

GM583

Testimony

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALTON OKINAKA, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Report Title: Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board

Description:

Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: HEA

Introducer(s):

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS**

**Thursday March 3, 2016
1:30PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 583
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAI'I HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
ALTON OKINAKA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 583, nominating Dr. Alton Okinaka to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board expiring June 30, 2018.

The Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board (Board) is established under Section 6E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Board orders and enters historic properties into the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places and evaluates and recommends nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

Dr. Okinaka earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and his masters and Ph.D. from the University of Indiana, earning degrees in both mathematics and sociology. Dr. Okinaka has been teaching at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo since 1988 where he teaches courses such as Ethnic Groups in Hawai'i and Political Economy of Hawai'i.

Dr. Okinaka brings an understanding of Hawai'i's multi-ethnic communities to the Board. He has a proven commitment to the east Hawai'i community through his involvement in student life and community service projects. Senate confirmation will ensure that Dr. Okinaka's valuable knowledge and perspectives will assist in the deliberations of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.