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SB 1083 SD 1 RELATING TO BURIAL SITES

House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

March 25, 2009

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) <u>SUPPORTS</u> SB 1083, SD 1, which would amend Chapter 6E-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to include additional Native Hawaiian Organizations for consultation when rendering determinations of preservation in place or relocation of Hawaiian burial sites and in the development of candidate lists for appointment to serve on Island Burial Councils.

OHA recognizes that determining an appropriate treatment for Hawaiian burials requires specific expertise and consideration of all applicable information. We see the intent of this bill as being as inclusive as possible in seeking a broad range of expertise and viewpoints for consideration as the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) moves forward with its decision-making process.

Furthermore, OHA sees this bill as providing a list of the most qualified candidates possible for appointment to Island Burial Councils, which play a critical role not only in making statutory determinations pursuant to Chapter 6E, HRS, but also as an advisory body to the DLNR on appropriate mitigation and preservation measures for Hawaiian burial sites.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to PASS SB 1083, SD 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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We support this important legislation. Please pass this bill out of committee.

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Kanaka Council supports this important legislation.