

Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 384

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 384, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LANA'I

G.M. No. 384 JONAH KE'EAUMOKU KAPU,
for a term to expire 6-30-2013,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee, and finds Jonah Ke'eaumoku Kapu to have the necessary qualifications to be nominated to the Island Burial Council for the islands of Maui and Lana'i.

Testimony in support of the nomination of Jonah Ke'eaumoku Kapu was submitted by one state agency and one individual. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

According to testimony, Mr. Kapu is an active community leader and Hawaiian cultural practitioner, who brings traditional cultural diversity to the Island Burial Council for the islands of Maui and Lana'i. In addition to currently serving on the Island Burial Council for the islands of Maui and Lana'i, Mr. Kapu is an Advisor/Chief Counsel to the Na Papa Kanaka O Pu'ukohola Heiau; a member of the National Association for Interpretation; Director of Hui O Wa'a Kaulua; Director and Founder of Kuleana Ku'ikahi, LLC, which protects historic sites, properties, and environment; and



Cultural Consultant and Founder of Hawaiian Outreach Economic Association Inc., which revitalizes ancient fishponds, sites, and reconstruction of traditional waterways. Mr. Kapu has also previously served a five-year term on the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, including one year as Vice Chairperson on the West Pacific Fisheries Management Council; and as a Cultural Consultant for the Friends of Moku'ula. He has also completed various seminars and trainings relating to cultural affairs.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Kapu's extensive community involvement and activities as a cultural practitioner make him an excellent candidate to continue serving on the Island Burial Council for the islands of Maui and Lana'i.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land,
Agriculture, and Hawaiian
Affairs,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* GM 384	Committee Referral: WTL	Date: 3/2/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert				✓
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				✓
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	9	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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