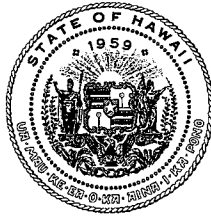
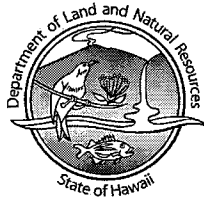


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Governor Message 570- Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Julie M.E. Taomia

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

April 17, 2008

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation of the appointment of Dr. Julie M.E. Taomia to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. Dr. Taomia would represent the professional discipline of Archaeologist on the Board for a four-year term extending to June 30, 2012. State and federal law require that at least one archaeologist serve on this Board to ensure significant archaeological features and sites are identified when properties are reviewed and considered for inclusion in the Hawaii or National Register of Historic Places.

Dr. Taomia is well qualified for the position. She obtained both a Doctorate of Philosophy and a Master of Arts in Anthropology from the University of California at Berkley. Dr. Taomia currently serves as the Senior Cultural Resource Specialist for the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit, Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii. Prior to this, she has worked as the Hawaii Island Archaeologist for the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division, Senior Archaeologist for the America Samoa Historic Preservation Office, and she also owned and was the Principle Investigator of South Pacific Archaeological Consulting Services.

Dr. Taomia is strongly committed to preserving the history of Hawaii. She has been practicing archaeology in the Pacific since 1996 and has a strong knowledge of the archaeological resources in Hawaii.

The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Dr. Julie Taomia and strongly recommend her confirmation to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

## testimony

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SUBJECT: Testimony in Strong Support of GM570, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JULIE M.E. TAOMIA, for a term to expire 6-30-2010.

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 GM570, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Julie M. E. Taomia.

Dr. Taomia 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 the State Historic Preservation Office in American Samoa and as a result of that experience is fully conversant with the federal historic preservation review process. She moved with her family from Samoa to Hawai'i Island two years ago to work for the Historic Preservation Division at DLNR and was among the more than 20 professional staff to leave the division during the tenure of its former administrator. She is currently a senior cultural resource specialist at the U.S. Army Pohakuloa Training Area.

Dr. Taomia'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.

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