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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2013
1:15 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 414**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 783
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
WILLIAM SOUZA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017**

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation on the appointment of William Souza to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

The Hawaii Historic Places Review Board was established under Section 6E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to evaluate and determine if historic properties are to be entered into the Hawaii Register of Historic Places and by which nominations of historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places will be approved by the Board. William Souza is nominated to serve as a Hawaiian Specialist on the Hawaii Historic Places. If confirmed, William Donald Souza will serve until June 30, 2017.

Mr. Souza retired in October 2005 from the University of Hawaii at Leeward Community College as the Chancellor's Administrative Assistant for Hawaiian Affairs. He has also served as Executive Assistant for the Hawaiian Commission for Damien of Molokai; Media and Information Consultant for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Information Specialist for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Commission of Employment and Human Resources Council on Vocational Education; Special Assistant in the Honolulu Office of U.S. Congressman Representative Cecil HefteI; and Administrative Assistant at the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

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Mr. Souza is Protocol Officer and High Chief of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I; Board member of the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band; former Board member and Chairperson of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board; Board member of Alu Like, Inc.; Board member of the Aha Hipuu Hawaiian organization; Board member and Chairperson of the King Kamehameha I Celebration Commission; Board member of the Saint Damien and Saint Marianne Commission of the Roman Catholic Church; and Board member of the Kamaile Charter School Parent Board in Waianae.

The Department greatly appreciates this Committee's consideration of Mr. Souza and strongly recommends his confirmation to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

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April 3, 2013

Mr. William Souza
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Dear Mr. William Souza:

Re: Nomination to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. To assist the Senate with its confirmation process, I am requesting that the following information be submitted to my office:

A written statement that addresses the following questions:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board?

- I am delighted to be nominated to the HHPR board. I previously served on the board during the Lingle administration for one term as a native Hawaiian cultural person and I was elected the Chairmanship of the Board by the board members. As a native Hawaiian, a leader, and a historically knowledgeable person, I would like to believe that I can lend my expertise and dimension to the decision makings of the board.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board?

- As a former member of the board, and as its chairman I learned and understood the role and responsibilities of a board member and one must be very serious, and informed, to make a decision concerning the treasures of Hawaii.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

- As a former board member, I learned and brought to the board my vast skills of Hawaiiana, organization, and public relations to produce programs, rituals and ceremonies of the Royal Order of Kamehameha 1. The Order was founded on April 11, 1865 by Lot Kapuaiwa, King Kamehameha V. The Royal Order of Kamehameha 1 is the premier of the Hawaiian organizations and the four Hawaiian Royal Benevolent Societies who were created by the Alii of the Kingdom of Hawaii. The Protocol Officer of the Royal Order of Kamehameha 1 is the leader in charge of all public rituals and ceremonies, such as the celebration for King Kamehameha 1 on June 11 and birthday of King Kamehameha V on December 11 to mention a few. The Protocol Officer has the responsibility to design the program, plan the activities, coordinate the men, and execute the ceremonies for our Alii nui, the paramount leader and High Chief of the Royal Order of Kamehameha 1. I have produced the programs for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii the sainthood ceremonies at Iolani Palace for Saint Damien SSCC and in 2012 sainthood ceremony for Saint Marianne Cope OSF. I have a great appreciation, interest and knowledge of the architecture of the state of Hawaii and as a student of Hawaii's architecture I believe this exposure provides me with the knowledge to fulfill my obligations as a board member.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

- It is my desire to serve the people of Hawaii and to strike a balance in work I do for the State of Hawaii. As a loyal democrat I want to help make things work for the people of Hawaii and make Hawaii a better place for future generations. I want to preserve all of Hawaii's treasures of the past for our future generations to never forget the survival and fortune of these islands.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board?

- Integrity, dedication, and leadership. In order to serve the people of Hawaii one must have integrity. Without integrity, one is not pono. Dedication is another quality I would bring to the board in attending every meeting and site visit and to do research on my own to further enhance my knowledge of the subject presented to the board. Finally, leadership . . . As an Alii and a Knight in the Most Noble Royal Order of

Kamehameha 1, I am a leader by my rank and I also pride myself in being a self-starter and was honored by my board colleagues who elected me chairman of the board. I served as chair during my first term and served until my first term ended. I felt that as the chair I wanted to lead the members to be motivated by the history of Hawaii as a monarchy, a provisional government, a republic, a territory and a state in the Union of the United States of America. We need to continue to preserve our history especially World War II items that dot our Hawaii nei.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board?

- As mentioned earlier, I served one term on the board during the Lingle administration and I was elected Chairman of the board stands out to me. I have learned from serving on this board that you gain experience through knowledge and understanding of the complex cultural mix of Hawaii nei.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

- First, I do not foresee any possibility of any conflict of interest. I know what it is like to serve on this board and because I was privileged to serve as the chairman on the Historical Preservation Places Review Board and I have learned to understand my role as a board member. If such a situation of "conflict" of interest, I would recues myself.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that any testimony submitted to Senate committees on your behalf will be posted on the Legislature's website as submitted. It might be helpful to remind individuals who intend to submit testimony on your nomination of the public nature of the testimony.

Your prompt response in providing the above information will ensure that the Senate confirmation process can proceed in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, Senate Committee on Technology and The Arts