

# GM517

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, FRED CACHOLA, JR., for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii

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

**Before the Senate Committee on  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, March 7, 2014  
2:45PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 517  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAII, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
FRED CACHOLA, JR., FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 517, nominating Mr. Fred Cachola, Jr. to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawai'i 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.

Mr. Cachola has genealogical ties to Honopu and Pauwela on Maui, as well as Kohala on the island of Hawai'i. He is currently a resident of Hāwī. Mr. Cachola has a Master's of Education and Certificates in school administration (all levels), as well as a Certification for Executive Management Training. His past employment includes working at the Kamehameha Schools as its Director of Community/Extension Education Division for 25 years. He has extensive experience in planning, implementing and managing cultural, educational, historical, and preservation programs affecting Native Hawaiians. In addition, he has over 30 years of experience working with various leaders, groups, and organizations involving historic, cultural, and preservations issues at the local, County, State, and National levels.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Cachola's valuable knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Island Burial Council until June 30, 2017.



**GM517**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAI‘I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FRED CACHOLA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017**

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

March 7, 2013

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM517, which would confirm Fred “Keakaokalani” Cachola, Jr., as the Kohala regional representative to the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council.

Mr. Cachola’s kuleana to his kūpuna, commitment to his Kohala community, and great wealth of historic preservation experience will make him an excellent representative on the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council. Born and raised in Kohala, Hawai‘i, Mr. Cachola has long served his community where his family has genealogical ties. He has authored legislation to establish – and served as executive secretary for – the State Commission to preserve the Kamehameha Birthstones at Kokoiki, Kohala. Mr. Cachola has also integrally assisted with the preservation and restoration of the Kū‘iliioa, Pūnana‘ula and Kamaile Heiau.

Mr. Cachola has pioneered historic preservation efforts statewide and nationally. He served on the DLNR State Historic Sites Review Board, the State Cultural Advisory Commissions for two state parks/landmarks, the Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council as a member and Chairperson for eight years, and the Board of Directors for the Hawai‘i Natural History Association. He has also been a leader in national historic preservation advocacy as he has served on the Native American Advisory Group to the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and on two federal commissions establishing National Historic Parks at Kaloko-Honokōhau and Kalaupapa.

Mr. Cachola has demonstrated the deepest sense of kuleana to his Hawaiian heritage and community in his many community service endeavors. These have included volunteering as a docent for ‘Iolani Palace and Washington Place and performing historical investigation for Hawaiian Researchers ‘Ohana. Mr. Cachola has long been an active member of a civic club and on the boards of non-profits serving the Native Hawaiian community, especially those fostering the cultural, historical and natural resources of the Kohala community.

For these reasons, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** GM517 to confirm Mr. Cachola to the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

**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 517**

**Fred Cachola**

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 Fred Cachola to the Island Burial Council for Moku O Keawe, Island of Hawaii.

Ms. Cachola has long been an advocate for the Kanaka Maoli and is very well respected statewide as an advocate for the kanaka maoli and who is knowledgeable and compassionate in the arena of kupuna iwi, especially on his own island.

We are very proud and happy that Governor Abercrombie nominated him for this position and urge this committee to support his nomination through passage of GM 517.

Respectfully yours,

Leimana DaMate, Executive Director  
Aha Moku Advisory Committee  
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**To:** [HWNTestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [FredCachola@aol.com](mailto:FredCachola@aol.com)  
**Subject:** GM-517 Fred Cachola, Island Burial Councils  
**Date:** Monday, March 03, 2014 1:27:09 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Aloha,

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend Fred Cachola as the the Governor's appointee to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii, Kohala District. I am Christine Richardson, the Executive Director of the North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCRC) a twelve year old nonprofit which provides support, training and fiscal sponsorship for community improvement projects. I have known Fred for over 12 years in several capacities during his many years of service to the Kohala community, such as the Kamehameha Day Celebration, Kohala Community Reunions, conserving historical places, developing stewardship programs, seeking funds to purchase and preserve cultural and natural resources in our district and volunteering to help in other community activities. Fred was born and raised in Kohala, had a very productive career in education with the DOE and the Kamehameha Schools and is finally retiring with us here in Kohala. He is truly a kamaaina of Kohala and one of our foremost Kohala historians. He is a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha Moku o Kohala, Kohala Senior Citizens Group, Lihikai Conservation Group, has a project to preserve cultural sites under the sponsorship of the North Kohala Community Resource Center and working with a voluntary group to establish a Kohala Community Museum.

He also works in several voluntary capacities to support the National Parks on our Island, as immediate past Chairman for the Hawaii Pacific Parts Association, Chairman for Makani Hou O Kaloko Honokokau, Chairman for Na Kokua Koloko Honokohau, and Chairman for the Federal Advisory Commission - Na Hoapili O Koloko Honokohau National Historic Park. He also is a consultant to program development at Puu Kohola National Park.

Fred is truly a son of Kohala and one of our highly respected citizens. I strongly recommend your approval of his nomination to the Island Burial Council Island of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Me Kealoha Pumehana,  
Christine Richardson

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3/5/14

Re: GM-517 Fred Cachola, Island Burial Councils

Aloha Chair Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Sen. Clayton Hee, and  
Members: Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Sen Michelle N. Kidani, Sen. Sam Slom

This is a letter of support for Fred Cachola GM-517 the Governor's appointee to  
the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii, Kohala District.

My name is Diane Kanealii, I am the Executive Director of Kailapa Community  
Association and a Hawaiian Homestead resident of Kawaihae on Hawaii Island. I  
have known Fred for about 8 years and witnessed his service in several  
capacities such as the Kohala community, Kamehameha Day Celebration where  
I heard stories of how he towns of Kohala got their names, the history of  
Kamehameha's birth and life in the valley. Fred was an organizer of the Kohala  
Community Reunions, conserving historical places, developing stewardship  
programs, seeking funds to purchase and preserve cultural and natural  
resources in our district and volunteering to help in other community activities. I  
have had several personal encounters with Fred in a multitude of subject matter  
and community issues; I have found his opinions and advice credible and could  
back up his recommendations with facts.

I know that Fred also works in several voluntary capacities to support the  
National Parks on our Island and he sure can sing. He is delightful and a  
true son of Kohala and one of our highly respected citizens.

I feel comfortable with Fred on servicing on the burial council to insure the  
kupuna iwi are well cared for and given the respect they deserve. Fred has  
strong beliefs in maintaining our Hawaiian traditions to malama our iwi kupuna. I  
strongly recommend your approval of his nomination to the Island Burial Council  
Island of Hawaii.

Me ka Ha'aha'a

Diane Kaneali'i  
Kawaihae, HI

**From:** [Fern White](#)  
**To:** [HWNTestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Fred Cachola](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of recommendation and support: Fred Cahola  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 04, 2014 10:44:26 PM

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Aloha,

I write to recommend Fred Cachola as the the Governor's appointee to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii, Kohala District. I teach English Language Arts at Kohala High School. I have known Fred for over 12 years in several capacities during his many years of service to the Kohala community, such as the Kamehameha Day Celebration, Kohala Community Reunions, conserving historical places, developing stewardship programs, seeking funds to purchase and preserve cultural and natural resources in our district and volunteering to help in other community activities. Mostly, however, I know Uncle Fred as someone who values opportunities for our Kohala youth. He has made it possible for teens to travel to Oahu for special opera performances, visits to Iolani Palace and Bishop Museum. In particular, we teamed for students to experience Hawai'i Opera Theatre backstage, props and special performance preparations. The same students returned to study the Shakespearean play. The multifaceted study and integrated approach brought meaningful learning for our youth.

Fred was born and raised in Kohala, and moved on to a career in education with the DOE and the Kamehameha Schools. As he retires to Kohala, he engages greatly in the community. He has a long list of cultural and historical projects. He is tireless in various voluntary capacities that support preservation of our Hawaiian culture.

I strongly recommend approval of his nomination to the Island Burial Council Island of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration and affirmation.

A. Fern White

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A.Fern White  
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March 4, 2014

**RE: GM-517 Fred Cachola, Island Burial Councils**

Aloha, Members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

I strongly urge you to support the Governor's appointee, Mr. Fred Cachola, to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii, Kohala District. It has been my honor and one of the best experiences of my life to work with Mr. Cachola for the last ten years on a variety of projects to preserve open space and archeological and cultural sites in North Kohala. Mr. Cachola is an excellent strategists, one of the most intelligent people I have ever met, an incredible historian, and has dedicated much of his life to preserving the wahi pana of Hawaii.

Mr. Cachola has a very impressive resume of which you are probably aware, including a distinguished career as an educator and administrator with the State Department of Education and Kamehameha Schools. I was present when he received the prestigious Order of Ke Alii Pauahi Award, considered to be the highest and most distinguished award for those who exemplify the vision of Kamehameha Schools' founder, Bernice Pauahi Bishop. The large number of people who attended this ceremony to honor Mr. Cachola was impressive and indicative of the many lives he has positively touched.

Mr. Cachola's leadership was instrumental to the founding of the Koloko Honokohau National Historic Park in Kona, which would have been the site of a resort if not for the perseverance of Mr. Cachola and the other co-founders. His leadership skills are also evidenced by the many State and National commissions and advisory groups he chairs and has chaired.

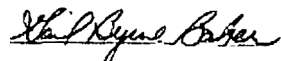
It was the incredible foresight of Mr. Cachola to sit with many of Kohala's treasured kupuna in the 1960s to hear and document the history and mooleo of Kohala, which lead to his discovery that many of Kohala's place names are part of an intricate story about the birth of Kamehameha I.

Again, showing foresight and understanding of the value of preserving historical and cultural sites, Mr. Cachola was instrumental in securing the preservation of the birth site of Kamehameha decades before this type of preservation work had gained wider support and momentum.

There is a long list of archeological and cultural sites and open space areas that Mr. Cachola has had a significant role in preserving, working cooperatively and productively with community groups, government agencies, landowners, developers, consultants, scientists, etc.

I can not think of a more suitable representative for the Hawaiian Island Burial Council. Again, I urge you to support his nomination.

Aloha,



Gail Byrne Baber, MSCE  
Co-coordinator



Friday, March 07, 2014

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Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee:  
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Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani  
Senator Sam Slom

Reference: GM-517 Fred Cachola, Island Burial Councils

Aloha,

This is a letter of support for Fred Cachola GM-517 the Governor's appointee to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii, Kohala District. I am Joe Carvalho, a Kohala kamaaina and serve on the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee. Fred has been very supportive of our CDP in which he provided important cultural information during its creation and passage as an ordinance in 2008. I am born and raised in Kohala as is Fred.

I have known Fred for 8 years and am truly astounded by his knowledge of Kohala, its history, its culture and most important his dedication in preserving the native Hawaiian culture. I have worked in several capacities with Fred during his many years of service to the Kohala community, such as the Kamehameha Day Celebration, Kohala Community Reunions, conserving historical places, developing stewardship programs, seeking funds to purchase and preserve cultural and natural resources in our district and volunteering to help in other community activities. Fred was born and raised in Kohala, had a very productive career in education with the DOE and the Kamehameha Schools and is finally retiring with us here in Kohala. He is truly a kamaaina of Kohala and one of our foremost Kohala historians. He is a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha Moku o Kohala, Kohala Senior Citizens Group, Lihikai Conservation Group and has a project to preserve cultural sites under the sponsorship of the North Kohala Community Resource Center and working with a voluntary group to establish a Kohala Community Museum.

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Aloha,  
Joe Carvalho  
Kohala

**From:** [Jokiel, Jon](#)  
**To:** [HWNTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** GM-517 Fred Cachola, Island Burial Councils  
**Date:** Friday, February 28, 2014 3:28:11 PM

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Aloha!

This is a letter of support for Fred Cachola GM-517, the Governor's appointee to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii, Kohala District. Fred would make a great addition to the Island Burial Council with his passion and experience perpetuating the Hawaiian culture. His is one of Kohala's own, born and raised in the area and he plans to retire in a house he had built recently in Hawi, if he ever finds the time. His resume and accomplishments are impressive and substantial, as a well-known *kupuna* he has been done much for Hawaii's people. He is a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha *Moku o Kohala, Kohala Senior Citizens Group, Lihikai Conservation Group*, and he has a project to preserve cultural sites under the sponsorship of the *North Kohala Community Resource Center*. He is also working with a voluntary group to establish a Kohala Community Museum. His participation in events such as the Kamehameha Day Celebration, Kohala Community Reunions, conserving historical places, developing stewardship programs and seeking funds to purchase and preserve cultural and natural resources in the Kohala district is just a few of the noteworthy things he has accomplished.

He also works in several voluntary capacities to support the National Parks on Hawaii Island, he has been a past Chairman for the *Hawaii Pacific Parts Association*, Chairman for *Makani Hou O Kaloko Honokohau*, Chairman for *Na Kokua o Kaloko-Honokohau*, and Chairman for the Federal Advisory Commission - *Na Hoapili O Kaloko Honokohau* at Kaloko- Honokohau National Historical Park. He also is a consultant to program development at Pu'ukohola National Historic Site.

My name is Jon Jokiel and as a supervisory Park Ranger at Kaloko-Honokohau National Park, I have had the privilege to continue to work with Fred on developing a Hawaiian cultural live-in center at the national park. I completed my master's studies on this project in 2011. Fred is the last surviving commission member that helped establish the national park in 1978. He is a distinguished ambassador for this Hawaiian park and its legacy. Fred is a Kohala son, a living legend and one of Hawaii's most respected citizens. I strongly recommend your approval of his nomination to the Island Burial Council Island of Hawaii.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

**Jon J Jokiel**  
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*“I thought of that while riding my bicycle.”*  
*Albert Einstein*

March 6, 2013

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
State Capitol  
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**RE: GM 517, Strong Support for nomination of Fred Cachola to the Hawai'i Island Burial Council (HIBC)**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Hee, 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 Fred Cachola as a representative to the HIBC.

I feel well qualified to offer this recommendation for two primary reasons. First, I have served on the O`ahu Island Burial Council since May 2011 as one of the two representatives for the Kona district, and have also been serving as the Vice Chair since January 2012. Because of this experience, which I am grateful for, I feel I have a good understanding of the purpose and operations of the Island Burial Councils. Second, I have had the opportunity to interact with Fred Cachola over the past few years regarding the protection and preservation of cultural sites and practices in West Hawai`i. I have observed Fred to be extremely dedicated to this duty, including a concern with the proper care of iwi kūpuna. I have also observed his ability to clearly articulate core policy issues in any dispute, as well as to identify strategies for overcoming them. I believe he would meaningfully contribute to the operations and deliberations of the HIBC.

For the forgoing reasons, I strongly urge Fred's confirmation. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mahalo nui,

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RE: GM-517 Fred Cachola, Island Burial Councils

Aloha mai e Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Hee, and members Galuteria, Kidani, and Slom.

I write this letter in support for Fred Cachola (GM-517), the Governor's appointee to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii, Kohala District. I am Konia Freitas, I come from the island of O'ahu and I have known Mr. Cachola for about 20 years. As a burials practitioner (I am a member of Hui Mālama I Nā Kūpuna o Hawai'i Nei for over 15 years) one of my earliest reburial experiences happened alongside Mr. Cachola. This particular reburial involved approximately 14 hours of work to complete the tasks of preparing and reburying kūpuna who were being moved in order to facilitate the development of a sewer that was located on a military installation.

A burial practitioner must deal with the emotional, spiritual and cultural intensity of the experience when they are in the presence of their kūpuna. Further, they must maintain a judicious focus in order to manage the political setting as well. After all, these kūpuna had been laid to rest hundreds of years ago and were being disturbed from their moe loa (long sleep) in order to accommodate the disposal of human waste. Your life changes when you make a commitment to mālama kūpuna. I believe Mr. Cachola's life was changed in enduring, positive and empowering ways through that experience that day. I believe that experience and memory will serve him well as a Council member.

Mr. Cachola has always been an individual dedicated to community service, especially in Kohala, the district to which he is being nominated. He has dedicated many years of service to the Kohala community through his work on the Kamehameha Day Celebration and Kohala Community Reunions for example. He has achieved practical working knowledge applicable to the workings of the Council through his conservation work on historical places, developing stewardship programs, and seeking funds to purchase and preserve cultural and natural resources in the district.

He is a kamaaina of Kohala and a foremost Kohala historian. He is a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha Moku o Kohala, Kohala Senior Citizens Group, Lihikai Conservation Group, has a project to preserve cultural sites under the sponsorship of the North Kohala Community Resource Center and working with a voluntary group to establish a Kohala Community Museum.

He also works in several voluntary capacities to support the National Parks on Hawai'i Island, as immediate past Chairman for the Hawaii Pacific Parks Association, Chairman for Makani Hou O Kaloko Honokokau, Chairman for Na Kokua Koloko Honokohau, and Chairman for the Federal Advisory Commission - Na Hoapili O Koloko Honokohau National Historic Park. He also is a consultant to program development at Puu Kohola National Park.

Mr. Cachola was born and raised in Kohala, has had a very productive career in education with the DOE and at the Kamehameha Schools and finally retired back in Kohala. He is one of our highly respected citizens of Kohala. I strongly recommend your approval of his nomination to the Island Burial Council Island of Hawaii.

Ke aloha nō,

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**Subject:** GM-517 Fred Cachola, Island Burial Council  
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To: Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee --Chair - Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Sen. Clayton Hee, Members: Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Sen Michelle N. Kidkani, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Toni Withington, Hawi, Hawaii

Subject: GM-517 Fred Cachola, Island Burial Councils

I have known Fred Cachola for over 30 years and believe him to be an excellent choice for membership in the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii, Kohala District. I have worked with him closely in the preservation of the historic and culturally significant North Kohala Coastline. Together we are on the board of directors of Kohala Lihikai, the non-profit organization dedicated to preservation and stewardship of Kohala's coastal and mountain lands. We work together on the North Kohala Community Development Plan Community Access Group. His organization Malama Na Wahi Pana O Kohala and the one I work for, Kamakani O Kohala Ohana, have worked together to bring about the public purchase of 213 acres of formerly private coastal land. Working with 3 other Kohala community groups we have also prioritized for purchase eight other projects totally 2,651 acres of coastal land. His contribution and dedication has been essential to this success.

He and I have also been working with a voluntary group to establish a Kohala Community Museum. His knowledge of the history of our Kohala district is invaluable. His dedication to the preservation of the Hawaiian culture is unquestioned. Please approve his appointment.