

# GM754

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM SOUZA, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Report Title: Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board

Description:

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Current Referral: IAA

Introducer(s):



William Donald Souza  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Wednesday, March 5, 2017

To: Members of the Hawaii State Committee on International Affairs and The Arts  
From: William D. Souza

My name is William D. Souza the present vice-chair and member of the Hawaii State Historic Places Review Board. I am honored and delighted that the Honorable David Ige, Governor of the State of Hawaii has renominated me to serve on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

I was born and raised in Halawa Housing, Oahu, Hawaii 74 years ago. I have always enjoyed and studied history in high school and in College and I have always loved and appreciated our island history. Hawaiian history is still being researched and studied and to me, that is really terrific.

With my years of experience and as a High Chief of the Royal Order of Kamehameha 1, Hawaii Chapter 1, and known for producing and executing in public various Royal Hawaiian Alii ceremonies, it is my desire to continue to serve on the board to be of service to all of the people of Hawaii. I will do my best to continue my good quality work on the board to help all of the peoples of Hawaii appreciate the work of preservation in the State Hawaii. Preserving the history of Hawaii is one of the best things we can do to teach future generations that Hawaii has many historical roots and it is our kuleana (responsibility) to take care and to preserve these unique treasures of Hawaii nei (today).

To me, Hawaii's historical uniqueness is very different from many States in the Union. During my tenure as a member of the board, I have met a lot of people who want us to do more to preserve the history of Hawaii. I look forward to continue my service to the people of Hawaii by preserving the rich history of the early native Hawaiians and keep accurate records and research of this place we call home --- Hawaii.

Mr. Chairman, and Senators, I thank you for your time and I thank you for the honor and a privilege to present to you my view. Senators, I hope you will all give my renomination to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board your most serious consideration.

Mahalo Nui Loa!

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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE ARTS**

**Thursday, April 6, 2017  
2:50 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 754  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
HAWAI'I HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM SOUZA  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2021**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports Governor's Message 754, nominating Mr. William Souza to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board for a term expiring June 30, 2021.**

The Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board is established under Section 6E-5.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. This Board orders and enters historic properties into the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places and evaluates and recommends nominations of places to the National Register of Historic Places administered by the National Park Service.

Mr. Souza earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Chaminade University of Honolulu. He has worked for many years in a variety of programs serving Native Hawaiians. He is also a respected cultural practitioner and is an active member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha 1. Mr. Souza brings an in-depth knowledge of the history of Hawai'i and of Native Hawaiian culture to the board.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. William Souza's valuable knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board until June 30, 2020.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
CHAIRPERSON  
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Comments: I am in strong support for Mr. William Souza as a member of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. Mr. Souza will bring a tremendous wealth of knowledge to the Board; only to be surpassed by his passion for History. I am honored to know Mr. Souza as a mentor and friend.

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