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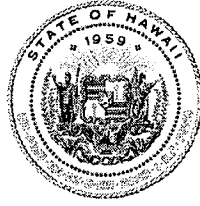
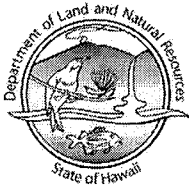
Aloha, Senator Hee

In response to your questionnaire; I would like to answer, but unfortunately we have not met as a burial council during my term and cannot offer you any perspective as a member except that we did not meet. I was told that we could not get quorum because of the lack of a big land owner on the board. However I do want to say that I would like to have that chance for the perpetuation of our culture, for our Kupuna and children to come on a council that is working. Again Mahalo for your thoughtfulness in the questions asked.

Aloha,

Kekamaikaikamaikalani Helm

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

**Wednesday, April 7, 2010
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 426 -
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF MOLOKAI, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
KEKAMAIIKAMAIIKALANI HELM, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 426 on the gubernatorial appointment of Kekamaikaikamaikalani to the Moloka'i Island Burial Council for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

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. Helm will serve as a regional representative for East Molokai. The Department notes that Mr. Helm is currently a member of the Moloka'i Island Burial Council.

Mr. Helm is employed as a community building facilitator with the Queen Liliuokalani Trust. He learned Hawaiian traditional practices and protocol from both his parents who are traditional practitioners on the island of Moloka'i. Mr. Helm has been able to balance his western education with Hawaiian cultural practices with an invaluable insight to Moloka'i's cultural resources and the Native Hawaiian community regarding burials and sacred sites.

The Department urges this Committee to support the appointment of Mr. Helm to the Molokai Island Burial Council.

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