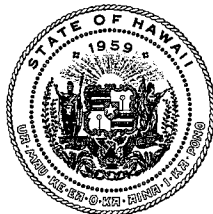
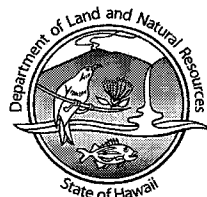


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Governor Message 462 - Submitting for Consideration To The  
Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Laura C. Schuster

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TAXATION**

March 25, 2008

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation of the appointment of Laura C. Schuster to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

The Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board was established under Section 6E-5.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to evaluate and determine if historic properties are to be entered into the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places and by which nominations of historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places will be approved by the Board. Ms. Schuster was nominated to serve as a representative of the professional discipline of Archaeologist on the Board. If confirmed, Laura Schuster will serve until June 30, 2012.

Ms. Schuster obtained a Masters of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and a Bachelors of Arts in Anthropology from San Diego State University. Ms. Schuster has served as Chief of the Cultural Resources Management Program at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park since 1998. Ms. Schuster has worked in the field of archaeology for 34 years and is strongly committed to preserving the history of Hawai'i.

The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Laura C. Schuster and strongly recommends her confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

## testimony

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**From:** Kiersten Faulkner [hhfd@lava.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 7:55 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony on GM 462 to EDT, March 25, 1:15 p.m., Room 224

### VIA EMAIL:

**To:** Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair  
Committee on Economic Development and Taxation

**From:** Kiersten Faulkner  
Executive Director, Historic Hawai'i Foundation

**Committee Date:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008  
1:15 pm  
Conference Room 224

**Subject:** **GM 462, Confirmation of Laura C. Schuster  
to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in support of the nomination of Laura C. Schuster to a term on the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

In Ms. Schuster's position as Cultural Resources Manager for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park she has responsibility for a wide variety of historic and cultural resources, including buildings, traditional cultural properties, historic roads, cultural landscapes, and archeological sites. Her technical knowledge is matched by her commitment to protect and preserve the significant historic resources of Hawai'i.

Ms. Schuster is also a dedicated community member who has participated in numerous grassroots, state, county and federal preservation activities. She has demonstrated an ability to work with a variety of stakeholders and is always respectful and responsive when interacting with members of the public and the preservation community.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF works to preserve Hawai'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life and economic viability of the state.

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**From:** Thomas Dye [sha@tsdye2.com]  
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**Subject:** Testimony in Strong Support of GM462

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HEARING: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 12:30 p.m., Conference Room 224

SUBJECT: Testimony in Strong Support of GM462, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LAURA C. SCHUSTER, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

I am Dr. Thomas Dye, President of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology (SHA). We have over 200 members that include professional archaeologists and advocates of historic preservation in general. I am testifying in strong support of GM462, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Laura Carter Schuster.

Laura Schuster is a member in good standing of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology. She is an established and well-respected member of our professional community. She worked for 8 years at Bishop Museum before joining the Federal government, where she has spent the last twenty years working as an archaeologist, first on O'ahu and more recently on Hawai'i Island.

Laura Schuster's depth and breadth of experience will make her an outstanding addition to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. I respectfully urge confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above telephone number and email address.

Thomas S. Dye, Ph.D.  
President, Society for Hawaiian Archaeology