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Testimony of  
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Before the Senate Committee on  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, March 24, 2026  
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State Capitol Conference Room 224

In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2104, HOUSE DRAFT 2  
RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS

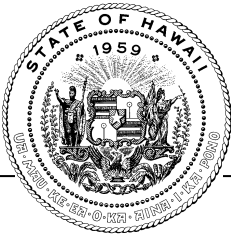
House Bill 2104, House Draft 2 would amend Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §6E-43.5 to increase the amount of time the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is afforded to submit their list of names to fill vacancies on the Island Burial Councils (IBC), allows for an OHA-funded stipend to burial council members, and decreases the number of IBC members required for quorum. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and submits the follow comments for consideration.**

HRS Chapter 6E provides the framework for a comprehensive statewide historic preservation program in Hawai'i. A key part of that program is management of the burial sites program and its associated IBCs, as required by HRS §6E-43, 43.5, and 43.6, respectively.

Over the past decade, there have been ongoing challenges with filling vacant seats and maintaining quorum for the Hawai'i (HIBC), Maui/Lana'i (MLIBC), Oahu (OIBC), Kaua'i/Ni'ihau (KNIBC), and the Moloka'i (MIBC) Island Burial Councils. (Currently, the MLIBC maintains eight members, the HIBC and OIBC maintain six members each, the KNIBC maintains five members, and the MIBC maintains only one member.) These ongoing challenges directly impact each IBCs ability to fulfill their responsibilities and protect iwi kupuna. HRS §43.5(f) expressly defines quorum as, "[a] majority of all members to which each council is entitled." OHA's proposed measure will change the quorum requirement to "a majority of all members appointed, provided that no fewer than three members shall constitute quorum."

The amendments proposed by OHA are reasonable, appropriate, and will assist the department and the IBCs to fulfill their program requirements under HRS §6E-43.5.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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Statement of  
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 2:05 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of  
**HB 2104, HD 2**  
**RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS.**

Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **supports and offers comments HB 2104, HD 2**, which extends the time to fill vacancies that occur during an Island Burial Council member's term. Provides per diem compensation in the form of a stipend for Island Burial Council members representing geographic regions. Adjusts the Island Burial Councils' quorum for business to be a majority of the appointed council members, but no fewer than three members.

The issue of Island Burial Councils frequently lacking quorum, and the subsequent meeting cancellations that follow, was a concern raised in the Chapter 6E Historic Preservation Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) of the SPEED Taskforce. **OPSD respectfully refers** committee members to review the data on island burial council vacancies and meeting cancellations contained in the final report of Set 1 of the SPEED PIGs, which highlights the severity of these administrative hurdles.

When councils cannot meet or act promptly, the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and project applicants face prolonged uncertainty regarding permissible treatment options for previously identified burial sites. This lack of predictability significantly slows the development of critical infrastructure and residential projects, directly impeding the State's ability to address the urgent need for housing. OPSD believes that the quorum requirement change to a majority of appointed council members addresses the quorum issue in an immediate and practical way, ensuring that these bodies can continue their essential work without undue delay.

While HB 2104, HD 2, is a necessary step forward, **OPSD notes** that additional action will be required to reform the confirmation process for council members and effectively bring

the island burial councils to a level where they are fully operational and sustainable. We emphasize that any further actions or policy refinements should be conducted in close collaboration with existing island burial council members and descendants to ensure that administrative efficiency is balanced with cultural sensitivity and community trust.

OPSD supports the changes to quorum requirements but takes no position on the measure's inclusion of stipends for island burial council members.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

‘Ōlelo Hō‘ike ‘Aha Kau Kānāwai

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2104 HD2**

RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ke Kuleana Hawai‘i  
(Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs)

Ke Kapitala ‘o Hawai‘i  
(Hawai‘i State Capitol)

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Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

Mahalo for setting HB2104 HD1 for public hearing, which is part of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA's) 2026 Legislative Package. OHA submits this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB2104 HD2**, which aims to strengthen the operation of Island Burial Councils (IBCs) by addressing the long-standing barriers hindering the ability of IBCs to regularly meet and do business.

Background

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is the constitutionally established body responsible for protecting and promoting the rights of Native Hawaiians.<sup>1</sup> Among its statutory duties, OHA is required to (1) serve as principal public agency in the State of Hawai‘i responsible for the performance, development and coordination of programs and activities relating to native Hawaiians and Hawaiians; (2) assess the policies and practices of other agencies impacting native Hawaiians and Hawaiians; and (3) conduct advocacy efforts for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians.<sup>2</sup>

In fulfillment of our mandates, OHA has been deeply involved with the protection of iwi kūpuna for decades. Under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 6E and its implementing administrative rules, OHA is tasked with specific kuleana including

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<sup>1</sup> Haw. Const. Art. XII § 5

<sup>2</sup> HRS § 10-3.

nominating moku candidates to serve on the island burial councils (IBCs) and consulting on sites that are important to Native Hawaiians.<sup>3</sup> OHA also regularly receives calls and emails from beneficiaries about the desecration of iwi, difficulties exerting their rights as cultural and lineal descendants, and other issues related to proper implementation of HRS Chapter 6E. In response, OHA will intervene and advocate on behalf of beneficiaries to the IBCs, State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), and private landowners, to encourage compliance with existing law, including the requirement to consult with cultural and lineal descendants.

In establishing the IBCs in 1990, the Legislature expressly recognized that the public has a vital interest in the disposition of its interred persons and characterized it as a sacred trust responsibility. Further, under the State of Hawai'i Constitution Article XII, section 7, the state has a specific trust duty to protect Native Hawaiian cultural practices, including those related to mālama iwi kūpuna. The IBCs are a vital means for the State to effectuate these important trust duties and to ensure protection of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. Accordingly, functioning IBCs benefit both the Native Hawaiian community and project proponents by providing timely, transparent guidance that helps avoid conflict, litigation risk, and delays.

#### HB2104 HD1: Addressing IBC barriers to service and maintaining a quorum

**Despite their importance, IBCs have faced persistent challenges meeting quorum and maintaining full membership, limiting their ability to carry out their statutory responsibilities.** Vacancies often remain unfilled and quorum requirements based on a majority of all seats—rather than a majority of appointed members—have made it particularly difficult for councils to act. These issues have been well documented over time and were recently identified by the State's Simplifying Permitting for Enhanced Economic Development (SPEED) Task Force (2025) as structural and resource constraints limiting the IBCs ability to fulfill their role consistently, thereby causing project stalls and delays.<sup>4</sup> Amending the quorum requirement is a practical reform to reduce IBC decision-making delays.

**Moreover, IBCs rely on uncompensated volunteer service, which places a disproportionate burden on Native Hawaiians who are selected specifically for their cultural knowledge and expertise.** Regional (moku) representatives require significant expertise in cultural history and Native Hawaiian burial customs—they are appointed as

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<sup>3</sup> See HRS §§ 6E-3, 6E-43, 6E-43.5, 6E-43.6; HAR §§ 13-284-6(c), 13-275-6(c).

<sup>4</sup> See [\*Final Report of the Permitted Interaction Groups for Chapter 6E/Historic Preservation, Individual Wastewater Systems, and Building Permits\*](#), SPEED Task Force, p. 14 (Dec. 2025).

cultural experts carrying out a public trust responsibility. Yet, in practice, IBC members must take time off work and incur childcare and other out-of-pocket expenses in order to serve. As a result, qualified candidates are often deterred from applying, withdraw from service, or simply find it impossible to attend meetings consistently.

In the process of OHA's nomination duties, we have witnessed several well qualified candidates withdraw due to financial barriers. The State's SPEED Task Force likewise identified reliance on volunteer service as factor undermining IBC effectiveness.<sup>5</sup> Authorizing modest stipends directly addresses this barrier by supporting recruitment, retention, and consistent participation, while recognizing the time and expertise contributed by moku representative council members.

**OHA notes that the HD2 amendments depart from the bill's original intent by limiting OHA's ability to provide stipends as a flat-rate payment.** OHA's intent is to compensate moku representatives for their time and to offset costs associated with their service that are not covered by existing reimbursements, which are narrowly applied to direct expenses such as travel. The OHA Board of Trustees (BOT) approved this measure with a proposed stipend of up to \$200 per meeting, to be paid from OHA funds, with no appropriation request attached. As drafted, the HD2 amendments are overly restrictive on OHA's use of its funds. OHA maintains that the BOT should retain discretion to determine appropriate compensation for council members. All BOT decisions are subject to Sunshine Law requirements, ensuring transparency and opportunities for beneficiary input on any stipend structure.

Further, the proposed stipend model aligns with practices used by county level boards and commissions in other jurisdictions, where stipends for meeting attendance support recruitment and retention and reduce barriers for working class, BIPOC, rural, and single parent community members.<sup>6</sup> These stipends are typically provided in addition to reimbursement for expenses, similar to Hawai'i's jury duty compensation framework, which provides both a daily payment and travel reimbursement.<sup>7</sup>

**Accordingly, OHA requests an amendment to restore the bill's original intent and clarify the compensation exception to resolve the Attorney General's concerns.**

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<sup>5</sup>*Id.*

<sup>6</sup> See e.g., Marin County, CA (<https://www.marincounty.gov/departments/board/boards-and-commissions/stipends-members-boards-and-commissions>); Larimer County, CO (<https://www.larimer.gov/boards/stipend-program>).

<sup>7</sup> See HRS § 612-8. Jurors are paid \$30 for each day of attendance at court, and additionally receive travel and lodging reimbursement.

**Specifically, OHA recommends deleting the language on page 3, line 21 through page 4 line 6, and inserting the following at page 3, line 18:**

"The council members shall serve without compensation, ~~but~~ except that council members appointed to represent geographic regions may receive a stipend for each day of attendance at a duly noticed meeting, paid from funds available to the office of Hawaiian affairs. The stipend amount, process, and eligibility requirements shall be determined by the board of trustees of the office of Hawaiian affairs. In addition, council members shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred during the performance of their duties."

**In conclusion, HB2104 HD1 offers practical amendments to strengthen Island Burial Council function and ensure the framework established under HRS Chapter 6E operates as intended.** By addressing barriers to participation and quorum, the bill supports meaningful descendant involvement, improves administrative efficiency, and promotes greater public confidence in the historic review process.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. For the reasons stated above, OHA respectfully urges this committee to **PASS HB2104 HD2** with our suggested amendments.



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HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB**

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March 19, 2026

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

WE are writing in **support of HB2104 HD2** for the following reasons:

- **Ensuring That Island Burial Councils Conduct Business:**

Quorum reform ensures Island Burial Councils (IBC) remain functional rather than being merely symbolic. IBCs often struggle to fill all entitled seats while current quorum requirements count vacant - positions which frequently prevents Councils from meeting and conducting business resulting in repeated cancellations. Adjusting the quorum requirement to a majority of *appointed* members provides a simple, practical fix that allows Councils to fulfill their statutory duties.

- **A Modest Stipend Option Supports Recruitment and Participation:**

IBC members currently serve without compensation, creating barriers for community members who must balance council duties with work and family obligations. The option for OHA to provide stipends to moku representatives would make IBC service more accessible, reduce vacancies, encourage participation, and acknowledge the value of services provided by Native Hawaiians who serve as council members.

- **Strong Island Burial Councils Benefit All Parties:**

Reliable, fully functioning Island Burial Councils help prevent unnecessary project delays while upholding the state's trust obligation to protect ancestral remains. Effective Councils allow families and cultural descendants to fulfill their kuleana to care for iwi kūpuna and provide project proponents with clear, timely, and culturally responsible direction when burials are discovered.

Accordingly, I ask the Committee to **Pass HB2104 HD2**.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

*Raynae "Tessie" Fonoimoana*

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## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

### **RE HB 2140: RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS**

Avalon Development submits this testimony in support of HB2104, HD1, which addresses long-standing structural challenges that have limited the ability of the Island Burial Councils (IBCs) to carry out their important work. The IBCs play a critical role in Hawai'i's historic preservation framework by ensuring the respectful treatment and protection of iwi kūpuna and by providing a forum for lineal and cultural descendants to exercise their kuleana.

As recognized by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and documented by the State's Simplifying Permitting for Enhanced Economic Development (SPEED) Task Force, persistent vacancies and quorum requirements tied to unfilled seats have made it difficult, particularly for smaller island councils, to meet and conduct business. These structural barriers have led to delays and canceled meetings, undermining the councils' ability to perform time-sensitive and culturally significant responsibilities.

HB2104 provides practical, targeted reforms to address these issues. Revising quorum to a majority of appointed members allows councils to function as intended despite vacancies, while authorizing modest, OHA-funded stipends helps reduce barriers to participation for community members who must balance council service with work and family obligations. Together, these changes support more consistent membership and informed, place-based decision-making.

With functioning councils, descendants can more meaningfully participate in the care of iwi kūpuna, and all stakeholders benefit from greater predictability and efficiency in the review process. Avalon Development supports HB2104, HD2 and respectfully urges its passage.

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| Johnnie-Mae L. Perry | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

2104 HB RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS.

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Alice Abellanida    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Please support this bill.

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Shelby Pikachu<br>Billionaire | Testifying for Kingdom<br>Of Hawaiian Islands &<br>Ohana Unity Party | Support            | Remotely Via<br>Zoom |

Comments:

**\*\*Testimony in Strong Support of HB2104 HD2\*\*** **\*\*Relating to Island Burial Councils\*\***  
**\*\*Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs\*\***

**\*\*Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 2:05 p.m. (CR 224 & Videoconference)\*\***

Aloha Chair Senator Tim Richards, Vice Chair, and esteemed members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

E komo mai, aloha nui loa. My name is Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM, Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I., and I serve as Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party ([www.Ohanaunityparty.com](http://www.Ohanaunityparty.com)). As the **\*\*number one testifier and supporter on the record\*\*** this session for Native Hawaiian justice — from championing Public Land Trust measures to every bill safeguarding our kuleana to ‘āina and kūpuna — I stand firmly in **\*\*strong support\*\*** of **\*\*HB2104 HD2\*\***.

Aloha especially to you, Chair Richards — mahalo piha for your leadership in passing SB1249 last year (Duke Pia's Law), which protected our hardworking farmers and took a real bite out of rural crime, just like McGruff the Crime Dog: "Take a bite out of crime!" Today, we must take that same determined bite out of the barriers preventing Island Burial Councils from fully protecting **\*\*iwi kūpuna\*\*** — our ancestral remains, the most sacred treasures of our lāhui. The bill's findings lay it out plainly: Island Burial Councils are the frontline guardians of burial sites and advisors to the Department of Land and Natural Resources on decisions affecting iwi kūpuna.

Yet persistent vacancies, uncompensated volunteer service, and strict quorum rules (especially on less populated islands) prevent meetings, delay decisions, and silence the voices of lineal and cultural descendants. This undermines self-determination and frustrates Native Hawaiian families seeking respectful treatment of their kūpuna. Lengthy consultations for inadvertent discoveries add further strain. HB2104 HD2 heals these wounds by mending the protective lei around our burial sites: - Extends the timeline to fill mid-term vacancies: Lists must be submitted within **\*\*75 calendar days\*\*** after a vacancy occurs (a practical fix for thorough recruitment and publication).

- Provides per diem compensation as a **\*\*stipend\*\*** for council members representing geographic regions — paid from funds available to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, with amounts and disbursement determined by OHA, subject to documentation. This removes financial barriers to service and improves recruitment/retention.

- Adjusts quorum to a **\*\*majority of all appointed members\*\***, but no fewer than **\*\*three members\*\*** — ensuring councils can meet and act even with vacancies, without lowering standards. These changes are targeted, pono, and cost-neutral (no new appropriations; stipends from existing OHA resources). They empower councils to fulfill their statutory role: holding meetings, gathering information, communicating findings to DLNR, and protecting iwi kūpuna with the reverence they deserve — especially in closed sessions for sensitive burial site discussions. Our kūpuna rest in the ‘āina; disturbing them without proper voice and process dishonors the past and harms the future.

This bill ensures Island Burial Councils can operate effectively, giving Native Hawaiian communities the meaningful say guaranteed by law and culture. The Ohana Unity Party stands united in support. I urge the Committee to pass HB2104 HD2 swiftly and strongly: extend the timelines, enable stipends, lower quorum barriers just enough to function — and let our councils protect iwi kūpuna without delay.

Mahalo nui loa for your kuleana to Hawaiian affairs and for hearing this testimony from your top advocate. I am available for questions or oral testimony via Zoom.

A hui hou, me ke aloha pumehana,

Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I. Chairman,  
Ohana Unity Party

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Kelli Soileau | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am writing in **support of HB2104 HD2** for the following reasons:

**Ensuring Island Burial Councils Conduct Business:**

Quorum reform ensures Island Burial Councils (IBC) remain functional rather than merely symbolic. IBCs often struggle to fill all entitled seats while current quorum requirements count vacant positions which frequently prevents Councils from meeting and conducting business resulting in repeated cancellations. Adjusting the quorum requirement to a majority of *appointed* members provides a simple, practical fix that allows Councils to fulfill their statutory duties.

**A Modest Stipend Option Supports Recruitment and Participation:**

IBC members currently serve without compensation, creating barriers for community members who must balance council duties with work and family obligations. The option for OHA to provide stipends to moku representatives would make IBC service more accessible, reduce vacancies, encourage participation, and acknowledge the value of services provided by Native Hawaiians who serve as council members.

**Strong Island Burial Councils Benefit All Parties:**

Reliable, fully functioning Island Burial Councils help prevent unnecessary project delays while upholding the state’s trust obligation to protect ancestral remains. Effective Councils allow families and cultural descendants to fulfill their kuleana to care for iwi kūpuna and provide project proponents with clear, timely, and culturally responsible direction when burials are discovered.

Accordingly, I ask the Committee to **please PASS HB2104 HD2**.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,.

Kelli Soileau

Kāne‘ohe, O‘ahu



**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Theodora Furtado    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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Accordingly, I ask the Committee to Pass HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Theodora Furtado

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# LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HB2104 HD2

**R. Kana'iaupuni Gomes**

Honolulu, Hawai'i

March 21, 2026

Aloha e Chair Tim Richards, Vice Chair Rachele Fernandez Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

I am writing in strong support of **HB2104 HD2** as a Kumu Hula and member of the Native Hawaiian community who understands the profound cultural obligation we carry toward our iwi kūpuna.

## **Ensuring That Island Burial Councils Conduct Business:**

Island Burial Councils are the primary mechanism through which Native Hawaiian lineal and cultural descendants exercise decision-making power over the care of our ancestors. Unfortunately, IBCs often struggle to convene due to structural barriers in current law, resulting in cancelled meetings that exclude these essential voices. Quorum reform in HB2104 HD2 ensures IBCs remain functional rather than merely symbolic. By adjusting the quorum requirement to a majority of *appointed* members rather than including vacant positions, this bill provides a simple, practical fix that allows Councils to fulfill their statutory duties and honor their kuleana.

## **A Modest Stipend Option Supports Recruitment and Participation:**

IBC members currently serve without compensation, creating barriers for community members who must balance council duties with work and family obligations. The option for OHA to provide stipends to moku representatives acknowledges the value of services provided by Native Hawaiians and would make IBC service more accessible. This modest support can reduce vacancies, encourage broader participation, and ensure that financial need is not a barrier to serving our ancestors. Moku representatives are selected for their "understanding of the culture, history, burial beliefs, customs, and practices of Native Hawaiians in the region they represent"—expertise that deserves recognition.

## **Strong Island Burial Councils Benefit All Parties:**

Reliable, fully functioning Island Burial Councils help prevent unnecessary project delays while upholding the State's trust obligation to protect ancestral remains. When IBCs can meet regularly and make timely decisions, families and cultural descendants can fulfill their kuleana to care for iwi kūpuna, and project proponents receive clear, culturally responsible direction when burials are discovered. This bill prioritizes place-based decision-making proven effective in ensuring culturally informed outcomes with landowner buy-in.

HB2104 HD2 makes critical structural improvements that honor our ancestors while enabling practical, timely decision-making. This measure strengthens Native Hawaiian self-determination and ensures iwi kūpuna receive the respectful treatment they deserve.

Accordingly, I respectfully ask the Committee to **Pass HB2104 HD2**.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

R. Kana'iaupuni Gomes

Kumu Hula

Honolulu, Hawai'i

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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Comments:

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am writing in support of HB2104 HD2.

Quorum reform ensures Island Burial Councils (IBC) are able to conduct business and remain functional rather than being merely symbolic. Current quorum requirements count vacant seats, which frequently prevents Councils from meeting and conducting business resulting in repeated cancellations. Adjusting the quorum requirement to a majority of appointed members provides a simple, practical fix that allows Councils to fulfill their statutory duties.

**A Modest Stipend Option Supports Recruitment and Participation:**

This bill also allows for a modest stipend to support recruitment, participation, and an increase in filled seats. IBC members currently serve without compensation, creating barriers for community members who must balance council duties with work and family obligations. The option for OHA to provide stipends to moku representatives would make IBC service more accessible, reduce vacancies, encourage participation, and acknowledge the value of services provided by Native Hawaiians who serve as council members.

Reliable, fully functioning Island Burial Councils help prevent unnecessary project delays while upholding the state's trust obligation to protect ancestral remains. Effective Councils allow families and cultural descendants to fulfill their kuleana to care for iwi kūpuna and provide project proponents with clear, timely, and culturally responsible direction when burials are discovered.

With these things in mind, I ask the Committee to support and pass HB2104 HD2.

Me ka mahalo,

Malialani Dullanty

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Regina Gregory      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

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| Von Kaanaana        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha Mai Kākou,

I strongly urge the committee to SUPPORT HB2104 HD2.

The state of Hawaii has an outright obligation to properly remove barriers to a speedy, effective, smooth process.

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| Iolani Kuoha        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am writing in support of HB2104 HD2 for the following reasons:

**Ensuring That Island Burial Councils Conduct Business:**

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**Strong Island Burial Councils Benefit All Parties:**

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Accordingly, I ask the Committee to Pass HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

‘Iolani Kuoha

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| Elena-Marie Waianuhea | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am writing to you in strong support of HB2104 HD2. I have attended IBC meetings in the past and have witnessed firsthand the struggle councils face to fill quorum requirements, especially on Hawai'i island. This often delays crucial and time-sensitive decision-making. It is also frustrating to descendants, community members, and likely the council members themselves who volunteer their time to make important decisions when those decisions can not be made or when issues cannot even be discussed due to current quorum requirements. Thus, HB2104 HD2 would help to incentivise and support our council members so that they can more effectively serve the lāhui and our ancestors.

Further Reasons Why I support HB2104 HD2:

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Accordingly, I ask the Committee to Pass HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Elena-Marie Waianuheā

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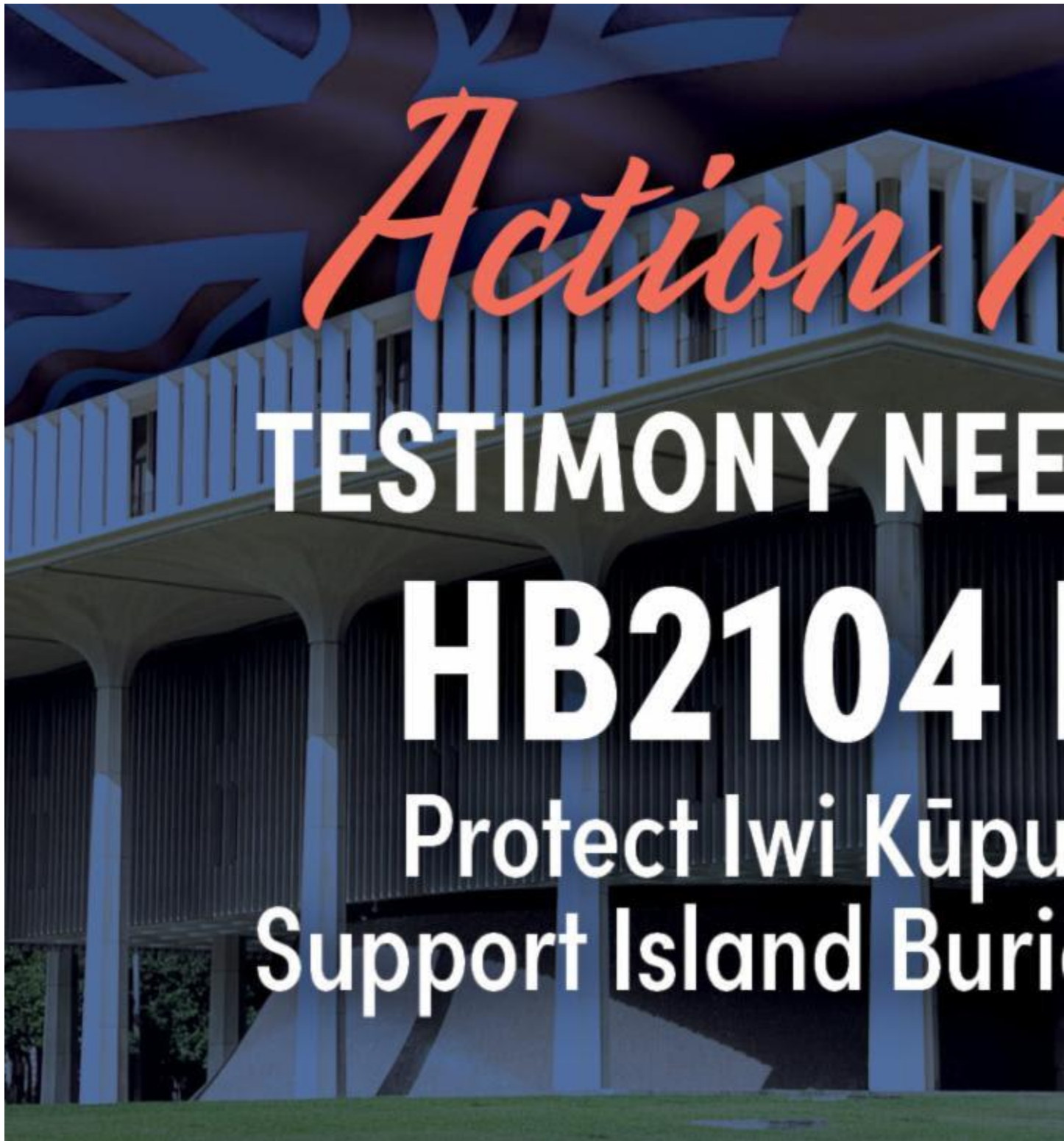
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| Francett Leimomi<br>Reynolds | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Francett Reynolds



The Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs will hear

HB2104 HD2 on Tuesday, March 24, at 2:05 p.m.

HB2104 HD2 would ensure protection of Iwi Kūpuna and Support Island Burial Councils.  
**Submit Testimony on HB2104 HD2 by**

**Monday, March 23, at 2:05 p.m.**

Testimony received after the deadline will be accepted, but will be considered late.

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### Summary of HB2104 HD2 (Protect Iwi Kūpuna and Support Island Burial Councils):

- Island Burial Councils (IBCs) are the volunteer councils that make decisions about how iwi kūpuna (Hawaiian burials) are handled.
- Unfortunately, the IBCs often struggle to convene because of barriers in the law, resulting in multiple cancellations and delays.
- HB2104 HD2 reduces these structural barriers by:
  - Removing the existing prohibition on compensating IBC members to allow OHA to provide stipends so that IBC members can be compensated for their time and expertise.
  - Reforming the quorum requirements to a majority of appointed members (rather than including vacant seats).
  - Extending the timeline to recruit and nominate new IBC members for midterm vacancies to ensure adequate representation.

### Why This Bill is Critical for Native Hawaiians:

- IBCs are the primary mechanism through which Native Hawaiian lineal and cultural descendants exercise their rights and responsibilities to their ancestors.
- When IBCs continually fail to meet, these voices are excluded.
- Functioning IBCs prioritize place-based decision-making proven to be effective in ensuring that decisions are made in the best interests of the community.
- Moku representatives are selected on their “understanding of the culture, history, burial beliefs, customs, and traditions of the moku.”
- Allowing moku representatives to receive an optional stipend may increase participation for potential members.



## Sample Testimony in Support of HB2104 HD2

Use this sample to submit your own testimony:

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am writing in support of HB2104 HD2 for the following reasons:

### Ensuring That Island Burial Councils Conduct Business:

Quorum reform ensures Island Burial Councils (IBC) remain functional rather than being merely symbolic. IBCs count vacant - positions which frequently prevents Councils from meeting and conducting business resulting in no of appointed members provides a simple, practical fix that allows Councils to fulfill their statutory duties.

### A Modest Stipend Option Supports Recruitment and Participation:

IBC members currently serve without compensation, creating barriers for community members who must balance provide stipends to moku representatives would make IBC service more accessible, reduce vacancies, encourage Hawaiians who serve as council members.

### Strong Island Burial Councils Benefit All Parties:

Reliable, fully functioning Island Burial Councils help prevent unnecessary project delays while upholding the s allow families and cultural descendants to fulfill their kuleana to care for iwi kūpuna and provide project propon are discovered.

Accordingly, I ask the Committee to Pass HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Francett Reynolds

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| Kenneth Makuakane   | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am writing in support of HB2104 HD2 for the following reasons:

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Accordingly, I ask the Committee to Pass HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Makuakane

Kawaiaha'o Church  
957 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Laura Safranski     | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

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even this haole girl sees how impactful it will be. :)

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| Lisette Akamine | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

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Accordingly, I ask the Committee to **Pass HB2104 HD2.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Lisette Akamine

Kahalu'u, O'ahu

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Lori Poaipuni | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

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Accordingly, I ask the Committee to **Pass HB2104 HD2.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Loriann Poaipuni

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Waiehu, Maui

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Tiare Smith         | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Tiare Smith and I am writing from Kahalu‘u, O‘ahu in strong support of HB2104 HD2.

Island Burial Councils (IBCs) are the primary mechanism through which Native Hawaiian lineal and cultural descendants exercise decision-making power and self-determination over the care of our iwi kūpuna. When IBCs continually fail to meet because of outdated structural barriers in the law, these sacred voices are excluded and our ancestors are left unprotected. HB2104 HD2 fixes these problems in practical, common-sense ways that will finally allow the councils to function as intended.

**Ensuring That Island Burial Councils Can Conduct Business:**

The current quorum requirements — which count vacant seats — frequently prevent IBCs from meeting and result in repeated cancellations every year. Reforming the quorum to a simple majority of appointed members is a straightforward, practical fix that allows the councils to fulfill their statutory duties without delay.

**A Modest Stipend Option Supports Recruitment and Participation:**

IBCs are volunteer bodies, yet members currently serve without any compensation. This creates real financial barriers for community members who must balance council duties with work and family obligations. Allowing OHA to provide optional stipends to moku representatives will make service accessible, reduce vacancies, encourage broader participation, and acknowledge the immense cultural value of the work Native Hawaiians provide as council members.

**Strong Island Burial Councils Benefit Everyone:**

Reliable, fully functioning IBCs prevent unnecessary project delays while upholding the State’s trust obligation to protect ancestral remains. Effective councils give families and cultural descendants the ability to fulfill their kuleana, and they give project proponents clear, timely, and culturally responsible direction when iwi are discovered.

HB2104 HD2 removes financial and procedural barriers so that our Island Burial Councils can finally operate with the dignity and effectiveness our iwi kūpuna deserve. This bill is a critical step toward true self-determination and proper protection of our ancestors.

Accordingly, I strongly urge the Committee to pass HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify and for your continued leadership on issues that matter most to Native Hawaiians.

Tiare Smith

Kahalu'u, O'ahu

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Kawaiohawaiki Anakalea-Kila | Individual          | Support                   | In Person      |

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

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project proponents with clear, timely, and culturally responsible direction when burials are discovered.

Accordingly, I ask the Committee to Pass HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Kawaiohawaiki Anakalea-Kila

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF H.B. 2104, H.D. 2, WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS**

Senator Herbert M. “Tim” Richards III, Chair  
Senator Rachele Lamosao, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing: March 24, 2026, 2:05 p.m.

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully submit testimony in **strong support of H.B. 2104, H.D. 2**, with targeted amendments to strengthen implementation and ensure that Island Burial Councils are both functional and grounded in Native Hawaiian cultural values.

This measure appropriately recognizes the critical role that Island Burial Councils play in the protection of iwi kūpuna and addresses longstanding challenges, including persistent vacancies, uncompensated service, and difficulty achieving quorum. I commend the Legislature for advancing these important improvements.

I respectfully offer the following amendments tied to specific sections of the bill:

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**1. SECTION 2 – VACANCIES (HRS §6E-43.5(b))**

**Issue:**

While the bill extends the time to fill vacancies, it does not address delays in identifying and appointing qualified candidates.

**Recommendation:**

Establish a **pre-vetted candidate pool** to allow for timely appointments.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Add a new subsection to read:

“( ) The governor shall, based on nominations submitted by the department, the office of Hawaiian affairs, and Native Hawaiian organizations, maintain a list of pre-qualified candidates who have been vetted, including review of qualifications, cultural knowledge, and willingness to serve on the appropriate island burial council. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy, the governor may appoint a replacement from this list to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.”

**Rationale:**

This proactive approach will reduce delays, improve continuity, and ensure councils are able to consistently meet quorum.

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**2. SECTION 2 – COMPENSATION (HRS §6E-43.5(e))****Issue:**

The bill authorizes stipends but does not fully address consistency or scope of support.

**Recommendation:**

Clarify allowable expenses and provide for uniform guidelines.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Amend subsection (e) to read, in relevant part:

“...Council members appointed to represent geographic regions may receive a stipend for expenses actually incurred in connection with attendance at a duly noticed council meeting, including but not limited to transportation, parking, and related costs, subject to documentation requirements established by the office of Hawaiian affairs. The office of Hawaiian affairs shall establish uniform guidelines for stipend amounts and eligibility to ensure equitable access to participation. Neighbor island travel costs shall be reimbursed as appropriate.”

**Rationale:**

Providing stipends removes financial barriers to participation and supports the involvement of kūpuna and cultural practitioners who possess invaluable ‘ike.

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**3. SECTION 2 – QUORUM (HRS §6E-43.5(f))****Issue:**

The bill allows a quorum of no fewer than three members. While this improves functionality, it may allow decisions affecting iwi kūpuna to be made without sufficient community representation when vacancies exist.

**Recommendation:**

Require minimum participation by geographic (community) representatives.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Amend subsection (f) to read, in relevant part:

“A majority of all members appointed to each council shall constitute a quorum to do business; provided that no fewer than three members shall constitute a quorum to do business; provided further that at least two members present shall be representatives of geographic regions of the island.”

**Rationale:**

This amendment preserves the bill’s intent to address quorum challenges while ensuring that decisions affecting iwi kūpuna remain grounded in community-based Native Hawaiian perspectives.

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#### **4. OPTIONAL – REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

**Recommendation:**

Allow remote participation to improve attendance and reduce logistical barriers.

**Proposed Addition:**

“Council members may participate in meetings through interactive conference technology, and such participation shall constitute presence in person for purposes of quorum and voting.”

**Rationale:**

This practical measure will improve participation, particularly for members from neighbor islands.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

H.B. 2104, H.D. 2 represents an important step toward strengthening the Island Burial Councils. With the amendments proposed above, the measure can more fully achieve its purpose by ensuring that councils are not only operational, but also culturally representative and effective in fulfilling their kuleana to protect iwi kūpuna.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Leimomi Khan

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Jamie “Kimo” Makani<br>Aldaya | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am writing in support of HB2104 HD2 for the following reasons:

I am Kanaka Maoli. My mother was from Ka'u and 1960 Kamehameha Schools graduate. I am a resident of Moku O Keawe. I am haumana and olapa with Halau Hula Ka Makani Hali Ala O Puna in Nanawale. I rent in Puna and own land in Kalapana. I volunteer regularly with my employer Home Depot Hilo to mālama an iwi cave off Makuu Road.

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Accordingly, I ask the Committee to Pass HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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| Megaan M. Clark     | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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I think it is important that we continue to keep in mind that OHA's mandate is to advance the education, health, housing, and economics of Kānaka Maoli. Accordingly, I ask the Committee to Pass HB2104 HD2 and help OHA to fulfill its mandate.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Yours truly,

Megaan M. Clark

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| Elizabeth Ann K Poire | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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Accordingly, I ask the Committee to Pass HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Elizabeth Poire  
Kailua Kona, Hawai'i

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Mehana Vaughan      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha.

I am writing in support of this bill as it increases functionality of our island burial councils, which are vital to protection of our iwi kupuna. Our island of Kaua'i has seen multiple egregious violations of the law which measures such as this one can help to prevent.

Mahalo nui loa for your support of this measure.

me ke aloha nui,

Dr. Mehana Vaughan

Kīlauea, Kaua'i

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Mark Holst          | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou,

I am in strong support of HB2104 HD2 to protect 'iwi kupuna and support Island Burial Councils, This measure will remove structural barriers to the functioning of IBC's by: updating quorum requirements to IBC meetings; give OHA the latitude to pay for individuals to participate in IBC's when necessary; and extend the timeline to recruit and nominate new IBC members.

Accordingly, I ask that you approve HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo,

Mark Holst

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Kailua Kona

I request your approval of this measure.

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| TERI SAVAIINAEA | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Richards and Members,

My name is Teri Kia Savaiinaea, a Wai‘anae resident and a kanaka. I am writing in strong support of HB2104 HD2 relating to the Island Burial Councils.

Our iwi kūpuna are not a resource—they are our ancestors. They deserve dignity, protection, and timely decisions that honor our cultural practices. The work of the Island Burial Councils is critical in ensuring that happens.

This bill makes practical and necessary improvements. Extending the time to fill vacancies helps ensure councils can function without disruption. Providing a per diem stipend recognizes the time, travel, and responsibility placed on members who serve their communities and protect our kūpuna. Adjusting the quorum to a workable majority ensures that decisions can be made without unnecessary delay.

Too often, delays and vacancies have stalled important decisions, leaving iwi kūpuna in limbo. That is not acceptable. Strengthening the functionality of these councils is a step toward restoring respect, accountability, and proper stewardship.

As kanaka, this is not just policy—it is personal. Protecting iwi kūpuna is our kuleana.

**We cannot claim to honor our kūpuna while allowing the very system meant to protect them to remain understaffed and ineffective. That must change.**

I respectfully urge your support on HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Teri Kia Savaiinaea

Wai‘anae resident

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Barbara Kaiwi       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am writing in support of HB2104 HD2 for the following reasons:

**Ensuring That Island Burial Councils Conduct Business:**

Quorum reform ensures Island Burial Councils (IBC) remain functional rather than being merely symbolic. IBCs often struggle to fill all entitled seats while current quorum requirements count vacant - positions which frequently prevents Councils from meeting and conducting business resulting in repeated cancellations. Adjusting the quorum requirement to a majority of appointed members provides a simple, practical fix that allows Councils to fulfill their statutory duties.

**A Modest Stipend Option Supports Recruitment and Participation:**

IBC members currently serve without compensation, creating barriers for community members who must balance council duties with work and family obligations. The option for OHA to provide stipends to moku representatives would make IBC service more accessible, reduce vacancies, encourage participation, and acknowledge the value of services provided by Native Hawaiians who serve as council members.

**Strong Island Burial Councils Benefit All Parties:**

Reliable, fully functioning Island Burial Councils help prevent unnecessary project delays while upholding the state's trust obligation to protect ancestral remains. Effective Councils allow families and cultural descendants to fulfill their kuleana to care for iwi kūpuna and provide

project proponents with clear, timely, and culturally responsible direction when burials are discovered.

Accordingly, I ask the Committee to Pass HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara Kaiwi



*He Lawai'a no ke kai papa'u, he pōkole ke aho; He Lawai'a no ke kai hohonu  
he loa ke aho" "A fisherman of shallow seas uses a short line; a fisherman  
of the deep sea uses a long line."*

## **KALANIHALE**

March 23, 2026

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Kaimi Kaupiko**, and I submit this testimony on behalf of **myself, Kalanihale, and the Miloli'i community in strong support of HB2104 HD2.**

We strongly support this measure because the protection of **iwi kūpuna** is a matter of the highest cultural, historical, and spiritual importance. The bill rightly recognizes that Island Burial Councils play a critical role in safeguarding burial sites and advising the Department of Land and Natural Resources on decisions affecting Native Hawaiian ancestral remains, but that their effectiveness has been limited by persistent vacancies, uncompensated service, and insufficient support. It also recognizes that these challenges are especially severe on less populated islands, where councils often fail to meet quorum and lineal and cultural descendants are denied a meaningful voice in decisions about the treatment of iwi kūpuna.

For communities like **Miloli'i**, this issue is deeply personal. Our connection to place is genealogical, cultural, and lived. Burial sites are not abstract locations on a map. They are sacred resting places of our ancestors, tied to our identity, memory, kuleana, and continued relationship to 'āina. When systems fail to protect iwi kūpuna with care, consistency, and urgency, Native Hawaiian families and communities carry that harm.

HB2104 HD2 is important because it takes practical steps to strengthen Island Burial Councils so they can better fulfill their statutory responsibilities. The bill extends the time for filling vacancies that occur during a council member's term, provides per diem compensation in the form of a stipend for council members representing geographic regions, and adjusts the quorum requirement so councils can do business with a majority of appointed members, but no fewer than three members. These are reasonable and necessary changes that can improve recruitment, retention, participation, and decision-making.

We especially support the recognition that council members often give substantial time and effort to lengthy meetings and consultations, including matters involving inadvertent discoveries within their moku. That work requires cultural knowledge, emotional weight, and serious responsibility. It should not be hindered by a lack of support or by procedural barriers that leave councils unable to act when needed. Providing stipends for members representing geographic regions is a practical step that acknowledges the demands of this service and can help strengthen council participation over time.

We also support the quorum adjustment. Too often, vacancies and attendance challenges can leave councils unable to act, delaying decisions and frustrating lineal descendants and families seeking respectful treatment of iwi kūpuna. Allowing a majority of appointed members, with no fewer than three, to constitute a quorum helps ensure councils can function while still maintaining accountability.

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## **KALANIHALE**

From our perspective at **Kalanihale** and in **Miloli'i**, this bill is about more than administrative improvement. It is about whether the State is willing to provide the structure and support necessary for burial protection processes to work in a way that honors ancestors, respects descendants, and upholds Native Hawaiian rights and dignity. Strengthening Island Burial Councils is a necessary step toward that responsibility.

For these reasons, **I, Kaimi Kaupiko, on behalf of myself, Kalanihale, and the Miloli'i community, strongly support HB2104 HD2** and respectfully urge the Committee to pass this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**Me ka ha'aha'a,**  
**Kaimi Kaupiko**   
**On behalf of myself, Kalanihale, and Miloli'i**

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Makaiwa kanui       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Richards, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am writing in support of HB2104 HD2 for the following reasons:

**Ensuring That Island Burial Councils Conduct Business:**

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IBC members currently serve without compensation, creating barriers for community members who must balance council duties with work and family obligations. The option for OHA to provide stipends to moku representatives would make IBC service more accessible, reduce vacancies, encourage participation, and acknowledge the value of services provided by Native Hawaiians who serve as council members.

**Strong Island Burial Councils Benefit All Parties:**

Reliable, fully functioning Island Burial Councils help prevent unnecessary project delays while upholding the state's trust obligation to protect ancestral remains. Effective Councils allow families and cultural descendants to fulfill their kuleana to care for iwi kūpuna and provide

project proponents with clear, timely, and culturally responsible direction when burials are discovered.

Accordingly, I ask the Committee to Pass HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Makaiwa Kanui

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| Leimana Kane        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Leimana Kāne

Wailuku, Maui

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Malia Kipapa        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Richards and Committee Members on Hawaiian Affairs,

I respectfully submit testimony **in support of HB2104 HD2**, which strengthens the effectiveness of Hawai‘i’s Island Burial Councils.

This bill makes practical improvements that will help councils fulfill their kuleana to protect iwi kūpuna:

- **Extends the time to fill vacancies**, ensuring qualified community members can be properly identified.
- **Provides per diem stipends** for regional representatives, supporting equitable participation and acknowledging the significant time commitment required.
- **Updates quorum requirements** to a majority of appointed members (no fewer than three), allowing councils to conduct essential business even when vacancies exist.

These changes will improve council operations, enhance representation, and support the respectful stewardship of ancestral burials.

Mahalo for considering this important measure.

With Aloha,

Malia Kipapa

North Kona, Hawaii

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Julia Estigoy-Kahoonei | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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Accordingly, I ask the Committee to Pass HB2104 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Julia Estigoy-Kaho'onei

Moku o Keawe

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Accordingly, I ask the Committee to **Pass HB2104 HD2**.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Lena J. Carver  
Keaau, Hawaii

**HB-2104-HD-2**

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| Alexander McNicoll | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I am in STRONG suport of **HB2104 HD2.**