

GM 839

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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 839
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LANAI, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, LEIANE PACI FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 839, nominating Ms. Leiane Paci 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. Large landowner representatives must be currently employed or associated with a developer who conducts large scale land development activities or a large property owners who owns or leases at least 100 acres of land on the respective islands, and represents the interest of the developer or large property owners or both.

Ms. Paci is a partner in the development firm of Maui Lani Partners. In this role, she provides project management for entitlement, processing, community outreach, and predevelopment expense budget. On behalf of the Partners, she presents updates and testimony at various council meetings and commission meetings in the county of Maui. Ms. Paci also oversees the handling of sensitive native Hawaiian issues and provides guidance in the establishment of archaeological and burial preservation sites. In the past, she regularly appeared before the Maui Lanai Islands Burial Council and thus understands the process well. She currently serves on the Burial Council.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Paci's valuable knowledge and experience continues to inform the deliberations of the Maui Lanai Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2019.