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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 815
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF O'AHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BEVERLY
AMARAL FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 815, nominating Ms. Beverly Amaral to the Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu expiring June 30, 2021.

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. Amaral is a resident of Kāne'ohe, O'ahu and wishes to represent the Ko'olaupoko district, a district that has not been represented on the Council for a very long time. Ms. Amaral has a Certificate of Real Estate/License and attended San Francisco State University. She is also an active member of the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Amaral has been serving on the O'ahu Island Burial Council since 2016 and has proven herself to be a qualified member.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Amaral's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the O'ahu Island Burial Council until June 30, 2021.