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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, April 12, 2018  
1:20 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 721  
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 6-30-2022**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 721, nominating Mr. Scott Fisher to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lāna'i expiring June 30, 2022.**

The Island Burial Councils are established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Councils determine whether to preserve in place or relocate previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites, recognize lineal and cultural descendants, and provide counsel and advice to the Department.

Scott Fisher is a longtime resident of Kula, Maui. He has a Graduate Certificate in Ecological Restoration, a Ph.D. in Peace and Community Development Studies, a M.A. in Peace Studies and a B.A. in Philosophy with a concentration in Religious Studies. He is currently employed as the Associate Executive Director of Conservation and Maui Island Director of the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust. Scott has also taught in Australia, Indiana and Colorado. In addition, Mr. Fisher developed and implemented an extensive oral history grant for the Maui Historical Society. His community service included working with the Maui Historical Society, Maui Conservation Alliance, Maui Nui Resources Council and the Waihe'e Community Association. Mr. Fisher previously served on the Maui and Lāna'i Islands Burial Council as both a member and Vice Chair, where he earned the respect of both his fellow members and the general community.

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Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Fisher's esteemed knowledge and perspective emerges during the deliberations of the Maui and Lāna'i Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2022.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.