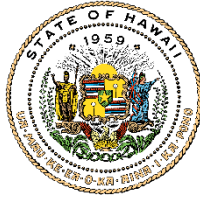


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In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1529, HOUSE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO BURIAL COUNCILS

House Bill 1529, House Draft 2 would amend section 6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) to allow a burial council member whose term has expired to continue in office as a holdover member until the member's reappointment to a second term is confirmed or a successor is nominated and appointed. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of this measure and offers comments.**

House Bill 1529, House Draft 2 would amend section 6E-43.5, HRS, to expressly allow an island burial council member whose first term has expired to continue to serve as a holdover until their successor is appointed and qualified. Section 26-34, HRS, governs the appointment of members of boards and commissions, including the island burial councils. Section 26-34(a) expressly authorizes members to serve as holdover members until their successor is appointed and qualified, unless they have reached the end of their second term.

The Department believes that this amendment is unnecessary as current law already specifically addresses council member service as a holdover. Accordingly, the Department recommends that the Committee hold this measure without action.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

HB-1529-HD-2

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