

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 754

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on International Affairs and the Arts, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 754, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

HAWAI'I HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD

G.M. No. 754 WILLIAM SOUZA,
for a term to expire 06-30-2021,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Mr. William Souza to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated for appointment to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Mr. Souza from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Souza has over forty-five years of experience serving communities throughout Hawaii and working to preserve Hawaiian culture and practices. Mr. Souza earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Chaminade University of Honolulu. Mr. Souza has a broad array of professional experience including service as an Information Specialist for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and as a Media Consultant for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Mr. Souza currently serves as the High Chief in the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Hawaii Chapter 1; and as a member of the Board of Directors for Alu Like, Inc. He previously coordinated a Native Hawaiian



program for Hawaiians to take tuition-free Hawaiian language and cultural courses at Leeward Community College. He also formerly served on the Hawaii Advisory Committee on State Office Buildings named for Alii, Hawaii Advisory Committee for the Art in the Leiopapa a Kamehameha building, and Hawaii Advisory Committee on Literacy programs at Leeward Community College. Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Souza's professional experience and extensive background in the preservation of Hawaiian culture and arts qualify him for appointment to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on International Affairs and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on International
Affairs and the Arts,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



