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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, ELDON PATE-KAHAKALAU, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

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Lani Maa Lapilio	AUKAHI	SUPPORT
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Michael Ikeda		SUPPORT
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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 767
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAII, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ELDON
PATE-KAHAKALAU, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the gubernatorial appointment of Eldon Pate-Kahakalau to the Hawaii Island Burial Council for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

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.

Mr. Pate-Kahakalau is the co-founder and instructor at Kanu O Ka Aina, Charter School. Mr. Pate-Kahakalau is knowledgeable on the processes of government and its laws and comes from a strong family background in education, and Hawaiian culture and history. Mr. Kahakalau is aware of and sensitive to the cultural kuleana (responsibility) of na iwi kupuna (ancestral remains).

Mr. Pate-Kahakalau has previously served on the Hawaii Island Burial Council as Chairperson and councilmember from 1996-2004. He has exhibited exemplary leadership in facilitating discussion and educating communities on the state burial law and the public's role and kuleana (responsibility) to care for Hawaiian burials. He has served on the Hawaii Island Burial Council in an interim capacity for the past the 6 months.

A Senate confirmation of Mr. Pate-Kahakalau to the Hawaii Island Burial Council will greatly enhance that Council's work to uphold the state burials law.



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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL
COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAI‘I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ELDON PATE-
KAHAKALAU, 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 Eldon Nalei Pate-Kahakalau as the Hāmākua regional representative to the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council.

Mr. Kahakalau is a very active member in his community and has long demonstrated his commitment to issues of Hawaiian cultural preservation. He has been active in Waipi‘o Valley cultural renewal projects and has fervently participated in ‘Aha Kāne and Ho‘okuikahi at Pu‘ukoholā National Park. Also, as a kumu at Kanu O Ka ‘Āina Public Charter School, he teaches ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i, Hawaiian history, and Hawaiian culture to our ‘ōpio.

As a long-time Hawai‘i Island Burial Council member, and the former Chair of the Council, he has competently handled many difficult and complex cases to ensure proper reverence and care for iwi kūpuna.

For these reasons, OHA urges the committee to **advise and consent** Mr. Kahakalau’s nomination to serve another term on the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



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Testimony of President Soulee Stroud

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 767, CONFIRMATION OF HAWAII ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL NOMINEE ELDON PATE-KAHAKALAU

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Wednesday, April 10, 2013; 2:45pm; Room 224

Aloha Chairman Galuteria, Vice Chairman Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs here to support the confirmation of Governor's nominee Eldon Pate Kahakalau to the Hawaii Island Burial Council.

Mr. Kahakalau term is to expire June 30, 2016 and his cultural experience will be a valuable asset to the council as it deliberates issues with regard to iwi kupuna.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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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 767 ELDON PATE-KAHAKALAU, for a term to expire 6-30-2016 for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Hawai'i Island

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, Eldon Pate-Kahakalau ("Nalei") to the Hawaii Island Burial Council (HIBC). Nalei has spent his entire career leading, managing and contributing to the work of education, cultural preservation and advocacy for the preservation and protection of iwi kūpuna and nā mea Hawai'i.

As a past Chairperson of the HIBC, Nalei developed a good understanding of the burial laws and in the important matters that came before the HIBC for deliberation, Nalei was always fair and open minded. Nalei demonstrates the intelligence, good values and strong work ethic that I feel are important attributes to being a member of the HIBC. He is collaborative, resourceful and efficient and he is able to eloquently convey important cultural values and the nuances that are relevant to a deeper cultural understanding of nā iwi kūpuna and community concerns.

With his wealth of kanaka maoli knowledge and leadership skills, Nalei would be a tremendous asset to the HIBC. I know that he feels a deep kuleana to serve again on the HIBC and he will direct his seasoned expertise and life experiences towards the fulfillment of our mutual responsibility of ensuring the preservation, sustenance and advancement of the people and culture of Hawai'i.

I strongly urge your favorable consideration and confirmation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Lani Ma'a Lapilio

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Submitted on: 4/4/2013

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

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

Comments:

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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
Michael Ikeda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Nalei, has been a responsible and dedicated person in the Hawaiian Community and in the broader community as well. He is an excellent candidate for the Hawaiian Burial Council.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Puanani Rogers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I testify in strong support of the re-nomination of Eldon Pate Kahakuloa to the Hawaii Burial Council. He has served well in his previous tenure and we are sure he will continue to do so, especially in the preservation and protection of our na iwi kupuna. Mahalo a nui, Puanani Rogers

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