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Before the Senate Committee on HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Monday, April 18, 2016 1:15 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 777 SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF OAHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BEVERLY AMARAL FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 777, nominating Ms. Beverly Amaral to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu expiring June 30, 2017.

The Island Burial Councils are established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. With regard to previously known burials, the Burial Councils determine whether to leave the burial in place or remove it, recognize lineal and cultural descendants and provide counsel and advice to the Department.

Ms. Amaral is a Realtor Associate with Elite Pacific Properties in Kahala. While she may not have much experience in dealing with burial issues, she does nevertheless have experience working with and making difficult decisions. As a realtor, she also understands the importance of balancing native Hawaiian issues and contemporary Hawaii life.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Amaral's knowledge, experiences and perspective informs the deliberations of the Island Burial Council until June 30, 2017.

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To Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

I wish to submit testimony to support the confirmation of Ms. Beverly Amaral to the Island Burial Council of Oahu.

Over the last couple of months Ms. Amaral has been an active and energetic participant on the Oahu Island Burial Council where she has served as an interim council member. Her insights on recent burial issues shows that the future of the OIBC will be in good hands with her continued participation as a member.

I look forward to continuing to serve with Ms Amaral on the Oahu Island Burial Council.

I am a long time member of the OIBC, now serving as the Council's interim vice-chair. I also represent the "large landowner/developer" interests on the council.

Thank you for your consideration and confirmation of Ms. Amaral.

Charles A. Ehrhorn, AIA Interim Vice Chair, Oahu Island Burial Council.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaanohi Kaleikini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha pumehana I SUPPORT the gubernatorial nomination 777 of Beverly Amaral to the Oahu Island Burial Council. Beverly Amaral has worked on burial issues plaguing na ahupuaa Koolauloa and Koolaupoko. She will learn more of the burial laws with each month's meeting. She is already very committed to the Council, strikingly interested in the burial issues for discussion on the table and she has attended only 2 months of meetings. It was disheartening for her when at the April meeting last week, the council did not meet quorum. So now, she really understands why we need to fill all the council seats. She may one day be the Chair. I urge this committee to confirm her nomination to the Oahu Island Burial Council. e holomua Beverly and mahalo nui for serving our community. ola na iwi P. Kaanohi Kaleikini

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