

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 771, 772

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 771 and 772, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LANAI

G.M. No. 771	IRIS PEELUA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023; and
G.M. No. 772	KYLE NAKANELUA, for a term to expire 06-30-2021,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Iris Peelua and Kyle Nakanelua for service on the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai.

IRIS PEELUA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Iris Peelua from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Peelua's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify her for appointment to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai. Your Committee notes that Ms. Peelua has been a Project Coordinator with Towne Realty of Hawaii, Inc. since 2003 where her responsibilities include obtaining necessary approvals from various state and county agencies. During the course of Ms. Peelua's career, she has gained broad experience and knowledge about real estate development. Your Committee further notes that Ms. Peelua has served as an interim member of the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, since 2019 and has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of its members. Your Committee therefore recommends that Ms. Peelua be appointed to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, based on her knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

KYLE NAKANELUA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Kyle Nakanelua from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Nakanelua's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him for appointment to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai. Your Committee notes that Mr. Nakanelua has worked as a cultural consultant in the State of Hawaii since 1996 where his services included educating people on the traditions and customs of Native Hawaiian culture. Over the course of Mr. Nakanelua's career, he has gained broad experience and knowledge in Native Hawaiian rites, rituals, and protocols. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Nakanelua has served as an interim member of the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, since 2019 and has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of its members. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Nakanelua be appointed to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

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

MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair