

GM584

Testimony

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA GRIFFIN, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS

Senator Brain T. Taniguchi, Chair
March 1, 2016

Testimony in SUPPORT of Governatorial Nominees:

PATRICIA GRIFFIN – GM 584

Hawaii Historic Places Review Board

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts:

I support the confirmation of Patricia Griffin to serve as a board member of the Hawaii Historic Preservation Review Board.

Ms. Griffin's professional career includes extensive experience in the history of Hawaii. She has worked on numerous projects and presentations, including nominations of several historic sites in Kauai, contributed to an architecture compilation for Hawaii and contributed details to specific exhibits.

Ms. Griffin is well known in the community and she has served on numerous other boards and commissions in the past, focusing on the history of Kauai, the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, and culture and the arts; also, I personally served with her on the board for the Lihue Business Association. She has also published numerous books to plan for the future to benefit the community and how to develop the town in a respectful yet effective way.

Preservation of culture, history and historic structures are near and dear to my heart, and I appreciate the efforts of Patricia Griffin. She has also received numerous awards throughout her career, most recently a media preservation award from the Historic Hawaii Foundation in 2015.

Thank you for your time and consideration to confirm Patricia Griffin to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

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February 29, 2016

TO: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chairman
Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts

FR: Representative Daynette "Dee" Morikawa

RE: Testimony in Favor of GM 584 – Gubernatorial Nominee Patricia Griffin
Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board

Aloha Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts. I am submitting this written testimony in favor of Ms. Pat Griffin, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

Ms. Griffin has proven to be a very knowledgeable historian on the Island of Kaua'i. She is a very staunch community-preservation advocate and strives to protect and enhance the cultural and historical aspects of Kaua'i. She is the owner of Griffin Noyes Associates and has provided excellent consultation services on Kaua'i and around the state.

I have known her personally for many years. She is hard working, passionate, and dedicated. Her appointment to will definitely be an asset to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in favor of the nominee.

Sincerely,

Daynette "Dee" Morikawa
Representative, Hawai'i State Legislature
House District 16

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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 584
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAI'I HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
PATRICIA GRIFFIN FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 584, nominating Ms. Patricia Griffin 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, Hawai'i 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.

Ms. Patricia Griffin earned a Masters degree in History from Goddard College and has utilized that knowledge to research and preserve Hawaiian history. Ms. Griffin actively researches and records Hawaiian history as evidenced by her numerous books and articles. She serves as a supporter of historic preservation on both her home island of Kaua'i and statewide by serving on the Kaua'i County Historic Preservation Review Commission, Historic Hawai'i Foundation Awards Committee and many other projects and commissions.

Ms. Griffin brings in-depth historical knowledge and an appreciation of historic preservation to the Board. Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Patricia Griffin's valuable knowledge and perspectives will assist in the deliberations of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

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**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 584 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF
PATRICIA GRIFFIN
TO THE HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD**

Before the Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts
Thursday, March 4, 2016
1:15pm Conference Room 224

By Michael A. Dahilig
Director of Planning, County of Kaua'i

Honorable Chair Taniguchi and Honorable Members:

Without any hesitation or qualification, I am honored to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Ms. Patricia Griffin's confirmation to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. Ms. Griffin's *mana'o* and lifetime experience would bring depth and strength to the body's discourse and policy making.

Ms. Griffin is a long-time Kaua'ian, and has deep roots with the island. She understands the importance and value of preserving our special places that give us an identity and define who we are as citizens of Hawaii. She also serves on our County's Historic Preservation Review Board. Pat's service exemplifies an empathetic technician who understands balance. Her demeanor and respectful nature lend to easy conversation and she always has sought consensus where available, yet is not afraid to make the tough decision when necessary. It is also through this work I have grown a professional and personal relationship with Ms. Griffin, as she and her husband are huge supporters of civic improvement, including our programs to convert our main streets into walkable, bikeable vibrant centers of commerce.

Pat's reputation as such an individual precedes her, and many across the island instantly recognize her for her integrity. Her willingness to serve not only the island but the whole state through this service speaks volumes about her character and her philosophy to serve others before self. I ask this Honorable Committee to advise and consent to her nomination and forward to the full Senate for consideration. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.



TO: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Higher Education and the Arts

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawaii Foundation

Committee: Thursday, March 3, 2016
1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 224

RE: **GM 584, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board gubernatorial nominee Patricia Griffin, for a term to expire 06-30-2018**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation, I am writing in strong support for the confirmation of Patricia L. Griffin as a member of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

The Historic Places Review Board is responsible for maintaining and adding historic properties to the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places, nominating historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places, and also reviewing the state's inventory of historic properties and the content of the statewide preservation plan.

The composition of the Review Board is required to include professionally qualified members in the fields of archaeology, architecture, history and sociology, as well as knowledge of traditional Hawaiian society and culture. The state board is also required to meet the qualifications in federal law (see HRS §6E-5.5) and to conduct its meetings and hearings in compliance with open government and fundamental fairness procedures.

Ms. Griffin is a well-known and highly respected historian, planner and preservationist. She serves on and is the immediate past Chair of the Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission, and has assisted the County of Kaua'i with numerous preservation projects. She has direct, hands-on experience with researching and writing nominations for historic properties to be listed on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places, successfully nominating the 'Ōpaeka'a and Pu'uopae Bridges.

As President of the Līhu'e Business Association, Ms. Griffin works with community members, businesses and government officials on land use, urban design, transportation and economic development policies and plans, and ensures that the identification and preservation of historically and culturally significant properties are included at all levels of planning.

She is the award-winning author of *Līhu'e: Root and Branch of a Hawai'i Town* (University of Hawai'i Press), as well as *Wilcox Memorial Hospital in the Twentieth Century*, a contributor to *Pōhaku: The Art & Architecture of Stonework in Hawai'i*, and *The Folklore of American Holidays*, and the writer of numerous other articles and essays about aspects of Hawai'i's history that have appeared in such media as the *Hawaiian Journal of History* and the website "Aloha from Hawai'i".

Ms. Griffin assists with numerous public education seminars and workshops with Historic Hawai'i Foundation, and has served on the Preservation Honor Awards Committee since 2008.

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



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February 29, 2016

RE: GM 584 Patricia Griffin

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

I am writing to express my vigorous support for the nomination of Patricia Griffin to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

Ms. Griffin and I have known each other for more than a dozen years. We served together on the Lihue Town Core Urban Design Plan citizens' advisory committee in the early 2000s. Recognizing the desirability of a community group that could maintain an ongoing conversation with government about planning for a prosperous future, several of us afterwards formed the Lihue Business Association, a 501(c) (6) non-profit corporation. Ms. Griffin was the charter president—and continues as president nine years later—and I the vice president.

The Lihue Business Association is but one of her volunteer activities in service to our community and our state. Ms. Griffin is rare in her understanding of the importance of honoring the past while working to assure excellent planning for tomorrow. Among her other service, I know she participates on the county's Historic Preservation Review Commission, is active with Historic Hawaii Foundation, and was also a member of the community working group for the Lihue District Community Development Plan (which followed the county's town core plan).

I have the highest admiration for Patricia Griffin's intelligence, her integrity, and her dedication to the longstanding concept of working to leave a place better than one found it.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
RC Blake	Kauai Path Inc	Support	No

Comments: Subject: GM 584 Patricia Griffin Dear Senator Taniguchi, This is to express my strong support for the nomination of PATRICIA GRIFFIN to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. Ms. Griffin is a highly respected historian. Her two published books and numerous articles on aspects of Hawaii's history reflect a broad understanding of our past. She has also shown exemplary knowledge about current federal and state standards for preservation—the tools used by the Historic Places Review Board to assess sites important to Hawaii's history—during her four terms on the Kauai County Historic Preservation Review Commission. I am confident that Ms. Griffin will be an intelligent, valued and excellent member of the Historic Places Review Board. Randall C Blake President of Kauai Path

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