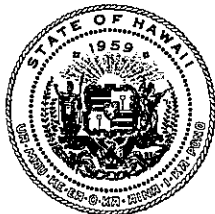
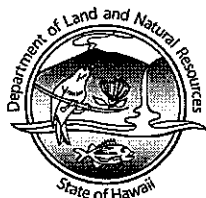


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Governor Message 271 - Submitting for Consideration To The
Hawai'i Island Burial Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ku H. Kahakalau, Ph.D.

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

April 3, 2008

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation of the appointment of Ku H. Kahakalau, Ph.D. to the Hawai'i Island Burial Council.

The Island Burial Councils were established under Chapter 6E-43.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to determine the preservation in place or relocation of previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites and to determine Hawaiian cultural and lineal descendancy claims for specific burials.

State law requires that Island Burial Councils be established for Hawai'i, Maui/Lanai, Molokai, Oahu and Kaua'i/Ni'ihau islands, and be comprised of representatives from specific geographic regions and representatives of developer/large property owners. Ku H. Kahakalau, Ph.D. was nominated to serve as the Hamakua District representative on the Hawai'i Island Burial Council. If confirmed, Dr. Kahakalau will serve until June 30, 2012.

Dr. Kahakalau has an exemplary background in Hawaiian culture. Dr. Kahakalau is a native Hawaiian practitioner, educator, researcher, songwriter, and expert in Hawaiian language, history and culture. Dr. Kahakalau is the founder and president of the Kanu o ka 'Aina Learning 'Ohana. The Department notes that Dr. Kahakalau currently serves as a valued member of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council.

The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Ku H. Kahakalau, Ph.D. and strongly recommends her confirmation to the Hawai'i Island Burial Council.



HUI MĀLAMA I NĀ KŪPUNA O HAWAI'I NEI

(GROUP CARING FOR THE ANCESTORS OF HAWAI'I)

Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Testimony in Support of Gubernatorial Nominees to Island Burial Councils

Hui Mālama I Nā Kūpuna O Hawai'i Nei has been active for 18 years in the repatriation and reburial of ancestral Hawaiian remains and funerary possessions, including the conduct of 98 NAGPRA repatriation cases and hundreds of reburials. Our international repatriation efforts involved the South Australian Museum, the Royal Ontario Museum in Canada, University of Zurich in Switzerland and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. We also helped repatriate other native people's remains back to their homelands of Australia, Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Tahiti, Marquesas, Tuamotu, Mangareva, New Zealand, and the Southwest and Southeast United States. For us, the bottom line has always been and will always be how best to provide requisite care and protection to iwi kūpuna (ancestral bones) and their moepū (funerary possessions). Having responsible members of the community serve on the island burial councils is an important way to help assure that requisite care and protection is provided to ancestral graves.

We submit this testimony to indicate our unequivocal **support** of the following gubernatorial nominees to their respective island burial councils:

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| (1) | MALIA KH AKUTAGAWA | Molokai Island Burial Council |
| (2) | FRANCES COBB-ADAMS | Molokai Island Burial Council |
| (3) | SUE ANN M.M. HASEGAWA | Molokai Island Burial Council |
| (4) | KEKAMAIIKAMAIIKALANI HELM | Molokai Island Burial Council |
| (5) | ELROY KM MALO | Molokai Island Burial Council |
| (6) | JERSULA L. MANABA | Molokai Island Burial Council |
| (7) | MICHELLE KANANIONAPUA AYAU PESCAIA | Molokai Island Burial Council |
| (8) | KU KAHAKALAU | Hawai'i Island Burial Council |
| (9) | SCOTT KIKILOI | O'ahu Island Burial Council |
| (10) | HINALEIMOANA KK WONG | O'ahu Island Burial Council |
| (11) | ANGELA LISA LEIMAILE EHIA-QUITTEVIS | O'ahu Island Burial Council |

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Halealoha Ayau
Executive Director

testimony

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Subject: Burial Council Confirmation - Ag & Hawn Affairs, April 3, 2:45pm

To: Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Attn. Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Attn. Sen. J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Thursday, April 3, 2008

Time: 2:45pm

Place: Conference Room 224

Aloha,

I write in strong support of the following people to serve on their Island Burial Council. Please confirm their nomination.

GM 276 - KEKAMAIIKAMAIIKALANI HELM, for Moloka'i

GM 277 - ELROY K.M. MALO, for Moloka'i

GM 281 - MICHELLE KANANIONAPUA AYAU PESCAIA, for Moloka'i

GM 271 - KU H. KAHAKALAU, for Hawaii island

GM 453 - JOHN B. NAEOLE, for Maui and Lana'i

GM 286 - SANDRA P. QUINSAAT, for Kaua'i

GM 283 - SCOTT KIKILOI, for O'ahu

GM 284 and 285 - HINALEIMOANA K.K. WONG, for O'ahu

Please approve their appointments. I know they will serve well.

Aloha,

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To: Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs. Sen. Jill Tokuda, Sen. Kalani English.
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When: April 3, 2008, 2:45pm, Rm 224.

Aloha e Senators, I am writing to ask you to confirm Ms. Ku Kahakalau, Phd., to the Hawaii Island Burial Commission.
I have known Ku for more than 20 years and have found her to be a outstanding teacher, administrator, and advocate of Hawaiian culture. She is a founder of the Hawaiian Charter Schools Movement that has proven to be highly successful. Most of all, I have found her to be a person of high character who cares for all peoples and for doing the right thing. Mahalo for your time and consideration on this important matter. Steven Tayama, Ph. 259 0095

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Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, Thursday, April 3, 2008, 2:45pm, room 224.

Aloha Sen. Tokuda and committee members. I write to support the confirmation of Ku H. Kahakalau for a seat on the Hawaii Island Burial Council. Ku is an outstanding Hawaiian leader who has served this council admirably in the past. Ku's appointment which would expire on 6/30/2012, will add to the level of experience on the council leading to balanced decision making. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of her appointment. William J. Aila Jr.