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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, March 28, 2019
1:18 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 669
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS OF MAUI AND LĀNA'I, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, DANE MAXWELL FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 669, nominating Mr. Dane Maxwell to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lāna'i expiring June 30, 2021.

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. Maxwell was born and raised on the island of Maui. He attended the University of Hawaii Maui College. Dane is a Cultural Specialist/Monitor with CKM Cultural Resources where he prepares Cultural Impact Assessments and monitors construction projects in cultural-sensitive areas. He assists with proper Hawaiian cultural protocol for archaeological and inadvertent iwi finds. Mr. Maxwell is also a Cultural Specialist with the Maui Ocean Center. Dane is the grandson of one of our most revered kupuna, Charles Kauluwehi Maxwell. He was not only ordained as a Kahu by Kupuna Maxwell, but he also possesses the institutional knowledge of malama iwi passed down by his grandfather. Dane has been serving on the aforementioned Council since 2014, gaining the support and respect of his colleagues.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Maxwell's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Maui Lāna'i Islands Burial Council until June 30, 2021.

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The Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** GM669, which would confirm Dane Maxwell for an additional term as the Lahaina regional representative to the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council (MLIBC).

Mr. Maxwell’s training and experience with historic preservation issues since his early youth make him a particularly appropriate candidate for the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council. Mr. Maxwell and his ‘ohana carry a legacy of cultural and historic preservation in his moku. Born in Wailuku, Mr. Maxwell attended Hawaiian language immersion school and learned hula at his ‘ohana hālau, Pukalani Hula Hale. Mr. Maxwell traces his dedication to the protection of burials to his memories of witnessing his grandfather, Charles Ka‘uluwehi Maxwell, Sr., and his colleagues re-inter iwi at Honokahua. He trained from a young age with his grandfather in proper re-interment protocol, becoming an ordained kahu in 2011. He currently owns his own business, CKM Cultural Resources, at which he is a cultural specialist and monitor. Through his work, he has assisted major developers with creating burial treatment plans and cultural impact statements and gained expertise on the state and federal laws related to these processes. Moreover, Mr. Maxwell has been serving on the MLIBC for the past five years, and has stepped up to help lead the council as its vice chair. Through his longstanding commitment to strongly represent his kūpuna and ho‘ōla iwi practices he has offered indispensable value to the MLIBC and should be granted the opportunity to continue his service.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM669, to advise and consent to the nomination of Mr. Maxwell to another term on the Maui and Lāna‘i Island Burial Council. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

GM-669

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adrian Kamali'i	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

My name is Adrian Kamali'i and I am submitting testimony in strong support of GM669.

Dane is my first cousin. We were born and raised on Maui and reared under the tutelage of our maternal grandparents, Kahu Charles Maxwell and KUMU Hula Nina Boyd Maxwell.

My strong confidence in Dane's ability to be effective on the Burial Council is borne of our own practices of kanu own under the careful watch of our grandfather and other notable kÅ«puna, some whose names now belong to memory.

When 6E was create, Dane was the model candidate envisioned to hold the kuleana of the council. Maui is in good hands with his fair and balanced leadership. I ask for your strong consideration of Dane Maxwell.

Mahalo!