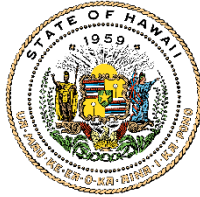


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Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND

Tuesday, March 19, 2024
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State Capitol, Conference Room, 430 and Via Videoconference

In consideration of
**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 105 / HOUSE RESOLUTION 86
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
CLEARLY DELINEATE OR DISTINGUISH PROPERTY BOUNDARIES TO ENSURE
THAT HUNTING ACTIVITIES ARE OCCURRING ON DESIGNATED LANDS.**

House Concurrent Resolution 105/House Resolution 86 requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources to delineate or distinguish property boundaries to ensure hunting activities occur on designated lands. The Department supports the intent of these measures and provides comments.

The Department would like to offer the following testimony regarding existing rules and navigational aids available to the public while hunting.

First and foremost, it is critical to acknowledge that property boundary disputes can often arise in the context of hunting, leading to potential conflicts and even legal ramifications. However, our Department has taken proactive measures to address these challenges by implementing a comprehensive framework of administrative rules and providing hunters with the necessary tools to navigate boundaries effectively.

Hawai'i Administrative Rules Title 13 Chapters 123 (Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting) and 122 (Rules Regulating Game Bird Hunting, Field Trials and Commercial Shooting Preserves) provide detailed maps and exhibits of legal hunting areas that hunters can review. Pocket maps are available from our Division of Forestry and Wildlife website or Offices.

In addition to education and guidelines, we have also invested in developing and disseminating practical tools to assist hunters in determining property boundaries while in the field. These tools include GPS technology, maps, signage, and other resources that enable hunters to identify property lines and responsibly navigate hunting areas. OuterSpatial, an outdoor and recreational mobile application with trails and hunting information, is now available for all mobile devices. It provides accurate information for all our state hunting units and can be accessed remotely without cell phone connectivity. *See* <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/app/>.

The Department's existing rules and tools for understanding property boundaries represent a robust and practical framework for promoting responsible hunting practices and minimizing conflicts between hunters and landowners. By prioritizing education, collaboration, and innovation, we can ensure that hunting remains a sustainable and enjoyable activity for all community members.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on these measures.

HCR-105

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| Brian Miyamoto | Hawaii Farm Bureau | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

HFB supports

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| J Ashman | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support this measure. Could it be done with a phone app?