

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2024

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 639

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 639, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUA'I AND NI'IHAU

G.M. No. 639 WAYNE HARADA JR.,
for a term to expire 06-30-2028,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Wayne Harada Jr. for service on the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Wayne Harada Jr. from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Harada Jr.'s background and dedication to serving the Native Hawaiian community qualify him for appointment to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, as a member. Mr. Harada Jr. is currently an educator at the Kanuikapono Public Charter School Luna Ho'okele 'Ike Hawai'i where his responsibilities include planning and implementing culturally relevant units of Hawaiian culture and traditions, instructing Hawaiian studies and language using a project based learning approach, implementing indigenous Hawaiian culture in all aspects of learning and teaching, and planning and implementing community engagement events deeply rooted in Hawaiian culture. Your Committee notes

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that Mr. Harada Jr. is a traditional Hawaiian practitioner of hula, fishing, and farming, and speaks the Hawaiian language. Your Committee further finds that Mr. Harada Jr. thoroughly understands the roles and responsibilities of Council members and his knowledge of traditional Hawaiian culture and practices will be an asset to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. Your Committee therefore recommends that Wayne Harada Jr. be appointed to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau based on his knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* GM 639	Committee Referral: HWN	Date: 3/12/2024		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Kurt Fevella</div>				
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