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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, April 6, 2017
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 602
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAII, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARY
MAXINE KAHAULELIO FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 602, nominating Ms. Mary Maxine Kahalelio to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawai'i expiring June 30, 2019.

The Island Burial Councils are established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawaii 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.

Ms. Kahalelio is a resident of Waimea, Hawai'i and an active member of her community. She has previously served as past secretary of the Waimea Hawaiian Homestead Association and the Kipu'upu'u Hawaiian Homestead Association. Ms. Kahalelio is a volunteer with the Queen Lili'uokalani Children Center. She has been a member of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council for many years. It is in that capacity that she has 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). Aside from sharing that knowledge and experience, Ms. Kahalelio has proven to be a valuable participant in that process.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Kahalelio's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council until June 30, 2019.

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