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

**Thursday, March 10, 2022
1:00PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 016, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 702**

**SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAI'I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DESMON
HAUMEA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2026**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports Governor's Message 702,
nominating Mr. Desmon Haumea to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawai'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. Haumea is a resident of Hilo, Hawai'i. He brings to the council a wealth of work experience directly related to his identity as a native Hawaiian. Currently, Mr. Haumea works with the Department of Education at Mt. View Elementary as well as at Waldorf Malamalama, providing Hawaiian Studies education that includes voyaging and canoe culture, basic seamanship, Hawaiian self-defense, lomilomi and traditional healing arts. He has provided the same at Ka Umeke Kaeo Hawaiian Immersion Public Charter school and the Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation. Desmond is also a crew member of the renowned Hokule'a and a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I. In his own words, "my involvement with the re-internment of iwi at the Honokahua and Mokapu...has fueled my commitment to the plight of our Cultural Traditions and Practices." Desmon has been serving on the council for two years now and has gained the respect of his fellow members.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Haumea's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council until June 30, 2026.



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**Support for Governor Message 702, Desmon Haumea
Island of Hawaii, Burial Council**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer support for Governor Message 702, Desmon Haumea. This message is submitted for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

Participants in the Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports this submittal.

Desmon Haumea is a well-rounded native Hawaiian who is knowledgeable on Kupuna Iwi and works closely with the native Hawaiian 'ohana who belong to ahupua'a that would be impacted by issues that come before the Burial Council. We know he is fair with a strong sense of justice that would be needed when working with the Burial Council.

Aha Moku supports Desmon Haumea and urges this Committee to advise and consent to Governor Message 702..

Respectfully yours,

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