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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 786  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA'I, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, SUSAN ANTONIO FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 786, nominating Ms. Susan Antonio to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lāna'i expiring June 30, 2020.**

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. Antonio is a resident of Makawao, Maui. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Hawaiian Studies and a Master's degree in Pacific Islands Studies. She is currently employed as a Hawaiian History teacher at the Kamehameha Schools-Maui Campus. In addition, she also taught Hawaiian language and Hawaiian Studies at both the Maui College and Hilo College. Ms. Antonio also worked as curriculum developer and editor for the Kula Kaiapuni Hawaiian Immersion schools. Her community involvement includes membership in the 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu Society and the Ka 'Ohana o Kalaupapa. She is fluent in Hawaiian and well-experienced in oli. She has been serving as the Chair of the Maui and Lāna'i Islands Burial Council since 2014.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Antonio's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Maui and Lana'i Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2020.



**GM786**

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM786, which will confirm OHA Nominee, Susan Kapulani Antonio, for an additional term as the Makawao regional representative on the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council (MLIBC).

Mrs. Antonio has been serving on the MLIBC for the past three years. As the MLIBC Chair, she has exemplified leadership, guiding the MLIBC through complex developments, ensuring close attention is paid to iwi protection. Additionally, she assists in executing cultural protocols, including making kapa for iwi re-interment. Mrs. Antonio has also been a Hawaiian History, Language and Culture instructor at UH Hilo, UH Center Maui, Maui Community College and Kamehameha Schools Maui for over 20 years. She also serves as the Hawaiian Language Translator and Specialist for the Ka Ho‘olina Journal and the Editor and Curriculum Specialist at Hale Kuamo‘o at UH Hilo. Mrs. Antonio has demonstrated a deep respect for iwi kūpuna, teaching her students to revere iwi as the vessels of our ancestors’ mana. Mrs. Antonio has lived in Makawao for over 15 years, and she has indicated her intent to root her family in the Makawao community indefinitely.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM786. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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