

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3172**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 593

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 593, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAII

G.M. No. 593 T. KEIKIALOHA KEKIPI,
for a term to expire 6-30-2017,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history and resume submitted by the nominee and finds T. Keikialoha Kekipi to possess the requisite commitment, sincerity, dedication, and qualifications to be nominated to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this nominee from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mr. Kekipi is the Founder and Executive Director of Ho'oulu Lahui, a nonprofit, educational organization whose mission and goals are to perpetuate Hawaiian cultural practices and beliefs. He also serves as the President of the Kua O Ka La New Century Public Charter School Board in Puna, Hawaii. He previously served as a Project Director for various projects at the Administration for Native Americans. He also served as a member of the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii, in the past. Mr. Kekipi's valuable knowledge and devotion to his community and cultural heritage make him ideally suited for the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



