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Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 607
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUA'I AND NI'IHAU, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, CAROL LOVELL FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 607, nominating Ms. Carol Lovell to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau expiring June 30, 2021.

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. Lovell is a resident of Anahola, Kaua'i. She previously served as the Kaua'i Museum Director for 14 years and in that capacity, became knowledgeable, and gained experience in working with the Native American Grave Repatriation Act. Her responsibilities as director also required presence at Burial Council meetings where she became familiar with Hawaii's laws and rules regarding native Hawaiian burials. Ms. Lovell was also fortunate to have received mentorship from well-known and respected kupuna of Kaua'i. It is through that mentorship she learned proper protocol surrounding cultural artifacts and gained a respect for traditional knowledge and cultural resources. Ms. Lovell has been serving on the council on an interim basis.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Lovell's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Kaua'i and Ni'ihau Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2021.

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Comments: I am a Native Hawaiian from the Puna Moku of Kaua`i. I urge your SUPPORT for the appointment of Carol Lovell to the Kauai - Niihau Islands Burial Council. I truly believe she will be an invaluable addition to our Burial Council.

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