

GM 838 LATE TESTIMONY



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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Testimony of
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Before the Senate Committee on
Water, Land and Agriculture

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**In Consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 838
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL
COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LANAI, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KAHELEONOLANI DUKELOW, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2019.**

Gubernatorial Nominee, Kaheleonolani Dukelow, is submitted as a Gubernatorial Nominee for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

Kaheleonolani Dukelow is a life-long advocate of sustaining Hawaiian traditional practices that can co-exist with the many other ethnic groups that together make up the population of the Hawaiian Islands, in particular Maui and Lanai. She is a respected kumu/teacher of Hawaiian culture and language. Kumu Dukelow understands the intricate and deep respect for kupuna iwi that is symbiotic with the keiki o ka aina.

Kaheleonolani Dukelow is a native Hawaiian who is able to walk comfortably in two cultures – Hawaiian and western. She is passionate with one goal – the respect and honor due kupuna iwi of the residents of Maui and Lana'i. On the Hawaiian side, her genealogy as a direct descendant of many branches of Ali'i, including Kiha Pi'ilani of Maui and her constant life work with her indigenous people of Hawaii is as important as her stellar qualifications in the western culture as an excellent teacher and professor of Hawaiian Studies and Language.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony and we ask that this committee accept and confirm Kaheleonolani Dukelow to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai. Mahalo nui loa!