

GM 528

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON
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Governor Message 528 - Submitting For Consideration To The
Hawai'i Island Burial Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Gene Kaleolani Leslie

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 Gene Kaleolani Leslie to the Hawai'i 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. Gene "Bucky" Leslie was nominated to serve as the Kona District representative on the Hawai'i Island Burial Council. If confirmed, Mr. Leslie will serve until June 30, 2012.

Gene Kaleolani Leslie is currently the owner of Flowers for Mama. He was born and raised on the Island of Hawai'i. He has an extensive background in cultural practices and protocol. The Department notes that Gene Kaleolani Leslie believes it is his cultural responsibility to serve on the Hawai'i Island Burial Council.

The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Gene Kaleolani Leslie and strongly recommends his confirmation to the Hawai'i Island Burial Council.



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 25, 2008

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
The Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Senator J. Kalani English, Vice-Chair
The Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Re: Testimony in support of GM 528
Hearing Date: Thursday, April 3, 2008, 2:45 pm, Room 224

Dear Senator Tokuda, Senator English, and Committee Members,

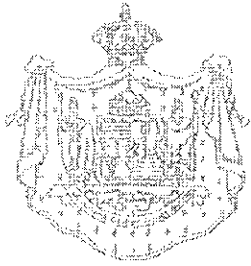
Please accept this letter in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Gene Kaleolani Leslie for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii for a term to expire 6-30-2012. I have known Mr. Leslie for many years and am confident that he is the right candidate to serve in this capacity.

Mr. Leslie is well qualified to serve on the Island Burial Council. He is deeply involved in the community, serving as president of the Kona Hawaiian Civic Club, the Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club. He is also a member of the Honolulu Hawaiian Civic Club, the Leahi Hospital Board, Habitat Humanity West Hawaii Board, and Kona Music Society.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lorraine P. Inouye
Senator, 1st District



Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu

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Liholihō
Ohaona wale ʻia pua
Lika miki ʻola mau ʻia
Ua hele wale a nohea
(Hele a nohonohea)
I ka nou i kē keha
(I ka nou a kē keha)
O beautiful ʻilima
Choice of my heart
O sweet and charming
flower
Soft and lovely to behold

GM 528 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, GENE KALEOLANI LESLIE, for a term to expire 6/30/2012

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

April 3, 2008

2:45 pm

Conference Room 224

On behalf of the approximately 220 members of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, I, Leatrice Maluhia Kauahi, Pelekikena, strongly support the confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, GENE KALEOLANI LESLIE.

Mr. Gene Kaleolani Leslie is a member in good standing of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu and is well respected for his knowledge on his and our Hawaiian culture. He has participated as a leader towards the success of our club's cultural activities providing his organizational skills and leadership abilities over the years. These activities were held on all islands whenever we attended our annual convention and on the island of Oahu even though he resides on the island of Hawaii.

We believe Mr. Leslie understands the kuleana with this important confirmation and know he will provide the dedication, time, and his ohana's knowledge and commitment to our cultural practices for the Hawai'i Island.

We ask for your support of Gene Kaleolani Leslie. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide this testimony.

March 25, 2008

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda,

Subj. Letter of Support, Gene Leslie, Burial Council, Island of Hawaii

This letter is written in support of Gene Leslie to the Island of Hawaii Burial Council. I have known Mr. Leslie for over 20 years and first met him through the service of my wife and Mr. Leslie on the Kona Hawaiian Civic Club. Mr. Leslie is a keiki o ka aina and has ultimate respect for Hawaiian practices on these islands that we call home. Mr. Leslie understands wise land use and always tries to seek compromise in disputes within our community.

My family and I whole heartedly support Mr. Leslie for this position. We would love to testify in person for Mr. Leslie's confirmation however we all work and can not afford the time or expense. Please accept this letter as our support of Mr. Leslie's appointment.

Sincerely,

Robinson Ohaha, Rick, Claire and Genai
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25 March 2008

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Agriculture
and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capital, Room 218
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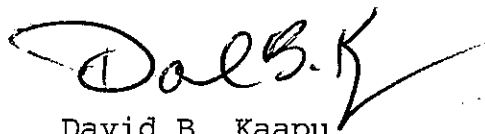
Re: Nomination of Gene Kaleolani Leslie for
Island Burial Council/Island of Hawaii

Dear Senator Tokuda:

This is a letter of support for Gene Kaleolani (Bucky) Leslie for the Island Burial Council for the Island of Hawaii. I have known Mr. Leslie for many years and during my association with him I have known him to be heavily involved in the Hawaiian community not only through the Hawaiian Civil Clubs but in many of the local Kona civic associations. I believe that Mr. Leslie's appointment to the Burial Council would bring with it a level of professionalism and cultural sensitivity as well as a knowledge and understanding of Hawaiian burial beliefs and culture. As such, I would urge your support of his nomination to the Burial Council.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



David B. Kaapu
Attorney at Law

DBK:dmm

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April 1, 2008

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 218
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda:

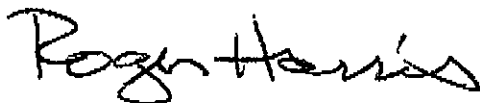
Subject: Support for Gene Kaleolani Leslie's appointment to the Hawai'i Island Burial Council

I served eight years on the Hawai'i Island Burial Council from 1998 to 2006.

Please vote to confirm Gene Leslie as a new member of the Council. I have known Gene for many years and he has the public-spirited traits necessary for success on the Council. Gene will be a congenial protector of the Hawaiian culture.

Contact me at any time if you have questions at (808) 987-5182.

Thank you,



Roger Harris

**TESTIMONY OF LEIMOMI CLARK
IN SUPPORT OF**

Gene Kaleolani Leslie
Gubernatorial Nominee GM 528
Island Burial Council, Hawaii Island

April 1, 2008

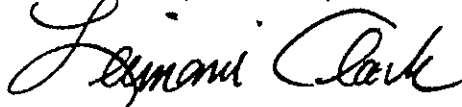
Aloha Chair Jill N. Tokuda and members of the Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs.

I am writing to endorse the nomination of Mr. Gene Kaleolani Leslie to the position of member to the Island Burial Council, Hawaii Island. I have known Mr. Leslie for over fifteen years and have had the privilege of volunteering with him on many civic projects. Mr. Leslie is dependable, reliable and practices native Hawaiian values.

Mr. Leslie has generational ties to Napo`opo`o and throughout South Kona. His father, Earl Leslie, was involved with heiau and cave preservation which knowledge he passed down to his son Gene. Gene has continued to carry on and share this knowledge to perpetuate our Hawaiian culture. Mr. Leslie is involved in many different aspects of the Hawaiian community all for the betterment of the community. If he is selected, he would be a great asset to this council and the community.

Please select Gene Kaleolani Leslie to the Island Burial Council, Hawaii Island.

Me kealoha pumehana,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leimomi Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LEIMOMI CLARK

Hearing: April 3, 2008
2:45 pm, Conf Room 224

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 528
GENE KALEOLANI LESLIE FOR
HAWAI'I COUNTY BURIAL COUNCIL

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
APRIL 3, 2007

2:45 pm in Conference Room 224 at the State Capitol
Chair Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair J. Kalani English

Aloha Chair Tokuda and Vice-Chair English, and Committee Members Senator Kokubun, Senator Hec, Senator Slom and Senator Gabbard.

My name is David Tarnas. I am a resident of Waimca on the island of Hawai'i.

This testimony is in support of the gubernatorial appointment of Gene Kaleolani Leslie for the Hawai'i Island Burial Council.

Over the many years I have known Mr. Leslie, he has always been a strong proponent of Hawaiian cultural resources protection and management. He is very knowledgeable about Hawaiian culture, and a strong leader in the native Hawaiian community. He is also fair and decisive in his leadership, which will serve him well on the Burial Council.

Mr. Leslie would be a great addition to the Hawai'i Island Burial Council and its effort to protect historical resources. He will represent the native Hawaiians and the whole community very well.

Please approve his nomination. Mahalo.

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