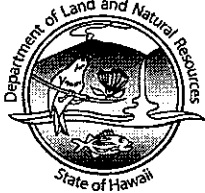


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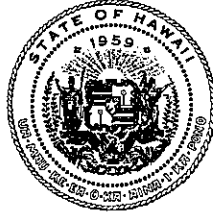
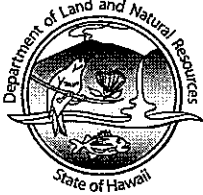
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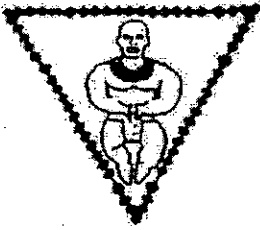
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(GROUP CARING FOR THE ANCESTORS OF HAWAI'I)

**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:

- |      |                                    |                               |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (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-QUITEVIS | O'ahu Island Burial Council   |

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Halealoha Ayau  
Executive Director

**testimony**

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Attn. Sen. J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

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Aloha,

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

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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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