



GM561

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Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

March 27, 2018

1:35 p.m.

Room 016

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM561 and GM562, which will confirm OHA Nominee, Clifford Kapono for terms to run consecutively as the Hāmākua regional representative on the Hawai'i Island Burial Council (HIBC).

Mr. Kapono has genealogical ties to Kohala and has lived most of life in Hāmākua on Moku o Keawe. Mr. Kapono received his BA in International Business from San Francisco State University, his graduate degree in Business at Dartmouth College, and did his PhD studies in International Economics at Krasnoyarsk State University. Throughout his career in business, he focused on Native Hawaiian public health issues specifically affecting the Keaukaha and other Hawai'i Island communities. He has also dedicated much of his professional time to educating young Hawaiians in math and sciences at Keaukaha Community Outreach, Kamehameha Schools Kea'au Campus, New Century Connections Public Charter School, and Hālau Lōkahi Public Charter School. Mr. Kapono has committed substantial time to the revitalization of many Hawaiian practices, including navigation as one of the early members of the Hōkūle'a crew in the 1970s and 'āina restoration as a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana. He has also supported Native Hawaiian civic engagement as a voter registrar with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Currently, Mr. Kapono seeks to turn his focus toward the protection of Native Hawaiian burials and archaeological resources. Mr. Kapono is a dedicated professional with the desire to preserve Hawaiian ways of knowing and being.

For these reasons, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** GM561 and GM562 to confirm Mr. Kapono to the Hawai'i Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF
HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018
1:35 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 562
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAII, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
CLIFFORD KAPONO FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2022**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 562, nominating Mr. Clifford Kapono to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii'i expiring June 30, 2022.

The Island Burial Councils are established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Councils determine whether to preserve or relocate previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites, recognize lineal and cultural descendants, and provide counsel and advice to the Department.

Mr. Kapono is a resident of Hilo. He has a B.A. in International Business from San Francisco University, a MBED from Tuck at Dartmouth College and was a PHD Candidate in International Economics at Krasnoyarsk State University. His professional experience includes VP (South Pacific) of Motorola Communications & Electronics; General Manager of Mid-Pacific Molecular; and CEO of Kapono & Associates Inc. He is currently the CEO of M2M Enterprise Inc. More importantly though, Mr. Kapono has been active in his community. He was a Hokulea crew member; member of the Protect Kahoolawe Ohana; did math tutoring at the Keaukaha Community Outreach; and taught at the Kamehameha Schools, Keaukaha Campus.

In his own words, Clifford Kapono believes that "native Hawaiian people have an authentic responsibility to their ancestors to care for antiquity that has been given us to share with all the people of Hawaii for the betterment of Moku O Keawe."

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Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Kaponō's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council until June 30, 2022.

GM-562

Submitted on: 3/21/2018 10:57:05 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/27/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel L. Kailianu	Testifying for Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Support	Yes

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT.

From: shimabukuro2 - Kaliko
To: HWNTestimony
Subject: FW: In Regards to the Appointment of Clifford P. Kaponu
Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:51:15 AM

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:44 AM
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Subject: FW: In Regards to the Appointment of Clifford P. Kaponu

From: Ola Jenkins [<mailto:ola.jenkins@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:30 AM
To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: In Regards to the Appointment of Clifford P. Kaponu

To the Honorable Senator Shimabukuro:

This letter of endorsement comes in support of Clifford P. Kaponu to the Hawai'i Island Burial Council.

The Hawaii Revised Statutes states that all candidates will be evaluated based on their ability to represent a given region and to demonstrate an "understanding of Hawaiian culture, history, customs, practices, and in particular, beliefs and practices relating to the care and protection of Native Hawaiian burial sites and ancestral remains and burial goods" (Section 6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes).

I believe Mr. Kaponu's accomplishments as a published author, researcher and respected scholar have been well documented and will prove evident as a Burial Council member. His thorough understanding and knowledge of our history, culture and government has also been made evident through his civic action, public writings and dialogue. Most importantly, it is Mr. Kaponu's intrinsic values and love of Hawai'i, as well as his perspective as a kanaka maoli (native) as to why I feel he will exemplify this calling that is before him. I know he will not take this duty lightly, as he knows he will be representing the voices of our Kupuna (elders) and the fate of our future progenies.

With strong conviction, I believe that Mr. Kaponu has the skillset, intelligence and tenacity to carry out this great kuleana (responsibility). As a friend and colleague, I fully support him with this endorsement.

Me ka pono,

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From: shimabukuro2 - Kaliko
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From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
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From: Gae Bergquist Trommald [<mailto:gaebt@mac.com>]
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To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Clifford Kaponu - Big Island Burial Council- Hearing 3/27/18

Senator Shimabukuro

It is with confidence regarding Cliff Kaponu's capabilities, knowledge and unyielding diligence that I would like to ask your support his confirmation to the Big Island Burial Council.

I've known Cliff in excess of 30 years through business, non profit work and friendship. He is consistent in utilizing his striking mental acumen to delve into the issues at hand for the most effective result. With his command of language and persistence, he can at times make the audience, a committee or associates, a bit uncomfortable in forcing them as well as himself to question the status quo and subsequently produce at the highest level.

Thank you again and should you have any questions or need further information, please let me know.
Gae

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