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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 813  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF O'AHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
HINALEIMOANA WONG-KALU FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 813, nominating Ms. Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu to the Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu expiring June 30, 2020.**

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. Wong-Kalu was born and raised in the Kona region of O'ahu. She has a Bachelor's Degree in both Hawaiian Studies and Education. Her past employment includes Kula Aupuni Ni'ihau A Kahelelani Aloha School, Kuaokala School, Ke Ola Mamo Native Hawaiian Health Care System, Leeward Community College, Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center and the University of Hawai'i. She formerly served as past Chair of the O'ahu Island Burial Council, where she earned the respect of her fellow members as well as that of the general Hawai'i community. She is a well-respected kumu hula and speaks Hawaiian, Tahitian, Tongan and Samoan fluently.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Kalu-Wong's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the O'ahu Island Burial Council until June 30, 2020.



**GM813**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL  
COUNCIL, ISLAND OF O‘AHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, HINALEIMOANA  
WONG-KALU, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020**  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM813, which will confirm OHA Nominee, Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu for an additional term as a Kona regional representative on the O‘ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC).

Ms. Wong-Kalu was born and raised in the Kona region and honors many of her family members who are buried there. She has tirelessly served on the OIBC representing the Kona moku for many years, consistently attending countless meetings and site visits to ensure proper respect and care for iwi kūpuna. She has witnessed the unearthing of iwi kūpuna and has participated in reinterment ceremonies, as well. During her tenure with the OIBC, she has developed an excellent rapport with state and local government officials and has mediated many contentious situations between developers and recognized descendants involved in various large development projects, including the Rail Transit Project of Honolulu. Ms. Wong-Kalu has also demonstrated exemplary burial council leadership as her council’s chair, inspiring council members and leaders to use a hands-on approach to seek the necessary depth of knowledge to make the most balanced and effective decisions. She seeks to continue to pass on her ‘ike as a fluent speaker of the Hawaiian language, a kumu hula, and a haku mele to her students and all who seek to learn at the burial council and otherwise.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM813 to confirm Ms. Wong-Kalu to the O‘ahu Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

Sean K. Spencer  
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April 10, 2017

Ke Kōmike no ke Kuleana Hawai‘i  
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Lumi ‘Aha Kūkā 016  
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415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Ke Kōmike no ke Kuleana Hawai‘i:


My name is Sean K. Spencer and I am a resident of the ahupua'a of Kailua formally from Waimānalo.

This letter is to support the confirmation of Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu for continued service on the Oahu Burial Council.

Hina's extensive knowledge of our culture, protocols and her ability to form consensus among her colleagues on challenging issues are reasons why her continued service on the council is very important.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 927-7389.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean K. Spencer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sean K. Spencer

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Don Aweau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In steadfast support of individual who is held in high esteem within the Native Hawaiian community. Her many contributions to the perpetuation of the Hawaiian language and culture cannot be underestimated. Urge committee members to agree to individual's appointment to the O'ahu Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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