

GM 866

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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 866  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF MOLOKAI, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
FRANCIS COBB-ADAMS FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 866, nominating Ms. Francis Cobb-Adams to the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai 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. Cobb-Adams has genealogical ties to Molokai and is a Kalua'aha resident. She is a graduate of the Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawaii, holding a B.A. degree in Hawaiian Studies. Her work experiences include working for the Kamehameha Schools Molokai Resources Center, Na Pua Noeau Center for the Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children and the Department of Education. On a personal level, her daily life is driven by Hawaiian values, beliefs, and practices.

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



**GM866**

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ISLAND OF MOLOKA'I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FRANCES COBB-ADAMS, 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** GM866, which confirms Frances “Makanani” Cobb-Adams for her second term as the East Moloka’i regional representative to the Moloka’i Island Burial Council.

Ms. Cobb-Adams has been serving as the East Moloka’i regional representative on the Moloka’i Island Burial Council since 2014. She is a particularly appropriate selection for this Council, and OHA is confident that, if reappointed, she will continue to reflect and uphold the cultural beliefs and traditions associated with burial practices on Moloka’i.

A resident of Kalua’aha, Ms. Cobb-Adams has genealogical ties throughout Moloka’i, and has demonstrated substantial commitment, experience, and expertise in cultural preservation and perpetuation, that greatly inform her ability to contribute to the Moloka’i Island Burial Council and its work. Ms. Cobb-Adams holds a deep appreciation for her Hawaiian heritage, and her culture is integrated into her daily life and woven into her identity. She employs traditional methods and values in food gathering and preparation, lei making, ‘ölelo, and honoring and caring for her kūpuna and akua. Her commitment to her cultural heritage is also reflected in her formal educational and professional endeavors. Ms. Cobb-Adams received her B.A. in Hawaiian Studies with an emphasis on Natural Environment from the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, and has formerly served as an instructor in Hawaiian Studies and language at the University of Hawai’i Moloka’i Community College, as well as a Program Coordinator with Nā Pua No’eau. She is currently the Moloka’i Resource Center Manager for Kamehameha Schools. Notably, Ms. Cobb-Adams has also previously served in the distant and recent past as a Moloka’i Island Burial Council member, and is ready to continue serving on the Council, if confirmed.

For these reasons, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** GM866, to confirm Ms. Cobb-Adams for her second term on the Moloka’i Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.