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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
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**Before the Senate Committee on  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
3:00 PM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 771  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA'I , GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, IRIS PE'ELUA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2023**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 771, nominating Ms. Iris Pe'elua to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lāna'i expiring June 30, 2023.**

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. The Maui Lana'i Islands Burial Council consists of nine members, of which no more than three representatives shall be representatives of development and large landowner interests. Ms. Pe'elua is seeking a development and large owner seat.

Ms. Pe'elua, was born and raised on Maui. She is currently employed by Towne Realty of Hawai'i, Inc. as a Project Coordinator. As a project coordinator, her responsibilities include obtaining necessary approvals from various state and county agencies. Prior to her employment with Towne Realty, Ms. Pe'elua operated her own company where she provided assistance to homeowners, business owners, contractors, architects and developers regarding building permits, Special Management Area submissions, subdivision approvals, and certificates of occupancy. She has been serving the council on an interim basis since September of 2019.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Pe'elua's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Maui Lāna'i Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2023.