

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR OF  
HAWAII



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

POST OFFICE BOX 621  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

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

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 744  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF O'AHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DIANE  
FITZSIMMONS FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-24**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 744, nominating Ms. Diane Fitzsimmons to the Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu expiring June 30, 2024.**

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.

Diane Fitzsimmons has cultural and genealogical ties to the Waialua moku. Ms. Fitzsimmons has a Humanities B.A. from West O'ahu College, with emphasis on Hawaiian Pacific history. She is also a graduate of Leeward Community College. Ms. Fitzsimmons currently works as a Department of Education substitute teacher at Waialua Intermediate and High Schools. She formerly worked as the Office Manager, Grants Administrator for Kokua Hawaii Foundation. Diane is a member of the Waialua Hawaiian Civic Club and the Kākuhihewa Hawaiian Civic Club, Waialua Moku. Important to this nomination, Ms. Fitzsimmons has three years of experience dealing with burial issues as she has attended burial council meetings over the last three years as a recognized descendant of human skeletal remains located at Kawaiaha'o Church. This kind of hands-on experience and exposure is a valuable asset.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Fitzsimmons's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the O'ahu Island Burial Council until June 30, 2024.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**ROBERT K. MASUDA**  
FIRST DEPUTY

**M. KALEO MANUEL**  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES  
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION  
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS  
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT  
ENGINEERING  
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION  
LAND  
STATE PARKS

**GM-744**

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 10:01:06 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/30/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Downer	Testifying for DLNR	Support	No

Comments:

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



Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

*Pō‘alua, Malaki 30, 2021*

*Via Wikiō*

*Ke Kapikala Moku‘āina*

415 South Beretānia Street

Re: GM744 - Supporting DIANE FITZIMMONS confirmation to the O‘ahu Island Burial Council

*Aloha Luna Ho‘omalu* Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, *Hope Luna Ho‘omalu* Jarrett Keohokalole and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs **SUPPORTS** the confirmation of Diane Fitzimmons to the O‘ahu Island Burial Council.

Diane Fitzimmons is a member of good standing in our member organization, Waialua Hawaiian Civic Club. She has demonstrated sound business judgement, good moral character, open-mindedness, and critical analytical thinking skills in her dealings with our organization and our civic engagement efforts. Diane Fitzimmons is dedicated to the appropriate and fair treatment of iwi kūpuna and working with community and stakeholders to accomplish those ends.

Thus, the Association respectfully urges the committee to **PASS** GM744 and support Dianne Fitzimmons’ confirmation to the O‘ahu Island Burial Council.

The civic club movement was founded in 1918 by Congressional Delegate Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole with the creation of the Hawaiian Civic Club; the Association was formally organized in 1959 and has grown to a confederation of over sixty (60) Hawaiian Civic Clubs located throughout the State of Hawai‘i 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 *mana* 'o.

*Me ka 'oia 'i 'o,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hailama Farden', written in a cursive style.

Hailama Farden

*Pelekikena*



# KE ONE O KĀKUHIIHEWA

O'ahu Council of the  
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

## COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Via Video

Ke Kapikala Moku'āina  
415 South Beretānia Street

Re: GM 744: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, DIANE FITZSIMMONS, for a term to expire 06-30-2024

*Aloha Luna Ho'omalua* Maile Shimabukuro, *Hope Luna Ho'omalua* Jarrett Keohokalole, and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Ke One O Kākuhihewa **SUPPORTS** GM 744.

Diane Fitzsimmons is a long-standing member of Waialua Hawaiian Civic Club and moku director for our O'ahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

Diane is a recognized community leader and has advocated for positions important to both Hawaiians, and non-Hawaiians. She would be an excellent member to the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

Ke One O Kākuhihewa is in strong support of her gubernatorial nomination.

Ke One O Kākuhihewa is a native Hawaiian council made up of 24 civic clubs on the island of O'ahu. Our oldest member, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu was established by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole on December 7, 1918.

Sincerely,

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.

BENTON KEALII PANG, PH.D.  
HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF  
HONOLULU  
PELEKIKENA

JACOB KA'ŌMAKAOKALĀ AKI-  
KING KAMEHAMEHA HCC  
HOPE PELEKIKENA

GEORGIANA NAVARRO-  
MĀKAHA HCC  
HOPE PELEKIKENA 'ELUA

LEATRICE KAUAHI-HCC OF  
HONOLULU  
PU'UKŪ

ROTH PUAHALA -KING  
KAMEHAMEHA HCC  
PELEKIKENA IHO NEI

TERI LOO-KO'OLAUPOKO HCC  
KĀKAU 'ŌLELO

CHRISTINE "CHRISSEY" ANJO-  
PEARL HARBOR HCC  
HOLE KĀKAU 'ŌLELO

'AHAHUI SIWILA HAWAII O  
KAPOLEI  
KALA HOLDEN

ALI'I PAUAHI HCC  
KEHAULANI LUM

'EWA-PU'ULOLO HCC  
MARLEEN KAU'I SERRAO

HCC OF HONOLULU  
ANITA NAONE

KAILUA HCC  
MAPUANA DE SILVA

KALIHI-PĀLAMA HCC  
JUANITA BROWN  
KAWAMOTO

KING KAMEHAMEHA HCC  
LETANI PELTIER

KO'OLAULOLO HCC  
RANAE "TESSIE"  
FONOIMOANA

KO'OLAUPOKO HCC  
ROCKY KALUHIWA

LUALUALEI HCC  
SHIRLINE HO

MĀKAHA HCC  
LUANN LANKFORD-  
FABORITO

MAUNALUA HCC  
ROSE KITTY SIMONDS

NA LANI 'EHA HCC  
R. KELANI RAMOS

NĀNĀIKAPONO HCC  
JAYCINE HICKS

PAPAKŌLE'A HCC  
KEALII LUM

PEARL HARBOR HCC  
ANTOINETTE LEE

PRINCE KŪHIŌ HCC  
A. MAKANA PARIS

PRINCESS KAHANU HCC  
DREANA KALILI

PRINCESS KAI'ULANI HCC  
RUSTY RODENHURST

QUEEN EMMA HCC  
RAWLETTE P. KRAUT

HCC OF WĀHIAWA  
NOELANI DEVINCENT

HCC OF WAIALUA  
MAKALAPUA CASSON-  
FISHER

WAI'ANAE HCC  
CYNTHIA ENRIQUEZ

WAIKIKI HCC  
DWYNN KAMAI

HCC OF WAIMĀNALO  
LOUANNA KAIO



Kathleen M. Pahinui  
67-237 Kauai St  
Waialua, HI 96791

Senator Maile Shimabukuro  
State of Hawaii  
415 S. Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Senator Shimabukuro:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Diane Puanani Fitzsimmons to the O'ahu Burial Council to represent the Waialua Moku.

Puanani has been very involved in our community at many levels – most recently she helped us call out an owner of property abutting Pu'uiki Cemetery where there are known Hawaiian burials. She has been vigilant in ensuring that any work done does not turn up inadvertent finds and has reported our concerns to both the State Historic Preservation Division and the O'ahu Burial Council. She has been a vital link in this process.

With the pressures our precious cultural sites are facing, she is well-placed to help us here in Waialua to ensure that rules and protocol are followed.

Her children and grandchildren are born and raised in the area. She sets an important example for her family to follow and prepare them to take on the mantle of responsibility in protecting and nurturing the Hawaiian culture.

In closing, she is family to me and I have a great deal of respect for her and the work she has done. She is always ready to listen and provide her mana'o on important issues.

Malama 'āina,

Kathleen M. Pahinui

**GM-744**

Submitted on: 3/21/2021 9:06:16 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/30/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thomas T Shirai Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**Aloha Chair Lee & Committee Members,**

**I am testifying as an Individual although I've presented testimony as Po'o of The Kawaihapai Ohana. I'm a member of a Waialua Piko Ohana who is a lifetime resident of Mokule'ia. Currently I'm serving my fourth consecutive term serving on The North Shore Neighborhood Board as Sub-District 1 Representative (Mokule'ia to Ka'ena). Additionally I've served on OHA's Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council.**

**As former 2 term Oahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) member representing Waialua Moku I Strongly Support GM 744 nominating Diane Pualani Fitzsimmons to serve on the Oahu Island Burial Council's Waialua Moku Representative.**

**She is active in both Community and Cultural Affairs of Waialua where she continues to participate in the protection and preservation care of Iwi Kupuna at historic Puuiki Cemetery in Waialua and at Pupukea. Another ongoing Kuleana is protecting her Ohana Iwi Kupuna at Kawaiahao Church Cemetery.**

**She is a member of the Waialua-Haleiwa Hawaiian Civic Club and as an active Community Advocate attends The North Shore Neighborhood Board and other community presentations.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony Strongly Supporting GM 744. This Kamaaina of Waialua is highly deserving of this Kuleana. Malama Pono.**

**Thomas T Shirai Jr**

**The Kawaihapai Ohana - Po'o**

**Lifetime Resident of Mokule'ia**





**GM-744**

Submitted on: 3/22/2021 8:21:54 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/30/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kamuela Werner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha:

I strongly support the confirmation of Diane Fitzimmons to the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

Me ke aloha,

Kamuela Werner

**GM-744**

Submitted on: 3/25/2021 10:08:40 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/30/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Denice Kuehu	Individual	Support	No

**Comments:**

I Denice Kuehu of Kamananui support and nominate DIANE FITZSIMMONS to join seat on the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu, Kamananui, Waialua Moku for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Island Burial  
Council, Island of  
Oahu

**GM-744**

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 10:38:05 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/30/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patricia Hitchcock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Date: March 29, 2021

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

I, Patricia Atcherley Ha'aheo Hitchcock, have been considered the family genealogist for the Keaweamahi Kinimaka 'Ohana for the past sixteen years. It is incumbent upon me to state that I am a relative of Diane Fitzsimmons, as we are both lineal descendants of Keaweamahi Kinimaka.

Since 2016, Diane has been entrusted to represent our Kinimaka 'ohana at many O'ahu Island Burial Council meetings. In so doing, she has greatly expanded her knowledge in the workings and investigatory nature carried out by members of this prestigious Council. Without question, Diane Fitzsimmons embodies a high degree of intellectual, moral and ethical standards and she would be an outstanding Council member. It is my honor to submit for your consideration and confirmation:

Diane Fitzsimmons, Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu. Expiration Date: June 30, 2024

Most graciously,

Patricia Atcherley Ha'aheo Hitchcock, 220 Mission Serra Terrace, Chico, Ca 95926

**GM-744**

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 11:28:53 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/30/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jean Mahealani McClellan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a kupuna, so this topic is near and dear to my heart. I write today in support of Diane Fitzsimmons' appointment to the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

I have worked alongside of Ms. Fitzsimmons for more than two years specifically related to 'iwi kupuna and have found her to be very passionate and concerned about our 'iwi kupuna. She asks important questions about the topic, as appropriate, listens to concerns and is very aware of the kuleana that appointment to this Council brings. Additionally, she has regularly attended meetings of the OIBC, as have I, whether in-person or online, during this challenging period.

Diane is a fine candidate for this appointment, and I ask that the Governor appoint her to this position for the maximum number of years allowable. Mahalo nui!

J. Mahealani McClellan