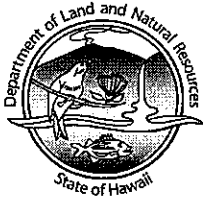


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**Governor Message 272 - Submitting for Consideration To The  
Maui/Lanai Island Burial Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, James Ballao**

**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 James Ballao to the Maui/Lanai 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. James Ballao Ph.D. was nominated to serve as the Wailuku District representative on the Maui/Lanai Island Burial Council. If confirmed, James Ballao will serve until June 30, 2009.

James Ballao Ph.D. is currently employed by the Department of Education and has an extensive background in Hawaiian culture. His experience and background make him a welcomed candidate to serve on the Maui/Lanai Island Burial Council.

The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of James Ballao and strongly recommends his confirmation to the Maui/Lanai Island Burial Council.