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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, April 13, 2017
1:15PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 785
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAI'I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FRED
CACHOLA, JR. FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 785, nominating Mr. Fred Cachola, Jr. to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawai'i 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.

Mr. Cachola has genealogical ties to Kohala and is currently a resident of Hāwāī. Mr. Cachola has a Master's of Education, Certificates in School Administration (all levels), as well as Certification for Executive Management Training. His past employment includes working at the Kamehameha Schools as its Director of Community/Extension Education Division for 25 years. He has extensive experience in planning, implementing and managing cultural, educational, historical and preservation programs affecting Native Hawaiians. In addition, he has over 30 years of experience working with various leaders, groups, and organizations involving historic, cultural and preservation issues at the local, county, state, and national levels. Mr. Cachola has been serving on the Hawai'i Island Burial Council since 2014.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Cachola's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council until June 30, 2021.



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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM785, which will confirm OHA Nominee, Fred Cachola, for an additional term as the Kohala regional representative on the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council (HIBC).

Born and raised in Kohala, Hawai‘i, Mr. Cachola has long served his community where his family has genealogical ties. For example, he drafted legislation to establish the State Commission to preserve the Kamehameha Birthstones at Kokoiki, Kohala, and served as its Executive Secretary. He has also pioneered historic preservation efforts statewide, serving on the HIBC, DLNR State Historic Sites Review Board, the State Cultural Advisory Commissions for two state parks/landmarks, the Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council as a member and Chairperson for eight years, and the Board of Directors for the Hawai‘i Natural History Association. Mr. Cachola has also integrally assisted with the preservation and restoration of the Kū‘iliiloa, Pūnana‘ula, and Kamaile Heiau. He has also been a leader in national historic preservation advocacy; he has served on the Native American Advisory Group to the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and on two federal commissions establishing National Historic Parks at Kaloko-Honokohau and Kalaupapa. Mr. Cachola has demonstrated the deepest sense of kuleana to his Hawaiian heritage and community in his many community service endeavors which included volunteering as a docent for ‘Iolani Palace and Washington Place and performing historical investigation for Hawaiian Researchers ‘Ohana. He has long been an active member of a civic club and on the board of other non-profits serving the Native Hawaiian community, and fostering the cultural, historical and natural resources of the Kohala community.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM785. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.