

# Hui Ola Nā Iwi

## Media Advisory

### Governor Retaliates Against Longtime O‘ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) Chair

Governor Ige is engaging in retaliatory behavior against OIBC Chair Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu due to her advocacy to address significant failures of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) vis-a-vis the OIBC, just as the Legislature recommended a review of SHPD mismanagement of the burial councils.

**WHAT:** Press conference to reveal how Governor Ige crippled representation on the OIBC, the significant failures of the SHPD and recent legislative action to address such chronic mismanagement.

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 21, 2021, 10:30 am

**WHERE:** Adjacent to Pohukaina Burial Site at ‘Iolani Palace Grounds (in front of the State Library)

**WHO:** Halealoha Ayau, Michelle Makalua-Yee, Kolea Fukumitsu and Summer Fukumitsu are members of Hui Ola Nā Iwi, an organization devoted to caring for and protecting Hawaiian burials and who have many years of experience among them in conducting that work. Island Burial Council members and community leaders directly involved in ongoing cases will also share their experiences via social media.

**WHY:** To continue efforts to resolve the Governor’s adverse action against OIBC Chair Wong-Kalu, continue to raise awareness of the chronic mismanagement of the burial councils by SHPD and to encourage the Legislature to continue its efforts to oversee these significant issues.

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