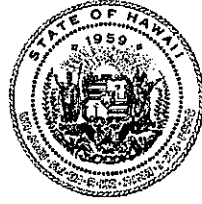
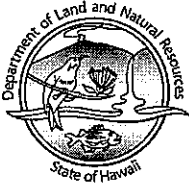


**GM 896**

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

**Before the Senate Committee on  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, April 18, 2012  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 896  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LANAI, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, LEIANE PACI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports the gubernatorial appointment of Ms. Leiane Paci to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, to expire 6-30-2015.

The Island Burial Councils are established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. With regard to previously known burials, the councils determine whether to leave the burial in place or remove it, recognize lineal and cultural descendants and provide counsel and advice to the Department. Large landowner representatives must be currently be employed or associated with a developer who conducts large scale land development activities or a large property owner who owns or leases at least 100 acres of land on the respective island, and represent the interests of the development or large property owners or both (Section 13-300-22, Hawaii Administrative Rules).

Ms. Paci is a partner in the development firm of Maui Lani Partners, a 1,012 acre master-planned community. In this role, she provides project management for entitlement processing, community outreach, and predevelopment expense budgeting. On behalf of the Partners, she presents updates and testimony at various council meetings and commissions on the Island of Maui. Ms. Paci also oversees the handling of sensitive native Hawaiian issues and provides guidance in the establishment of archaeological and burial preservation sites.

From an experience perspective, Ms. Paci has played a hands-on role in the protection of native Hawaiian burial sites. On behalf of her partnership, she has continuously appeared before the Maui Lana'i Islands Burial Council with burial treatment plans, seeking the advice and support of the Council. Ms. Paci fully understands the need to protect native Hawaiian burials, while

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still meeting the residential needs of the growing Maui community. She not only possesses effective oral and written communications skills, but also has the aptitude to work within a wide range of situations. Ms. Paci is always fair. It is all of the above that qualifies her to find pono or balance in her decisions. Ms. Paci is currently serving on the Maui/Lanai Island Burial Council on an interim appointment. Senate confirmation will ensure this important member's term is extended until 6-30-2015.

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April 11, 2012

Senator Brickwood Galuteria  
Chair, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
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**RE: The Senate - Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Meeting - Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 2:45 PM  
Leiane Paci, Nominee to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai  
GM 896 Testimony**

Senator Galuteria,

I am in receipt of your letter, dated April 3, 2012, regarding nomination to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai. I respectfully submit the following testimony in hopes that my nomination will be confirmed by the Senate.

(1) *Why do you wish to be a member of the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai?*

I was born and raised on the Island of Kauai. Growing up on a small, rural island, I learned early on how culture and respect for the Kupuna affect the upbringing of our youth and the health of our family unit. My grandparents were farmers, so we spent summers picking papayas and wandering around their cattle pastures. My brothers would go hunting with my uncles and grandpa, while I went fishing with my Dad on the weekends. We learned many lessons about respecting the land and the ocean on those outings. I would like to be a part of the Burial Council, because I think it is one means of safeguarding our local culture, while providing for the needs of our present day community.

(2) *How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai?*

I perceive a member's role and responsibilities to include attaining all facts pertaining to the subject matter, objectively participating in the process, and applying the burial laws to make decisions that are balanced and sound.

(3) *Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills,*

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*expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai.*

I believe that I am qualified for the position because I have been honored to work under the mentorship of Leslie Kuloloio, since my relocation to Maui in 1997. His teachings have gone beyond history and culture and have encompassed lessons in "bridging" and compromise. In addition to the lessons learned from Leslie Kuloloio, I have a working knowledge of the burial laws because it has been a crucial part of my experience working in land development on Maui. I also have an educational background in Architecture. My job experience is in construction management and County and State approval processes, which lends itself to creative solutions in the management and treatment of historically sensitive sites.

(4) *What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?*

During my term of service, I hope to make fair decisions that uphold the rules, provide for the appropriate treatment of burial sites, and meet the needs of the growing community.

(5) *Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai?*

Good Listener – I am able to empathize with meeting participants and understand their opinions and issues. I am able to use reason to apply what is heard to the decision-making process.

Competent – I have a working knowledge of the burial rules and laws, and I recognize how site constraints may affect recommendations and determinations made under the laws.

Dedicated – I am committed to allocating the time and resources to making sure I am prepared and available for scheduled Burial Council meetings. Volunteering is a valuable opportunity to contribute to the betterment of our community and consistent attendance is necessary for timely decision-making.

(6) *Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai?*

During my junior year of high school, I met with the school counselor to start the college application process. When I told her that I would be applying to Ivy League schools, she told me "Don't bother. No one from our high school gets into Ivy League schools." I was fortunate to have my mechanical arts teacher

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who believed in me and helped me apply for scholarships. Because of his mentorship, I did graduate from an Ivy League School. This experience taught me the importance of mentors, such as our Kupuna, in our community.

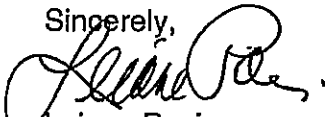
Our Kupuna are our teachers, and many of them were instrumental in the drafting of the burial rules. They understood the need to protect the burials and the right of all people to fair representation in the process. The Burial Council is a forum to bring the community together, to continue to learn from our Kupuna, and to educate our youth.

- (7) *Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?*

I do not foresee any conflict of interests at this time. Since my nomination is for the Development and Large Property Owner Representative, I would recuse myself, as necessitated.

I hope I have provided you with sufficient information to confirm my nomination, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve our community in the capacity of a member of the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai.

Sincerely,



Leiane Paci

cc: Senator Pohai Ryan  
Senator Kalani English  
Senator Clayton Hee  
Senator Gilbert Kahele  
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Senator Brickwood Galuteria  
Senator Pohai Ryan  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Dear Senators,

I am writing to day in support of Ms. Leiane Paci's nomination to the MLIBC. I have worked with Ms. Paci for the past 15 years at Maui Lani Development. During this time, we worked closely with the MLIBC to protect and preserve Native Hawaiian burial sites. Our work has extended from designing and implementing better archaeological testing and monitoring procedures during construction, to re-designing proposed developments and creating preservation areas to protect burial sites in perpetuity. From 1995 to 2009, in development situations where the landowner had control of the proposed improvements (residential and commercial lots, internal roads, golf course and etc.), Maui Lani Development re-designed the improvements to preserve the vast majority of primary burial features in place. This commitment to preservation and creative thinking "outside the box" has created over 10 preservation areas within the Maui Lani land holdings. Due to this vast experience as a landowner implementing preservation and initiating re-design of developments, Ms. Paci would be an asset to the MLIBC.

Respectfully,

Lisa Rotunno-Hazuka

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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### Comments:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Leiane Paci's confirmation to the Maui/Lanai Islands Burial Council. Having worked with Leiane for a number of years, I know her to conduct herself in a forthright and professional manner. She is particularly respected for her balanced method of inquiry, which maintains the integrity of dialogue. This character trait is especially important where deliberations affect the care, protection and maintenance with dignity of Native Hawaiian burial sites. I believe Leiane will be a committed and active member of the Maui/Lanai Islands Burial Council, and will diligently advance the Council's duties and responsibilities as set forth in Chapter 6E, HRS and its accompanying rules of practice and procedures.



# The Maui Lani Community Association

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**RE: GM 896 Testimony  
Leiane Paci, Nominee to the Island Burial Council, Islands Maui and Lanai  
The Senate - Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Meeting - Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 2:45 PM, Room 224**

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Honorable Senator Galuteria:

This letter is in support of Ms. Leiane Paci's nomination to the Maui and Lanai Islands Burial Council.

I have worked as the General Manager for the Maui Lani Community Association for the past ten years. During that time, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Ms. Paci developing the Association's management foundation. In addition we have collaborated on operation, budget, Design Committee, and Board of Director issues.

During her years in varied leadership positions, I have watched Ms. Paci form strong relationships within the community as well as with Association Members and developers. I have admired Ms. Paci's appreciation for the people and land of Maui Lani and I have observed that without fail Ms. Paci blends her education, leadership skills and position to protect and enhance the Maui community.

As is expected, occasionally conflicts will arise, and I have been consistently awed and inspired by Ms. Paci's logic, intentions and her natural mediation skills.

I believe her experience, principle, and fairness makes her a qualified candidate to serve on this Council.

Sincerely,



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Re: **Leiane Paci, Nominee to the Maui Lanai Islands Burial Council**  
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Aloha Senator Galuteria:

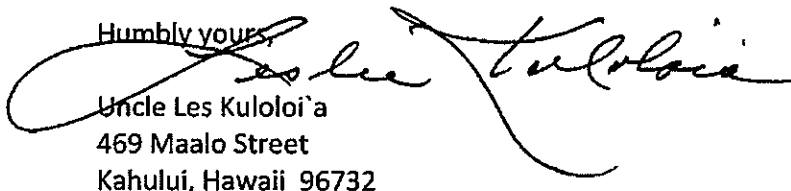
I write this letter in support of Ms. Leiane Paci's nomination to the Maui Lanai Islands Burial Council.

I have known Leiane since 1997 when she first came to work on Maui. As a cultural advisor, I have helped provide her with cultural guidance on archaeological and historical issues as it relates to her job in land development. Over these many years working together, I find that she has a deep respect for our kupuna and our island culture.

I feel very comfortable with Leiane's nomination. Her local values, balanced decision making, and first-hand experience in the burial laws makes her a qualified candidate to serve on this Council. Again, I strongly support her nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Humbly yours,



Uncle Les Kuloloi'a  
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Chairperson, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221  
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RE: Ms. Leiane Paci, Nominee to Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lana'i

Dear Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan, and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

Thank you very much for allowing me the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support of Ms. Leiane Paci to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lana'i.

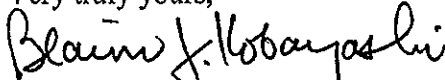
I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Paci many years ago while in private practice doing legal work for her employer Maui Lani Partners. Shortly thereafter, I had the wonderful opportunity to work directly with Ms. Paci on several development projects on the island of Maui. I was immediately impressed by Ms. Paci's intelligence, work ethic, and warm personality.

I always looked forward to working with Ms. Paci because I knew that she was a "quick study," that she had done her homework, and that she would be prepared to address any questions or issues which I may have had for a particular project. Maui Lani Partners has developed a number of quality projects on Maui, and I know that Ms. Paci played a large role in those projects through her work on complex land use issues and appearances before various boards and commissions.

As all of you are aware, native Hawaiian burials and native Hawaiian issues in general, demand respect, attention, and strong sensitivity. I worked with Ms. Paci on several projects where these issues arose, and not only was she sensitive and patient in addressing concerns, she always treated everyone (whether they were opposed to the project or not) with utmost dignity and respect.

In closing, I firmly believe that Ms. Paci is well qualified to serve on the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lana'i. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to present this testimony.

Very truly yours,

  
BLAINE J. KOBAYASHI

**GM 897**