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Jessica O. Kaikaina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Madame Chair Hanohano, My name is Jessica Oilipua-Kaikaina and a member of Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona and also a cultural practioner. I am in support of HB221, Relating To Island Burial Council. For too long the Burial Council has been unable to convene and act upon their obligation due to quorum issues so therefore I believe this will allow proper convening of the Council to address our Kupuna Iwi and Cultural Historic Sites. Madame Chair, I ask that you and your Committee support HB221. Mahalo for allowing me to testify. Me ke aloha, Jessica Oilipua-Kaikaina.

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Kehaulani Lum	Ali`i Pauahi Hawailan Civic Club	Support	No

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Comments: Ali`i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club supports this measure wholeheartedly. Mahalo nui loa, Kehaulani Lum, President

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Shane Nelsen	Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Madame Chair Hanohano, My name is Shane Nelsen, President of the Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona, and we support HB 221. Please pardon my tardiness on my testimony. The members of the Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona recognize that West Hawaii is largely impacted by development the most, therefore we face 'iwi kupuna and archaeology site issues daily. Because the Burial Council is not able to meet quorum, how can the voices of the people be heard? This bill will resolve an issue that has been long standing. Madame Chair, we ask that your committee support HB221, Relating to Burial Councils. Mahalo for allowing me to testify. He la maika'i. na'u no, Shane Nelsen President - Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona

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House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Hearing Notice Wednesday, January 30, 2013 10:00AM Conference Room 325 State Capitol

Testimony Supporting HB 221 (Relating to Burial Councils) w/ Amendments

Aloha Chair Hanohano and Committee Members,

I'm a lifetime resident of Mokule'ia with lineage spanning several generations in Waialua Moku. Although I'm a current member of the North Shore Neighborhood Board (Mokule'ia to Ka'ena Point) along with other cultural and community participation, I'm presenting testimony as an individual. I support HB 221 with the following amendments:

- The candidate and representative (when selected) BE PHYSICALLY A CURRENT RESIDENT OF THAT SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Since the Island Burial Council is a STATE BOARD/COMMISSION, it be consistent to legislators representing a specific geographical area.
- 2. The candidate and representative (when selected) should be an ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN CULTURAL & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OF THAT SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Many projects that may impact burials are presented at the localized level at such entities as the Neighborhood Board(s) here on Oahu. Here on the North Shore Neighborhood we have such projects as the Turtle Bay expansion regarding their Supplement Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Board of Water Supply upgrading of repairs of sub surface lines.
- Ensured preservation of a RECOGNIZED LINEAL DESCENDAN'T regarding burial treatment of a previously identified or inadvertently disturbed burial as contained in Chapter 6E (State) and NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection Act-Chapter 106) at the Federal Level.

Having served on the Oahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) it's important these amendments are included in the selection criteria for specific geographical area representation and current awareness of projects that may encounter previously identified or inadvertently disturbed burials. Malama Iwi Kupuna. Thomas T Shirai Jr Mokule'ia, Waialua