

GM 838

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Monday, April 18, 2016
1:15 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 838
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LANAI, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KAHELEONALANI DUKELOW FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 838, nominating Ms. Kaheleonalani Dukelow to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai expiring June 30, 2019.

The Island Burial Councils are established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. With regard to previously known burials, the Burial 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. Dukelow was born and raised on Maui. After graduating from high school, she attended the University of Hawaii where she earned degrees in Hawaiian Studies, Hawaiian Language and Education. She is currently a faculty member at the University of Hawaii Maui College. She previously taught in the Department of Education Kula Kaiapuni program for nine years. She is also involved in a stewardship program involving a 21 acre culture preserve located in the same district she is being nominated to serve. Ms. Dukelow's reputation in the Maui community as an advocate for perpetuating and preserving native Hawaiian culture is well known and respected. She has been serving as a Maui Lanai Islands Burial Council member for the last two years.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Dukelow's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Island Burial Council until June 30, 2019.



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ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA'I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KAHALEONOLANI DUKELOW,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019**

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

April 18, 2016

1:19 p.m.

Room 423

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM838, which confirms OHA nominee Kaheleonalani¹ Dukelow to her second term as the Honua'ula regional representative on the Maui and Lāna'i Island Burial Council.

Ms. Dukelow has been serving as the Honua'ula regional representative on the Maui and Lāna'i Island Burial Council since 2014. Her confirmation will allow her to continue contributing her substantial experience and expertise in service to the Council and her community.

Ms. Dukelow has demonstrated a deep dedication to the preservation and perpetuation of Hawaiian culture. She has been an instructor in Hawaiian studies and language for many years, teaching at the University of Hawai'i Maui College for 10 years, and for nine years at Department of Education Kula Kaiapuni. She has dedicated her life to supporting educational programs and approaches that foster a thriving Hawaiian culture and language, and that build character, identity, pride and spirit among keiki. She contributes avidly to Hawaiian education advocacy groups including Nā Leo Kāko'o o Maui and 'Aha Kauleo, and has developed Hawaiian cultural and Hawaiian language medium curricula for various community foundations, college-preparatory and college courses, and Hawaiian language immersion programs. Accordingly, Ms. Dukelow has long-exemplified the deepest passion for ancestral knowledge and customs, and the transference of traditional knowledge between generations.

Ms. Dukelow's continuing interest in burial traditions specifically is reflected in her current efforts to care for iwi kūpuna in OHA's 21-acre cultural preserve, in the ahupua'a of Palauea (located in Honua'ula). There, she and her haumana seek to steward the hundreds of cultural and religious sites located within the reserve, and fulfill the kuleana they have taken on to protect and educate the community on the reserve's cultural resources. Through this work, she has and continues to demonstrate her deep ongoing commitment to preserve iwi and educate the next generation of 'ōpio on the cultural traditions necessary for them to do the

¹ **OHA notes that this appointee's first name is spelled incorrectly in the title of this GM.**

same. Accordingly, OHA is confident that, if confirmed, she will continue to fully dedicate her valuable insight and expertise to the Maui and Lānaʻi Island Burial Council.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM838 to confirm Ms. Dukelow to her second term on the Maui and Lānaʻi Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.