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Legislative Testimony

**GM746**

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA‘I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KAHELEONĀLANI DUKELOW, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2023

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ke Kuleana Hawai‘i

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Malaki 30, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Hālāwai Keleka‘a‘ike

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM746, which would confirm former OHA nominee Kaheleonalani Dukelow for another term as the Honua‘ula regional representative on the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council (MLIBC).

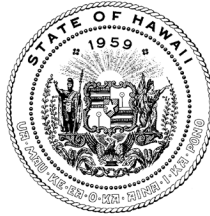
Ms. Dukelow has been serving as the Honua‘ula regional representative on the MLIBC since 2014. Her confirmation will allow her to continue contributing her substantial experience and expertise in service to the Council and her community.

Ms. Dukelow has demonstrated a deep dedication to the preservation and perpetuation of Hawaiian culture. She has been an instructor in Hawaiian studies and language for many years, teaching at the University of Hawai‘i Maui College as well as at the Department of Education Kula Kaiapuni. She has dedicated her life to supporting educational programs and approaches that foster a thriving Hawaiian culture and language, and that build character, identity, pride, and spirit among keiki. She contributes avidly to Hawaiian education advocacy groups including Nā Leo Kāko‘o o Maui and ‘Aha Kauleo, and has developed Hawaiian cultural and Hawaiian language medium curricula for various community foundations, college-preparatory and college courses, and Hawaiian language immersion programs. Accordingly, Ms. Dukelow has long-exemplified the deepest passion for ancestral knowledge and customs, and the transference of traditional knowledge between generations.

OHA is confident that, if confirmed, Ms. Dukelow will continue to fully dedicate her valuable insight and expertise to the MLIBC.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM746, to confirm Ms. Dukelow’s reappointment to the MLIBC. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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SUZANNE D. CASE  
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**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 746  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA'I, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, KAHELEONALANI DUKELOW FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-23**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 746, nominating Ms. Kaheleonālani Dukelow 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.

Kaheleonālani Dukelow currently serves on the Burial Council as its vice chair. She was born and raised on the island. She attended the University of Hawai'i where she earned her degrees in Hawaiian Studies, Hawaiian language and Education. Ms. Dukelow is currently a member of the faculty at the University of Hawai'i Maui College and has formerly taught in the Department of Education Kula Kaiapuni program. Her reputation in the Maui community as an advocate for perpetuating and preserving native Hawaiian culture and rights is unsurpassed. More importantly, her service on the Maui Lāna'i Islands Burial Council reflects her ability to remain focused on the issues in a rational and sensitive manner.

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

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Submitted on: 3/29/2021 10:02:06 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.

**GM-746**

Submitted on: 3/19/2021 3:44:21 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>
Kaulu Luuwai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am from Maui and I strongly support this nomination. Ms. Dukelow is very qualified and a highly engaged member of the Maui community. She cares and is in touch with issues the community is facing. She is the right person for this position and I believe she will genuinely commit her energy to this position.

**GM-746**

Submitted on: 3/20/2021 12:29:03 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>
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Luna Ho'omalua Shimabukuro, Hope Luna Ho'omalua Keohokalole, and members of the committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I have known Kahele Dukelow since we were Hawaiian language students at the University of Hawai'i, at Manoa nearly 30 years ago. Her family ties are to Kahakuloa, Maui and I feel she has the experience and knowledge necessary to serve on the Maui and Lana'i Island Burial Council. I am in strong support.

Aloha nā ,

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.

Pāloa, Hawai'i