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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**Friday, May 15, 2020
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 616
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAI'I HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, Alton Okinaka, Ph.D.
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2023**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 616, nominating Dr. Alton Okinaka to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

The Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board is established under Section 6E-5.5, Hawaii 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. The Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board is required to have at least one member who is a professionally qualified sociologist.

Dr. Okinaka earned a doctorate in sociology from the University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana. He has served on the sociology faculty at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo since 1987, and has been an associate professor since 1992. Dr. Okinaka brings required professional expertise in sociology to the board.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Dr. Okinaka's valuable knowledge and perspective continues to inform the deliberations of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board until June 30, 2023.

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