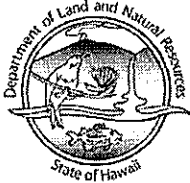


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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2011
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 559 –
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL ISLAND OF OAHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
CHARLES ANDREW EHRHORN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the gubernatorial appointment of Charles Andrew Ehrhorn to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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, O'ahu and Kaua'i/Ni'ihau islands, and be comprised of representatives from specific geographic regions and representatives of developer/large property owners. Regional representatives are to be selected from the Hawaiian community on the basis of their understanding of the culture, history, burial beliefs, customs and practices of Native Hawaiians. Mr. Ehrhorn will serve as a large property owner (Campbell Estate) representative on the Oahu Island Burial Council.

Mr. Ehrhorn is a graduate of Punahou High School who received his Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Oregon and a Master of Regional Planning from Cornell University. He is a registered architect in Hawaii and has an extensive knowledge and background in (land) planning and urban design. Among his former employers include, Architects Hawaii; Belt Collins & Associates; and the Campbell Estate. Mr. Ehrhorn is currently works as a consultant with C&J Land Planning, LLC.

Mr. Ehrhorn has been past president of the Hawaii Architectural Foundation, a past president and director of the Honolulu Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and past president and Director of the Hawaii Council of the American Institute of Architects.

Of note to this Committee, Mr. Ehrhorn has previously served on the Oahu Island Burial Council. His knowledge of land use brought a different perspective to the Burial Council, and he played an important role in informing their decisions. As he has volunteered his time once again to serve on behalf of Campbell Estate, the Department looks forward to his considerate, thoughtful and insightful comments and leadership on the board once again, and as such, supports Governor's Message 559.



GM559
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation
to the Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Charles Andrew Ehrhorn,
for a term to Expire 6-30-2015.
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** the nomination of Charles Andrew Ehrhorn to the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

For four decades, Mr. Ehrhorn has been involved in architecture and planning in Hawai'i, having worked for Campbell Estate, Architects Hawai'i, Belt Collins & Associates and Helber Hastert & Fee. Mr. Ehrhorn has served on a number of non-profit boards and commissions and has previously sat on the O'ahu Island Burial Council. Mr. Ehrhorn would be an asset to the Council because of his background in architecture, land use, and regional planning, as well as his previous experience with the council.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS GM559. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



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Ho'ō pono i ka holo aukahi

Hawai'i State Legislature
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Tuesday, April 19, 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 312

Re: GM 559, Charles Andrew Ehrhorn for consideration and confirmation to the O'ahu Island Burial Council

Aloha Honorable Chair Brickwood Galuteria and members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

I write in strong support of Chuck Ehrhorn's appointment to the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC). Chuck is a seasoned veteran on the Council and has long experience with the important and difficult issues that the OIBC often faces. His unique background as a representative of a large land owner has provided him with valuable perspectives and insight that he brings to the deliberations and decisions of the OIBC.

Chuck has many ideal leadership qualities that have been highlighted in his service on the Council over the past many years. He has shown a sincere dedication to work closely with his colleagues to find the best solutions for the iwi kūpuna, while focusing on the intent of the burial laws. He is a good listener and you can always count on him to ask the hard questions. He is patient, understanding that when major concerns arise, they take time to resolve. Most importantly he has a solid understanding of his responsibility as a Council member and is committed to take care of, or to malama, na iwi kūpuna.

I have no doubt that Chuck will continue to be a tremendous asset to the OIBC. I strongly urge your favorable consideration of his appointment to the OIBC.

Mahalo,

Lani Ma'a Lapilio

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Director, Hawaii Heritage Center