State of Hawaii  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement  
Honolulu, Hawaii  

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SUBJECT: REQUEST CHAIRPERSON’S SIGNATURE ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES’ HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM EQUIPMENT FOR THE HILO TRAP AND SKEET RANGE  

I. ACTION REQUESTED  

The Department of Land and Natural Resources’ (hereinafter the “Department” or DLNR), Hunter Education Program (hereinafter the “Program”), hereby submits a request for the approval by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (hereinafter the “Board”) to sign Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter the “MOU”) between the County of Hawaii Department of Parks and Recreation and the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources’ Hunter Education Program Equipment for the Hilo Trap and Skeet Range.  

II. BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION  

The Program supports minor improvements at public shooting ranges in the State. This is a budgeted priority under the Program’s federally approved FY2015 Program Grant.  

The Hilo Trap and Skeet Range, which is operated by the County of Hawaii, has identified a need to replace a trap machine at their facility and has formally requested support from the Program to that end. The range is open to the public and has seen a dramatic increase in recreational trap and skeet shooters frequenting the range. One of the range’s trap machines is inoperable, and a temporary trap machine has been on loan to the range. Given the expected benefits in better accommodating the public demand at this range and the continued increase in public interest in the shooting sports, the Program is concurrently seeking approval to purchase a replacement trap machine for public use and approval of the subject MOU. This agreement will provide for improved public shooting facilities on the island of Hawaii.
The trap machine will be inventoried on the Program's equipment list and be utilized at the Hilo Trap and Skeet Range for the useable life of the trap machine. The MOU, which was coordinated and developed by the County of Hawaii and has been approved by the Attorney General, provides for the maintenance and intended use of the trap machine by the County of Hawaii at the Hilo Trap and Skeet Range.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Land and Natural Resources authorize the Chairperson to sign the MOU.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

CARTY S. CHANG
Interim Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources