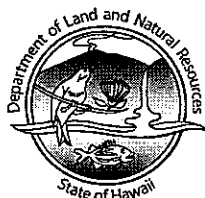


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Governor Message 286 - Submitting for Consideration To The  
Kaua'i/Ni'ihau Island Burial Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mark S. Hubbard, SPHR

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 Mark S. Hubbard to the Kaua'i/Ni'ihau 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. Mark S. Hubbard was nominated to serve as the landowner representative on the Kaua'i/Ni'ihau Island Burial Council. If confirmed, Mark S. Hubbard will serve until June 30, 2012.

Mark S. Hubbard is self-employed and specializes in human resource management. He currently works as a consultant to Grove Farm Company and previously worked as a property manager for Grove Farm Company and Lihue Plantation Company. Mark Hubbard's background in leadership and organizational development make him a highly valued candidate for the Kaua'i/Ni'ihau Island Burial Council.

The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Mark S. Hubbard and strongly recommends his confirmation to the Kaua'i/Ni'ihau Island Burial Council.

**TESTIMONY OF THE  
COUNTY OF KAUA'I  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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

**TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
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April 3, 2008  
2:45 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GM 286 AND 287, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES  
MARK S. HUBBARD AND MICHAEL Y.M. LOO TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL,  
ISLANDS OF KAUAI AND NIIHAU.**

**TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

My name is Bryan J. Baptiste, Mayor, providing testimony in support of  
Gubernatorial Nominees Mark S. Hubbard (GM 286) and Michael Y.M. Loo (GM 287) to  
the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Niihau (Council).

The Council plays an important role in determining the proper care and treatment of  
prehistoric and historic burial sites found within the County of Kaua'i. Their oversight  
ensures compliance with federal and state laws applying to historic burial sites, but more  
importantly, that the remains found in the sites are preserved or relocated with the  
sensitivity and dignity appropriate to our kupuna. Both Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Loo are well-  
known in our communities for their commitment to public service.

We ask you to confirm their nomination, and thank you for the opportunity to present  
testimony on this matter.