



GM575

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF O‘AHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM MILLS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021
Ke Kōmike Kuleana Hawai‘i

Pepeluali 26, 2019

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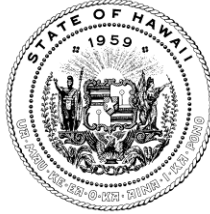
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The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** GM575, confirming William Mills’ nomination to the O‘ahu Island Burial Council.

Mr. Mills brings to the O‘ahu Island Burial Council a wealth of knowledge on Hawaiian cultural resources, burial practices, and local historic preservation law and policy. Mr. Mills built a strong foundation of experience in burials and historic preservation during his tenure as a Burial Sites Specialist at the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. He also gained invaluable experience in administrative affairs through his public service at the Office of the State Auditor, the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, and most recently with Kamehameha Schools. His current service on the Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission exemplifies his lifelong commitment to cultural and natural resource preservation as well as public service. With this experience and expertise, Mr. Mills will doubtlessly provide the O‘ahu Island Burial Council with powerful advocacy and assist the Council in effectively fulfilling its statutory mandates.

For these reasons, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** GM575 to confirm Mr. Mills’ nomination to the O‘ahu Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF
HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019
1:16 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 575
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF O'AHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM
MILLS FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 575, nominating Mr. William Mills to the Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu 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/advice to the Department.

Mr. Mills, or Kamana'ō as he is known by most, is a graduate of Aiea High School. He has a B.A. Degree with Distinction in Hawaiian Language and a M.A. Degree in Public Administration, both from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Kamana'ō brings with him a comprehensive background in planning and managing various kinds of programs and projects while employed at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Office of the State Auditor, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. He has taught Hawaiian at Kapi'olani Community College, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and at Waiiau Elementary, Kula Kaiapuni Hawaiian Immersion. Of great importance is the fact that Kamana'ō managed all burial cases on the islands of O'ahu and Hawai'i while he was employed at the State Historic Preservation Division in the past. Mr. Mills has been serving on the Council on an interim basis since 2018.

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elle Cochran	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Luna Ho'omaluku Shimabukuro and Hope Luna Ho'omaluku Kahele,

Please Pardon me if I am mistaken as to the accurate identity of this William Mills. Then please disregard my comments.

I feel it's very important to share my mana'o if I suspect this to be Mr. Bill Mills.

If this person is one and the same Bill Mills of Maui Lani Partners who has been desecrating our Iwi Kupuna and Sand Dunes on Maui, then I am adamantly requesting to PLEASE DISAPPROVE this nominee to the Burial Council. The Iwi Protector Hui on Maui has had to go to court against this man and his company that profited \$30 million in one year from shipping Central Maui sand off island which includes our Iwi Kupuna. It took me ten months to finally get a Sand Moratorium enacted but unfortunately it expired at the end of 2018.

If I am mistaken then please accept my apology for sending this but I cant get confirmation at this time of the actual identity of this person.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Elle Cochran Former Coucil Chair of Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee for the County of Maui.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacey Mills	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

My husband, William Kamana'olana Mills, has the years of experience and cultural expertise to reside on this board. His presence will enhance this board by bringing credibility and professionalism.

Me ka mahalo,

Stacey Leong Mills