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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON
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Governor Message 284 - Submitting for Consideration To The
Oahu Island Burial Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Hinaleimoana K. K. Wong

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

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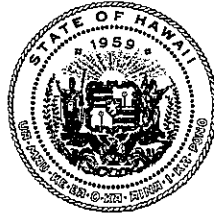
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The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Hinaleimoana K. K. Wong and strongly recommends Hinaleimoana for confirmation to the Oahu Island Burial Council.

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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 PESCALA | 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

From: sabrakauka@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:32 PM

To: testimony

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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testimony

From: Kawika McKeague [kawikam@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 12:56 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for GM 284/285: Hinaleimoana K.K. Wong Confirmation to OIBC

Letter of Support for GM 284/GM 285 (Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, HINALEIMOANA K.K. WONG, for a term to expire 6-30-2008; Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, HINALEIMOANA K.K. WONG, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.)

To be heard Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 2:45 PM in conference room 224
By the State of Hawai'i Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Ano'ai me ke aloha e Chair Senator Jill Tokuda and Vice Chair J. Kalani English, and to the Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs:

My name is Mark Kawika McKeague and I currently serve with great sense of humility on the O'ahu Island Burial Council as its Vice-Chair and Representative of the Moku o 'Ewa.

I have known Ms. Hinaleimoana Wong for nearly 10 years. My first recollection in working with her was as a fellow Kanaka 'Oiwī that had risen to the necessity to extend our ancestral voice to legislative concerns that had been introduced in the late 1990s that if fulfilled, would have had a detrimental impact on our rights as practitioners and as Hawaiians. Since that time, I have come only to have the highest regard for the principles and values Ms. Wong extols in her character and commitment to action. I currently have the privilege with serving on the OIBC with Ms. Wong, in her current capacity as an interim representative for the Kona District.

As long as I've known Ms. Wong, one quality is readily transparent- her presence and commitment to ensuring that a quality education for the generations of kamali'i, 'opio, and keiki includes understanding and asserting kuleana as the living conscience of our ancestors. Her strong background in the cultural understanding and perspectives of our kupuna, including specific knowledge to the care and stewardship to malama our iwi kupuna as well as perpetuating our 'olelo makuahine (mother tongue) brings a unique but vital voice to the OIBC. She is a teacher, a mentor, and someone who truly cares about the well being of our people, from those of the lipo ma mua to the lipo ma hope, from those ancestors that have come before to those generations yet unborn.

Mahalo for allowing me to share this mana'o. If there are needs for further discussion, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at then number or email listed below.

Na'u me ka ha'aha'a,

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testimony

From: William Aila Jr [ailaw001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:59 PM

To: testimony

Subject: GM 284 and 285

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

Aloha Chair, Tokuda and committee members. I write in support of the confirmation of Hinaleimoana K.K. Wong for a seat on the O'ahu Island Burial Council for an interim appointment ending on 6/30/2008 and an appointment to a full term expiring on 6/30/2012. "Hina" has spent many years teaching young Hawaiians their culture. She has inspired many to become thoughtful leaders. Hina will bring a strong cultural foundation to the council in addition to energizing its discussions. Please confirm Hina for a seat on the O'ahu Burial Council. Mahalo! William J. Aila Jr.