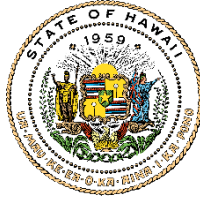


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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
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**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024
1:00 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 224 and Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 639
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF KAUA'I AND NI'IHAU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
WAYNE HARADA JR., FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/2028.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) **supports** Governor's Message 639, nominating Mr. Wayne Harada Jr. to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, expiring June 30, 2028.

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 advice 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. Harada is seeking to represent the Waimea/Napali geographic area.

Mr. Harada is from the Halelea moku and Wainiha ahupua'a and currently lives in North Kaua'i, that geographic area of which he is seeking to represent. Mr. Harada is a traditional Hawaiian practitioner of hula, fishing, and farming. He speaks the Hawaiian language and practices Hawaiian traditions and culture. He was an instructor in Hawaiian studies and language for many years and used a project-based

learning approach that converged his cultural practices with place-based education in the community in which he serves.

Mr. Harada has extensive work experience in the Hawai'i Charter School System where he was a specialist and is now the Luna Ho'okele 'Ike Hawai'i at the Kanuikapono Public Charter School. His responsibilities included teaching Hawaiian studies and language for students, implementing project-based learning approaches for projects, planning community engagement, and supervising the staff.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Harada's knowledge and unique lived perspective informs the deliberations of the Kaua'i and Ni'ihau Island Burial Council until June 30, 2028.

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

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