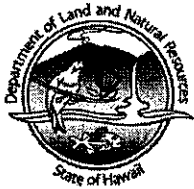


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**Wednesday, March 10, 2010  
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State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 2524, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS**

Senate Bill 2524, Senate Draft 1 proposes to authorize the Governor to waive the requirements that the Molokai Island Burial Council membership include geographic region, development, and large property owner representatives. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.

The Department has received many requests for the Molokai Island Burial Council to meet, but is unable to waive the ratio and membership requirements. The Department has worked for over a year to find large landowner representatives but has been unable to find anyone willing to serve on this particular Burial Council. Allowing the Governor to waive the ratio and membership requirements for the Moloka'i Island Burial Council would allow this Burial Council to convene as the Department continues to seek qualified candidates. The Department notes that although the Molokai Island Burial Council currently has a member from Kalaupapa, this position will be more difficult to fill as the residents of Kalaupapa age.

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