

TESTIMONY
GM 385

February 12, 2009

Aloha Chairman Hee and Committee Members,

Mahalo nui for taking the time to consider my reappointment to the Hawaii Island Burial Council. It is an honor to serve on the Council to insure care of kulawi burials. I would like to apologize for not attending as the price of travel is prohibitive.

I have been fortunate to have the many nuances of our Hawaiian culture ingrained in my upbringing. I am especially familiar with kulaiwi burials and have been involved with reinterment of iwi on Hawaii, Oahu, Maui and Kauai Islands. Participating with the reinterment of Henry Opukahaia at Kahikolu Church was an event that significant for me. This was not only a historical event, it combined the past and present as well as Christian and cultural practices.

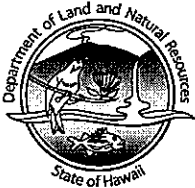
Balancing cultural issues and development have helped me in mending fences, communicating with government agencies and addressing community and lineal descendant's concerns.

My mission is to continue balancing cultural issues and development. Please call me at (808) 935-1111 if you have any questions.

Me Ka Pono,

Kimo Lee

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

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11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 385 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE
ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAII, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
JAMES G. LEE JR.**

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation of the appointment of James G. Lee Jr. to the Hawaii Island 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.

James G. Lee Jr. was nominated to serve as a Landowner/Developer representative on the Hawaii Island Burial Council. If confirmed, James G. Lee Jr. will serve until June 30, 2013.

James G. Lee Jr. is currently employed with the W. Shipman Company as the Director of Development. He brings a diversity of professional experiences to the council's deliberations. The Department notes that James G. Lee Jr. currently serves as a valued member of the Hawaii Island Burial Council.

The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of James G. Lee Jr. and strongly recommends his confirmation to the Hawaii Island Burial Council.

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