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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 570**  
**SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND**  
**BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF MAUI/LANAI, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DWIGHT**  
**BURNS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/2027.**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 570, nominating Mr. Dwight Burns to the Island Burial Council, Island of Maui/Lanai, 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.

Mr. Burns currently works in Maui and will serve as the Makawao representative. He has experience in construction contracts, board meetings, federal law compliance.

He is a graduate of Maui High School. He currently works at Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund as the Maui island representative.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Burns's knowledge and unique lived perspective informs the deliberations of the Maui/Lanai Island Burial Council until June 30, 2027.

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

**DAWN N.S. CHANG**  
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Honorable, Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair  
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Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

**RE; GM 570- Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council (Maui/Lanai),  
Gubernatorial Nominee, DWIGHT BURNS, for a term to expire 06-30-2027**

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Favella, and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Wily Greig. I am the Business Representative for Operating Engineers Local 3. We are the largest Construction Trades Local in the United States. I and the members of Operating Engineers Local 3 support GM 570.

I have seen Mr. Burns work out in the field along side the archaeologists and have seen his passion to work with them and for the betterment of our island Maui. He has long roots on Maui and has worked hard to help our community. I know he would work hard on the Burial Council. I humbly ask the committee to confirm the appointment of Dwight Burns to the Island Burial Council (Maui/Lanai).

Sincerely,

William Greig  
Business Representative  
Operating Engineers Local Union #3



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My name is Ana Tuiasosopo. I am the District Representative and Trustee for Operating Engineers Local 3. We are the largest Construction Trades Local in the United States. **I and the members of Operating Engineers Local 3 support GM 570.**

Mr. Burns is a long-time member of Operating Engineers Local 3 and has worked on many projects all over the state of Hawaii. His background in construction and his experience in working with onsite archaeologists and his knowledge in the process when Iwi Kupuna are discovered on a construction project site will serve the Burial Council well.

Furthermore, Mr. Burns deep generational family roots to the Islands of Maui and his commitment to serve the people of Maui will provide the Burial Council with a true down-to-earth, straight from the Maui Aina perspective. On a personal note, Mr. Burns is very serious and passionate about any task, assignment, or responsibility given him. We know he will do well on the Burial Council.

We humbly ask the committee to confirm the appointment of Dwight Burns to the Island Burial Council (Maui/Lanai).

Sincerely,

Ana Tuiasosopo  
Hawaii District Representative, Trustee  
Hawaii Operating Engineers Local 3