

GM729

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council Island of O'ahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, HINALEIMOANA WONG-KALU, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Island Burial Council Island of O'ahu

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

**Before the Senate Committee on
TOURISM and HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Monday, April 10, 2013
2:45PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In Consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 729
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF OAHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
HINALEIMOANA WONG-KALU, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the gubernatorial appointment of Mrs. Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu to the Island Burial Council for the Island of Oahu.

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.

Mrs. Wong-Kalu is an active member of the Hawaiian community and is uniquely qualified to serve on the Island Burial Council. Mrs. Wong-Kalu will represent the geographic region of Kona. Mrs. Wong-Kalu is kamaaina to the Kona Moku having been born and raised in the area.

Mrs. Wong-Kalu is an alumna of Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama and obtained two degrees from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She is currently a kumu hula and Hawaiian language instructor at Halau Lokahi Public Charter School and is the current chair of the Oahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) and has served on the OIBC since 2008. She also serves as a cultural consultant and volunteer at Iolani Palace, is on the Board and a past President of Kulia Na Mamo, and is on the Board of the Ilioulaokalani Coalition. All of these organizations work to preserve and perpetuate the Hawaiian culture through education, outreach, and recognizing the importance of Hawaiian culture in the lives of the Hawaiian people. She carries to this approach to her work on the OIBC.

As the OIBC chair, Mrs. Wong-Kalu participates in consultation meetings held by developers in order to better understand both the process and the issues faced by all parties. She believes her active participation allows her to have a meaningful impact on decisions that afford better protection for native Hawaiian burials. The Department agrees with and supports this point of view. She has been an instrumental facilitator with some of the biggest developers on Oahu such as General Growth Properties, Howard Hughes Development, Alexander and Baldwin and Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation. Senate confirmation will ensure this important member's term is extended until 6-30-2016.



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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL
COUNCIL, ISLAND OF O'AHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, HINALEIMOANA
WONG-KALU, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**
Senate Committee on Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs

April 10, 2013

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

The **Office of Hawaiian Affairs** (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM767, which would confirm Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu as the Kona regional representative to the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

Ms. Wong-Kalu has tirelessly served on the O'ahu Island Burial Council for the last four years, consistently attending countless meetings and site visits to ensure proper respect and care for iwi kūpuna. She has witnessed the unearthing of iwi kūpuna and has participated in reinterment ceremonies, as well. During her tenure with the O'ahu Island Burial Council, she has developed an excellent rapport with state and local government officials and has mediated many contentious situations between developers and recognized descendants involved in various large development projects including the Rail Transit Project of Honolulu. Ms. Wong-Kalu has also demonstrated exemplary burial council leadership as her council's chair, inspiring council members and leaders to use a hands-on approach to seek the necessary depth of knowledge to make the most balanced and effective decisions.

Ms. Wong-Kalu was born and raised in the Kona region and honors many of her family members who are buried there. She seeks to pass on her 'ike as a fluent 'ōlelo Hawai'i speaker, a kumu hula, and a haku mele to her students of Hālau Lōkahi Public Charter School and all who seek to learn at the burial council and otherwise.

For these reasons, OHA urges the committee to **advise and consent** Ms. Wong-Kalu's nomination to serve another term on the O'ahu Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



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STATEMENT OF

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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

ON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013

2:45 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of

**GM 729 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL ISLAND OF O’AHU,
GUBERNATORIAL NORMINEE, HINALEIMOANA
WONG-KALU, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON 6-30-16.**

Ms. Wong-Kalu has served on the O`ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) since June 2008. Since 2011, Ms. Wong-Kalu has served as the Chair of the OIBC. As such, she is aware of the requirements and responsibilities for serving on the OIBC.

I am impressed with her commitment to the Native Hawaiian community and to Native Hawaiian issues. I note that Ms. Wong-Kalu has been actively involved in the community with regards to Native Hawaiian culture, arts, economic development, and transportation.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) looks forward to working with Ms. Wong-Kalu as future proposals come before the Authority for the Kaka`ako, Kalaeloa and He`eia Community Development Districts.

Testimony reflects the view and position of the Executive Director and not that of the Authority.

I offer my support for Ms. Wong-Kalu's confirmation by the State Senate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of Ms. Wong-Kalu's nomination.

April 9, 2013

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY OF **DANNA HOLCK**, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER, TURTLE BAY RESORT

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE GM729

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, HINALEIMOANA WONG-KALU

Oahu Island Burial Council (OIBC)

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I strongly **support** the nomination of Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu for the appointment to the O'ahu Island Burial Council, for the term expiring 2016. I have served on the O'ahu Island Burial Council under her leadership since July, 2012.

Hinaleimoana is of native Hawaiian ancestry and an active community member. She has proven to be a strong leader who listens, assesses, and delivers her position with confidence, passion, and compassion. She takes her role extremely seriously, attending hearings and community meetings to gather first-hand information to bring before the council.

In my 30 years in the hospitality industry, I consider Hinaleimoana one of the most deeply genuine persons I have ever known. She is a patient leader who respectfully listens to the cultural and lineal descendants of iwi kupuna and makes appropriate decisions based on their recommendations and that of her council members.

I respectfully ask that Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu's nomination receive the consent of your committee and be forwarded to the full Senate confirmation. I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on Ms. Wong-Kalu's nomination.

Respectfully submitted,



Danna Holck

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April 8, 2013

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senate Chair Galuteria and Senate Vice Chair Keith-Agaran,

As the owner of 60 acres of land in Kaka'ako, The Howard Hughes Corporation has had many interactions with Ms. Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu. Over the last year we have been fortunate to have Hina's participation in our consultation meetings with recognized cultural descendants to discuss the protection and preservation of *iwi kupuna*, as it relates to these lands. We offer this testimony in **strong support** of the re-appointment of Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu to the Oahu Island Burial Council ("OIBC").

Hina has a deep understanding of native Hawaiian cultural practices and traditions and great respect for *iwi kupuna*. She takes her responsibility on the OIBC seriously, which is evidenced in the substantial amount of time that she devotes at monthly OIBC meetings as well as attending the numerous consultation meetings between developers and recognized cultural descendants for different projects on Oahu. She has expressed that she believes it important to personally participate in these consultation meetings so that by the time a matter gets to the OIBC she is intimately familiar with the issues being presented and can make more informed decisions. Her level of commitment is unprecedented and much appreciated.

Hina has been very helpful in educating and guiding us as we have worked diligently to understand and respect the Hawaiian culture and traditions, in particular *iwi kupuna*. This is a benefit for all of the people of the state. I believe her guidance has only helped to enhance our projects.

We believe that the state is very fortunate to have such a person volunteer their time and that the Oahu Island Burial Council is well served by her continued participation.

We highly recommend her re-appointment.

Sincerely,



David Striph
Senior Vice President
The Howard Hughes Corporation



Nick Vanderboom
Senior Vice President
The Howard Hughes Corporation



April 4, 2013

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY OF **DAWN N.S. CHANG**, PRINCIPAL OF KU'IWALU CONSULTING

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 729

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **HINALEIMOANA WONG-KALU**
O'ahu Island Burial Council

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I **support** the nomination of Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu for appointment to the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC). I have known Ms. Wong-Kalu for over 5 years working on projects such as The Howard Hughes Corporation, General Growth Properties, HART and Turtle Bay Resort.

During her tenure as the OIBC Chairperson, Ms. Wong-Kalu has provided great leadership through her calm and fair demeanor. She brings great cultural sensitivity to the issues before OIBC as someone who *'ōlelo Hawai'i* (speaks Hawaiian) and is an educator of Hawaiian culture. It is this cultural sensitivity and expertise that uniquely qualifies Hina to bring balance from a cultural perspective about the importance of iwi kūpuna and the importance of timely decisions in the context of development projects. She regularly and consistently volunteers to attend consultation meetings with developers and families who have a connection to the land as part of her *kuleana* or responsibility as the OIBC Chair. Her participation in these consultation meetings has been invaluable. Her expertise and credibility within the Hawaiian community makes her an asset on the OIBC that is constantly faced with these challenging issues.

I respectfully ask that Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu'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 Ms. Wong-Kalu's nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN N.S. CHANG
Principal

GM729

Submitted on: 4/8/2013

Testimony for THA on Apr 10, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hardy Spoehr	Papa Ola Lokahi	Support	No

Comments: Papa Ola Lokahi supports this nominee.

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GM 729
HINALEIMOANA WONG-KALU
ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL ISLAND OF O'AHU

LANCE K. PARKER
VICE PRESIDENT
A&B PROPERTIES, INC.

APRIL 10, 2013

Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs:

Thank you for this opportunity to express my **strong support** for the confirmation of Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu as a member of the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

I have known Ms. Wong-Kalu for a number of years, and have been most recently acquainted with her as the Chair of the O'ahu Island Burial Council, and in her role as its Kona moku representative. Her vast knowledge of the Hawaiian culture and language provides a valuable context and background for the proper treatment of Native Hawaiian burials, and she has been an invaluable resource on Hawaiian values and practices for the other Council members and the general public. She has volunteered tirelessly on behalf of the Council to attend stakeholder meetings and provide leadership and guidance on the state preservation review process. Her greatest gift is her ability to engage stakeholders with varying view points and to facilitate discussions in a fair and balanced manner.

Ms. Wong-Kalu is very approachable, pleasant, honest, and an industrious worker. Her dedication and commitment are positive attributes that will continue to be of tremendous benefit to the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

It is based on these observations that I support Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu's reappointment to the O'ahu Island Burial Council. We are all extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable Hawaiian leader like Ms. Wong-Kalu volunteering her personal time to public service.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.



Hawai'i State Legislature
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 224

Re: GM 729, Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council Island of O'ahu

Aloha no Honorable Chair Brickwood Galuteria and members of Committee,

My name is **Lani Ma'a Lapilio** and I write in strong **support** of the favorable consideration and confirmation of gubernatorial nominee, Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu to a second term on the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC). You will not find another person that is better suited to serve on the OIBC than Hina. With the ideal background of being raised by her tutu grounding her in Hawaiian values such as aloha and kuleana, language and culture she has dedicated her life to sharing her gifts as a teacher, administrator, kumu hula, and cultural practitioner to benefit the larger community. She is a highly respected leader and educator in the Hawaiian community and we can all be proud of her solid track record from her first term of service as Council representative of the Kona moku and currently as Chairperson.

Over the years, Hina has proven herself an effective advocate for na iwi kūpuna. She is one who puts the interests of nā iwi kūpuna first and respectfully seeks out the wishes and mana'o of descendants that have the daunting kuleana of caring for their ancestors. Hina understands the important balance that is necessary in the area of Hawaiian burial rights and brings her cultural expertise and experience to the important deliberations and decisions of the Council. As a true person of aloha, Hina's voice is one that we desperately need to remain on the Council as we look to preserve and protect our ancestors, and their ancestral memory, in these challenging times.

I strongly urge your favorable consideration and confirmation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Lani Ma'a Lapilio

GM 729
HINALEIMOANA WONG-KALU
ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL ISLAND OF O'AHU

STEPHEN J. KIERAS
TAUBMAN CENTERS
APRIL 10, 2013

Hawai'i State Legislature
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Aloha Honorable Chair Brickwood Galuteria and Committee members,

It is a privilege to express our **strong support** for Ms. Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu (Hina) for a second term on the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC).

Taubman Centers is a widely-recognized company with expertise in shopping center development, leasing and management and CoastWood Capital is a specialized real estate investment firm with interests in several retail projects in Hawai'i.

In 2010, Taubman Centers and CoastWood Capital Group partnered with Queen Emma Land Company to look into the feasibility of revitalizing the International Market Place (IMP) and we are currently going through the permitting and approval process.

Over the past few years, we have had the opportunity to work with Hina as she attended almost every one of our stakeholder consultation meetings and presided over our regular updates to the OIBC as its current Chair. Hina is an intelligent and gracious Hawaiian leader and her commanding knowledge of Hawaiian language and culture

makes her a tremendous resource for her colleagues on the Council as well as the larger community.

Hina is blessed with an inclusive and collaborative leadership style and she is very diplomatic in her approach to finding balanced solutions for the sensitive iwi kūpuna issues that come before the OIBC.

She has been a true partner and has helped us to better understand Hawaiian and local values as it relates to the important issues of caring for 'iwi kūpuna as well as aloha 'āina.

The renewed IMP project will be designed to celebrate the rich history of Kaluaokau, while adding vitality and appeal to the area providing a sustainable income source to support Queen Emma's legacy. We look forward to working with Hina and the other members of the OIBC as we seek to honor the land, nā iwi kūpuna, and the spirit of this very special place in Waikīkī.

Mahalo.

April 9, 2013

Re: GM729; Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council Island of O'ahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, HINALEIMOANA WONG-KALU, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Aloha Chair Brickwood Galuteria and Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran,

Let this serve as my testimony in support of considering and confirming to the Island Burial Council Island of O'ahu , Gubernatorial Nominee, Hinalaimoana Wong-Kalu for term to expire on 6-30-2016.

I have had the pleasure of working with Hina and the OIBC on our Halekauwila Place affordable rental project in Kaka'ako, Oahu over the last few months. I have also collaborated with her and other cultural monitors and descendants of the Kaka'ako district in addressing any concerns they may have related to the construction of Halekauwila Place and apprising them of our progress. I have found Hina to be very professional and a passionate leader both in her capacity as the Chair of the OIBC, but also as a community leader and teacher. Please join me in supporting Hina by confirming her nomination and confirmation for a three year term to end in 2016.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Stanford S. Carr

GM729

Submitted on: 4/3/2013

Testimony for THA on Apr 10, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lela M. Hubbard	Na Koa Ikaika	Support	No

Comments: Strong support as she speaks olelo makuahine, thinks Hawaiian and lives Hawaiian. Hina is truly one of our cultural resources and will always maintain respect for our customs and traditions.

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Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Honorable Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Honorable Vice Chair, Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

Testimony on **GM 729**

Island Burial Council, Island of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu,

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support** of **Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu's** gubernatorial nomination to the Hawai'i Island Burial Council.


Having served for a number of years on the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) alongside Ms. Wong-Kalu, I have every confidence that the OIBC would greatly benefit from the continued leadership of Ms. Wong-Kalu on the Council.

She has a breadth and depth of cultural knowledge, specific experience in burial-related matters, and a high degree of respect from key leaders from throughout the Hawaiian and development communities.

Serving on the OIBC often involves making difficult decisions that are arrived at through challenging discussions. Ms. Wong-Kalu engages discussions from an approach that values all perspectives and people while staying true to the foundational Hawaiian tenets and beliefs that are essential for the continued integrity of Native Hawaiian burials over which the OIBC has purview. This balance that she is able to achieve is crucial to the success of the OIBC in its deliberations.

For all of the above reasons, I strongly believe that Ms. Wong-Kalu would greatly enhance the strength of the OIBC. I urge you to please confirm Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu's nomination to the council.

Respectfully,



Kēhaunani Abad, PhD

April 8, 2013

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 729, Support for nomination of Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, for a term to expire 6-30-2016 to the O`ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC)

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

My name is Jonathan Likeke Scheuer. The purpose of this letter is to offer my personal support the Governor's nomination of Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu to continue as a Kona moku representative for the to the OIBC. I have had the opportunity to work with her since joining the OIBC in May 2011, closely in my role as the Vice Chair for her Chairship since January 2012.

I have little doubt that many, many voices will come forward to speak of Hina's fine qualities and in support of her reconfirmation. There is little I could add to the praise I expect to hear – for her cultural grounding, her dedication, her knowledge and use of the Hawaiian language in her duties, among other qualities. I do wish to add, however, my perspective serving as her Vice Chair and the second Kona representative.

I have personally seen, again and again, Hina to make herself available to as many people as possible, for as much time as she can, in the execution of her duties – whether they are developers, descendants, other policy leaders, or fellow council members such as myself. I would conservatively estimate she volunteers at least ten hours a week in this role. More significantly than the amount of time she spends, she combines her great clarity for the proper care of iwi kupuna with an open manner to people from all different perspectives. This has facilitated progress when viewpoints have been deeply divergent.

Hina's time, commitment, and talents have, in my view, increased the efficacy of the OIBC. I personally have seen that there is support for Hina's leadership from all classes of stakeholders who deal with her -- something few other leaders in Hawai'i could boast. I also believe that there has been little conflict within and before the council, despite dealing with some very significant issues, in large part because of her guidance.

The Council, and all of us on O`ahu, should recognize our great fortune in Hina's willingness to serve in this capacity. I urge her confirmation. Please do not hesitate to seek further information from me.

Mahalo nui,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Annie Au Hoon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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JR Keoneakapu Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Kekaimalino Kaopio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Puanani Rogers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish to testify in strong support of the nomination of Hinaleimoana Wong Kalu to the Oahu Burial Council. She has the full respect and support of our Kauai and Ni`ihau communities due to her leadership in the protection our na iwi kupuna. Mahalo a nui for supporting her nomination and voting yes. Puanani Rogers

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Title: Regarding GM 729

The Honorable Chair Senator Galuteria and Members of the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs:

I strongly support the appointment of Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu to the Oahu Island Burial Council (“OIBC”) for a four-year term to expire June 30, 2016. As a recognized cultural descendant, I’ve personally observed Hina’s involvement with the development of the Waihonua Project in the Kewalo Ahupuaa, Waikiki in her capacity as the OIBC Moku o Kona representative and later as its Chairperson. Even with demands of the OIBC in other equally important iwi kupuna matters, Hina has been selflessly dedicated to our Iwi Kupuna in seeking the respectful and pono treatment of our ancestors by all participants. Her mana'o fosters meaningfully discussions and has resolved highly sensitive issues at cultural descendant meetings. Hina’s wholehearted participation in two Kanu at Waihonua reflects the true meaning of service as a board member of the Oahu Island Burial Council. It is for these good reasons that Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu should be appointed to serve a four-year term through June 30, 2016 on the Oahu Island Burial Council.

Mahalo for allowing me to submit this favorable testimony in support of Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu.

Nalani Wilson-Ku

GM729

Submitted on: 4/9/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paulette Kaanohi Kaleikini		Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the confirmation of Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu to the Oahu Island Burial council where she presently serves as the council Chair and the Kona representative. Hina entered onto the council at a time when turbulent issues regarding our iwi kupuna was at stake. She has endured, never missing a council meeting. She readily encounters the burial issues, laws and council procedures. Hina has progressively raised the bar of the council such that the voices of the descendants are given precedence, status and priority. Hina is a native Hawaiian who eloquently speaks our native tongue and is knowledgeable of the cultural, history and traditions of our people; all important qualities of a council member when interfacing with kupuna, cultural practitioners, descendants and the community. Hina is a dedicated and devoted individual to the native Hawaiian culture. She is an effective communicator whose leadership skills is certainly a valuable contribution to the Oahu Island Burial Council. Hina instills and perpetuates cultural pride with a genuine aloha spirit and unwavering integrity but always with respect. I have worked closely with Hina on many burial issues since the first day she took the position on the council. Hina gives selflessly of her time to the council needs and also maintains focus on 'ohana, personal kuleana and other community issues that beckons her attention. At the forefront of all her concerns, is the aloha to malama iwi kupuna which is a kuleana, I think, she unexpectedly embraced but, nevertheless, has made it her own. Mahalo for the opportunity to share my mana'o for Hinaleimoana Wong Kalu. I humbly ask for your support in confirming the appointment of Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu to ensure that her term extends to 6-30-2016. Paulette Ka'anohiokalani Kaleikini - NHO 'Ohana Keaweamaahi

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To: State of Hawai'i, Senate Committee on Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs (THA)

Attention: Chairperson Galuteria & Members of the THA Committee

Re: **GM 729 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council Island of O'ahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, HINALEIMOANA WONG-KALU, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.**

Hearing: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 2:45 p.m. in CR 224

Ke welina mai nei me ke aloha iā kākou apau:

My name is **Kāwika McKeague**, former Chair, Vice-Chair, and 'Ewa moku representative of the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) for nearly 7 years. I have over 20 years of cultural resource management experience, in my profession as an environmental planner and as an active Kanaka Maoli cultural practitioner, specifically as a ho'opa'a and 'ōlapa under the direction of Kumu Hula Victoria Holt-Takamine. I write this individual testimony in strong **SUPPORT of GM 729** to confirm the nomination of Ms. Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu to the Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu.

I have known Ms. Wong-Kalu for nearly 18 years. She and I have worked together in a mutual spirit of commitment and dedication to our shared kuleana as Kanaka Maoli on numerous issues that confront our Hawaiian community. The myriad of issues have included primarily the physical and spiritual health and sustenance of our people, our 'āina, and the resources that define the unique natural and cultural landscapes within Hawai'i nei. One of these issues has and continues to be the respectful stewardship and protection of our ancestral burials, which are the foundational underpinning of our ancestral identity and heritage as Kanaka Maoli.

I had the distinct privilege and honor of serving on the OIBC with Ms. Wong-Kalu for nearly 3 years in a co-leadership capacity. As the then-Chair of the OIBC, I often found a much needed sense of calm resolve with Ms. Wong-Kalu's presence, understanding, intellect, and passion for our Council's kuleana to be a voice of our kūpuna in respect to our role with numerous development projects that must comply with State historic preservation and burial protection laws. She helped to fortify our Council's aptitude and ability to respectfully honor the multitude of our ancestors that have come before us and whose honor we served in our proactive advocacy.

In summary, her continuing service on the OIBC, with your confirmation, is indispensable and vital for all interested parties- the legacy and sanctity of our iwi kūpuna, first and foremost; the restoration of kuleana among families that undertake the stewardship responsibilities to mālama iwi kūpuna; the governance of agencies entrusted to ensure historic preservation and burial protection laws are administered; and the competency of landowners and developers, to understand the unique role they have as haku 'āina in undertaking land engagement (versus development) opportunities in Hawai'i nei that require their commitment to the sanctity of our kūpuna that lie in the eternal rest of Papahānaumoku's bosom.

Ms. Wong-Kalu has and continues to be a galvanizing force in our Maoli community, as an advocate of our ancestral responsibility to care for our kūpuna while seeking workable and fair solutions that allow for responsible and accountable projects that meet the needs of today's generation without compromise to our ancestral past or negligence to the generations yet to be. Her ability to succeed is strongly based upon the trust and strong relationship she already has garnered over the years within the Maoli community and also with agency representatives and landowners that respect her fairness and impartial decision-making she invokes through the Council's deliberations, decisions, and recommendations. As the Senate Committee entrusted to address the needs of your Maoli constituents, it is incumbent upon you to confirm this nomination with unequivocal resolve.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Ola nā iwi,

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Submitted on: 4/4/2013

Testimony for THA on Apr 10, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

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Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu	Oahu Island Burial Council	Support	Yes

Comments: I will continue to avail myself to any and all of the kuleana that I must be responsible for. Mahalo for considering me for a 2nd term. Aloha, Hinaleimoana

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