

GM687

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, Gubernatorial Nominee, BARBARA SAY, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau

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TESTIMONY LIST

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Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, April 10, 2013
2:45 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 687
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUAI AND NIIHAU, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, BARBARA SAY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the gubernatorial appointment of Barbara Say to the Kaua'i-Niihau Island Burials Council (KNIBC) for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

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.

Ms. Barbara Say is a respected kupuna and resident of Kauai. She has been involved in the care and protection of Hawaiian burials since before the state law on burials was enacted. Ms. Say has worked with all levels of Kauai's community including the business and the government levels and the grassroots to protect and preserve all aspects of Hawaiian culture. She is a cultural practitioner who is knowledgeable about the state burials law as well as Hawaiian cultural practices related to burials. Ms. Say has served more than three terms since the formation of the KNIBC and continues to *kokua* with all aspects of *malama na iwi kupuna o Kauai*.

A Senate confirmation of Ms. Say to the Kauai-Niihau Island Burial Council will greatly enhance that Council's work to uphold the state burials law.



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COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUA‘I AND NI‘IHAU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
BARBARA SAY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017**
Senate Committee on Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs

April 10, 2013

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS GM687**, which would confirm Barbara Say as the Kawaihau regional representative to the Kaua‘i/Ni‘ihau Islands Burial Council.

Ms. Say has previously served on the Kaua‘i/Ni‘ihau Islands Burial Council and thus brings important institutional knowledge and decision-making experience to the council. Ms. Say possesses a wide breadth of knowledge of Native Hawaiian burial site protection and mitigation practices and her experience has enabled her to testify on council procedures and decisions in administrative hearings and judicial proceedings. She has proved to be a great asset to the council and we believe she would continue to assist in protecting iwi kūpuna and other historic sites if granted this opportunity.

For these reasons, OHA urges the committee to **advise and consent** Ms. Say’s nomination to the Kaua‘i/Ni‘ihau Islands Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



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Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

April 10, 2013
2:45 PM

Testimony in **SUPPORT** of gubernatorial nominee:

BARBARA SAY-GM 687

Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau

Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs:

I am pleased to submit my support for confirmation of Barbara Say to the Island Burial Council, Kaua'i and Ni'ihau.

Barbara has been a long time advocate from the North Shore to preserve and protect Native Hawaiian remains and fully understands the extraordinary responsibility to care for the *iwi* of na kupuna. Her years of experience as a Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner and her deep passion and beliefs to preserve family legacy will be a true asset to the Island Burial Council.

As a member of the Island Burial Council, Barbara will bring to the discussion a critical understanding of the necessity to safeguard burial ancestral sites as well as to find the most appropriate re-internment of remains to have continued care by living descendants. Furthermore, she will ensure ancient protocol be respected and entered into any proceedings of discovered burial sites and continued preservation of the *iwi* kupuna.

Thank you for your time and consideration and please call my office if I can be of any further assistance.

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Comments:

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