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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, April 11, 2019  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 706  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAI'I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DESMON  
HAUMEA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2022**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 706, nominating Mr. Desmond Haumea to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawai'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 or relocate previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites, recognize lineal and cultural descendants, and provide counsel and advice to the Department.

Mr. Haumea is a resident of Hilo, Hawai'i. He brings to the Council a wealth of work experience directly related to his identity as a native Hawaiian. Currently, Mr. Haumea works with the Department of Education at Mt. View Elementary as well as at Waldorf Malamalama, providing Hawaiian Studies education that includes voyaging and canoe culture, basic seamanship, Hawaiian self-defense, lomilomi and traditional healing arts. He has provided the same at Ka Umeke Kaeo Hawaiian Immersion Public Charter school and the Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation. Desmond is also a crew member of the renowned Hokule'a and a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I. In his own words, "my involvement with the re-internment of iwi at the Honokahau and Mokapu...has fueled my commitment to the plight of our Cultural Traditions and Practices."

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Haumea's knowledge and perspective will be passed on, to the benefit of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council

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