as well as internationally in South Africa and New Zealand.

Ms. Timko's range of knowledge and experience with hunting makes her an excellent member of the Game Management Advisory Commission.

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| Andrew Choy | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

My name is Andrew Choy, and I am providing testimony, as a private individual, in support of the Governor's nomination of Ms. Nancy Timko to serve a second term on the statewide Game Management Advisory Commission.

I have had the privilege of working very closely with Nancy over the last six years in my former role as the Department of Land and Natural Resources', Hunter Education Program Manager. In this, I am perhaps one of the best prepared to speak to Nancy's qualifications.

During my tenure, Nancy served under the Hunter Education Program as the statewide Becoming an Outdoors Woman Program Coordinator. It is my understanding that she continues to lead this highly successful outreach program, which has introduced many women across the state to hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities.

Nancy is also an active Board Member of the Safari Club International-Hawaii Chapter. In this role, Nancy has also provided critical support to the Hunter Education Program's annual youth camps and National Hunting and Fishing Day outreach events. I would be remiss if I did not emphasize that Nancy has significantly improved the capacity of the Hunter Education Program and the Department of Land and Natural Resources as a *volunteer*.

She continues to be a very active hunter throughout the state.

It is my opinion that Nancy exceeds the qualifications necessary to faithfully execute the role of Commissioner--which she has clearly demonstrated in her first term. More importantly, however, I would stress the *professionalism, thoroughness, balance, and experience* that Nancy has brought and will continue to bring to the Commission and the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Please accept my highest recommendations for Nancy's confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of my personal testimony.

Andrew Choy

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| Steven H Takekawa | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Regarding:

Ms. Nancy Timko confirmation to the position on the

DLNR, DOFAW, Game Management Advisory Commission

Reviewers,

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on Nancy Timko and her confirmation to the DLNR, DOFAW Game Management Advisory Commission.

My interaction with Nancy has been as a fellow member with Safari Club International as well as assisting her with various hunter-oriented projects.

I've personally experienced Nancy to be a promoter of inclusive outdoor hunting traditions and sustainable game management throughout the State of Hawaii. As a well-rounded promoter of Hawaii hunting and wildlife, Nancy has not self-promoted a specific type of hunt or game over another. Nor, one Game Management Area (GMA) over another. Nancy's mantra is best illustrated as being all-inclusive, for everyone to enjoy the outdoor lifestyle.

Not all members of Safari Club International (SCI) are "African big game" hunters and Nancy, as past President, insured that everyone could feel welcomed into the SCI community to meet and socialize with other like-minded outdoor enthusiasts. Through SCI, Nancy has been a strong advocate to promote outdoor education, wildlife

conservation and humanitarian services that will benefit the healthy outdoor lifestyle for everyone.

More recently, in partnership with the University of Wisconsin, Nancy organized and introduced the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) program to the State of Hawaii. Keeping in mind that the Hawaii outdoors and GMA's are for everyone, the BOW program taught women outdoor abilities that can be used again to further the hunting traditions through skills learning, making friends with like-minded women, and that the outdoor life is fun. Through after action survey of participants, the Hawaii BOW program is a success in introducing women to the outdoors and hunting methods. Nancy's development of the Hawaii BOW program is again, her desire to have hunting in Hawaii available to everyone and to insure that Hawaii hunting traditions are all inclusive.

I request that Ms. Nancy Timko be confirmed to the position on the DLNR, DOFAW, Game Management Advisory Commission. Having only the desire to insure the continuation of quality game management, availability of GMA's throughout the State, and having all-inclusive (men, women, youth) hunting and wildlife programs makes Nancy the ideal candidate to the DLNR, DOFAW, Game Management Advisory Commission.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in favor of Nancy Timko to a position on the Game Management Advisory Commission.

I am available if there are any questions.

Mahalo!

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