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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, April 8, 2021
1:00 PM-2:30 PM
State Capitol, Via Videoconference**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 767
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUA'I AND NI'HAU, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, WAYNE HARADA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 767, nominating Mr. Wayne Harada to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau expiring June 30, 2022.

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.

Wayne Harada was born and raised on Kaua'i and still resides there. Currently, he is a Hawaiian Cultural Specialist for Kanuikapono Public Charter School at Anahola. His past experiences reflect an impressive understanding of native Hawaiian culture as he has served as a native Hawaiian educator, a practitioner of hula, fishing, farming, and other cultural practices. He also served as an instructor and advisor at Na Pua No'eau. Mr. Harada has previously served on the Kaua'i Ni'ihau Islands Burial Council and is now ready to continue his commitment and dedication towards the protection of iwi kupuna.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Harada's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Kaua'i Ni'ihau Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2022.

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Submitted on: 4/7/2021 11:56:06 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/8/2021 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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Legislative Testimony

GM767

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUAI AND NIIHAU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WAYNE HARADA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2022

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ke Kuleana Hawai‘i

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

‘Apelila 8, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Hālāwai Keleka‘a‘ike

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** GM767, which would confirm Wayne “Palala” Takashi Harada as the Waimea/Nā Pali regional representative to the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council.

Mr. Harada’s cultural background and historic preservation experience makes him an ideal candidate to serve on the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council. Mr. Harada was born and raised on Kaua‘i and he and his family have deep roots in many communities on the island. In implementing preservation practices for historical sites and burials, Mr. Harada relies on oral histories about burials and practices of North Kaua‘i that have been passed through generations of his family and by his community elders. He feels a deep sense of kuleana to ensure that iwi kūpuna are afforded adequate protection and that the value of aloha is infused into every part of the community and developer engagement process.

Mr. Harada’s longstanding and vast commitment to the perpetuation of cultural traditions and practices for future generations will well serve the Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council. He currently serves as a Hawaiian cultural specialist/instructor at Kanuikapono Public Charter School on Hawaiian Homelands in Anahola where he teaches ‘ike ku‘una, hula, and oli to ‘ōpio so they may carry on Native Hawaiian traditions. Additionally, Mr. Harada has previously served as a cultural advisor and board member to the Pualani Foundation, cultural instructor/advisor with Nā Pua No‘eau, and educational coordinator with Hanalei Watershed Hui, after being educated at Kaua‘i Community College in Hawaiian studies and Hawaiian botany. Finally, he remains active with the Hanalei Hawaiian Civic Club teaching classes on culture, with Hui o Laka preserving forest ecosystems, with Hui Maka‘āinana o Makana restoring lo‘i kalo and sacred sites, with the Native Mapping Project collecting oral histories, Ke Kuaola perpetuating indigenous protocols, and with Hālau Ha‘a Hula o Kekau‘ilani Nā Pua Hala o Kailua as a hula practitioner.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM767. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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Submitted on: 4/6/2021 1:35:57 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/8/2021 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 the island of Kauai.

I SUPPORT the nominee, Wayne Harada, for appointment to the Kauai-Niihau Islands Burial Council.

Wayne has been and continues to be a valued community resource for our North Shore community on Kauai and will be an asset for this position too.

I urge your support for his confirmation too.

Mahalo piha,

Donna Kaliko Santos

Lihue, Kauai