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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, April 13, 2017
1:17PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 600
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAI'I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JORDAN
CALPITO FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 600, nominating Mr. Jordan Calpito to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawai'i expiring June 30, 2017.

The Island Burial Councils are established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. The Councils determine whether to preserve or relocate previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites, recognize lineal and cultural descendants, and provide counsel and advice to the Department.

Mr. Calpito is a resident of Hilo. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, with emphasis on indigenous politics and political history of land in Hawai'i. In addition, he has completed several courses in Hawaiian Studies and Anthropology at both at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and at Mānoa. He was previously employed at the Department's State Historic Preservation Division as the Maui Burial Sites Specialist. It is in that capacity that he gained knowledge and experience working with native Hawaiian burial sites, and the laws and administrative rules guiding the disposition of burial sites (including skeletal remains). Mr. Calpito also received training relevant to the identification, wrapping and cultural practices in preparation of reintering native Hawaiian skeletal remains. Mr. Calpito has been serving on the Hawai'i Island Burial Council for almost a year now.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Calpito's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council until June 30, 2017.