

BALLOT QUESTION

PROPOSAL NO. 6: Establishing a Game Management Advisory Commission

Shall the Hawai‘i County Charter be amended to create a Game Management Advisory Commission that would advise County, State, and Federal agencies on matters related to the preservation of subsistence hunting and fishing, protection of traditional and cultural gathering rights, and the taking and conservation of aquatic life and wildlife?

If you agree with Proposal No. “6,” vote yes.

If you disagree with Proposal No. “6,” vote no.

**FULL TEXT OF PROPOSAL NO. 6
ORDINANCE NO. 12-110**

AN ORDINANCE TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAI‘I COUNTY CHARTER (2010) BY AMENDING ARTICLE VI, CHAPTER 9, BY CREATING A NEW SECTION RELATING TO A GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I:

SECTION 1. Article VI, Chapter 9, of the Charter of the County of Hawai‘i (2010), is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated as follows:

“Section 6-9. . Game Management Advisory Commission.

There shall be a game management advisory commission consisting of nine members who shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. One member shall be a resident of each council district. The terms of the members shall be as prescribed in Section 13-4. The commission shall select its chairperson from its voting members, and five voting members shall constitute a quorum.

For the benefit of present and future generations, the game management advisory commission shall advise County, State and Federal agencies on matters related to the preservation of subsistence hunting and fishing, as well as protecting traditional and cultural gathering rights. The commission may also advise County, State, and Federal agencies on any matter affecting the taking and conservation of aquatic life and wildlife, including proposed rules, and shall communicate its findings and recommendations to these agencies. The commission shall promulgate recommendations that conserve and protect the natural and cultural resources of Hawai‘i in furtherance of the self-sufficiency and long-term subsistence sustainability of aquatic life and wildlife in the County. The commission shall provide reports or legislative recommendations to the council as necessary, or at least quarterly.”

SECTION 2. Charter material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New charter material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing these charter provisions for inclusion in the Charter of the County of Hawai'i, the reviser need not include the brackets, bracketed material, or underscoring.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. Upon adoption of this ordinance, this council, by appropriate resolution shall provide that this charter amendment be submitted to the electorate of Hawai'i County for approval at the 2012 general election.

SECTION 5. The charter amendment proposed in this ordinance shall take effect upon approval by a majority of voters voting on this legislation in the 2012 general election.

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