

**TESTIMONY**  
**GM 383**

**Edward H. Kaahui**

Member, Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai

- 1) A resume with a list of references; and

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- 2) A written statement that addresses the following questions:

- a. Why do you wish to be a member of the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai?

Being born and raised in a Hawaiian family and community, I bring a sensitivity and cultural value in a caring for our iwi kupuna.

- b. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai?

My role and responsibility as a member is to attend all meetings, listen to the speakers and the community and make informed decisions.

- c. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai.

I would like the opportunity to serve my community and offer my life experiences, knowledge, education, and manao to the Maui, Lanai Island Burial Council. I am currently serving on the council and my term expires this year. I would like to continue serving on the Maui, Lanai Island Burial Council for another term.

- d. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I would like to encourage better communication and understanding between the Historic Preservation Division and the Maui, Lanai Island Burial Council. Decisions have been made by the Historic Division which have not been communicated to our Burial Council. The community hears about it and questions us the council about something we did not make any decisions about, causing accusations and blame of which we have nothing to do or say. The Historic Preservation Division and the Maui, Lanai Island Burial Council should speak as one voice to our Hawaiian community.

- e. Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai?

Dedicated \* Good Listener \* High moral values and standards

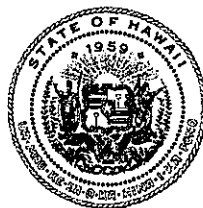
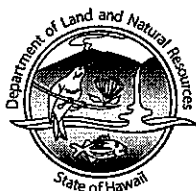
Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai?

I have recently testified in the General Plan Advisory Council meetings on Maui as to the importance and value of using the Ahupua'a system as a future model and planning tool for the planning department.

- f. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

No, however, should any conflict of interest arise, I would strive to resolve it in an efficient and expedient manner.

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Testimony of  
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Before the Senate Committee on  
**WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Monday, February 16, 2009  
11:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 383 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE  
ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LANAI, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, EDWARD H. KAAHUI**

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation of the appointment of Edward H. Kaahui to the Maui/Lanai Islands Burial Council.

The Island Burial Councils were established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawaii 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 Hawaii, Maui/Lanai, Molokai, Oahu and Kauai/Niihau islands, comprised of representatives from specific geographic regions and representatives of developer/large property owners.

Edward H. Kaahui was nominated to serve as a Lahaina District representative on the Maui/Lanai Islands Burial Council. If confirmed, Edward H. Kaahui will serve until June 30, 2013.

Edward H. Kaahui is an active retiree who participates in many community concerns. He has an extensive background in Hawaiian traditional cultural practices. The Department notes that Edward H. Kaahui currently serves as a valued member of the Maui/Lanai Islands Burial Council.

The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Edward H. Kaahui and strongly recommends his confirmation to the Maui/Lanai Island Burial Council.

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