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Legislative Testimony

GM691

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUA‘I AND NI‘IHAU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CAROL LOVELL, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ke Kuleana Hawai‘i

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Malaki 16, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Hālāwai Keleka‘a‘ike

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM691, which would confirm OHA Nominee Carol Lovell as the Kawaihau regional representative on the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council (KNIBC).

Ms. Lovell was born and raised on Kaua‘i and currently resides in Anahola, in the Kawaihau moku. She has been graciously serving on the KNIBC since 2017. Prior to her time on the council, she served for fourteen years as the director of the Kaua‘i Museum, where she gained deep insight into Hawaiian history, culture, and burial practices. Mentored by many esteemed kūpuna, including Sara Malina Kailikea, Esther Makuaole, Roselle Bailey, and others, she learned proper protocols surrounding cultural artifacts and gained a deep respect for traditional knowledge and cultural resources. To inform her museum work, Ms. Lovell completed various trainings on Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) repatriation processes. She has also participated in the Kaua‘i/Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council’s proceedings as an expert testifier, offering comments on inadvertently discovered artifacts. Ms. Lovell has designed and created lauhala reinternment baskets for iwi kūpuna since 2003. She has continued this important work through the present as it helps her to remain connected to the kūpuna and aware of their discovery, location, and treatment.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM691 to confirm Ms. Lovell to the KNIBC. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF
HAWAII



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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021
1:00PM-2:30 PM
State Capitol, Via Videoconference**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 691
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUA'I AND NI'HAU, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, CAROL LOVELL FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2025**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 691, nominating Ms. Carol Lovell to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau expiring June 30, 2025.

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.

Carol Lovell is a resident of Anahola, Kaua'i. She previously served as the Kaua'i Museum Director for 14 years and in that capacity, became knowledgeable and experienced in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Her responsibilities as director also required her becoming familiar with Hawai'i's laws and administrative rules regarding native Hawaiian burials. She is also fortunate to have received mentorship from well-known and respected kupuna of Kaua'i. It is through that mentorship that she has learned proper protocol surrounding cultural artifacts and subsequently gained a respect for traditional knowledge and cultural resources. Ms. Lovell has been serving on the council for four years now where she is well respected.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Lovell's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Kaua'i Ni'ihau Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2025.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2021 12:32:42 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/16/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Regina K. Hilo	Testifying for DLNR	Support	No

Comments:

I am available for questions. Please allow me Zoom access. Thank you.

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Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokālole, Vice Chair

Pō‘alua, Malaki 16, 2021
Via Wikiō
Ke Kapikala Moku‘āina
415 South Beretānia Street

GM 691 Related to the consideration in the nomination of Carol Lovell to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau

Aloha Luna Ho‘omalua Maile Shimabukuro, Hope Luna Ho‘omalua Jarrett Keohokālole and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs whole-heartedly **supports** the nomination of Carol Lovell to the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau seat on the Island Burial Council. Since 2013 Carol has been a member of the Kuini Pi‘olani Hawaiian Civic Club; a thematic Maui Council Chartered Club of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs – whose main focus is the advocacy and support of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i. Carol’s career as the Director of the Kaua‘i Museum definitely lends to her credibility to this seat for which she is seeking a second term. I have known Carol for more than 20 years in her capacity as a member of the Kaua‘i Chapter (Hālau ‘O Kapi‘olani, Helu ‘Ekolu, Inc.) of the Hale O Nā Ali‘i O Hawai‘i for which I serve as Ikū Nahalani (Premier). Carol was initiated into the Hale O Nā Ali‘i O Hawai‘i on March 10, 1990 and has served as Ikū Moe (Marshall at Arms), Ikū Kau (Recording Secretary) and Ikū Ha‘i (Chapter President); a position in which she currently has been serving since 2009. Carol has also served the State Association of Hale O Nā Ali‘i O Hawai‘i as its Ikū One Nui (State Treasurer). During her tenure as State Treasurer, she codified the Hale O Nā Ali‘i O Hawai‘i Association’s 501c10.

In November 2018, I traveled with Carol Lovell to Ni‘ihau, a part of her Burial Council kuleana area. Carol, having this experience, amplified by her well-established relationships with many of the Ni‘ihau Community only lends itself better to strengthen her position as the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau member of the Island Burial Council.

In consultation with the Kaua‘i and Maui Council Presidents of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and its Executive Committee, the Association fully **supports** the nomination and selection of Carol Lovell as the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau member of the Island Burial Council.

The civic club movement was founded in 1918 by Congressional Delegate Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole with the creation of the Hawaiian Civic Club; the Association was formally organized in April of 1959; and has grown to a confederation of sixty (60) Hawaiian Civic Clubs located throughout the State of Hawaiʻi and the United States. The Association is the oldest Hawaiian community-based grassroots organization. The Association is governed by a 16-member Board of Directors; advocates for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, education, social welfare, and nationhood; and perpetuates and preserves language, history, music, dance and other Native Hawaiian cultural traditions.

Mahalo for allowing us to share our manaʻo.

Me ka ʻoiaʻiʻo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hailama VKK Farden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Hailama VKK Farden
Pelekikena

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Submitted on: 3/9/2021 8:00:06 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/16/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, Please appoint Carroll Lovell for another term to the Island Burial Council for Kauai and Niihau. Her experience as the Director of the Kaua'i Museum, as well as being a kama'aina, makes her qualified for this position. She is knowledgeable of the Hawaiian culture, history, customs, practices, beliefs and values. Mahalo, Leimomi

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Submitted on: 3/14/2021 2:52:32 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/16/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna K Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a Native Hawaiian from Kauai and have known Carol Lovell over 20 years. She is a cultural practitioner on Kauai and well respected in our community for this kuleana.

I urge you to CONFIRM Carol Lovell to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kauai and Niihau.

Mahalo piha,

Donna Kaliko Santos