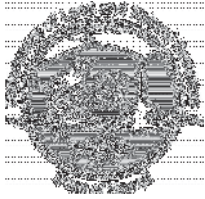


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Testimony Of
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Before the Senate Committee on
HIGHER EDUCATION
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Thursday, February 12, 2009
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In Consideration of
SENATE BILL 508
RELATING TO APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAI'I, MANOA

Senate Bill 508 proposes to make an appropriation for an applied archaeology graduate program at the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Manoa. While the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of Senate Bill 508, the Department is nonetheless sensitive to the current fiscal difficulties the State is experiencing and as such, defers to the UH on whether this measure can be implemented within their budgetary means.

The Anthropology Department at UH Manoa begun a program in applied archaeology last year that offers a Master's degree. Senate Bill 508 allows for a greater expansion of the program and calls for greater cooperation between the UH Manoa and the various public and private entities that are currently working in historic preservation in Hawaii.

The Department would ask these Committees in addition, to support the Department's Biennium Budget request, which allocates funds to the Department's Historic Preservation Division.

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To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Higher Education

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Technology

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

Committee Date: Thursday, February 12, 2009
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 225

Subject: SB1143, Relating to Archaeology

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in support with conditions for SB1143, which would support the applied archaeology graduate program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and appropriate funds. SB1143 also proposes to revive the 2006 SHPD archaeological working group and complete its report into ways to make SHPD's archaeological and cultural functions more efficient and effective.

HHF supports efforts to foster the next generation of preservation professionals, to improve opportunities for education and training for cultural resource managers, and to provide practical hands-on training for applying those skills to real world situations. Therefore, HHF supports the expansion of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa graduate program for applied archaeology.

Furthermore, HHF agrees that the professional experience and practical knowledge of private sector practitioners can be of immense value to the state historic preservation division as it evaluates and improves the ways in which it meets its legal and moral obligations to safeguard Hawai'i's historic and cultural sites. When both the Archaeology and Architecture Working Groups were convened three years ago, the effort showed a promising expansion of public and private sectors working together to find a better way to engage in historic preservation. Unfortunately, the working groups were halted before their work was complete and the reports were never finalized or the recommendations implemented.

Since that time, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has a new Chair and Hawai'i has a new State Historic Preservation Officer; the Historic Preservation Division also has a new Administrator. SHPD has engaged in a new effort to update the statewide Preservation Plan, which will set the vision and strategy for preservation throughout the Hawaiian Islands. The planning process should involve all the known stakeholders, as well as the general public. HHF suggests that rather than continue the working group process as a stand-alone task that will compete for SHPD time and resources, that the working groups' previous input be added to the Preservation Plan and



that the working groups become part of the larger effort and vision. Many of the same issues remain to be resolved; however, by using the Preservation Plan process, there is a greater likelihood of successful implementation of the subsequent recommendations.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. A membership-based organization, 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, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

TO: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education and

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

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HEARING: February 12, 2009, 1:15 PM, Conference Room 225
SUBJECT: Testimony in Strong Support of SB 508, Relating to Archaeology

I am Dr. Sara Collins, Chair of the Legislative Committee 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 SB 508, a bill that proposes to establish a graduate program in applied archaeology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UH-Manoa).

SB 508 proposes the establishment of a graduate program in applied archaeology at the UH Manoa. In the two years, the Anthropology Department at UH Manoa has begun a program in applied archaeology that offers a Master's degree to qualified candidates. Passage of SB 508 would build upon this beginning by allowing for the expansion of the program, thus including more eligible students as well as providing for student internships and a rotating faculty position, to be held on a yearly basis by archaeological professionals working in the local community. In addition, SB 508 calls for greater cooperation between the UH Manoa and the various public and private entities that are currently working in historic preservation in Hawaii. Within the University community, the proposed program in applied archaeology will provide on-campus and distance learning opportunities for qualified candidates throughout the university system. Outside of the University, collaboration with the professional CRM community in Hawaii and elsewhere will provide students in the program with invaluable opportunities for training, research, and employment.

Section 3 of SB 508 also directs the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) to plan, conduct and otherwise sponsor two community workshops in 2009-2010 that will, inter alia:

- Revive the 2006 state historic preservation division's archaeological working group, compile and amend its recommendations, and complete its report
- Expand the membership of the working group to include a broader cross-section of the State's historic preservation community, such as, Kamehameha Schools, the office of Hawaiian affairs, archaeologists from private cultural resource management firms, and archaeologists and historic preservation officials of state, county, and federal agencies
- Identify professional development and certification requirements that should be established for personnel of the state historic preservation division and contractors of the division;

- Identify possible training and educational opportunities to be offered to burial council members to assist them in performing their duties

SHA strongly endorses this measure because we see the need for a locally based, accredited graduate program in applied archaeology or cultural resource management or a closely related area. We hope that the University of Hawaii will move forward to make this program a budget priority. There is a widespread need in the private sector and in government for a cohort of qualified CRM professionals and archaeologists who are locally trained, and who meet national standards as well. We also welcome a renewed effort at SHPD to improve regulatory procedures, increase training opportunities, and broaden public outreach and participation. SB 508 correctly links the needs for qualified personnel to a strengthened regulatory framework that is responsive to the stakeholders in historic preservation in Hawai`i.

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.

Testimony for Legislative Bill SB No. 508

My name is Geoffrey White. I am Chair of the Department of Anthropology at UH Mānoa and speak on behalf of myself and several colleagues who are working to build a new program in Applied Archaeology at UHM.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. The University of Hawai'i at Manoa supports the intent of the bill provided it does not adversely affect our UH priorities as set in our budget request, most notably in health and safety and repairs and maintenance issues. Addressing these urgent needs is critical to our ability to perform our core mission for the State of Hawaii. We recognize that you have many priorities and issues to weigh for the state, so the following substantive information on this program is provided to assist you in your decision-making process.

The proposed bill will expand the UH-Mānoa graduate program in Applied Archaeology to help resolve the current historic preservation crisis that has developed in our islands. Although UH-Mānoa regularly offers archaeological training, we are committed to training more archaeologists with expertise in Hawaiian archaeology. As the first generation of professional archaeologists who manage the state's resources is beginning to retire, we urgently need trained professionals to identify and preserve archaeological sites, human burials, and other sacred sites, so that economic development proceeds without coming into conflict with highly valued cultural and historic sites.

We note the timeliness of the new program in Applied Archaeology at UHM. In August 2007, just as the program was admitting its first students, we learned that state legislators had recently informed the UHM Chancellor about the severe shortage of archeologists at the State Department of Land and Natural Resource's Historic Preservation unit that was holding up a large amount of business for the state and private industry. We responded by initiating a planning process that could expand the program to meet this growing need.

It is with this background that in 2007 the UH-Mānoa faculty launched the Applied Archaeology program to train students specifically in the historic preservation of Hawai'i. The program is designed to help students and working professionals across the state, and now, in the second year is receiving a sharply increased number of applications from local students. Funding through SB No. 508 will expand the UH-Mānoa program in Applied Archaeology to accommodate more students, train them more comprehensively, and thereby enable the State to comply with its moral obligation and legislative mandate to protect Hawai'i's rich cultural heritage.

It is essential that the expansion of this program be done in dialogue with interested parties outside the university. Issues of historic preservation of cultural resources cut

across numerous communities, state agencies, and professional interests. The proposed bill will support an inclusive planning process necessary to launch a program that has the confidence and cooperation of the wider community.

UH-Mānoa archaeologists recognize that the historic preservation crisis reaches across all of the state's islands, and funding in the proposed bill will help in developing courses that reach students across the state. Such distance-learning opportunities (which will involve faculty on other UH campuses) will help students from neighbor islands earn degrees toward graduation at UH Mānoa while reducing the time needed to relocate to O'ahu.

Funding is also requested to add a non-tenure track rotating faculty position to enable archaeological professionals already employed in the community to participate in the program for blocks of time. These local "Archaeologists-in-Residence" will offer students training in aspects of applied archaeology that are especially relevant in our state, strengthen ties between the community and the public university that serves it. The requested paid internships, for Hawai'i students, will allow students to immediately apply and further hone their abilities in the historic preservation community. This comprehensive program will help students secure employment opportunities upon graduation.

Graduates of the 2-year program in Applied Archaeology will be technically skilled and administratively qualified to staff the many private cultural resource management firms and government agencies that are responsible for identifying and protecting burial sites and archaeological remains in Hawai'i.

In conclusion we ask that the legislature support SB No. 508 and commit ourselves to working to ensure the success of this timely program. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the following telephone number and email address. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Re: SB 508, Hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2009, 1:15 pm.

Aloha,

I am a graduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Department of Anthropology, and am writing to request the Senate's support of SB 508. This bill will assure our advanced training, providing Hawai'i with qualified archaeologists in a relatively short amount of time.

As a student in the Applied Archaeology program, and Secretary of the Anthropology Graduate Student Association, I can attest to the great need our department has for this program of study.

The Applied Archaeology program provides students with the necessary training required, particularly in the Cultural Resource Management aspects of archaeological work, to be valuable assets to any firm and, more importantly, to our State. This program goes beyond the theoretical world of archaeology and research, and rigorously demands students develop the "real world" skills needed to benefit not only the world of academia, but the communities in which we live. Our desire to get "down and dirty" requires more training, and that requires resources. Hiring qualified faculty who have the necessary skills to take us beyond conventional training, and into the world of multidisciplinary approaches and advanced scientific technology, including GIS, paleopathology, and geoarchaeology, will assure the continuance of advanced study. We desire to see the goals of combining science with cultural practice, and the building of relationships with communities, especially our Native Hawaiian communities, come to fruition.

As a Native Hawaiian, I truly believe we need more Hawaiian archaeologists with the cultural background and scientific training necessary to approach Hawai'i's valuable past with respect, love, and the understanding that we CAN combine scientific methodologies with cultural knowledge. Our department cannot adequately accomplish this ambitious goal without assistance, and you as Senate members have a responsibility to help us ensure that Hawai'i's past is maintained as a valuable educational resource, and protected via advanced training of its archaeologists. Learning from our past is vital to our survival as a sovereign people and for the sake of educating all of Hawai'i's citizens. Mahalo for your continued support!

Aloha, e mālama pono,
Melissa Lehuanani "Kiki" Ka'akau-Delizo

University of Hawai'i, Mānoa
Department of Anthropology
MA Applied Archaeology Program

THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

Bill SB No.

Supports the applied archaeology graduate program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa; makes appropriation.

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Thursday, February 12, 2009
1:15 p.m.

Aloha kakou!

My name is **Dr. Miriam Stark**, and I speak as a faculty member in Anthropology at UH-Mānoa where I teach courses in archaeology. I work with Dr. James Bayman in developing the Applied Archaeology program and also advise several students in that MA track.

The crisis in historic preservation in the Hawaiian islands continues, despite our best efforts to fix the situation. SB No. 508 is designed to expand the UH-Mānoa graduate program in Applied Archaeology as a form of capacity-building. The program provides focused and critical training in historic preservation to junior professionals who want to work in our state with archaeological and cultural resources. The first generation of professional archaeologists who now manage the state's resources has also begun to retire. Many more trained professionals are urgently needed to identify and preserve burial sites, archaeological sites, and other sacred sites, in the face of unrelenting economic development.

We launched the Applied Archaeology MA program in 2007 with no additional funding, and have attracted a substantial number of students. We are now mentoring first- and second-year students in the program, but cannot sustain our training efforts without additional support. By expanding staff and curriculum in the UH-Mānoa program in Applied Archaeology, we can accommodate more students, train them more comprehensively, and enable the State to comply with its moral and legal obligation and mandate to protect Hawai'i's rich cultural heritage.

With funding from SB No. 508, the UH-Mānoa Applied Archaeology will provide classroom, distance-learning, internship-based, and field-based learning opportunities to its students and incorporate insights from working professionals within the community as well as within our university. This combined educational strategy can help reach people throughout the state who either enroll in the MA program, or who take coursework as professional enrichment. Incorporating distance-learning opportunities (that involve faculty from other UH campuses) will also help students from neighbor islands earn degrees toward graduation at UH Mānoa while reducing the time needed to relocate to O'ahu.

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We recognize that you have many priorities and issues to weigh for the state, and do not want support for this bill to adversely affect UH priorities as set in the UH budget request. SB 508, however, is a cost-effective strategy for helping our state do justice to its cultural and archaeological heritage, and we archaeologists at UH- Mānoa are eager to help the program grow through the support that SB No. 508 offers.

Mahalo nui loa.

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HEARING: February 12, 2009, 1:15 PM, Conference Room 225

SUBJECT: Testimony in Strong Support of SB 508, Relating to Archaeology

I am Sean Nāleimaile MA, lauka'i of Nāki'ikeaho, an organization of Native Hawaiians in the community concerned with the appropriate stewardship of our natural and cultural resources. We have over 50 members that include professional archaeologists, academicians and advocates of historic preservation in general. I am testifying in strong support of SB 508, a bill that proposes to establish a graduate program in applied archaeology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UH-Manoa).

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Hawaiian affairs, archaeologists from private cultural resource management firms, and archaeologists and historic preservation officials of state, county, and federal agencies Identify professional development and certification requirements that should be established for personnel of the state historic preservation division and contractors of the division; Identify possible training and educational opportunities to be offered to burial council members to assist them in performing their duties

As a product of both UH-Hilo Anthropology department and UH-Manoa Anthropology Graduate department I, on behalf of the entire Nāki'ikeaho organization strongly endorse this measure because I see the need for a locally based, accredited graduate program in applied archaeology or cultural resource management or a closely related area.

I hope that the University of Hawaii will move forward to make this program a budget priority. There is a widespread need in the private sector and in government for a cohort of qualified CRM professionals and archaeologists who are locally trained, cultural enabled, culturally-sensitive and who meet national standards as well. I also welcome a renewed effort at SHPD to improve regulatory procedures, increase training opportunities, and broaden public outreach and participation. SB 508 correctly links the need for qualified personnel to a strengthened regulatory framework that is responsive to the stakeholders in historic preservation in Hawai'i.

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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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. -- Margaret Meade

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Higher Education

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 12, 2009
1:15 pm, Conference Room 225

To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair

From: Kelley Lehuakea Uyeoka
UH Manoa, Applied Archaeology MA Candidate

Subject: Support of SB 508, Relating to University of Hawaii, Archaeology Graduate Program; Appropriation

Aloha my name is Kelley L. Uyeoka and I am a second year graduate student in the Applied Archaeology Program at UH Manoa. As a student who is benefiting first hand from this exceptional program, I strongly support this bill. Education through this program is essential to train local students in archaeological techniques, practices, and theories that can be used to benefit the entire State by ensuring the appropriate protection and preservation of traditional Hawaiian cultural sites and practices.

UH Mānoa's graduate study in Applied Archaeology is a vital program where local students can further pursue their education and growth in applied archaeology, cultural resource management, and historic preservation. This program offers a wide range of academic classes as well as "hands on" courses and field schools that are essential for teaching local students methods to improve and strengthen Hawai'i's cultural resource management profession. The program requirements have expanded my knowledge base, encouraged my growth as a student and an individual, and nurtured me to become a more professional, responsible, and open-minded archaeologist.

I sincerely hope that more local students are provided the same opportunities that I've had in this program. With more Hawaiians and kama'aina taking an active role in the practice of archaeology, it will help ensure that people who have a deep and invested interest in Hawai'i will be managing our precious cultural resources. Ultimately, the Applied Archaeology program at UH Manoa affords its students a greater understanding of Hawaiian archaeology and provides training and opportunities that can truly benefit the cultural resource management profession, the State, and the Hawaiian community.

I thank you for your consideration on this matter and urge you to support SB 508.

Mahalo,

Kelley L. Uyeoka

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Higher Education

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Technology

FROM: James M. Bayman, Associate Professor
Department Anthropology, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

HEARING: Thursday, February 12, 2009, 1:15 pm, Conference Room 225

SUBJECT: **Support of SB 508 Relating to Archaeology**

Aloha! Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

My name is James M. Bayman and I speak as a practicing professional archaeologist in the state of Hawai'i. I am also an Associate Professor in anthropology at UH-Mānoa, where I teach courses in archaeology.

I strongly support the intent of SB No. 508 provided it does not adversely affect UH priorities as set in our budget request, most notably in health and safety and repairs and maintenance issues. Addressing these urgent needs is critical to our ability to perform our core mission for the State of Hawai'i. We recognize that you have many priorities and issues to weigh for the state, so the following substantive information on this program is provided to assist you in your decision-making process.

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In 2007, UH-Mānoa faculty launched the Applied Archaeology program to train students specifically in the historic preservation of Hawai'i. The program is designed to help students and working professionals across the state, and it has already attracted lots of applications from local students. Support through SB No. 508 will expand the UH-Mānoa program in Applied Archaeology to recruit and accommodate more students, train them more comprehensively, and thereby enable the State to comply with its moral and legal obligation and mandate to protect Hawai'i's rich cultural heritage.

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Graduates of the 2-year program in Applied Archaeology will be technically skilled and administratively qualified to staff the many private cultural resource management firms and government agencies that are responsible for identifying and protecting burial sites and archaeological remains in Hawai'i.

For these and many other reasons, I ask that you support SB No. 508.

Mahalo!

James M. Bayman

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Higher Education

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Technology

FROM: Ty P. Kāwika Tengan, Associate Professor
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HEARING: Thursday, February 12, 2009, 1:15 pm, Conference Room 225

SUBJECT: **Support of SB 508 Relating to Archaeology**

Aloha. My name is Ty Tengan and I am an associate professor in the Departments of Ethnic Studies and Anthropology at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Today I submit testimony in full and enthusiastic support for SB 508.

I have been involved in matters dealing with archaeology, anthropology, and burial sites protection since 1996 when I was still in undergraduate school. While a graduate at UH Mānoa, I received Research Assistantship to support the efforts of community organizations working to repatriate human remains and burial objects from Mōkapu on O‘ahu. As an associate professor of ethnic studies and anthropology, my research, teaching and service have revolved around the practices and politics of anthropology, repatriation, and cultural sites. In the community I have worked with approximately forty-five other Native Hawaiians involved in archaeology and anthropology to form an organization called Nāki‘ikeaho, which has called for a greater level of Native Hawaiian participation in archaeology, anthropology, historic preservation, cultural resource management, and land stewardship. Through Nāki‘ikeaho and my affiliation with the Department of Anthropology, I have become a member of the Friends of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), a coalition of archaeologists, Native Hawaiians, and other community members that have worked to resolve the present crisis at SHPD and to implement long term changes and improvements in the historic preservation community.

All of this has led me to redouble my efforts at providing the kinds of training and education at the university level that would respond to the needs of the public. We developed our Applied Archaeology at UH Mānoa in 2007 in dialogue with the larger historic preservation community. I facilitated a series of correspondences Nāki‘ikeaho who overwhelmingly registered support. With no additional funding, we began to offer classes in the Fall 2007 semester and enrolled two Native Hawaiian students; in Fall 2008, we enrolled 6 students, all local or Native Hawaiian. We seek to train these students to become qualified professionals who will fill important staff positions in government agencies and produce a more responsible and effective form of contract work in the private sector.

Importantly, we have proceeded with an eye to working with others in the University and in the community. Members of our department have been conducting a voluntary mapping and survey

study of Lyon Arboretum since 2006, which has involved some fifty students and community members. This has led to a dialogue with the City and County of Honolulu to conduct similar work at Mānoa Falls. We have begun to develop partnerships with Kamehameha Schools, who will help to fund a training field school on their lands on the North Shore. One of our applied archaeology graduate students has coordinated and facilitated workshops on cultural impact assessments that have brought together faculty from numerous various around the UH campus (anthropology, urban and regional planning, social work), contract archaeologists from the private sector, and the director of the Office of Environmental quality control. The Kamakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies has also indicated interest in partnering with us as they look to expand their training of graduate students in cultural resource management and service to the Hawaiian community. We have also approached the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and intend to explore the possibilities of working with them.

This expanding list of partners, growing cohort of students, and ongoing work with Nāki‘ikeaho and the Friends of SHPD evidence the tremendous need and support from the community for an MA in Applied Archaeology at UH Mānoa. However, we can only fulfill this potential through an increase in resources and continued dialogue with the community. This bill provides for this through funding for faculty, administrative support, student internships, and planning workshops. Given the stakes that ride on the preservation and protection of our State’s historical and cultural resources, I strongly urge the committee to pass SB 508. Mahalo.

February 11, 2009

To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair, Committee of Higher Education
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, Committee of Higher Education

From: Jo Ann T. Sakaguchi, University of Hawai'i student, MA in Applied Archaeology

Hearing: Thursday, February 12, 2009, 1:15 p.m., State Capitol, Conference room 225

RE: SB508, Relating to archaeology

To Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony in support of the applied archaeology program at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. My name is Jo Ann Sakaguchi. Although I have started this program less than a year ago, I have gained a strong academic foundation and a culturally diverse perspective that will enable me to pursue a career in archaeology in Hawai'i.

The applied archaeology program at the University of Hawai'i is perhaps one of the very few that offers a curriculum with an emphasis on archaeology, in particular cultural resource management (CRM) and historic preservation, in Asia and the Pacific. This is what characterizes its significance, especially for students, like myself, who are interested in establishing our careers here on the islands.

Further, the preservation of Hawai'i's cultural and historical landmarks and cultural antiquities are dependent upon a program such as this that will provide the necessary knowledge and expertise. However, the limitation on funding has placed restrictions on the development of the applied archaeology program. Therefore, through the appropriation of additional funds, this program can be further enhanced and strengthened as an academic field.

Thus, I ask for your support in passing this bill for the graduate program in applied archaeology at the University of Hawai'i.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann T. Sakaguchi
Student at University of Hawai'i
MA Track in Applied Archaeology

TO: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education and
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

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HEARING: Thursday, February 12, 2009, 1:15pm, Conference Room 225, State Capitol
SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of SB 508, Relating to Archaeology, Supports the applied archaeology program at the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa.

I am Tanya Souza, a graduate student in the applied archaeology program at the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa. I received a B.A. in anthropology from the University of Hawai`i at Hilo and have worked on various archaeological projects on Hawai`i and Maui Islands. Prior to graduate school I was employed as an archaeologist for a year and half with Pacific Legacy, Inc., a private consulting firm here in Hawai`i. I am testifying in support of the SB508, the applied archaeology program at the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa.

I am grateful that UH Mānoa has provided the opportunity for archaeologists like me, who are in entry-level positions, to apply for a graduate level degree pertaining to Cultural Resource Management. The Applied Archaeology Program will provide me with the professional skills pertaining to historic preservation, including conducting CRM projects, managing archaeological collections, and taking part in public education and community outreach.

I believe that it is important to keep the academic issues near the forefront of CRM, which is why I am delighted to be a participant of the Applied Archaeology program. The program supplements students with the skills and graduate training needed for professional archaeologists. In addition, the program bridges the gap between contract archaeology and academic archaeology. As a graduate student, I have taken previous information that I have worked on as an employee in CRM and have applied it to my current research in graduate school.

Including myself, there are currently seven graduate students in the Applied Program and all of us born and raised in Hawai`i. This is only the beginning of my second semester and I have seen so much progress in both myself and my colleagues. We have enhanced our professional skills and knowledge pertaining historic preservation and Hawaiian archaeology.

As a local archaeologist and current participant of the Applied Program, I support the efforts of expanding the Applied Archaeology Program at UH Mānoa. I would like to see more graduate students contribute their time and efforts towards the historic preservation in Hawai`i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY FOR LEGISLATIVE BILLS: SB No.508
Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 1:15 p.m.

Aloha!

My name is Dr. Tianlong Jiao and I speak on behalf of The Bishop Museum's Department of Anthropology.

Today we submit testimony to register our profound and enthusiastic support for SB No.508.

The proposed bill will expand the UH-Mānoa graduate program in Applied Archaeology to help resolve the current historic preservation crisis that has developed in our islands. Although UH-Mānoa regularly offers archaeological training, they are actively working to produce more archaeologists with graduate training in Hawaiian archaeology. The first generation of professional archaeologists who now manage the state's resources has also begun to retire. Many more trained professionals are urgently needed to identify and preserve burial sites, archaeological sites, and other sacred sites, in the face of unrelenting economic development.

In 2007, UH-Mānoa faculty launched the Applied Archaeology program to train students specifically in the historic preservation of Hawai'i. The program is designed to help students and working professionals across the state, and it has already attracted lots of applications from local students. Funding through SB No. 508 will expand the UH-Mānoa program in Applied Archaeology to accommodate more students, train them more comprehensively, and thereby enable the State to comply with its moral obligation and legislative mandate to protect Hawai'i's rich cultural heritage.

We at the Bishop Museum support SB No. 508 because of our active commitment to Hawaiian archaeology. We work closely with the University of Hawaii's archaeologists as researchers and colleagues. We regularly employ UHM archaeology students in our internship program, and we look forward to incorporating more interns from the UHM Applied Archaeology MA program into Bishop Museum activities.

Graduates of the UH-Mānoa 2-year program in Applied Archaeology will be technically skilled and administratively qualified to staff the many private cultural resource management firms and government agencies that are responsible for identifying and protecting burial sites and archaeological remains in Hawai'i.

For these and many other reasons, we ask that the legislature support our bill. Mahalo!



Tianlong Jiao
Chairman, Department of Anthropology, Bishop Museum

Testimony in Support of SB 508

My name is Michael Vitousek, I am a first year student in the UH Manoa Applied Archeology program. Prior to enrolling in the program, I worked on the Big Island (where I grew up) for 3 years as an Archeological field worker. During this time, the difference in the amount of care and humility displayed by archeologists who were born and raised in the islands compared to those who saw it merely as a job became obvious to me. This discrepancy persuaded me to pursue a Masters in Applied Archeology, so as to one day run my own archeological consulting company that would be more sensitive to the delicate interests that make cultural resource management in Hawaii so unique. I believe that the students enrolled in the Applied Archeology program share the desire for a better relationship between the interest groups involved in contract archeology and historic preservation. We have a group of qualified students with local ties who are in this program for the right reasons. However, it seems as though we lack the funding to include important aspects such as community involvement here at Manoa (perhaps obtained through affiliation with the Hawaiian Studies Department) and the inclusion of Students on Outer islands who cannot afford to transplant themselves to Oahu for schooling. I hope that this program will grow to its potential in shaping the next generation of Archeologists in Hawaii into a more culturally sensitive and community based group.

Aloha,
Michael Vitousek