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# Testimony of DAWN N. S. CHANG Chairperson

# Before the Senate Committee on HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 1:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 224 and Via Videoconference

In consideration of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 569
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAI'I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CAYLA CRIVELLO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/2027.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 569, nominating Ms. Cayla Crivello to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii, expiring June 30, 2027.

The Island Burial Councils are established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. The Councils determine whether to preserve in place or relocate previously identified native Hawaiian burials site, recognize lineal and cultural descendants, and provide counsel and advise to the Department. With the exception of the Moloka'i Island Burial Council, the Island Burial Councils consist of no more than nine members, of which six representatives shall represent a specific geographic area, and no more than three shall be representatives of development and large landowner interests. Ms. Crivello is seeking to represent the Hamakua geographic area.

Ms. Crivello currently lives in Kealakekua, within the moku of Kona, and will serve as a Large Landowner/Developer representative. Ms. Crivello has experience in the process and protocols associated with the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail and Kaupulehu Dryland Forest Reserve and brings that expertise to the council. She is multi-faceted with expertise in GIS hardware, cultural practices, and conservation in Hawaii.

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She is a graduate of Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree in the College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences. She is currently a Cultural Liaison at Hokulia Park and Cultural Sites Association. Her responsibilities include activities that use GIS modeling capabilities, trail restoration, and coordinates site visits.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Crivello's knowledge and unique lived perspective informs the deliberations of the Hawaii Island Burial Council until June 30, 2027.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this nominee.