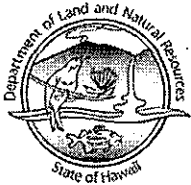


**GM 731**

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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 731 as amended by GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 780 --  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL ISLAND OF OAHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE  
JONATHAN L. SCHEUER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the gubernatorial appointment of Dr. Jonathan L. Scheuer to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu, 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, 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. Dr. Scheuer will be a regional representative for the Koolau-poko moku.

Jonathan Scheuer is a graduate of Iolani High School who has a Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Cruz and a Masters degree from Yale University in Environmental Science. Dr. Scheuer has previously held positions as an Urban and Regional Planning Lecturer at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and as a Policy Analyst then Land Management Director of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA). Currently, Dr. Scheuer is engaged in private consulting.

Dr. Scheuer has a thorough understanding of public policy, conservation, land and natural resource management including water rights. His tenure at OHA strengthened his knowledge of

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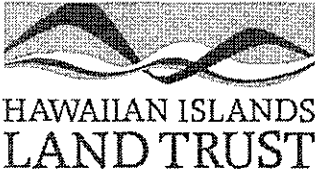
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Hawaiian culture as he worked with Native Hawaiians to ensure that their beliefs were respected. The Department believes Dr. Scheuer would serve the Island Burial Council well. As such, the Department supports Governor's Message 731.





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Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair  
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Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

**RE: GM 731: Support for Confirmation of Jonathan Scheuer to the O`ahu Burial Council**

Dear Senators

I enthusiastically support the nomination of Mr. Jonathan Scheuer to the O`ahu Burial Council for a term expiring June 30, 2015. I have known Jonathan for several years through his conservation work in Hawai`i, including heading up the Lands Division at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Currently, Jonathan is on the Board of Directors of the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, and he brings a very strong voice to the Land Trust in support of Hawaiian culture, interests, and values.

I am very familiar with the workings of the Councils, since our Director of Conservation, Dr. Scott Fisher, is on the Maui Burial Council and we have produced an extensive Burial Treatment Plan for the Waihe`e Refuge which has been given high marks. Jonathan has had extensive exposure to the many issues the Councils must deal with and will bring carefully reasoned discussion to the issues the Burial Council must address.

Please support the confirmation of Jonathan Scheuer for Council membership. He will do a fine job for the people of Hawai`i.

Sincerely,

Dale B. Bonar,  
Executive Director



## CONSERVATION COUNCIL FOR HAWAI'I

Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Hearing: Wednesday, April 13, 2011  
2:45 p.m.  
Room 224

Support for GM 731 – Nomination of Jonathan Likeke Scheuer  
To the O'ahu Island Burial Council

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i is pleased to support GM 731 and the nomination of Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to the O'ahu Island Burial Council. I have known Jonathan for 15 years, and he is deeply committed to defending the rights, traditions, and resources of the Native Hawaiian people. He was born and raised on the island of O'ahu, and through his academic and professional work, has developed ties and relationships in the Native Hawaiian community across the islands.

Jonathan has an extensive academic and professional background in natural resource and environmental policy in Hawai'i. As a graduate student at Yale University and the University of California Santa Cruz, he focused on kalo farmers, water rights, and the State Water Code using the Waiahole Ditch case.

As an independent consultant and as an employee of the Kamehameha Schools and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, he has worked on a number of issues at the nexus of land and Native Hawaiian concerns, including issues relating to Hawaiian burials. He worked for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for 6 years, including 2 years as the founding director of the Land Management division. In that position, he was responsible for securing the acquisition and management of two significant properties – Waimea Valley on O'ahu, and Wao Kele O Puna on Hawai'i – which involved compliance with the state burial law and addressing land-altering activities.

Jonathan will work well with the OIBC and others to ensure that Native Hawaiian burials are assured dignity and freedom from unnecessary disturbance. He supports and understands the legislative intent of the burial laws. He is compassionate and fair, and has deep respect for the knowledge and authority of elders and cultural practitioners. He works hard, has the ability to think strategically, and seeks solutions that are just for the Native Hawaiian people.

Please confirm the nomination of Jonathan Scheuer to the O'ahu Island Burial Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

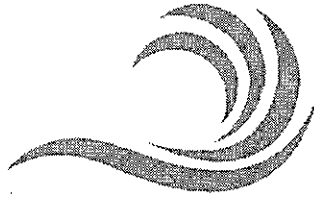
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Ho'ō pono i ka holo aukahi

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

**Re: GM 731 Jonathan L. Scheuer for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council Island of O'ahu**

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

I write in strong support of the favorable consideration and confirmation of gubernatorial nominee, Jonathan L. Scheuer to the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC). Jonathan is a humble, intelligent and well-respected leader in the Hawaiian community having served for many years as an advocate and manager at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Recently he started a very successful consulting business in the private sector. Coupled with his deep appreciation and passion for the preservation and protection of cultural and natural resources, he is an ideal candidate for the OIBC.

Jonathan is committed to the proper care of the iwi kūpuna and he will honor this responsibility or kuleana, and do what is right in the very difficult situations that come before the Council. He brings a balanced, experienced perspective that will help find consensus in the important deliberations and decisions of the Council. Jonathan is one who will embrace the ever growing interest and participation of the descendants and members of the Hawaiian community to better inform the Council's decision making process.

I strongly urge your favorable consideration of his appointment to the OIBC.

Mahalo nui,

Lani Ma'a Lapilio  
Hawai'i Advisor, National Trust for Historic Preservation  
Director, Hawai'i Council for the Humanities  
Director, Hawai'i Heritage Center



April 15, 2011

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY OF DAWN N.S. CHANG, PRINCIPAL OF KUIWALU CONSULTING

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 731**

**GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JONATHAN L. SCHEUER**  
O'ahu Island Burial Council

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I support the nomination of Jonathan L. Scheuer for appointment to the O'ahu Island Burial Council. I have known Mr. Scheuer for over 10 years when he was the Land Management Director with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I have retained Mr. Scheuer's services as a consultant on several projects. Jonathan has a long professional history of being involved in planning including OHA, Kamehameha Schools in the Land Assets Division to working with the Department of Land and Natural Resources. He is also a lecturer at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Urban and Regional Planning.

Thus, over the years Mr. Scheuer has consistently been involved in the planning capacity with organizations that promote cultural preservation and protection. He brings great cultural sensitivity to the issues he is involved in. He also has an appreciation for the need of proactive planning, including the need for archaeological inventory surveys and cultural impact assessments, as part of any development project. Thus, Mr. Scheuer is uniquely qualified to bring balance from a cultural perspective about the importance of iwi kupuna or human burial remains and the importance of timely decisions in the context of development projects. His expertise and network within the Hawaiian community makes him an asset on the O'ahu Island Burial Council that is constantly faced with these challenging issues.

I respectfully ask that Jonathan Scheuer's nomination receive the consent of your committee and be forwarded to the full Senate for confirmation. I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on Mr. Scheuer's nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN N.S. CHANG  
Principal



April 18, 2011

Re: **Support** for GM 731 with amendments

Aloha 'aina kakou, e Chairman Brickwood Galuteria and Members of the State of Hawai'i Senate Committee of Hawaiian Affairs:

As an individual, I strongly support the consideration of Mr. Jonathan L. Scheuer appointment to the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) as recommended under Governor Message No. 731 with amendments. The only amendment request is that the appointment be made for the KONA district rather than Ko'olau Loa as indicated. As the current OIBC Chair, I would like to emphasize the needs of our Council to include competent, capable, and committed individuals like Mr. Scheuer, who has extensive relative experience to the care and protection of our native lands, resources, and our people. Currently, the OIBC is involved with many issues and cases that may create either leading precedence or dire consequences that will shape not only the development landscape but its interface with the ancestral essence that permeates within our aina and the kupuna that lie in rest. The island burial councils, as a whole, are one of two primary decision-making State authorities as to the relative treatment, management, and care of our iwi kupuna. In order for us to effectively execute and enable our kuleana and authority, we need qualified individuals, like Mr. Scheuer, that can lend their 'ike hana through experiences garnered with working in our native lands and communities; the 'ike hanau that resides within each of us born and raised in Hawai'i and thereby influenced by natural and cultural confluence of our island environment; and finally, the 'ike hohonu that lies deep within us that serves as the source of motivation and inspiration to service for our lands, our people, and our ancestral legacy. One of the major challenges each council faces is the recruitment of qualified individuals that a) meet the requirements of the law; and b) are willing to commitment themselves to issues and outcomes that are culturally sensitive and have a weighted bearing on the preservation and care of our iwi kupuna, which are the fundamental sources of our existence as a people. Without the mana of our ancestors that is imbued in our wahi kanu and 'ilina, we as Kanaka 'Oiwī, I believe, become culturally devoid, stagnant, and obsolete in our own homeland. Mr. Scheuer possesses sufficient experience to meet the requirements of the law with his past experiences at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, specifically to his past management responsibilities with Wao Kele o Puna and Waimea, and their associated cultural landscapes and resources. Additionally, his ongoing personal development and cultural training as a member of Pua Ali'i 'Ilima provides him with a building foundation. Mr. Scheuer and I are personal colleagues and friends and I also know he is prepared to hapai the kuleana and kaumaha that are invoke in his acceptance of your nomination and confirmation. I respectfully submit this letter of support and ask for your fullest consideration to his appointment. Mahalo for your time to the thoughts I shared.

Na'u me ka pono a me ke aloha,

Mark Kawika McKeague

OIBC Chair and 'Ewa Moku Representative

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**Comments:**

Aloha Chair and members of the Committee -

I write in my personal capacity to strongly support the nomination of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to the O'ahu Burial Council.

While Dr. Scheuer worked for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its Land Asset Management Hale, I had the pleasure of working closely with him on several important land acquisitions - Waimea Valley and Wao Kele O Puna. Working for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is not an easy job. Often, Dr. Scheuer was faced with passionate and strong-held opposing views from different sectors of the Native Hawaiian community. Dr. Scheuer listened to these views, was patient, and tried to resolve issues and disputes, always keeping in mind the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' mission to serve and improve the lives of its beneficiaries. He will be a thoughtful, approachable, fair, and patient member of the O'ahu Burial Council, and I strongly support his confirmation.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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