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TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Governor Message 282 - Submitting for Consideration To The Oahu Island Burial Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Angela Lisa Leimaile Ehia-Quitevis

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

April 3, 2008

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation of the appointment of Angela Lisa Leimaile Ehia-Quitevis to the Oahu Island Burial Council.

The Island Burial Councils were established under Chapter 6E-43.5, Hawai'i Revised Statues, to determine the preservation in place or relocation of previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites and to determine Hawaiian cultural and lineal descendancy claims for specific burials.

State law requires that Island Burial Councils be established for Hawai'i, Maui/Lanai, Molokai, Oahu and Kaua'i/Ni'ihau islands, and be comprised of representatives from specific geographic regions and representatives of developer/large property owners. Angela Lisa Leimaile Ehia-Quitevis was nominated to serve as the Waialua District representative on the Oahu Island Burial Council. If confirmed, Angela Lisa Leimaile Ehia-Quitevis will serve until June 30, 2012.

Angela Lisa Leimaile Ehia-Quitevis currently works with Alaka'i o Kahunana. She was born and raised on Oahu and has an extensive background in Hawaiian culture. The Department notes that Angela Lisa Leimaile Ehia-Quitevis currently serves as an interim member of the Oahu Island Burial Council.

The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Angela Lisa Leimaile Ehia-Quitevis and strongly recommends her confirmation to the Oahu Island Burial Council.



HUI MĀLAMA I NĀ KŪPUNA O HAWAI'I NEI

(GROUP CARING FOR THE ANCESTORS OF HAWAI'I)

Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Testimony in Support of Gubernatorial Nominees to Island Burial Councils

Hui Mālama I Nā Kūpuna O Hawaii Nei has been active for 18 years in the repatriation and reburial of ancestral Hawaiian remains and funerary possessions, including the conduct of 98 NAGPRA repatriation cases and hundreds of reburials. Our international repatriation efforts involved the South Australian Museum, the Royal Ontario Museum in Canada, University of Zurich in Switzerland and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. We also helped repatriate other native people's remains back to their homelands of Australia, Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Tahiti, Marquesas, Tuamotu, Mangareva, New Zealand, and the Southwest and Southeast United States. For us, the bottom line has always been and will always be how best to provide requisite care and protection to iwi kūpuna (ancestral bones) and their moepū (funerary possessions). Having responsible members of the community serve on the island burial councils is an important way to help assure that requisite care and protection is provided to ancestral graves.

We submit this testimony to indicate our unequivocal support of the following gubernatorial nominees to their respective island burial councils:

(1)	MALIA KH AKUTAGAWA	Molokai Island Burial Council
(2)	FRANCES COBB-ADAMS	Molokai Island Burial Council
(3)	SUE ANN M.M. HASEGAWA	Molokai Island Burial Council
(4)	KEKAMAIKAIKAMAIKALANI HELM	Molokai Island Burial Council
(5)	ELROY KM MALO	Molokai Island Burial Council
(6)	JERSULA L. MANABA	Molokai Island Burial Council
 (7)	MICHELLE KANANIONAPUA AYAU PESCALA	
(8)	KU KAHAKALAU	Hawai'i Island Burial Council
(9)	SCOTT KIKILOI	Oʻahu Island Burial Council
(10) (11)	HINALEIMOANA KK WONG ANGELA LISA LEIMAILE EHIA-OLUTEVIS	Oʻahu Island Burial Council
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Hearing Notice
Thursday, April 3, 2008
2:45PM
State Conference Room 224

Senate Committee on Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

RE: Testimony Opposing GM 282 (Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANGELA LISA LEIMAILE EHIA-QUITEVIS, for a term to expire 6-30-2021

Aloha Senator Tokuda & Committee Members,

I oppose GM 282 because this nominee doesn't reside or is a registered voter in Waialua District. Wahiawa is no Waialua and this is a big part and matter of principal. My Husband has a deep love for Waialua Moku and his Ohana legacy which spans 10 generations. His Grandfather taught him much and I was privledge to have known him. My family also has roots in Waialua, Waimea, Kawela and Kahuku.

My Grandfather used to own the current Surf and Sea in Haleiwa where he operated a merchant store. My Mother and her Second Husband resided at the entrance to Waimea Valley. Additionally, my Grandfather also owned and rented serveral houses adjacent to Catholic Chuch (St Paul) church just passed Waimea Bay. My Uncle was employed by Kahuku Sugar Company as an Office Manager while my Aunt was a school teacher at Kahuku School.

My Husband not only is attentive to ancestral burials but is also active in community affairs and attends the Northshore Neighborhood Board regularly. It is at these meetings that you find out about proposals and projects that may impact *Hawaiian* cultural and historical concerns which includes *Iwi Kupuna*.

This nominee hasn't done these types of involvement within the Waialua District and examples are lack of participation in Waimea Valley, Kuilima (Turtle Bay), Puaena Eco-Camp, Kaena NARS Fencing Project others whereas my Husband has and established working relationships with entities such as the Army, DLNR and private landowners within Waialua which includes Dole Foods.

My Husband and I participated in the *Puuiki Cemetery* awareness and cleanup where cemetery vandalism took place and we stopped it. He regularly visits his ancestors at cemeteries.

This nominee doesn't have the specific background of Waialua Moku whereas my Husband as previously learned much from his Grandfather and their family were cultural informants for the Bishop Museum in their publications entitled Archeology of Oahu (1933), The Hawaiian Planter (1940) and Sites of Oahu (1962). Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony opposing GM 282. Mahalo nui loa.

Jacqueline M L Shirai

Kawaikapai Ohana c/o Thomas T Shirai Jr P O Box 601 Waialua, HI 96791 email: <u>Kawaihapai@hawaii.rr.com</u>

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Aloha Chair Tokuda & Committee Members

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The Kawaihapai Ohana opposes GM 282. Part of our kuleana is the care of Na Iwi Kupuna within the Waialua Moku with an emphasis along the Northwest Coastline encompassing the Ahupua'a of Kamananui, Mokulei'a, Kekahi, Auku'u, Kawaihapai, Kealia and Kaena which has been done for sometime. The most recent being the disturbance of Iwi Kupuna at Kawaihapai Airfield (Dillingham Airfield).

As a matter of principal, the nominee doesn't reside or is a registered voter in the Waialua District. Wahiawa is not Waialua. The nominee has not participated as extensively within our community regarding Na Mea Hawaii of Waialua Moku nor attended community meeting such as the North Shore Neighborhood Board where presentations regarding projects that potentially encounter Iwi Kupuna are done prior to being on the agenda for Oahu Island Burial Council.

The nominee along with organization(s) which included The Office of Hawaiian Affairs halted the Stryker Brigaide project at Haleauau Heiau situated at Lihue without foundation knowledge (mo'olelo) of Lihue. Kalena Kai was composed by King Kamehameha II (Liholiho) and no one knew this except Thomas T Shirai Jr because it's treated as an Ohana mele and speaks of Wahi Pana within Waialua Moku. King Liholiho composed this for the Poe Kanaka of Waialua Moku who were loyal and kokua him with food supplies in 1820 before going to Kauai:

Kalena Kai composed by King Liholiho

<u>Verse 2:</u>

O ka ehu, ehu o ke kai – The sea spray

Ka moena pawehe o Mokulei'a – Geometric designs of the plains of Mokulei'a

http://huapala.org/KAL/Kalena_Kai.html

This verse speaks of the Agricultural sustainability of Mokulei'a Ahupua'a and Na Kupuna of Kawaihapai Ohana provided King Kamehameha II with food supplies.

Na Kupuna of Kawaihapai Ohana also were cultural informants of Waialua Moku for the Bishop Museum and featured in their publications entitled The Hawaiian Planter (Handy – 1940), Archeology of Oahu (McAllister – 1933) and Sites of Oahu (Sterling & Summers – 1962). Additionally they were featured in a publication entitled Pana Oahu (Beckett & Singer-1999). The nominee doesn't have this inherited specific knowledge of Waialua Moku.

There are unethical and political discrimantion committed by The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and Governor Lingle's Selection Committee regarding nominees for State Boards & Commissions. Among these are lost or misfilled application, no appropriately affected community input and deviating from the legislative process. There is an attempt thru GM 282 to piggy back and have this nominee serve an additional term from 6/30/08 thru 6/30/12 (four years) without input or nominations. Aole Pono.

The nominee lacks the mo'okuauhau regarding existence in Waialua Moku whereas Thomas T Shirai Jr is the pono nominee for Waialua Moku.

Na Kupuna of Kawaihapai Ohana have been very active spiritually demonstrating their anger regarding these matters and the hoailona and kaona have included legislation. All surrounds Waialua Moku with an emphasis on Kawaihapai Ahupua'a:

<u>2008 Legislative Session</u> <u>Aloha Airlines Flight 261 (last flight) –</u> Grant 261 (My Home in Mokulei'a)

2007 Legislative Session

GM 276 (Peter Young as DLNR Administrator - Not confirmed) - ACT 276 (Renaming Dillingham Airfield to Kawaihapai Airfield)

GM 279 (Barry Fukunaga as DOT Administrator – Replaced Rod Haraga) – Grant 279 (Ohana Aina where Iwi Kupuna where disturbed at Kawaihapai Airfield)

SCR 260 (Audit of SHPD) - Grant 260 is situated at Kawaikapai Airfield

Coincidentally, all of this started shortly after Thomas T Shirai Ir was not afforded to serve another term on Oahu Island Burial Council's Waialua Moku Representative. The replacement resided at that time and continuing today in Aiea. This person eventually resigned from OIBC because she was hired by SHPD. Then this current nominee (GM 282) served out the rest of the term (6/30/08). Aole GM 282.

Thomas T Shirai Jr Kawaihapai Ohana – Po'o

tokuda1 - Jennifer

From:

Sen. Jill Tokuda

Sent:

Wednesday, February 27, 2008 8:24 AM Kamakana Kaimuloa; tokuda1 - Jennifer

To: Cc:

Darlene Tsukazaki

Subject:

FW: Fwd: Strong Opposition to GM 282 - Oahu Island Burial Council

Attachments:

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For Burial Council A&C

----Original Message----

From: kawaihapai@hawaii.rr.com [mailto:kawaihapai@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 3:21 AM

To: kawaihapai@hawaii.rr.com

Cc: Sen. Jill Tokuda; Sen. Robert Bunda; Sen. J. Kalani English; Sen. Mike Gabbard; Sen.

Sam Slom; Sen. Clayton Hee; Sen. Russell Kokubun; Rep. Michael Magaoay

Subject: Re: Fwd: Strong Opposition to GM 282 - Oahu Island Burial Council

---- kawaihapai@hawaii.rr.com wrote:

> Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English & Committee Members,

> I am in strong opposition to the nomination of GM 282 for Leimaile Quitevis serving on

> Oahu Island Burial Council's Waialua Moku Representative. Attached are some

> background and strong community support recommending me for this vacancy which

> expires in June 2008. There was going to be a piggy back without effected community

> input and I've shared this when the Special Sessions were going on. Both Senator

> Bunda and Representative Magaoay have both sent in letter's of support for me and

> this was prior to the current candidate's tenure which she filled from her predecesor

> who was eventually hired by SHPD during Melanie Chinen's tenuire as SHPO. There > was no reason why I was not nominated to serve another term on this State Commission with a very heavy kuleana. I have a proven record and am a lifetime resident of Waialua

which is consistent with a specific geographical location. SB 2557

> was heard by your committee and my testimony is included. Keep in mind that
> Burial Councils are a State Commission and should be consistent with our State

> Legislator requirements for residency. Excerpts from my application will be forwarded > to you which greatly entails specific participitation and area representation is defined

> for Waialua Moku. I'm also an active member in community affairs which includes

> the North Shore Neighborhood Board and a majority of them signed a petition as > individuals supporting me for representation of OIBC as Waialua Moku Representative.

Individuals supporting me for representation of OIBC as Walalua Moku Represent
I humbly ask that you and the members of your committee oppose the nomination

> of GM 282. For the record I also provided OHA with my application to serve on OIBC

> with members of NHHPC and have not given me an acknowledgement of receipt nor > have me on the agenda along with other nominee's for Burial Councils (2 months

> notice). This senario brings back bad memories of LOST burial report submitted to

> SHPD regarding my Iwi Kupuna which were reintered by me at Kawaiahapai

> (Dillingham) Airfield. Do the right thing and oppose GM 282. Malama Pono. > Thomas T Shirai Jr

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> Mokuleia, Waialua

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Senate Committee on Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs Senator Jill Tokuda, *Chair*

RE: Testimony Strongly Opposing GM 282 (Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANGELA LISA LEIMAILE EHIA-QUITEVIS, for a term to expire 6-30-2012)

Aloha Chair Tokuda & Committee Members,

Greetings from Mokulei'a which is an ahupua'a situated on the Northwest Coastline of Waialua Moku where my Wife and I are a homeowner and reside. My Piko is Waialua Moku continuing today as a lifetime resident and I've been entrusted by my beloved Tutu Kane as Kahu (keeper) of our family's Mo'okuauhau spanning at least TEN generations in Waialua Moku.

I strongly oppose GM 282. Before stating my reasons I feel that the State Historic Preservation Division's selection committee regarding nominees for the Island Burial Councils need to attend the Ethics Commission Seminar.

The nominee doesn't reside or is a registered voter in Waialua Moku. Island Burial Councils is a State Board/Commission and therefore should conform and be consistent with legislators representing specific geographical areas. Wahiawa is not Waialua. That is why there was hope in SB 2557 (Relating to Burial Sites) that to ammend requirements for specific geographical representation.

I've also submitted an extensitve application and the contents reflect that I have a better commitment pertaining to this honorable *kuleana*. Furthermore, I've been recognized by the State Historic Preservation Division with descendant recognition several times within *Waialua Moku* and among them I have the distinction of Lineal Descendant three (3) times recgarding *Iwi Kupuna*.

I'm very fortunate to have inherited much of my Hawaiian Cultural and Historical knowledge from my Tutu Kane (David Peahi Keao Jr). My Grandfather and his elders were informants for the Bishop Museum and featured in their publications entitled Archeology of Oahu (McAllister – 1933), The Hawaiian Planter (Handy – 1940), Sites of Oahu (Sterling & Summers – 1962) and Pana Oahu (Beckett & Singer – 1999).

Later in the early 1990's the Bishop Museum sent Jeanette Simmons to visit my

During the 2007 Legislative Special Session surrounding the Super Ferry hearings, many State Boards & Commission Gubernatorial Nominees where being confirmed by the Senate prior to their expiration date or also never been approved. Among them was this nominee who is currently serving out the remainder of a previous OIBC member. Please note this nominee filled that position without any recommendation from Waialua Moku. It was passed because the term expires on 6/30/2008. What the Governor and/or the State Historic Preservation was going to do was "piggy back" and have this person serve another 4 year term until 6/30/2012 without and consideration or recommendation from Waialua Moku. I caught this terrible injust towards my community and for some reason her nominee was withdrawn. This is the only way my community and I found out about this and therefore given my backiground filled out an application for State Board and Commission. I've also filled out the Office of Hawaiian Affairs's application for nomination to Island Burial Council. Both applications were done in a very timely manner. The State Historic Preservation and Office of State Boards and Commissions received my application however the application for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs was not acknowledged even though it was presented to the Native Rights Division staff during the Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council's meeting and furthermore left out deliberately by staff who was taking minutes of that meeting. EVERY MEMBER of Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council who was present witnessed this and when NHHPC had a meeting the following month my application was excluded from the list of nominees for Island Burial Council. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council were well aware that their was going to be an opening on OIBC for Waialua Moku but listed only reference pertaining to Koolauloa.

The current nominee was active only in Lihue regarding the Stryker Brigaide which resulted in halting the project. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs sued the Army and the nominee was apart of it. At this time I'd like to share that the nominee, OHA, Iliuokalani Coalition, DMZ-Hawaii and others DIDN'T KNOW THAT A SCARED CHANT PERTAINING WAHI PANA WITHIN WAIALUA MOKU EXISTED AND WAS WRITTEN BY KING KAMEHAMEHA II (LIHOLIHO) THAT INCLUDED LIHUE. The chant is entitled Kalena Kai composed in 1820 by Liholiho when he visited and stopped in Waialua Moku for supplies before continuing to Kauai. He honored Poe Kahiko of Waialua Moku which this appreciation for our Aloha and Kokua. Among those place visited was Mokulei'a and my Kupuna supplied them with mea ai that included kalo:

Kalena Kai (verse 2) by King Kamehameha II (Liholiho) O ka ehu, ehu o ke kai - The sca spray

Ka moena pawehe o Mokuleia - Geometric designs of the plains of Mokuleia This is an Ohana Mele and taught to me by my Tutu Kane:

http://huapala.org/KAL/Kalena.Kai.html

www.huapala.org

I'm listed as the reference and also shows that noted composer Charles E King didn't compose this chant but only set it to music.

Grandfather to update information about Waialua Moku. Thru this great inspiration from my Kupuna, I carry on this by also being recognized as a Cultural Informant for the Environmental Council regarding Waialua Moku. I'm also the Po'o of Kawaihapai Ohana which is recognized as a Native Hawaiian Organization by the Department of Interior. Part of the kuleana (mission statement) is malama iwi kupuna with an overall kuleana of Malama Waialua Moku.

My Ohana prior to the Mahele until shortly after World War II owned several tract of land (Palapala Sila Nui – Land Grants & Land Commission Awards) within Waialua Moku. They were people of rank. I grew up with all of this from my Tutu Kane. I've actively participated in numerous participation regarding Na Iwi Kupuna throughout Waialua Moku and other places on Oahu which includes three (3) cemeteries and (2) Memorials:

Puuiki Cemetery – Waialua Puea Cemetery – Kalihi Kawaiahao Cemetery – Honolulu Kahi Halia Aloha – Waikiki Iwi Kupuna Memorial Punaluu Iwi Kupuna Memorial

Thru these involvement, I've iniciated some legislation to protect Na Iwi Kupuna. Please note that these involvement were done before and during my tenure serving on the Oaku Island Burial Council's Waialua Moku Representative. During my tenure, I also was apart of OIBC's legislative committee and have a few legislation regarding Na Iwi Kupuna protection with some becoming law.

I also continue to be an active community constituent and activist in my community attending the North Shore Neighborhood Board regularly. Please note that the Neighborhood Board is a great source where cultural and historical projects are presented for they reach Burial Council's. I've been attending these for many years whereas the current nominee has not. I have a petition which every member of the North Shore Neighborhood Board have signed except one supported me to be nominated and serve on Oahu Island Burial Council as Waialua Moku Representative. Additionally the Mokulei'a Community Association sent a letter of support for me as well. These oganizations represent the Community and serve on multiple community organizations also. Furthermore, Waialua District's legislators both Senator Robert Bunda and Representative Michael Magaoay have sent in letters of support and recommendation on my behalf. This was totally disregarded and no reason given just like my current application.

During that time a former member of OIBC was approved and later had to resign because she became an employee of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD). Further insult was that the time of her appointment she resided in AIEA (continues today) and not WAIALUA. Her Ex-Husband is a staff member for Councilmember Donavan Dela Cruz. Regarding this nominee, her Husband is an intern employee at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in their Native Rights Division.

Further remarks about this is that *Lihue* was not really disturbed and it was shared by a reliable source who stated that the buldozed stones were a mere "blue rock" only.

Getting back to my Office of Hawaiian Affairs's application, it brought back bad memories regarding my misplaced burial report that my Grandfather, Mother, Wife & I spent an entire afternoon with State Historic Preservation Division Staff and continuing with OHA's Native Land Rights Division which includes as stated the nominee's Husband.

My relationship is so deep in Waialua, that my Ohana Iwi Kupuna spoke loud and clear with the disturbance my Kupuna at Kawaihapai Airfield and continuing hoailona in the form of legislation to this very day:

2008 Legislative Session

Aloha Airlines Flight 261 (Last Flight) - Grant 261 (My Home in Mokuleia) KOKUA ALOHA AIRLINES

2007 Legislative Session

GM 276 (Peter Young as DLNR Administrator – Not confirmed) – ACT 276 (Renaming Dillingham Airfield to Kawaihapai Airfield -2001)
RENAME THE AIRFIELD TO KAWAIHAPAI AIRFIELD

GM 279 (Barry Fukunaya as DOT Administrator – Replaced Rod Haraga and confirmed) – Grant 279 (Ohana Aina where Iwi Kupuna where disturbed at Kawaihapai Airfield)

SCR 260 (Audit of SHPD) - Grant 260 is situated at Kawaihapai Airfield

<u>2006 legislative Session</u>

ACT 45 (Mandates Public & Private Landowners to develop a Mediation Plan for disturbing Hawaiian Historical & Cultural Sites on their Propert) – I was 45 years old and continuing with disturbed Iwi Kupuna at Kawaihapai Airfield)

This is my Kuleana despite being taught by my Grandfather Ukulele, Kihoalu, Guitar, Steel Guitar and Autoharp. That applied when I attended church and performed as a musician playing with some of the best. I'm also a historian of Waialua Moku and it's rich Cultural and History. If I'm to list my academic college it would be the University of Mokulei'a and my Kumu is Tutu Kane and the Aina. I am a Keiki o Ka Aina of Waialu Moku and have much aloha and very ha'aheo to be apart of and continuing the legacy of my Ohana here in Walalua Moku.

Aole GM 282. Mahalo Nui Loa. Thomas T Shìrai Jr

testimony

From: Kawika McKeague [kawikam@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 12:36 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Support for GM 282: Angela Lisa Leimaile Ehia-Quitevis Confirmation to OIBC

Letter of Support for Governor's Message (GM) 282 (Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANGELA LISA LEIMAILE EHIA-QUITEVIS, for a term to expire 6-30-2012)

To be heard Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 2:45 PM in conference room 224 By the State of Hawai'i Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Ano'ai me ke aloha e Chair Senator Jill Tokuda and Vice Chair J. Kalani English, and to the Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs:

My name is Mark Kawika McKeague and I currently serve with great sense of humility on the O'ahu Island Burial Council as its Vice-Chair and Representative of the Moku o 'Ewa.

Ms. Leimaile Ehia-Quitevis has currently been serving on the OIBC on an interim basis, representing the interest of the Waialua moku. During this interim, the addition of Ms. Ehia-Quitevis' expertise to the OIBC has reinforced our council with an individual that comes with both the traditional knowledge of cultural practices specific to the care and stewardship iwi kupuna while concomitantly demonstrating a background of practical knowledge working with state burial cases and NAGPRA/NHPA related cases within the moku. Her commitment and capabilities to the task at-hand are quite evident and it has been my extreme privilege being able to work with Ms. Ehia-Quitevis on Council affairs and look forward to her continued participation in assisting the Council to uphold is fiduciary responsibilities and ancestral kuleana to malama our iwi kupuna and their sanctified places of eternal rest.

Mahalo for allowing me to share this mana'o. If there are needs for further discussion, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at then number or email listed below.

Na'u me ka ha'aha'a,

Kawika McKeague (808)265-7901 kawikam@hawaii.rr.com

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From:

William Aila Jr [ailaw001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:48 PM

To:

testimony

Subject:

GM 282

Importance: High

Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, Thursday, April 3, 2008, 2:45 pm, room 224.

Aloha Sen. Tokuda and committee members. I write in support of the confirmation of Angela Lisa Leimaile Ehia-Quiteves, term expiring on 6/30/2012. "Leimaile" has served on the O'ahu Burial Council filing in a partial term. Leimaile has clearly demonstrated her knowledge of Historic Preservation laws and policies. Her past work as a cultural monitor at Schofield Barracks was instrumental in expanding the Army's recognition of important and irreplaceable Hawaiian Cultural sites and burials. Please confirm Leimaile. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support.

William J. Aila Jr.

testimony

From: William Aila Jr [ailaw001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:25 PM

To: testimony

Subject: GM282

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Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, Thursday, April 3, 2008, 2:45 pm. room 224.

Aloha Chair Tokuda and committee members. I write in support of the confirmation of Michelle "Mikiala" Kananionapua Ayau Pescia for an appointment to the Moloka'i Island Burial Council, term to expire 6/30/2012. For many years, Mikiala has clearly demonstrated an understanding of Historic Preservation laws, Hawaiian burial practices, and Hawaiian culture. Her work with students on Moloka'i and their demonstration of implementing cultural knowledge and thought into school projects have been impressive. Mikiala will bring a wealth of knowledge and energy to the Moloka'i Island Burial Council and play a big part in its future success. Mahalo for the opportunity to present testimony in support.