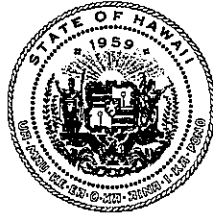
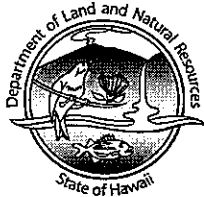


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**Governor Message 274 - Submitting for Consideration To The
Molokai Island Burial Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Frances Cobb-Adams**

**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 Frances Makanani Cobb-Adams to the Molokai 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. Frances Makanani Cobb-Adams was nominated to serve as the East Molokai District representative on the Molokai Island Burial Council. If confirmed, Frances Makanani Cobb-Adams will serve until June 30, 2011.

Frances Makanani Cobb-Adams is currently the Molokai Pathways/Ho'omau Site Coordinator for Na Pua No'eau Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children and he has an extensive background in Hawaiian studies. The Department notes that Frances Makanani Cobb-Adams currently serves as an interim member of the Molokai Island Burial Council.

The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Frances Makanani Cobb-Adams and strongly recommends her confirmation to the Molokai 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,

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