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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

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

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 646
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA'I, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, ETAN KRUPNICK FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-26**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 646, nominating Mr. Etan Krupnick to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lāna'i expiring June 30, 2026.

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.

Mr. Etan Kawika Krupnick was born and raised on the island of Maui, more specifically in Lāhainā, that seat which he is seeking to fill. He is a graduate of Lāhaināluna High School. In recent terms, he is a descendant of the Kimokeo family, a well known and respected family of Lāhainā. In antiquity terms, Etan is a descendant of Kekahuna and Keawe'iwi, brought over from Moloka'i by Chief Nalehu. They lived on Chief Nalehu's lands at Waiokama and Waine'e ahupua'a, the site of the kapu island of Moku'ula and Mokuhinia pond. Etan has the passion to learn from the institutional knowledge found in the current burial council, lest that knowledge be lost in future generations.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Krupnick knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Maui Lāna'i Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2026.

GM-646

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:52:49 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/3/2022 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Remote Testimony Requested |
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| Jennifer Mather | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Committee Members,

My name is Jen Mather and I currently live in Kahului, Maui but previously called Lahaina home. I oppose the confirmation of Gubernatorial nominee Etan Krupnick. The skillset and answers offered on Mr. Krupnick's submitted resume fall short of what should be expected of an IBC committee member. It also appears that Mr. Krupnick may be associated with land development through West Maui Construction, which would create a conflict of interest when implementing HRS § 6E-43.

Lahaina has many other individuals with more experience in the duties of the IBC and should look to those kānaka to ensure the best action on behalf of our iwi kūpuna.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Mather

Letter of Support of Governor Ige's Nomination - GM #646

of

Etan Krupnick

Island Burial Council, Island of Maui and Lana'i

Expiration Date: 6/30/2026

February 28, 2022

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Senator, Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Senator, Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Senator, Laura Acasio, Committee Member

Senator, Kurt Fevella, Committee Member

Senator, Les Ihara Jr., Committee Member

Aloha Chair, Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokolole, and Committee Members,

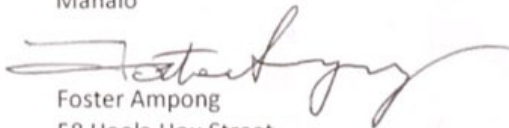
My name is Foster Ampong of Maui Island. I respectfully submit for your consideration my Letter of Support for the Nomination of Etan Krupnick to serve on the Island Burial Council of Maui and Lana'i.

Etan is a Recognized Lineal and Cultural Descendant of his kanaka o'iwi ancestors (14 generations) buried in his family's Mahele Lands at Lahaina and Kaaanapali, Moku. Etan's Family continue to live, 200 hundred plus years on these lands, the last of his Family's Kuleana Lands from the time of the Mahele, and before.

Etan has assisted and continues the reinternment of iwi kupuna with sincere respect and humility. Having gone through the experience himself, Etan is familiar with the Descendancy Application for Recognition Process. He is fair and objective.

Please support Governor Ige's Nomination -GM 646 of Etan Krupnick to the Maui-Lana'i Island Burial Council.

Mahalo



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| Kainoa Casco | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

As a longtime friend of Etan and his family, I can testify to the fact that they care about the community as whole and the betterment of Native Hawaiians. This includes Lahaina specifically but the entirety of Hawaii as well. Etan is passionate about understanding and respecting his kupuna and the history of Hawaii. I believe he will serve well on the Burial Council with his family, past and present, to support him.

Mahalo,

Kainoa Casco