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Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** GM606 and GM607, which would confirm OHA Nominee Carol Lovell as the Kawaihau regional representative on the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council (KNIBC).

Ms. Lovell was born and raised on Kaua‘i and currently resides in Anahola, in the Kawaihau moku. For fourteen years, she served as the director of the Kaua‘i Museum where she gained deep insight into Hawaiian history, culture, and burial practices. Mentored by many esteemed kūpuna, including Sara Malina Kailikea, Esther Makuaole, Roselle Bailey, and others, she learned proper protocols surrounding cultural artifacts and gained a deep respect for traditional knowledge and cultural resources. To inform her museum work, Ms. Lovell completed various trainings on Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) repatriation processes. She has also participated in the Kaua‘i/Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council’s proceedings, as an expert offering comments on inadvertently discovered artifacts. Ms. Lovell initially began assisting with the design and creation of lauhala reinternment baskets for iwi kūpuna in 2003. She has continued this important work through the present as it helps her to remain connected to the kūpuna and aware of their discovery, location, and treatment. Ms. Lovell is currently retired, and she spends much of her time serving on her ‘Aha Moku Advisory Council; she is now willing to devote any additional time she has to serving her Island Burial Council.

For these reasons, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** GM606 and GM607 to confirm Ms. Lovell to the KNIBC. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.