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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT  
JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS ON

**GM 515**

for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council,  
Island of Molokai, Gubernatorial Nominee, **EDWARD AYAU**,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

March 7, 2014

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Hee, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Mr. Edward Ayau to serve on the Island Burial Council for the Island of Molokai. Mr. Ayau is currently serves as the acting Molokai District Office Manager for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Ayau is well-qualified for this position and has the academic and professional credentials to successfully and effectively carry out the duties and responsibilities as a member of the Island Burial Council. He is an asset to our organization and will bring expertise and experience to the Island Burial Council.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of and urge this committee to advise and consent to this nomination.

## **Testimony of Leimana DaMate Aha Moku Advisory Committee**

Before the Senate Committee on  
Hawaiian Affairs

Friday, March 7, 2014  
2:45 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

### **In Support of Governor Message 515**

**Edward Ayau**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Hee and Members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

On behalf of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, we are deeply honored for the opportunity to strongly support Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Edward Ayau to the Island Burial Council for the Island of Moloka'i.

Mr. Ayau is a native Hawaiian who has been immersed in Hawaiian issues from childhood. He knows the Hawaiian people of Moloka'i, and understands the spirituality of the island. Further, he is very familiar with the Hawaiian cultural protocols of the island, understands the importance of knowing the western burial practices and has an intimate knowledge of NAGPRA, the Native American Graves Repatriation Act.

We are very proud and happy that Governor Abercrombie nominated her for this position and urge this committee to support his nomination through passage of GM 527.

Respectfully yours,

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