

GM 879

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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 879
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUAI AND NIIHAU, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, JANET BRADFORD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 879, nominating Ms. Janet Bradford to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kauai and Niihau 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. Bradford is a resident of Kauai. She holds multiple degrees: a Master's in Pacific Islands Studies, and a Bachelor's in both Social Sciences and Humanities. She currently works for the County of Kauai in the Office of Economic Development as an Administrator. Her past experiences indicate a proven ability to collaborate with and serve as a liaison between a variety of groups and individuals. She incorporates Hawaiian values, beliefs, and practices in her daily life, and is a member of various Hawaiian organizations including the Kauai Ahahui Kaahumanu Society, Kauai Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, Native Hawaiian Education Association, and the Kauai Museum. She is also a current member of the Kauai Niihau Islands Burial Council and has earned the respect of her fellow members.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Bradford's knowledge and perspective continues to inform the deliberations of the Kauai Niihau Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2019.



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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** GM879, which confirms OHA nominee Janet “Ka’eo” Bradford for her second term as the Līhu‘e regional representative to the Kaua’i and Ni’ihau Island Burial Council.

Ms. Bradford has been serving as the Līhu‘e regional representative on the Kaua’i and Ni’ihau Island Burial Council since 2014. Her confirmation will allow her to continue contributing her wealth of experience and expertise to the Council and its work.

Ms. Bradford has a long-demonstrated interest in and dedication to historic and cultural resource preservation, and has a depth of experience to offer to the Kaua’i and Ni’ihau Island Burial Council as its Līhu‘e representative. Ms. Bradford currently resides in Līhu‘e, and has exhibited a longtime commitment to her Kualu-Hauptu kūpuna and the traditions of their kahuna lineage. She finds her passion for historic preservation rooted in her experiences as an ‘ōpio, caring for her ancestral burial places with her elders, and weaving lauhala and niu for mats and baskets for burial protocols. Ms. Bradford has received degrees in Hawaiian and Pacific Studies and Anthropology and has performed archaeological fieldwork with state archaeologist, Ross Cordy. She has also performed graduate research on Kaua’i wahi pana at the University of Hawai’i. Ms. Bradford has also taught Hawaiian studies in Hawai’i public schools as well as courses in Hawaiian Religion and Hawaiian Mythology at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa campus. She is an active member and historian of ‘Ahahui O Ka’ahumanu Society, a board member of Kaua’i Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, a volunteer at Kaua’i Museum, and a Kumu Hula (completing her ‘ūniki in 2002 under Kumu Hula Kimo Keaulana) for Hālau Ka Pa Kanaenae ‘O Kaua’i ‘Iki. OHA believes that Ms. Bradford’s long and demonstrated commitment to and experience in historic and cultural preservation and perpetuation has and will continue make Ms. Bradford an invaluable member of the Kaua’i and Ni’ihau Island Burial Council.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM879, to confirm Ms. Bradford for her second term to the Kaua’i and Ni’ihau Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.