

GM520

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kauai and Niihau, Gubernatorial Nominee, WAYNE HARADA, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

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 520
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUA'I AND NI'IIHAU, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, WAYNE HARADA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 520, nominating Mr. Wayne Harada to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, to expire June 30, 2018.

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. Harada was born and raised in North Kaua'i and is a resident of Hanalei. His past experiences indicate an impressive understanding of Hawai'i's indigenous culture as he has served as a Native Hawaiian educator and a practitioner of hula, fishing, farming, and other Native Hawaiian practices. His experience as an educator includes teaching in the Hawaii Charter Schools program as a Hawaiian Studies specialist, as well as a Kanuikapono Learning Center for Hawaiian Studies instructor and Nā Pua No'eau Cultural Instructor and Advisor. In addition to being a Hanalei Civic Club member, he serves his community as a member of the Hawaiian Community of North Kaua'i, works with at risk Native Hawaiian children in after-school programs, and is an active member of the Pualani Foundation.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Harada's valuable knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Island Burial Council until June 30, 2018.



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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUA‘I AND NI‘IHOU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WAYNE HARADA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

March 7, 2013

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM520, which would confirm Wayne “Palala” Takashi Harada as the Waimea/Nā Pali regional representative to the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council.

Mr. Harada’s cultural background and historic preservation experience makes him a great candidate to serve on the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council. Mr. Harada was born and raised on Kaua‘i and he and his family have long roots in many communities on the island. In implementing preservation practices for historical sites and burials, Mr. Harada relies on oral histories about burials and practices of North Kaua‘i that have been passed through generations of his family and by his community elders. He feels a deep sense of kuleana to ensure that iwi kūpuna are afforded adequate protection and that the value of aloha is infused into every part of the community and developer engagement process in doing so.

Mr. Harada’s longstanding and vast commitment to the perpetuation of cultural traditions and practices for future generations will well serve the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council. Mr. Harada currently serves as a Hawaiian cultural specialist/instructor at Kanuikapono Public Charter School on Hawaiian Homelands in Anahola where he teaches ‘ike ku‘una, hula, and oli to ‘ōpio so they may carry on Native Hawaiian traditions. Additionally, Mr. Harada has previously served as a cultural advisor and board member to the Pualani Foundation, cultural instructor/advisor with Nā Pua No‘eau, and educational coordinator with Hanalei Watershed Hui after being educated at Kaua‘i Community College in Hawaiian studies and Hawaiian botany. Finally, he remains active with the Hanalei Hawaiian Civic Club teaching culture classes, Hui o Laka preserving the forest, Hui Maka‘āinana o Makana restoring lo‘i kalo and sacred sites, the Native Mapping Project collecting oral histories, Ke Kuaola perpetuating indigenous protocols, and as a hula practitioner with Hālau Ha‘a Hula o Kekau‘ilani Na Pua Hala o Kailua.

For these reasons, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** GM520 to ADVISE AND CONSENT to the nomination of Mr. Harada to the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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| Keith R Yap | Kauai Niihau Burial Council | Support | No |

Comments: Honorable Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair Committee on Hawaiian Affairs Testimony in Support of Wayne Harada I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Harada at the Kauai Niihau Burial Council's permissive interaction group meetings to discuss public concerns related to burials and help identify sensitive areas and locations. These permissive interaction group meetings were designed to provide information through Kama'aina and family testimony to assist the Kauai Niihau Burial Council to perform it duties with the best available knowledge. I found Mr. Harada to be knowledgeable and genuine in his concern for the Iwi Kapuna. He has shown to be open minded and willing to achieve a balanced approach to solving issues. I believe Mr. Harada represents the new generation of carrying on this important role. I look forward to working with Mr. Harada and recommend that the Committee forwards his application to the Senate for confirmation. Me Ke Aloha, Keith R. Yap Chairman Kauai Niihau Burial Council

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| Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu | Oahu Island Burial Council | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha esteemed Senators, thank you for your support of our island burial councils via the confirmation of gubernatorial nominees to the task at hand. I support the Governor's nomination of Wayne Palala Harada to the Kauai Island Burial Council. I have known him personally for many years now and can say with great faith and confidence that he will serve as a very devoted and committed community voice for the iwi kupuna of the island of Kauai. Palala, as we all know him is someone who is always concerned about what goes in the community of Kauai, is active in island events and is someone who connects with many in the moku that he lives in. Palala will go above and beyond in his efforts to speak on behalf of iwi kupuna and the concerns that will arise surrounding the care, respect and honor of burials. Please give him strong consideration for this position as I know he will assume his kuleana with the utmost of aloha and dignity. I know the entails of serving on a burial council as I myself continue into my 6th year of service here on Oahu. Mahalo for your consideration and I look forward to welcoming Wayne Palala Harada into the forum of leadership for our island burial councils. Aloha, Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu

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E Ka Luna Ho'omalua A Me Nā Hoa Papa, ke aloha nui.

Eia nō ho'i mākou, ka 'Ahahui Siwila Hawai'i o Hanalei, e kāko'o loa ana nō i ko 'oukou hō'āpono 'ana i ka ho'onoho 'ia o Wayne Harada Jr. i luna o ka papa mālama iwi kūpuna o ke kalana o Kaua'i me Ni'ihau. He mau kumu nō ho'i i ho'oholo ai mākou penei, 'o ka mea nui na'e, 'o ia ho'i kona pili loa i kēia 'āina a me nā 'ohana no 'ane'i mai. He kama, a he kupa no Kaua'i nei 'o ia me kona 'ohana a hala loa i ka mole, a na ia pilina nō e kōkua iā ia, a e alaka'i i kāna e ho'oholo ai no ka pono o nā kūpuna.

No ia kumu e paipai nui ai mākou e hō'āpono 'ia ka ho'onoho 'ana o Wayne Harada Jr. i luna o ka papa mālama iwi kūpuna o Kaua'i me Ni'ihau Kalana.

Na'u nō me ke kāko'o mau

na Devin Kamealoha Forrest

Pelekikena, 'Ahahui Siwila Hawai'i o Hanalei

Aloha Chairman and Fellow Board Members,

We the members of the Hanalei Hawaiian Civic Club are writing to support the approval of Wayne Harada Jr.s appointment to the Burial Council of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau County. There are many reasons why we have decided thusly, the most important being however, that he is firmly rooted to this land and its families. He is a native of Kaua'i whose family and genealogy stretches back to the very foundations of this island and it is this connection that will help and guide him to make the right decision for our ancestors.

It is for this reason that we strongly encourage the approval of the appointment of Wayne Harada Jr. as a member of the Burial Council of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau County.

With continuous support

Devin Kamealoha Forrest

President, Hanalei Hawaiian Civic Club

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**Hakipu'u Learning
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Kāne'ohe, O'ahu

March 6, 2014

The Senate of Hawaiian Affairs Committee
Attn: Chairperson Senator Maile Shimabukuro

Hālau Kū Mana
Honolulu, O'ahu

Hālau Lōkahi
Honolulu, O'ahu

RE: Kaua'i-Niihau Island Burial Council Nomination
Mr. Wayne T. Harada Jr. – GM520

Welina mai,

Kanu i ka Pono
Anahola, Kaua'i

The mission of Nā Lei Na'auao – Native Hawaiian Charter School Alliance (NLN) is to support models of education that are community-designed and -controlled and reflect, respect and embrace Hawaiian cultural values, philosophies and ideologies.

Kanu o ka 'Āina
Kamuela, Hawai'i

In 2000, twelve Hawaiian communities from the islands of Kaua'i, O'ahu and Hawai'i joined forces to bring about positive changes in education at the community level (school names listed alphabetically on sideboard). Since 2009, NLN has focused attention on supporting all Hawaiian-focused public charter schools in Hawai'i, bringing the total to seventeen schools, which now includes the island of Moloka'i to date.

Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo
Hilo, Hawai'i

Aligning with worldwide indigenous educational reform efforts, NLN is using the national charter school movement as a vehicle to provide viable choices in education. Although each school is unique, they all utilize Hawai'i's native language, culture and traditions to provide relevance and create relations in an effort to achieve academic rigor. Hawaiian-focused public charter schools embrace culturally-driven strategies that link experiential learning with the teaching of Hawaiian traditions and in positive collaboration with teachers, parent's and elders. NLN is also working with indigenous organizations and others, interested in closing Hawai'i's achievement gap, to create a system of education that is culturally-driven, community-based and family-oriented, resulting in the establishment of sustainable communities, particularly in Hawai'i's rural areas. Fourteen years later, more than 4,000 students attend culturally-based Hawaiian-focused public charter schools, with up to a 90% Hawaiian ancestry enrollment.

**Ka Waihona o ka
Na'auao**
Wai'anae, O'ahu

Kawaikini PCS
Lihue, Kaua'i

**Ke Kula 'o Samuel
M. Kamakau**
Kāne'ohe, O'ahu

Mr. Wayne T. Harada Jr. has been an instrumental part of the NLN educational movement throughout his various positions on Kaua'i, as an educational aide, cultural instructor, program coordinator and especially as a classroom teacher. His respect for all cultures, especially the Hawaiian culture, is shown through his love and passion for his children, family, friends, work and community. I have had the opportunity to personally work with Mr. Harada and he has proven to be a trustworthy, respectful, dedicated, hard-working, knowledgeable and fun partner to team up with.

**Ke Kula Ni'ihau 'o
Kekaha**
Kekaha, Kaua'i

Kua o ka Lā
Pāhoa, Hawai'i

Please consider this nomination for the Kaua'i-Niihau Island Burial Council position.
Thank you for your time.

**Kula Aupuni Ni'ihau
A Kahelelani Aloha**
Makaweli, Kaua'i


Māhalo nui loa,
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LIMAHULI GARDEN AND PRESERVE OF THE
NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

Testimony of Kawika Winter, Ph.D.
Strongly supporting GM520
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
March 7, 2014 at 2:45PM
Conference Room 224

Welina mai me ke aloha e Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony is **strong support** of the confirmation of Wayne T Harada Jr. to be appointed to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua`i and Ni`ihau.

Harada is a well-known and respected cultural practitioner in our *moku* of Halele`a, Kaua`i. His passion to protect Kaua`i's cultural resources has been an inspiration for many in our community. We have had many other conversations about burial issues on the island in the years that I have known him; and he was among the practitioners with whom I consulted when I found an unearthened burial in Hā`ena, Halele`a, Kaua`i. I am confident that Harada has the skills and passion necessary to successfully fulfill his role on our island's burial council.

I strongly urge you to confirm Wayne T Harada to the Island Burial Council for the islands of Kaua`i and Ni`ihau. *Mahalo nui* again for your time.

Me ka `oia`i`o,

Kawika Winter, Ph.D.
Director, Limahuli Garden and Preserve

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| Donna K Santos | Individual | Support | No |

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

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3/6/2014

Dear Senator Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

I would like to submit testimony in support of Wayne T. Harada Jr. for confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau.

I have known Wayne for over 10 years and in this time I have seen him grow as a family man, and one committed to the Hawaiian culture. His commitment to the peoples of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau is matched only by his commitment to his wife Ku'uipo and his two sons.

He has never forgotten the lessons he learned growing up in Wainiha. These lessons are the foundation that can provide valuable insights to the Kaua'i and Ni'ihau Island Burial Council. His ability to work with people of various backgrounds and levels of cultural understandings is a key element that would enable him to be a valuable, contributing member of the Burial Council.

I am wholeheartedly in support of Wayne T, Harada Jr's confirmation to the Burial Council

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DATE: 6 March 2014

TO: Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

FROM: Kū Kahakalau, Ph.D.

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WAYNE T HARADA JR (GM520)

This letter highly recommends Wayne T Harada Jr. (GM520) as a member of the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau. I have known Mr. Harada for almost two decades, in various capacities, all connected to his interest in, and love of our native Hawaiian language and culture, and our joined efforts to perpetuate the values and traditions of our Hawaiian kūpuna, and take care of Hawaiian cultural resources for future generations.

As a Hawai‘i Island Burial Council Member (Hāmākua District representative) from 2004-2012, I can attest that Mr. Harada brings with him the skills and high standards, necessary to provide valuable input regarding the appropriate management, treatment, and protection of Native Hawaiian burial sites. Moreover, his cultural grounding, his significant background in Hawaiian language and culture, along with his aloha for the iwi kūpuna (ancestral remains), make him an excellent burial council candidate

In fact, as someone who exudes aloha, Mr. Harada is the perfect candidate for this position. Wherever he goes, Mr. Harada displays this quality of aloha, found in my research to be the most essential requirement for anyone dealing with often highly controversial topics, like taking care of our iwi kūpuna, where all sides of the controversy need to be listened to and treated with respect.

Mr. Harada brings with him a long history of environmental and cultural stewardship known as aloha ‘āina and in that capacity is well respected not just in his community, but also beyond Kaua‘i.

I highly recommend Mr. Wayne T. Harada as Kaua‘i-Ni‘ihau Burial Council Member.

Me ke aloha pumehana (with warm regards),

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kū Kahakalau', written in a cursive style.

Kū Kahakalau, Ph.D.

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| Makaala Kaaumoana | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha Committee Chair Shimabuku for a position on the Kauai Burial Council. Wayne is a cultural educator and practitioner who understands the kuleana involved with the work of this council. He is knowledgeable about the families of Kauai and has experience and aloha for their concerns in matters related to sensitive information. He will serve Hawaii and his community well in this capacity. Makaala Kaaumoana

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Anahola
3/4/14

RE: Wayne T. Harada Jr. – GM520
TO: Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs
Committee

Aloha kākou

My name is C. Maui Ola Cook. I am a resource teacher in 'Ike Hawai'i and Creative Arts at Kanuikapono Hawaiian Charter School. I also work as a Teaching Artist in Creative Arts teaching residencies and workshops to students and educators throughout the state and the continent.

It is a pleasure for me to write this letter of recommendation for Wayne T. Harada Jr. or Palala as he is fondly known here on Kaua'i. I have enjoyed watching Palala develop his career throughout the years and have often been very touched by his work. He is a dedicated student of 'Ike Hawai'i. Through his cultural studies, he has become a powerful and accomplished chanter, ho'opa'a, and mea hana no'eau. For the last several years I have worked closely with Palala at Kanuikapono Charter School and have seen him do many exciting, worthwhile projects with our students. He is a charismatic leader. The genuine aloha he has for people draws everyone to want to be close to him.

In addition to the deep cultural knowledge that Palala has cultivated he also perpetuates his 'ohana legacy of being able to feed the lāhui. If Palala is in charge of the mea 'ai everyone will enjoy an abundance of delicious food.

Palala's relationship with his 'ohana and lāhui is a great testimony to why he is such a good candidate for a position on the Burial Council. Palala has nurtured all the precious 'ike of his kūpuna and lives the culture on a daily basis incorporating traditional knowledge and 'ohana values along with his more academic and professional training. Whatever Palala does, he does not stand alone but is surrounded in a meaningful way by his kūpuna, keiki and 'ohana a pau.

Mahalo for this opportunity to express my admiration for Palala and my support for his work on the Burial Council.

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| Mauna kea Trask | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, I would like to submit testimony in support of two nominees to the Kauai Niihau island Burial Council Mrs. Bradford and Mr. Harada. I have had the pleasure of meeting both nominees while performing community outreach for the Kauai Niihau Island Brurial Council. Mrs. Bradford is a native hawaiian and practicing kahuna who is intimately aware of the traditional cultural importance regarding Na Iwi Kupuna. Mr. Harada is likewise a native hawaiian, hawaiian imersion school teacher and cultural practitioner. I see Mr. Harada as a next generation native hawaiian leader who can sucessfully branch the divide between both the hawaiian and the western world. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony and I hope to work with both these individuals soon. Mahalo, Mauna Kea Trask

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February 28, 2014

To:

Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro &
Members of The Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Re. Wayne T. Harada, Jr. - GM520

Aloha Kakou,

I write in strong support of Wayne T. Harada, Jr. for the Kauai - Niihau island Burial Council. I have known him for over 25 years since he was a young boy and he has matured into a fine, caring and responsible adult. He is kama`aina to the Halele`a District of Kaua`i and is well known throughout the community for his important work in perpetuating Hawaiian culture through education, music and the arts.

I join Governor Neil Abercrombie in endorsing Wayne T. Harada, Jr. for this position.

O wau me ka haahaa,

Sabra L. Kauka

By email: sabrakauka@aol.com

To the Hawaii State

Senate http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=GM&billnumber=520&year=2014

cc. Wayne T. Harada, Jr. at kalehuamakanoe@hotmail.com.

S. U'ilani Lima
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March 6, 2014

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
& Members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Dear Senators:

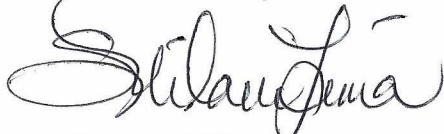
I am writing in support of the appointment & senate confirmation of Wayne T. Harada, Jr. (GM520) to the Kaua'i & Ni'ihau Island Burial Council . I have known Mr. Harada for over 15 yrs in the capacity of a community leader, teacher, mentor, & student. His family upbringing, education, and experience makes him a prime candidate. It is in my highest of recommendations that I find Mr. Harada more than capable to fulfill his duties to this Council & his community of Kaua'i & Ni'ihau. Once again, I humbly request your assistance in senate confirmation for:

WAYNE T. HARADA, JR. (GM520) for Island Burial Council (Kaua'i/Ni'ihau)

Mahalo nui loa for all of you time and assistance. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me via cell (808) 646-0180 or email:

lima_shannon@yahoo.com.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon U'ilani Lima', written in a cursive style.

Shannon U'ilani Lima



February 26, 2014

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Committee On Hawaiian Affairs

VIA senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov

Senate District 21

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222

Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Shiimabukuro and Members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

This letter is in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Wayne T Harada, Jr., (GM520) for the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kauai and Niihau.

I have known Wayne for several years. It has been a privilege to participate in Hawaiian cultural events on the island of Kauai, where Wayne played a leadership role in many educational and enriching activities. As an educator and cultural expert who takes his personal sense of responsibility seriously, Wayne is as an excellent exemplar of both kuleana and aloha.

I cannot think of a better individual to assume the responsibilities associated with burial practices for the Hawaiian Island Burial Council, Islands of Kauai and Niihau.

Mahalo,