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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, April 12, 2018
1:20 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 671
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF O'AHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CHARLES
EHRHORN FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 671, nominating Mr. Charles Ehrhorn to the Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu expiring June 30, 2019.

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

Mr. Ehrhorn is a resident of Honolulu and a graduate of Punahou School. He has a B.A. in Architecture (University of Oregon) and a Master of Regional Planning (Cornell). Mr. Ehrhorn brings with him a comprehensive background in land planning, site planning and urban design (Campbell Estate). He is a consultant with C&J Land Planning, LLC, where he provides land and site planning and design for a variety of clients including Avalon Development, James Campbell Company, LLC and Helbert Hastert & Fee Planners. More importantly, Mr. Ehrhorn previously served on the O'ahu Burial Council where he showed great leadership and won the respect of his fellow members.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Ehrhorn's esteemed knowledge and perspective emerges during the deliberations of the O'ahu Island Burial Council until June 30, 2019.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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GM671

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM671, which would confirm Charles Ehrhorn as a landowner/developer representative to the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

Mr. Ehrhorn brings a wealth of experience from his previous service on the O'ahu Island Burial Council, and additionally possesses a strong background in the care, management, and protection of ancestral Native Hawaiian burial sites. Although serving as a landowner representative, Mr. Ehrhorn has proven himself to be a commendable advocate for the respectful treatment of burial sites; OHA is confident that he will continue to be a strong asset to the Council as it carries out its critical responsibilities to our iwi kūpuna.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM671 to confirm Mr. Ehrhorn for another term on the O'ahu Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.