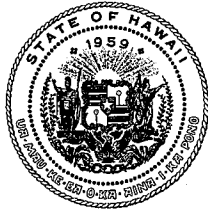
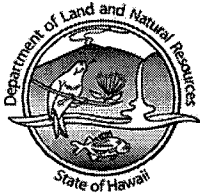


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**Wednesday, April 15, 2009  
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**State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 593 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE  
ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF OAHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
CAROLYN KEHAUNANI ABAD**

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation on the reappointment of Dr. Carolyn Kehaunani Abad to the O'ahu 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, O'ahu and Kauai/Niihau islands, comprised of representatives from specific geographic regions and representatives of developer/large property owners.

Dr. Abad was nominated to serve as a landowner representative on the O'ahu Island Burial Council. The Department notes that Dr. Abad currently serves as a valued member of this Island Burial Council. If confirmed, Dr. Abad's term will run until June 30, 2013.

Dr. Abad is currently employed as the Executive Director for the Kamehameha Press. She brings a diversity of professional skills as an anthropologist and educator to the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Dr. Abad and strongly recommends her confirmation to the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

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**Comments:**

Aloha Senator Clayton Hee, Chairman, Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs.

We write to you in support of Carolyn K. Abad.

Kehau, as we know her, has provided excellent, well thought out advice to the O'ahu Burial Council during her last term. Her academic experience and work experience for a large land owner allows her to see all sides of the issues, resulting in solid questions and well reasoned recommendations to the O'ahu Burial Council. Please confirm Kehau Abad. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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