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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, March 3, 2022  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Via Videoconference**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 582  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUA'I AND NI'HAU, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, BARBARA SAY FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2025**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 582, nominating Ms. Barbara Say 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.

Ms. Say was born in Hawai'i and grew up in west Kaua'i. She married and raised her family in Hanalei since 1962. While living there, she interacted and grew to know the kupuna and their knowledge of the area very well. She became very familiar with the people and stories of Na Pali, Ha'ena, Wainiha and Hanalei.

Barbara not only previously served on the burial council, but she was also actually one of the first burial council members. She was a member of a small group of individuals that repatriated iwi kupuna from the Smithsonian Institute. Ms. Say is a member of Aha Hui Ka'ahumanu, Chapter 3. She is also a member of Wai'oli Hui'ia Church, where she serves as a member of the choir.

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