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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 788  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA'I, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, SCOTT FISHER FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 788, nominating Mr. Scott Fisher to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lāna'i expiring June 30, 2018.**

The Island Burial Councils are established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawai'i 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. Fisher is a resident of Kula, Maui. He has a Graduate Certificate in Ecological Restoration, Ph.D. in Peace and Community Development Studies, M.A. in Peace Studies and a B.A. in Philosophy with a concentration in Religious Studies. He is currently the Associate Executive Director of Conservation and Maui Island Director of the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust. He has experience teaching in Australia, Indiana and Colorado. Mr. Fisher developed and implemented an extensive oral history grant for the Maui Historical Society. His community service includes the Maui Historical Society, Maui Conservation Alliance, Maui Nui Marine Resources Council and the Waihee'e Community Association. Mr. Fisher previously served on the Maui and Lāna'i Islands Burial Council as its Vice Chair where he earned the respect of his fellow members as well as the general community.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Fisher's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Maui and Lānaʻi Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2018.