

GM523

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, Gubernatorial Nominee, IRMALEE POMROY MALY, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

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

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 523
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA'I, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, IRMALEE POMROY MALY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 523, nominating Ms. Irmalee Pomroy Maly to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lāna'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.

Ms. Maly is a resident of Lāna'i. Together with her husband, she owns Kumu Pono Associates LLC and serves as a principal researcher and projects manager. Her experience includes working in the field, researching, documenting Hawaiian traditions and history. Her company has developed and published more than 100 Hawaiian ethnographic studies pertaining to traditional cultural properties and landscapes, Hawai'i's communities, cultural practices, and treatment of iwi kapuna. After a brief absence, she recently returned to Lāna'i to continue perpetuating cultural and historic work.

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



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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA‘I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, IRMALEE POMROY Maly, 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** GM523, which would confirm Irmalee “Onaona” Pomroy Maly as the Lāna‘i regional representative to the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council.

For many years, Ms. Maly has helped enrich her Lāna‘i community through cultural and historical research and preservation work. Ms. Maly shares genealogical ties with Lāna‘i ‘ohana and currently resides there. Since 2006, she has worked with the Lāna‘i Culture and Heritage Center to build a robust repository of artifacts from and information about Lāna‘i’s rich history. Ms. Maly currently serves as an administrative assistant, researcher and web-master for the center. She and her husband Kepā also continue to engage in innovative cultural resource stewardship and education programs for the ‘ōpio of Lāna‘i.

Ms. Maly has also been engaged in ethnographic and cultural resource management programs statewide for over 35 years. During this time, she has helped facilitate the return of iwi kūpuna to their ‘āina of origin, cared for ilina kūpuna, preserved historic sites, conducted hundreds of oral history interviews, recorded historical documents and developed interpretive-educational programs. She is currently completing the initiation of a cultural resource and community stewardship program with the Hoakalei Cultural Foundation and undertaking Traditional Cultural Property Studies through her family business, Kumu Pono Associates, LLC. Ms. Maly’s experience in ethnographic research and historic preservation, as well as her desire to pass ancestral wisdom from the kūpuna to the ‘ōpio of her moku, make her an exceptional selection for the Lāna‘i seat on the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council.

The Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council, like several other island burial councils, has recently faced significant challenges meeting composition and quorum requirements as it lost membership sufficient to constitute a quorum in April 2013. Accordingly, during the 2013 legislative session, OHA partnered with the Governor’s Office, the State Attorney General, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources’ State Historic Preservation Division to pass legislation substantially reducing the composition and quorum requirements for the island burial councils to meet. After the passage of Act 276 (Session

Laws 2013), OHA continued to collaborate with the Governor's Office to expeditiously solicit and recommend nominees to fill vacancies and allow the burial councils to do business once again. With the more attainable composition and quorum requirements established by Act 276 and Ms. Maly's confirmation (as well as those of the three other anticipated Maui and Lānaʻi Island Burial Council appointees), the Maui and Lānaʻi Island Burial Council may finally resume their work and fulfill their important kuleana.

For these reasons, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** GM523 to confirm Ms. Maly to the Maui and Lānaʻi 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 523**

Irmalee Pomroy Maly

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

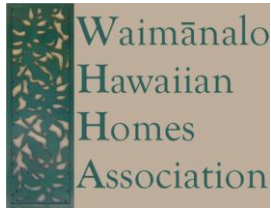
On behalf of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, we are deeply honored for the opportunity to strongly support Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Irmalee (Onaona) Pomroy Maly to the Island Burial Council for the Islands of Maui and Lana'i.

Ms. Pomroy Maly has long been an advocate for the Kanaka Maoli and is very well respected as a cultural practitioner who is knowledgeable and compassionate in the arena of kupuna iwi.

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 523.

Respectfully yours,

Leimana DaMate, Executive Director
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES
GM 512 – DOREEN GOMES AND GM 523 IRMA LEE POMPROY MALY
AS APPOINTMENTS DESIGNATED BY GOV. NEIL A. ABERCROMBIE
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Chairwoman Sen. Maile Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Sen. Clayton Hee

Notice of Hearing
Friday, March 7, 2014
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224
Hawai'i State Capitol Building

Aloha Chairwoman Sen. Shimabukuro and Vice Chairman Sen. Hee, Aloha!

Please accept this testimony in *strong support* for gubernatorial nominees GM 512 Doreen Gomes as the Commissioner representing Maui Island on the Commission for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Doreen "Pua" is an excellent example of a Hawaiian homesteader and one which will best represent her island without conflict of interest or for personal agendas contrary to the goals and objectives of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 as amended. We ask for your strong support.

Please accept this testimony in *strong support* for gubernatorial nominee GM 523 Irmalee Pomroy Maly on the Island Burial Council representing Maui and Lanai islands as appointed by Gov. Abercrombie. Irmalee a former Waimanalo, Kaneohe and Kaua'i resident whose home is Lanai has an extensive history of cultural and traditional Hawaiian practices along with her husband Kepa Maly. Her knowledge and expertise will help to strengthen and broaden the scope of knowledge required in reviewing and making difficult decisions. We ask for your strong support.

Mahalo nui loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul P. Richards".

Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Assn, President

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GM523

Submitted on: 3/6/2014

Testimony for HWN on Mar 7, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Albert Morita	Individual	Support	No

Comments: March 6, 2014 Greetings Senators Shimabukuro, Hee and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. It is an honor for me to offer testimony in support of Irmalee Pomroy Maly's nomination to Maui Lanai Island Burial Council. I know her to be a compassionate, caring and knowledgeable person in all matters relating to Hawaii and Hawaiian culture. If confirmed I know that she will be an asset to the Council and State as they guide and carry out our responsibility of caring for our ancestral remains. Mahalo nui loa for your consideration, Albert Morita

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GM523

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna K Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am of Native Hawaiian ancestry and I support the appointment of Irmalee Pomroy Maly to the Maui & Lanai Burial Council.

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GM523

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Lai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Date: Monday, March 03, 2014 12:22:34 PM

Aloha Senators

Please accept my strong support for Mrs. Irmalee Pomroy Maly to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lana'i. Its been a long time that Lana'i has someone with the expertise and knowledge to represent Lana'i on this prestigious council. Mrs. Maly has over 35 years experience in Hawaiian ethnographic and cultural resources. She has been a strong advocate for Lana'i in all matters Hawaiian and throughout the state. You all know her and you know she will be a valuable asset to the Island Burial Council.

We the State of Hawaii, County of Maui and the island of Lana'i will be the beneficiaries of her expertise and knowledge. We can not afford to let Mrs. Maly be over looked for this position. Your consideration would be greatly appreciated in this matter.

Mahalo
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GM523

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mikala	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Irmalee Pomroy Maly to serve on the Burial Council. She is a perfect candidate to represent Lanai. Her dedication and hard work in cultural and historic research and preservation has influenced many through out the state of Hawaii, including myself. She leads by example and will surely be an asset to the council. Mikala Enfield

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TESTIMONY FOR THE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

MARCH 7, 2014 AT CONFERENCE ROOM 224 AT 2:45 P.M.

GM 523 TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF IRMALEE POMROY MALY NOMINATION TO THE MAUI LANA'I ISLANDS BURIAL COUNCIL.

Aloha Senator Shimabukuro and Senator Hee and members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

My name is Phyllis Coochie Cayan and I am testifying as an individual in support of Ms. Irmalee Pomroy Maly's nomination to the Maui-Lana'i Islands Burial Council to represent the island of Lana'i. I am a native Lanaian however living on O'ahu yet somewhat active with the community of Lana'i.

Mrs. Maly is an active community supporter on Lana'i and has a strong background in Hawaiian cultural practices and cultural resource management. She will be an excellent representative for Lana'i and bring mana'o to the table regarding the best way to malama na iwi kupuna on the burial council.

Your kind consideration and confirmation of Irmalee Pomroy Maly will be a positive action for the continued care of na iwi kupuna in Maui County.

Mahalo nui loa, Phyllis Coochie Cayan

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Irmalee Pomroy Maly is unquestionably qualified to sit on this Council. It is important that Lana'i be represented and it would be an honor to have her as our representative. Onaona (as she is known here) is a very knowledgeable individual with great sensitivity to our culture, history and way of life. I support her appointment wholeheartedly.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sally kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Irmalee "Onaona" Pomroy Maly for many years. She is a dedicated and resourceful individual who will serve the interests of Lana`i and the State extremely well. I fully support her confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai.

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March 3, 2014

Aloha no,

This recommendation is submitted on behalf of Mrs. Irmalee Pomroy Maly, who has applied for a position on the **ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL** for the islands of Maui and Lana`i.

Her cultural, work and life experiences over the last thirty-plus years have prepared her to immediately contribute in the performance of the technical, administrative, and managerial aspects of the position. Her heritage has prepared her, in part, as her parents have enabled and taught her to maintain an interest in and awareness of all things Hawaiian.

With your selection of this candidate, residents of Lana`i and Maui can look forward to **Irmalee Pomroy Maly's** service as their island's Burial Council member and be reassured they have a trustworthy, extremely talented and capable representative who is prepared to confidently serve and protect their interests with aloha.

Mahalo nui loa,

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March 4, 2014

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro
Chair, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Dear Senator Shimabukuro,

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Irmalee Pomroy Maly to the Maui Lana'i Island Burial Council. I am a resident of Lana'i and was born and raised here. I have known Onaona and her husband Kepa for a long time.

Onaona has been involved with research and preservation of the Hawaiian culture for most of her life and along with her husband, Kepa, have dedicated their lives along this line. Onaona has genealogical ties to Lana'i and Kepa was raised here by an old time traditional Hawaiian couple. They have shown boundless aloha for Lana'i, her people, and culture & history.

Onaona has been a volunteer with the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center and has donated countless hours working on the programs and operation of the Center. I believe that she would be a valuable and knowledgeable member of the Burial Council. She is also committed to engaging the younger generations in this work.

While I am testifying as an individual, I would like to add that I am the Vice President of the board of the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center as

well as being a member of the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission.

Once again, I support the nomination of Onaona Maly to the Maui Lana'i Island Burial Council.

Aloha & Mahalo,

Warren Osako