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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
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**Testimony Of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before The Senate Committee On
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, February 19, 2010
3:15 p.m.
Conference Room 229**

**In Consideration Of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 313 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND
LANAI, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILSON N.K. KANAKAOLE, FOR A TERM
TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources strongly supports the gubernatorial appointment of Wilson N.K. Kanakaole to the Maui/Lana'i 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. Kanakaole will serve as the regional representative of Hana to the Maui/Lana'i Island Burial Council. Currently Hana does not have an active member on the Council.

Mr. Kanakaole is a self-employed Hawaiian musician/entertainer and works at many of Maui's hotels. He is a member of good standing in his community and active in Hawaiian grassroots community-based organizations. Further, Mr. Kanakaole did volunteer work in the clean-up of Kaho'olawe Island and actively lives the Hawaiian values of malama 'aina and aloha 'aina. Mr. Kanakaole brings a wealth of cultural experiences to the burial council to malama na iwi kupuna (care for ancestral bones),

Thank you for this opportunity to support Mr. Kanakaole's appointment to the Maui/Lana'i Island Burial Council.

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