

GM519

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kauai and Niihau, Gubernatorial Nominee, JANET BRADFORD, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: Island Burial Council, Islands of Kauai and Niihau

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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 519
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUA'I AND NI'HAU, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, JANET BRADFORD, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 519, nominating Ms. Janet Bradford to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, to expire June 30, 2015.

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.

Ms. Bradford is a resident of Līhu'e, Kaua'i. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Pacific Islands Studies and has academic fieldwork experience in Archaeology, having worked with a former State archeologist. Her past experiences indicate a proven ability to collaborate with and serve as a liaison between diverse groups and individuals. She brings with her 50 years of experience in the daily practice of Hawaiian values, beliefs, and way of life. She is a member of various Hawaiian organizations that includes, the Kaua'i Ahahui Ka'ahumanu Society, Kaua'i Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, Native Hawaiian Education Association, and the Kaua'i Museum.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Bradford's valuable knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Island Burial Council until June 30, 2015.



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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM519, which would confirm Janet “Ka‘eo” Bradford as the Līhu‘e regional representative to the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council.

Ms. Bradford has a long-demonstrated interest in and dedication to historic and cultural resource preservation, and has a depth of experience to offer to the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council as its Līhu‘e representative. Ms. Bradford currently resides in Līhu‘e and has exhibited a longtime commitment to her Kualu-Hā‘upu kūpuna and the traditions of their kahuna lineage. She finds her passion for historic preservation rooted in her experiences as an ‘ōpio caring for her ancestral burial places with her elders, and making preparations for burial protocols. Ms. Bradford has received degrees in Hawaiian and Pacific Studies and Anthropology and has performed archaeological fieldwork with state archaeologist, Ross Cordy. She has also performed graduate research on Kaua‘i wahi pana at the University of Hawai‘i. Ms. Bradford has taught Hawaiian studies in Hawai‘i public schools as well as courses in Hawaiian Religion and Hawaiian Mythology at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa campus. She is an active member and historian of the ‘Ahahui O Ka‘ahumanu Society, a board member of the Kaua‘i Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, a volunteer at Kaua‘i Museum, and is a recognized kumu hula (having gone through her ‘ūniki in 2002 under Kumu Hula Kimo Keaulana) for Hālau Ka Pā Kānaenae ‘o Kaua‘i Iki.

For these reasons, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** GM519 to confirm Ms. Bradford to the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

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Comments: I am from Kauai of Native Hawaiian ancestry and I support the appointment of Janet Bradford to the Kauai - Niihau Islands Burial Council.

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