



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Hawaii State Aha Moku
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Testimony of
Hawaii State Aha Moku

Before the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Thursday, March 3, 2022
1:15 P.M.

Support for Governor Message 580, Brickwood Galuteria
Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer strong support for Governor Message 580, Brickwood Galuteria. This message is submitted for consideration and confirmation to the O'ahu Island Burial Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

Participants in the Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) Kakuhihewa (Island of O'ahu) supports this submittal.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku, Island of Kakuhihewa (O'ahu) works with participants of all six moku – Waianae, Waialua, Ko'olauloa, Ko'olaupoko, Kona and Ewa as well as many of the eighty-eight (88) ahupua'a encompassed within these moku.

Although well-known for his prolific resume on governmental, consultations, television, film and video accomplishments, Kupuna Galuteria is best-known for his deep abiding love of his people which he has consistently shown in so many ways. One of the most important practices that must be kept intact in the native Hawaiian culture is the perpetuation and respect shown for *kupuna iwi*. In order to do this, one must have Kupuna *ike*, compassion, fairness and strength. When he was a senator in the Hawaii State Legislature, he wrote the language that ultimately became the Hawaii State Aha Moku. He was able to do this because he was raised as a traditional Hawaiian. His foundation is the same as his people and Aha Moku – a strong belief in Ke Akua, the wisdom of Kupuna, and an undying love for native Hawaiians now for generations to come.

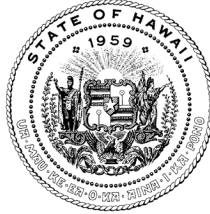
Aha Moku strongly supports Brickwood Galuteria as a member of the O'ahu Island Burial Council and urges this Committee to confirm Governor Message 580.

Respectfully yours,

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, March 3, 2022
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Via Videoconference**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 580
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF O'AHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-25**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 580, nominating Mr. Brickwood Galuteria to the Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu expiring June 30, 2025.

The Island Burial Councils are established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Councils determine whether to preserve or relocate previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites, recognize lineal and cultural descendants, and provide counsel and advice to the Department.

Brickwood Galuteria was educated at the Kamehameha Schools, Pacific University, and Harvard Kennedy School. He is currently the Founder/Owner/Administrator of Kupuna Power, LLC. He previously represented District 12, Hawai'i State Senate. While in the senate, he served as the Majority Leader, Majority Caucus Leader, Vice Chair of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee. In addition, he was a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology Committee, and the Government Operations Committee.

Brickwood is the founder of Na Kupuna Makamae Center, and a member of the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts, board member of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame and the Bishop Museum Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program. He has been serving on the burial council as an interim appointee.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Galuteria's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the O'ahu Island Burial Council until June 30, 2025.

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ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
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GM-580

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:14:24 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/3/2022 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jesse K. Souki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

I write in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Brickwood Galuteria for confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu.

I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Galuteria when he was the Chair of the Hawai'i Democratic Party and when he ran for and served as Senator in the Hawai'i State Legislature. I know firsthand that Mr. Galuteria cares for his community and works hard to advance their issues. His ability to bring people to the table and work through difficult issues will be an asset to the burial council.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:26:19 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/3/2022 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kamana'o Mills	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Brickwood Galuteria to serve on the Oahu Island Burial Council.

GM-580

Submitted on: 3/2/2022 7:39:07 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/3/2022 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am writing in appreciation for Governor's Message 580, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

I am not an expert on the Council's kuleana. I have known Brickwood for years.

The public will never know the sacrifices and losses that Brickwood has been through as a public servant. But what anyone can see about Brickwood is that he never quits. Brickwood deeply cares about empowering the Hawaiian people, protecting the past, and fostering the future. On these basis, I know that he will do his best on the Council, if confirmed.

Humbly, I thank the Committee for its consideration, and the candidates who step forward to serve this trust position.

Mahalo nui loa,
Dylan P. Armstrong

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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
HEARING GM580

Position: STRONG SUPPORT GM580

Aloha chair Vice-Chair and Committee Members,

I would like to personally write this letter of support for Mr. Brickwood Galuteria for confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu. He has many years of experience in the Hawaii State Legislature along with many years serving native Hawaiians.

He has been instrumental in providing guidance and wisdom as part of the Native Hawaiian Culture Arts Programs for Bishop Museum, along with being a crew member on the Hokule'a. His devotion to public service goes beyond just serving native Hawaiians but also persons with disabilities becoming a Board member for the Hawaii Special Olympics. Furthermore, with additional leadership and vision, Mr. Galuteria established Na Kapuna Makamae Center (Also known as the Kakaako Senior Center) open to all seniors.

I sincerely hope that this committee votes in favor of having Mr. Brickwood Galuteria become a member of the Island Burial Council. I believe he will be an asset to the mission of the burial council. Mahalo for reading this testimony and this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo,

Ken Farm