

GM524

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAPULANI ANTONIO, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

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

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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 524
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA'I, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KAPULANI ANTONIO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 524, nominating Ms. Kapulani Antonio to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lānaʻi, to expire June 30, 2016.

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. Antonio is a resident of Makawao, Maui. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Hawaiian Studies and a Master's degree in Pacific Islands Studies. She is currently employed as a Hawaiian History teacher at the Kamehameha Schools-Maui campus. In addition, she also taught Hawaiian language and Hawaiian studies at both the Maui College and Hilo College. Ms. Antonio also worked as a curriculum developer and editor for the Kula Kaiapuni Hawaiian Immersion schools. Her community involvement includes membership in the 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu Society and the Ka 'Ohana o Kalaupapa. She is fluent in Hawaiian and well-experienced in oli.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Antonio's valuable knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Island Burial Council until June 30, 2016.



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Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

March 7, 2013

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM524, which would confirm Kapulani Antonio as the Makawao regional representative to the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council.

Ms. Antonio’s experience with traditional burial practices and cultural education will serve the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council well. Ms. Antonio has been a Hawaiian History, Language and Culture instructor at UH Hilo, UH Center Maui, Maui Community College and Kamehameha Schools Maui for over 20 years. She has also served as the Hawaiian Language Translator and Specialist for the Ka Ho‘olina Journal and as the Editor and Curriculum Specialist at Hale Kuamo‘o at UH Hilo. Ms. Antonio has consistently sought to convey a deep respect for iwi kūpuna, teaching her students to revere iwi as the vessels of our ancestors’ mana. She has paid close attention to cases of iwi protection and has assisted in executing cultural protocols including making kapa for iwi re-interment. Although she has only lived in Makawao for 13 years, she has indicated her intent to root her family in the Makawao community indefinitely.

The Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council, like several other island burial councils, has faced significant challenges meeting composition and quorum requirements, particularly since it lost the 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 with Ms. Antonio’s confirmation (as well as the confirmation of the three other anticipated Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council appointees), the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council may finally resume their work and fulfill their important kuleana.

For these reasons, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** GM524 to advise and consent to the nomination of Ms. Antonio to the Maui and Lānaʻi Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

GM524

Testimony in support of Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lānaʻi,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Kapulani Antonio

Friday, March 7, 2014

2:45 p.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Submitted by Cody Pueo Pata

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Dear Esteemed Committee on Hawaiian Affairs: Chairperson, Sen. Maile Shimabukuro; Vice Chairperson, Sen. Clayton Hee; &, Committee Members: Sen. Galuteria, Sen. Slom, and Sen. Kidani:

Aloha kākou. My name is Cody Pueo Pata and I am the kumu hula of Hālau Hula Ka Malama Mahilani (Kahului, Maui), a Hawaiian recording artist (Ululoa Productions), as well as a private Hawaiian language and cultural specialist/consultant from the island of Maui.

I submit this written testimony regarding GM524, in full support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Kapulani Antonio, and her consideration and confirmation for a position upon the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lānaʻi.

I have personally known Kapulani Antonio for over 10 years—meeting her first as a student in her Hawaiian language classes at the former Maui Community College, working with her professionally as a colleague during my years of teaching at Kamehameha Schools Maui High School, and now as a personal friend to whom I turn for wisdom and insight. I sincerely view Kapulani Antonio as a moral, level-headed, and upstanding citizen with a strong drive for education and justice. From these capacities do I lend my support.

With a 25-year career in education reaching back to 1989, Kapulani has become an accomplished academic, published author/editor, translator, consultant, and teacher of Hawaiian history, language, and culture. Through these venues, she has committed to being a lifelong proponent of enlightenment for the masses, as well as for the empowerment of the Hawaiian people.

These endeavors have enabled Kapulani to become adept at various types of research which include delving into archival and community-based (oral/personal/etc.) resources. As an eloquently fluent speaker of the Hawaiian language, Kapulani is afforded unlimited access to the knowledge found within primary-source texts, as well as oral testimonies and/or recordings, in the Hawaiian language that may, or may not, have been translated into English. With her skills in language and her firm foundations in Hawaiian culture and history, she is afforded clear insight into the mindsets of the authors of, or informants for, such resources, and, thusly, into the mindsets of our ancestors.

In her capacities as a professional team leader and program manager, I have come to know Kapulani Antonio to be meticulously organized, as well as methodic and measured

in decision making. In various discussions, I have been privy to some of the various types of considerations which she utilizes in her decision-making processes. These considerations range from family-based knowledge/traditions, community-based practices/sentiment, academia, official/professional procedures, cultural protocols, *pule* (prayer), as well as her *na 'au* (“gut-feelings” toward that which is *pono* [proper/in the right]).

As someone who is genealogically connected to Maui’s lineages, Kapulani Antonio feels it is her *kuleana* (responsibility) to continually strive toward the protection, preservation, appropriate management, and/or treatment of Native Hawaiian burial sites, skeletal remains, and burial goods. Due to her ancestral connections, as well as her economic investments in the land as a Maui-based landowner, Kapulani’s senses of lasting *kuleana* have driven her to seek a position upon the Island Burial Council for the Islands of Maui and Lāna‘i.

Therefore, I feel passionately that Kapulani Antonio—due to her well-versed cultural, linguistic, and academic background, conscientious abilities in decision making, and as one with a deep sense of *kuleana* to the past, present, and future generations of Hawai‘i—is a Gubernatorial Nominee that is most definitely qualified to uphold the rules of practice and procedures relating to human burial sites and remains as outlined in the “Hawai‘i Administrative Rules—Title 13, Department of Land and Natural Resources; Subtitle 13, Historic Preservation Division; Chapter 300, Rules of Practice and Procedure Relating to Burial Sites and Human Remains” (www6.hawaii.gov/dlnr/hpd/pdfs/burrules.PDF).

Please consider and confirm Kapulani Antonio for a position upon the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lāna‘i.

Mahalo a nui for this opportunity to lend my written testimony regarding GM524.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a a me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,

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To: House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: J. Ekela Kaniaupio-Crozier

Date: March 6, 2014

Re: GM524

Welina pumehana mai kākou, mai ka welau o Haleakalā kū kilakila a i ke one kaulana o Kākuhihewa, mai kahi pae a kahi pae, aloha kākou.

This testimony is being provided in support of the consideration and confirmation of Kapulani Antonio to the Island Burial Council, islands of Maui and Lānaʻi, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

I have known Mrs. Antonio for the past 20 years as a colleague and a friend and I am confident in the valuable knowledge and conscientiousness that Mrs. Antonio will bring to the council. She has a profound understanding of the indigenous people of the Hawaiian Islands and has completed extensive research related to our history and culture. Mrs. Antonio is an exemplary instructor of Hawaiian language and history. She has and continues to generously share her knowledge and wisdom with countless students across the paeʻāina o Hawaiʻi (the Hawaiian archipelago).

She is not only a fine academic in the area of Hawaiian Studies, but she is also quite capable of applying this knowledge to advance our people in a positive direction. There is a wise Hawaiian saying that says, “He ʻōpū aliʻi” which refers to “the heart of a chief”. An excellent Hawaiian chief must have a heart that sees himself as a servant to his people first and foremost. Like Kamehameha, he understands the importance of working alongside his people in the loʻi kalo. I believe that Mrs. Antonio has always had the best interest of our people in her heart and is willing to stand beside those she is called to serve to fulfill the task.

She is also committed to doing what is right, although it may not always be the most popular choice, she has remained steadfast in her convictions. Her utmost respect for our kūpuna drives many of her decisions and often directs her path. She is diligent and tenacious with a heart that is prepared to serve.

Mahalo nui iā ʻoukou pākahi no kēia manawa i hiki iaʻu ke hāpai i ka inoa o kuʻu hoa hana e hana ai i ka hana maikaʻi no kākou, ka lāhui Hawaiʻi. E ʻoluʻolu, noi haʻahaʻa aku nei au iā ʻoukou e ʻae ʻoluʻolu iā Kapulani Antonio e komo i ia hana kupaianaha o kēia ʻaha.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on behalf of Kapulani Antonio.

Naʻu me ka haʻahaʻa,

J. Ekela Kaniaupio-Crozier

February 25, 2014

E nā mea Hanohano o ka 'Aha Kenekoa ē,

Aloha. He wahi mahalo kēia iā 'oukou, iā OHA, i ke Kia'āina Abercrombie nō ho'i no ka hāpai 'ana i ko'u inoa i mua o oukou. Mahalo nō ho'i i ka po'e i kāko'o mai ia'u ma ke kākau leka 'ana a me nā hoa kāko'o i hele mai nei i kēia lā.

'O au 'o Kapulani Antonio. I was born and raised O'ahu. I moved to Hawai'i island where I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian Studies and where I also taught Hawaiian language and culture at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo for a little under ten years. I was an active part of the Hawaiian community there. It's where I came into political consciousness. My husband, kids & I moved to Maui and have been there for 15 years now. Over that period of time I taught Hawaiian language and Hawaiian Studies at Maui Community College, and at UH Center, developed curriculum for Kula Kaiapuni Immersion schools. I currently teach Hawaiian History at Kamehameha Schools Maui.

As part of my curriculum, we cover the history of Honokahua - the unearthing of over 800 sets of iwi kupuna and the grassroots efforts of people like Dana & Isaac Hall, Uncle Charlie Maxwell and Uncle Les Kuloloio. We discuss the establishment of the burial councils and talk about the challenges the councils face today especially on O'ahu. As we continue to meet the needs of our growing population through responsible development, iwi kupuna will no doubt continue to be unearthed.

As a member of the Maui Island Burial Council my kuleana will be first and foremost to advocate for the iwi kupuna. I believe in preserving the iwi in their respective burial places first. In the event that relocation is required, proper steps will be taken to respectfully reinter them in an appropriate location which makes sense and is pono for them. It goes without saying that such a circumstance would require careful consideration and proper protocol to ensure that the process is undertaken with the utmost respect and humility.

I am qualified to serve on the Council because of my years as an educator in the field of Hawaiian Studies. During that time I have served on the leadership team as an advocate for my colleagues in my academy. I worked with counselors, administrators and other members of the faculty and staff to make important decisions that would affect our school community. It was through both teaching and leading that I honed my skills as leader, listener and consensus builder. I am an action

oriented person who wants to get the job done and am ready to make the important decisions that come my way.

Serving on the Burial Council is a tremendous kuleana that I do not take lightly. Thank you for considering my nomination.

Me ka 'oia 'i 'o,

Kapulani Antonio

From: [Lokelani Patrick](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Cc: [Lokelani Patrick](#)
Subject: Gubernatorial nominee: Kapulani Antonio
Date: Monday, March 03, 2014 11:04:27 AM

March 3, 2014

RE: Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lani
Gubernatorial Nominee, KAPULANI ANTONIO

Aloha Senate Confirmation Committee Members,

It is with great pleasure that I submit a letter of support for Gubernatorial nominee, Kapulani Antonio. As the Parent Community Coordinator at Kamehameha Schools Maui (KSM), I have worked with Ms. Antonio on many occasions throughout the past ten years. I have conferred with her many times because of her knowledge of Hawaiian history and the Hawaiian language. She has also shared her position on tradition and contemporary Hawaiian practices and I have used her feedback to serve the parent community at Kamehameha Schools Maui. It is important to note that although KSM students all share Hawaiian ethnicity, KSM serves every parent and the 'ohana, all ethnicities represented on Maui Nui. Her willingness to share her knowledge with me has allowed me to facilitate grade level and all-school events, faculty and staff communications, parent communications, and submissions to various publications. Ms. Antonio's inclusion on the Island Burial Council will add an individual that is a team member; willing to prepare and work hard for the good of the committee and for the Hawaiian community of Maui Nui. Mahalo for allowing me to submit this testimony today.

Sincerely,
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Aloha Kākou,

I am Kili Namau‘u and I write to you today in support of Kapulani Susan Antonio to serve on the Island Burial Council representing Maui and Lāna‘i. I am the director of Pūnana Leo o Maui, the Hawaiian language immersion preschool, and met Kapulani nearly 20 years ago when her children attended my program. Since then I have had the privilege of sharing a mutual and dear friendship.

Kapulani is extremely knowledgeable of Hawaiian language, culture, and current issues affecting our community. She has taught Hawaiian language at the University of Hilo and Maui College. It was a loss to the undergraduate students on Maui when she was offered a position at the Kamehameha Schools, Maui campus. She made language learning fun and exciting. Although she has been at the Kamehameha campus for several years now, she continues to offer expertise and assistance to our program with Hawaiian language translations and nuances.

Kapulani would be an outstanding member of the burial council. She has the knowledge foundation, integrity and compassion to mālama the iwi of our kūpuna. She is dedicated to protect the remains of our ancestors. She is intelligent and understands the seriousness and predicaments of burial issues. Kapulani seeks pono solutions to demanding and challenging situations. She always conducts herself in a professional manner and when necessary she is capable of asking the hard questions. She is confident and fearless. Kapulani also possesses a pleasant demeanor that should not be underestimated. In the years that I have known her, I have always found her to be reliable and dependable. And her work ethic is impeccable.

Kapulani Antonio is a respected member of our Maui community. I am proud that she is being considered for this important and precious position on the Island Burial Council. She is extremely capable and very deserving to represent all of us and especially our kūpuna who are no longer able to speak for themselves. I encourage you to support and confirm her appointment to this very sensitive and vital role to mālama our ancestors.

‘O wau me ka ‘oia‘i‘o a me ka ha‘aha‘a

Kili Namau‘u
Kahu
Pūnana Leo o Maui

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January 25, 2014

Aloha Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

It is with great pleasure that I submit this recommendation on behalf of Mrs. Kapulani Antonio. I currently serve as the High School Vice-Principal at the Kamehameha Schools Maui Campus. I have been employed by Kamehameha Schools since the summer of 2002. Overall, I have been an educator for 23 years including experience in the Hawaii Department of Education at H. P. Baldwin and Lahainaluna High Schools.

I have known Mrs. Kapulani Antonio for over 10 years as she served as a Kumu at the Kamehameha Schools Maui Campus. Her current position at the school is the Hawaiian History instructor working with students in the 12th grade. I first worked with her as a school counselor, providing support for our students' academic success at school.

I believe Kapulani Antonio is qualified to serve as a member of the Maui Island Burial Council. I believe her expertise and experience lends to her ability to discuss issues around Hawaiian burials and appropriate protocol for ancestors. She has knowledge of Hawaiian customs, practices, history and protocol that she shares with students and staff at the Kamehameha Schools. She has served in various leadership capacities at the school, including team leader, Hawaiian Protocol advisor and committee member for cultural activities and events at Kamehameha.

The County of Maui and the State of Hawaii will truly benefit from the appointment of Kapulani Antonio to the Maui Island Burial Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo Delatori', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Leo Delatori
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March 3, 2014

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair
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Senator Sam Slom
Senator Michelle Kidani
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Dear Sirs and Madams,

RE: Kapulani Antonio
Hawaiian Burial Counsel – Maui and Lānaʻi Candidate

My name is Sarah Lehua Holter. I am a senior at Kamehameha School Maui Campus. It is my honor and privilege to write this letter of recommendation for Kumu Kapulani Antonio to be a member of the Hawaiian Burial Counsel.

I have known Kumu Kapulani since freshman year and this year I had the pleasure of being in her class. Because of Kumu Kapulani, over the past three and a half years my understanding of the Hawaiian culture and language has increased exponentially. Kumu Kapulani's thorough knowledge of all things Hawaiian is evident in her teaching. She has a contagious, heartfelt passion for Hawai'i, past, present and future as well as Native Hawaiians that has sparked a passion in me and my fellow classmates. She has instilled in me the self-confidence that I lacked and made me proud to be of Hawaiian descent. It is for these reasons I feel she is an outstanding candidate for the Hawaiian Burial Counsel.

As you can tell, I have the utmost respect and aloha for Kumu Kapulani. She has taught us to be mindful of our surroundings, to be proud of our ancestors and heritage as well as to venture forth into the world representing the best of Hawai'i and its Native people.

Sincerely,

Sarah Lehua Holter
Kamehameha School Maui Campus, Grade 12