



**GM635**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA‘I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOHANNA KAMAUNU, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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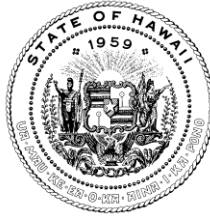
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM635, which will confirm OHA Nominee, Johanna Kamaunu, for an additional term as the Wailuku regional representative on the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council (MLIBC).

Ms. Kamaunu traces long genealogical ties to ‘Īao Valley, Waiehu, and Waihe‘e Valley. She has trained under many prominent kumu and has been active in iwi preservation controversies on her island, attending and testifying at burial council meetings for seven years. Ms. Kamaunu strongly values descendant wishes and traditional protocols but also seeks balance and peaceful solutions to address conflicting needs. She feels a great sense of kuleana to pass her knowledge forward to the next generation and she has been an active teacher in the Department of Education Hawaiian Studies Kūpuna Program for 14 years. Ms. Kamaunu has been serving on the MLIBC since 2014 and is willing to continue serving for an additional term.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM635, to confirm Ms. Kamaunu to the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018  
1:35 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 635  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
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NOMINEE, JOHANNA KAMAUNU FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 635, nominating Ms. Johanna Kamaunu to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lāna'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.

Ms. Kamaunu is a current resident of Waihe'e, Maui and has taught in the Hawaiian Studies Kupuna program for 14 years. She has 30 years of experience doing genealogy and geographical research regarding the ahupua'a of Waikapū, Wailuku, Wai'ehu and Waihe'e. She previously attended and testified at the Maui-Lāna'i Islands Burial Council meetings prior to being appointed to the Council in 2014.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Kamaunu's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Maui-Lāna'i Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2021.

**GM-635**

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Testifying for Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Support	Yes

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT.