

GM 880/881

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HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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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 881  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUAI AND NIIHAU, GUBERNATORIAL  
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Large landowner representatives must be currently employed or associated with a developer who conducts large scale land development activities or a large property owner who owns or leases at least 100 acres of land on the respective island, and represent the interest of the development or large property owner.

Mr. Yap holds a Bachelor of Business Administration-Accounting from the University of Hawaii. He is a Certified Public Accountant and is currently employed at Gay & Robinson as its Director of Administration and Treasurer. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts and the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accounts. More importantly, he is a current member of the Kauai Niihau Islands Burial Council and serves as its Chair. In this capacity, he has earned the respect of his fellow members as well as the general Kauai community.

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