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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023
1:00 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 224 and Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 599
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA'I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
DIANE PREZA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06/30/2025.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 599, nominating Ms. Diane Preza to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui Lāna'i expiring June 30, 2025.

The Island Burial Councils are established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. The Councils determine whether to preserve in place or relocate previously identified native Hawaiian burials site, recognize lineal and cultural descendants, and provide counsel and advise to the Department. With the exception of the Moloka'i Island Burial Council, the Island Burial Councils consist of no more than nine members, of which six representatives shall represent a specific geographic area, and no more than three shall be representatives of development and large landowner interests. Ms. Preza is seeking to represent the Lāna'i geographic area.

Ms. Preza currently lives on Lāna'i, that geographic area of which she is seeking to represent. She was born and raised on Lāna'i, having ancestral ties to the island by way of her Ka'ōpūiki family line. She serves on the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center Board and has spent time as the Director of Pūlama Lāna'i's Culture and Historic Preservation Team.

She is a graduate of The Kamehameha Schools, and has a BBA, School of Travel Industry Management from the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa, as well as a Professional Diploma, College of Education.

Her past work experiences include various restaurant management activities, teaching, and working at different positions as it relates to culture and historic preservation.

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Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Preza's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Maui Lāna'i Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2025.

Mahalo for providing the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this nomination.