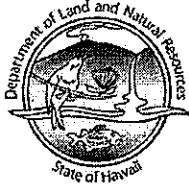


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Testimony Of
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Chairperson

Before The Senate Committee
On

WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 17, 2010
2:45 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 232- SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF OAHU,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOHN S. K. HOAG ESQ., FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE
6-30-2013

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports the gubernatorial appointment of John S.K. Hoag, Esq. to the O'ahu Island Burial Council for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

The Island Burial Councils were established under Section 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 descendent 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. Mr. Hoag will serve as one of the three landowner-developer representatives on the O'ahu Island Burial Council. The Department notes that Mr. Hoag is currently serving as an interim burial council member on the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

Mr. Hoag is employed by Hawaii Reserves Incorporated as the Director of Administration and Assistant to the President. He is a member of good standing in his community and active in professional and community-based organizations. Further, Mr. Hoag brings a professional legal insight and understanding to the burial council's process and follows in the footsteps of the former Chair, Mr. Jace McQuivey who recommended him for this seat.

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GM232 consideration & confirmation to the OIBC, Gubernatorial nominee, John S.K. Hoag

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010

Time: 2:45p.m.

Place: Conf. Rm 229/State Capitol

Aloha kakou-

In my capacity as the Oahu Island Burial Council Chair, I personally endorse the nomination of Mr. John Steve Kealiwahamana Hoag to the OIBC. Currently, Mr. Hoag has been serving on an interim capacity for the past 6 months and has been a tremendous asset to our Council. His humility, dedication, and assured commitment to lending thought and energy to the care and protection of iwi kupuna is important to note and highlight.

Given the extreme cultural sensitivity within the breath of issues the OIBC must deliberate, it is sometimes difficult to find the right individual with the right heart and spirit to participate in the capacity being asked with such a nomination. It is my understanding that for his interim appointment, Mr. Hoag had readily accepted the challenge and opportunity to lend his expertise to this Council without hesitancy or question. It is my current understanding that Mr. Hoag wishes to continue his service. As such, we are grateful for the time already served would welcome the opportunity for his continuance on the Council and appreciate your fullest consideration to confirm his nomination.

Na'u me ka ha'aha'a a me ka 'oia'i'o o ke alo o ko kakou mau kupuna,

Mark Kawika McKeague
Oahu Island Burial Council, Chairman & 'Ewa Moku Representative

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