

GM525

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, Gubernatorial Nominee, DANE MAXWELL, 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 525
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA'I, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, DANE MAXWELL, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 525, nominating Mr. Dane Maxwell 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.

Mr. Maxwell is a resident of Maui. He owns his own business, CKM Cultural Resources and serves as its cultural specialist and monitor. He is the grandson of Charles Kauluwehi Maxwell, Sr., one of those who were actively involved in the re-interment of iwi kapuna at Honokahua. It is through this relationship that he has gained experience in the treatment of iwi kapuna.

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



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Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM525, which would confirm Dane Maxwell as the Lahaina regional representative to the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council.

Mr. Maxwell’s training and experience with historic preservation issues since his early youth make him a particularly appropriate candidate for the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council. Mr. Maxwell and his family have long roots in cultural and historic preservation in his moku. He was born in Wailuku, attended Hawaiian language immersion school and learned hula at his ‘ohana hālau, Pukalani Hula Hale. Mr. Maxwell traces his dedication to burials protection to his memories of witnessing his grandfather, Charles Ka‘uluwehi Maxwell, Sr., and his colleagues re-inter iwi at Honokahua. He trained from a young age with his grandfather in proper re-interment protocol, becoming an ordained kahu in 2011. He currently owns his own business, CKM Cultural Resources, at which he is a cultural specialist/monitor. Through this experience, he has assisted major developers with creating burial treatment plans and cultural impact statements and gained expertise on the state and federal laws related to these processes.

The Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council, like several other island burial councils, has recently faced significant challenges meeting composition and quorum requirements, particularly since its loss of 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 (Reg. Sess. 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 Mr. Maxwell’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** GM525 to advise and consent to the nomination of Mr. Maxwell to the Maui and Lānaʻi Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair
Friday, March 07, 2014
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GM 525 Gubernatorial Nominee **DANE MAXWELL**
Maui and Lānaʻi Island Burial Council

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro me Vice Chair Hee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of DANE MAXWELL to the Maui and Lānaʻi Island Burial Council.

The burial council needs individuals who are steeped in culture and who also understand the communities of Maui and Lānaʻi.

Dane is adept in the customs and responsibilities of handling iwi kūpuna. While I believe his youthfulness and experience in this matter would lend a unique quality to the burial council, I am also certain that his levelheaded approach to problem solving would be a skill that of great service.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support.

Adrian Kamaliʻi
Pae 'Āina Communications

Monday, March 03, 2014

Subject: Testimony

To whom it may concern,

I am whole heartedly in support of appointing Dane Maxwell to the Maui/Lanai Burial Council. As Cultural Advisor to the Maui Ocean Center, Kahu Dane Maxwell has shared with us his knowledge and passion for respecting and protecting iwi kupuna. As the grandson of Uncle Charlie Maxwell, Dane grew up with unusual exposure and knowledge of this subject from his Hawaiian family. Dane is young but wise beyond his years. He is able to see all sides of an issue and apply his reason, logic and cultural knowledge to find solutions when problems arise. I cannot think of a better choice to serve on the Maui/Lanai Burial Council.

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TESTIMONY
OF
DANE K. U. MAXWELL
TO THE
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ON
MAUI LANAI BURIAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS
ON
MARCH 7, 2014
G.M. 525

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Maui Lanai Burial council, Gubernatorial Nominee, DANE K. U. MAXWELL, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice chair Hee, and members of the Committee, mahalo to you folks for allowing me this opportunity today.

My deepest gratitude to Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me for this position.

I've been a witness to this council for majority of my lifetime and it is a great honor to be considered for this opportunity that I personally hold in high regards.

Mahalo nunui to all who have submitted letters of support on my behalf and to my friends and family who are in attendance.

I grew up in a Hula family on the slopes of Haleakalā and Hawaiian culture was a lifestyle. Raised by my mother, grandfather, grandmother, and aunty, Hawaiian culture and Hawaiian politics was the center of the household. I attended Kula Kaiapuni o Maui, a Hawaiian immersion program. I am also the proud father of two beautiful girls, 'Ihikolonahe age five, and Keohoālanamaikalani ,age two, and a Husband of two years.

Throughout my lifetime, I was able to participate in the re interment of 'iwi kūpuna. My grandfather, the late Kahu Charles Kauluwehi Maxwell Sr., was one of my biggest influences in my life and exposed me to the very real threat our iwi kūpuna face in these modern times. Having the opportunity to be surrounded by many of the councils alumni and members of Hui Mālama I nā Kūpuna, I was fortunate enough to be taught how to inter aboriginal remains and protocols that are associated with this practice. These events have molded my character and who I am as a person.

I currently own and operate a Cultural consulting firm called CKM Cultural Resources LLC founded by my grandfather Kahu Charles K. Maxwell Sr. We have created cultural impact assessments and assisted in developing burial treatment plans most recently Auwahi Wind, a wind farm project located in the moku of Kahikinui Maui. Our firm currently provides cultural consulting and cultural monitoring to the Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope project located on the summit of Haleakalā at Pu'u Kolekole. At this site, I personally try to instill cultural awareness with crew members, which is at a very significant location. Reducing the impacts of construction at any site here in Hawai'i is very difficult, and location significance only intensifies the higher in elevation you are. By experiencing these obstacles on a daily basis, I believe that I have a unique perspective on today's development challenges.

My vision for the Maui Lanai Burial Council is to be a functioning integral tool in the preservation of the identity of the Hawaiian Culture and the preservation of 'iwi kūpuna. I see strong nominees and I'm confident that the individuals along with myself will lead IBC into a bright future.

In closing i'd like to mahalo my Kūpuna, my 'aumākua, and my 'ohana for their endless support and aloha. Mahalo Hawaiian affairs committee for your time today; and your continued efforts in serving the State of Hawai'i. Considering my nomination is an honor, mahalo again.

At this time, I welcome any questions the Committee may have.

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Comments: I support the nomination of Kahu Dane Maxwell to the Island Burial Council. Kahu Maxwell has been the Cultural Monitor on projects I was managing for the University of Hawaii as well as the National Solar Observatories. Kahu Maxwell is compassionate about the Hawaiian Culture, past present and future. His love and devotion to the Hawaiian Culture is foremost in his life and family. Kahu Maxwell has a soul that reaches out to all cultures because of his strength and beliefs in his own culture. Kahu Maxwell would be an excellent choice for the Island Burial Council.

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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY
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I, CHRISTOPHER BOTEILHO, DO HEREBY SUBMITT TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
OF GM525, WHICH CONFIRMS DANE MAXWELL FOR REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MAUI AND LANA'I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL.

Mr. Maxwell's passion and pride for his culture is such an integral part of his life. Having been raised in a home immersed with mana'o from his maternal grandfather, Charles Ka'uluwehi Maxwell, Dane was able to grow and develop his natural gift of appreciation, determination, and protection of his culture.

I do believe that Mr. Maxwell is an appropriate candidate for this task not only from his deep-rooted connections, but also by how I have seen him raise his own family. A fantastic husband and a father of two beautiful daughters, Dane has had the opportunity to carry on his own legacy in teaching them what it truly means to live pono. Never have I known a father which such a connection with his children and his wife.

There are so many more things to be said about this amazing man, and so much more to benefit from his strengths. What I have stated in this testimony is only a small fraction of who Dane Maxwell is. Dane's wisdom, character, and heart are what I believe this council needs.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Christopher Boteilho
Parts & Service Director

DATE/ TIME: Friday, March 07, 2014 / 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 224, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

To: COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

-Honorable Chair Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Senator Clayton Hee

Re: GM525 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, Gubernatorial Nominee, DANE MAXWELL, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Testimony in Support of GM525:
Nomination of Dane Maxwell to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Hee, and Committee members,

My Name is Steven Gonsalves, and I am a 3rd year medical student/future physician. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong **SUPPORT** of GM525 to confirm the nomination of Mr. Dane Maxwell to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai.

I have had the honor of knowing Mr. Dane K. U. Maxwell for over 15 years. He is a multi-dimensional individual that has been immersed in the values and traditions of Hawaiian culture since his birth on the beautiful island of Maui. At a young age, Mr. Maxwell was trained by his Kupuna to become an accomplished hula dancer and Keiki Hula champion. His achievements in hula served as a vehicle for him to introduce traditional stories and oral customs of Hawai'i to groups of people across the world. As a child, he was educated through the Hawaiian Immersion program where he was able to become fluent in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. Fluency in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i is a strength that continues to provide him with the ability to comprehend and explore the complex meanings associated with Hawaiian language.

Mr. Maxwell is a leader in his community. As a kumu hula, he helps to perpetuate the art of Hula thus introducing future generations to the importance of Hawaiian tradition. His recent designation as Kahu has increased his responsibility to the public on Maui. He has fully embraced this new role as a spiritual and intellectual luminary to others in his community. He also provides his guidance on projects such as the Daniel K. Inouye Advanced Solar Telescope. While working on this project, he is responsible for supervision of construction, preservation of culturally significant areas and burial sites, and providing cultural training for all employees that enter into the worksite. He also continues to serve as a cultural consultant to Maui Ocean Center.

Mr. Maxwell is a life-long learner of Hawaiian culture. He maintains a constant desire to advance his knowledge of Hawaiian customs and principles, which is evident by his recent interest in restoration of several Lo'i (taro patches) and Loko I'a (walled fish ponds) on Maui.

In summary, Mr. Maxwell is a shining example of a contemporary Native Hawaiian that maintains the same values and traditions passed down from his Kupuna, yet also possesses the foresight and intellect needed to help sustain Hawaiian culture as it moves into modern times. Therefore, I urge you to please confirm Mr. Dane Maxwell to the Island Burial Council, for the Islands of Maui and Lanai.

Mahalo for allowing me to submit this favorable testimony in support of Mr. Dane Maxwell,

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