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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

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

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 749
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA'I, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, EVERETT DOWLING FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2023**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 749, nominating Mr. Everett Dowling 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 Hawai'i Island Burial Council consists of nine members, of which no more than three representatives shall be representatives of development and large landowner interests. Mr. Dowling is seeking a developer and large owner seat.

Everett Dowling formerly served on the Maui Lāna'i Islands Burial Council in the 1990s. He is the owner of Dowling Company that has developed four Department of Hawaiian Home Lands homesteads, and has a fifth in the making. His company built and leased to Kamehameha Schools (formerly KSBE), at a rate of \$1 per year, its interim Maui Campus while the infrastructure for its new Maui campus was being constructed. His company also donated the 20 acres Palaeua Cultural Preserve to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Dowling's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council until June 30, 2023.

GM-749

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Downer	Testifying for DLNR	Support	No

Comments:

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



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March 29, 2021

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
Chair
Hawaiian Affairs Committee
The Senate of the State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Mr. Everett Dowling's nomination to serve on the Maui Island Burial Council

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Keohokaole and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Mr. Everett Dowling to serve on the Maui Island Burial Council (MIBC). I know Everett personally and professionally and believe he would be an excellent representative for the work of the MIBC, bringing a respectful, homebuilder perspective to these important discussions.

Everett's success has been a result of his collaborative demeanor in addressing cultural issues within home development. During my 7-year tenure as the State Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), Everett delivered hundreds of homes for DHHL beneficiaries on time and on budget. Equally important, he was sensitive to cultural issues at every point in the development process. He showed extreme passion to support native Hawaiian homeownership and our team enjoyed working with him to accomplish our collective goal of providing housing for native Hawaiians.

Furthermore, I have known Everett to be a strong supporter of programs and organizations that serve the Hawaiian community, as well as the broader community. I am proud to stand by him in this appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

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CEO & President

cc: Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokaole
Member Kurt Fevella
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**TESTIMONY ON GM749, EVERETT DOWLING
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021 at 1 P.M.**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today to offer strong support to the confirmation of Everett Dowling to the Maui Burial Council. I have known and worked with Mr. Dowling for close to 20 years and I find him to be a man that has a great love for the lands and culture of Hawaii. I am a part Hawaiian that was born and raised in Hawaii and am a proud graduate of James Campbell High School in Ewa Beach, Hawaii (Go Sabers!). Thus, Mr. Dowling's love for the lands and culture of Hawaii is very important to me.

Mr. Dowling's experience in real estate development on Maui, especially his projects on Hawaiian Home Lands provides him with the necessary knowledge and insights to be a productive member of the Maui Burial Council. I know that he will listen and ensure that iwi and the Hawaiian culture are given respect. Mr. Dowling is an intelligent man of integrity who has made Hawaii his home and has given back to the community for many years.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you approve Mr. Dowling's nomination and move to confirm.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide strong testimony in support to GM749.