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**AGENDA
KAUAI NIIHAU ISLANDS BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday October 20, 2021

TIME: 9:00 AM

LINK: Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/6559750322?pwd=dGhKVdc0ZzN3Vzhkek9Fa2t6a1Jrdz09>

Meeting ID: 655 975 0322

Passcode: qiUjd3

I. CALL TO ORDER/PULE

II. ROLL CALL

III. Approval of Minutes

A. September 22, 2021

B. October 6, 2021

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Soliciting Testimony for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' (OHA) Burial Sites Working Group (BSWG) Regarding the Care, Management, and Protection of Unmarked Burial Sites.

Information/Discussion: Discussion and receipt of testimony on the above item. Presentation by Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

If you have suggestions about how the DLNR or the State Historic Preservation Division are fulfilling their legal duties, how burial sites could be better protected, or how the Island Burial Councils could be better supported or improved, your mana'ō is valued. The Burial Sites Working Group would appreciate hearing your suggestions, concerns, and specific examples that might guide their work of offering recommendations to the State Legislature.

***Background:** In response to House Resolution 113 (HR 113) and Senate Resolution 171 (SR 171), the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) has convened a Burial Sites Working Group (BSWG). One representative from each Island Burial Council serves on the BSWG alongside other members from the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), the law school, Huliaupa'a/Kali'uokapa'akai Collective, and the larger Hawaiian community. The BSWG is tasked to do the following:*

- a. *“Study and analyze the allegations of mismanagement by the Department of Land and Natural Resources’ (DLNR’s) State Historic Preservation Division” (SR171);*
- b. *“Determine a recommended course of action to address and resolve the allegations of mismanagement by the Department of Land and Natural Resources’ State Historic Preservation Division” (SR171);*
- c. *“Review and recommend improvements to the workings of the Island Burial Councils, which are administratively attached to the State Historic Preservation Division, and how to implement them” (HR113);*
- d. *“Determine ways to strengthen protections and improve resources for Native Hawaiian burials” (HR113);*
- e. *“Examine ways to improve the implementation of the Island Burial Councils’ duties and responsibilities and to better understand and determine their relationship to the State Historic Preservation Division and its management” (HR113);*
- f. *“Review existing statutes and administrative rules pertaining to the Island Burial Councils and ways to develop their implementation” (HR113); and*
- g. *“Provide recommendations on the development of a statewide survey and inventory that documents historic properties where burial sites exist or may exist, including properties owned by the State or the counties” (HR113)*

In light of this kuleana, the burial council is soliciting input and testimony (written and/or oral) from lineal and cultural descendants and other interested persons on the above matters. Your testimony will be included for the BSWG to review and make findings and recommendations to the legislature in time for the 2022 legislative session.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PULE

A. Next meeting is scheduled tentatively for Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

Pursuant to §92-3 HRS, all interested persons shall be afforded an opportunity to present oral testimony or submit data, views, or arguments, in writing on any agenda item.

Pursuant to sections §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5, Hawai’i Revised Statutes (HRS), and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in section 92-4, HRS, the council may go into a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site.

A request to be placed on a burial council meeting agenda must be made with the History and Culture Branch staff at least two weeks preceding the scheduled meeting date. In addition, the request must be accompanied by all related documents. Failure to comply with this procedure will delay the item to the following month’s agenda. Materials related to items on the agenda are available for review at the Kauai State Historic Preservation Division located at P.O. Box 1729 Lihue, Hawaii 96766.

Persons with disabilities requiring special assistance should contact the division in advance at (808) 896-0475.