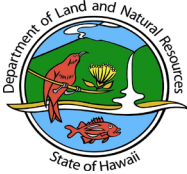


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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022  
1:00PM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 690  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII  
HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
NICHOLAS BELLUZZO**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports Governor's Message 690 nominating Nicholas Belluzzo for appointment to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.**

The Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board was established under Section 6E-5.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to evaluate and determine if historic properties are to be entered into the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places and to recommend nominations of historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places. Nicholas R. Belluzzo, M.A., is nominated to serve as an Archaeology (Archaeology/History) subject matter expert on the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. If confirmed, Nicholas Belluzzo will serve until June 30, 2025.

Mr. Belluzzo has over fourteen years of archaeological field and research experience, including projects in Hawaii, Palau, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Virginia, the western United States, and England. He has a master's degree from the University College London, and is a Ph.D. candidate in Anthropology at the College of William and Mary, focusing his research on landscape-scale approaches to the archaeology of Manukā, Ka'ū, Hawai'i. Mr. Belluzzo's work includes experience with state and federal historic preservation agencies and private cultural resource management firms, with specializations in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data collection, design, maintenance, and the rectification of cultural resource GIS inventories. He also has experience in the Global Positioning System (GPS) mapping of surface architecture, photogrammetry, ground-based lidar, and drone-based data acquisition.

Mr. Belluzzo is associated with the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology and the Society for Historical Archaeology.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
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KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION  
LAND  
STATE PARKS

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Belluzzo's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board until June 30, 2025.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

TESTIMONY OF REGINA K. HILO IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF NICHOLAS R. BELLUZZO,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, TO THE HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD

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FOR: GM690 submitting for consideration as an Archaeological Expert of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, NICHOLAS R. BELLUZZO, for a term to expire 6-30-2025

DATE: April 6, 2022

TIME: 1:00 PM

COMMITTEE: Senate Committee on Water and Land

ROOM: Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

FROM: Regina K. Hilo  
Society for Hawaiian Archaeology, former President (2016-2018)  
Society for American Archaeology, Hawaii representative - Government Affairs Committee (2016-present)

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Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my **strong support in confirmation** of the nomination of Nicholas R. Belluzzo to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

Nick previously worked at the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division as its GIS Specialist from 2012-2015, and is currently the Principal Archaeologist and Director of the Honolulu Office for ASM Affiliates, focusing on projects in Hawaii and the Mariana Islands. He has experience in both State and federal historic preservation agencies and cultural resource management firms. Additionally, Nick's specialization in GIS data collection, database design, maintenance, and management, as well as his preparation of strategic plans for rectification of cultural resource GIS inventories has been invaluable to the agencies and organizations he has worked and currently works for.

He has fourteen years of archaeological field and research experience on projects in Hawaii, across the Pacific, the state of Virginia, the western U.S., and England. Nick is a Ph.D. Candidate in Anthropology at the College of William and Mary, researching landscape-scale approaches to the archaeology of Manukā, Ka'ū, Hawai'i.

I am honored to provide this testimony as a private citizen on his behalf and **humbly request the committee confirm his nomination**. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land

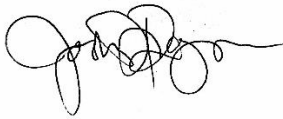
March 29, 2022

**Re: Statement of SUPPORT for GM690**

Dear Senators,

Please consider this testimony in full support of the consideration and confirmation of Nick Belluzzo to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. I have had the opportunity to work and volunteer with Nick over the past few years on a variety of projects in Ka'u, and his knowledge and expertise in the field is commendable. Beyond being a skilled archaeologist, Nick's passion for preservation and sensitivity to community wants and needs makes him an extraordinary candidate for the Board. His interest and work within the community is empowering local 'āina stewards by opening up opportunities for them to be part of the preservation process, fostering shared knowledge within the community, and strengthening personal relationships to place. With his extensive background and commitment to preserving the historic and cultural resource values in Hawai'i, I am confident that Nick would make an excellent addition to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. I humbly urge the Senate Committee on Water and Land to move forward with his nomination.

Mahalo for your time, and all the work you do.



**Jodie R. Rosam, M.S.**  
Pūlama Mau Environmental Consulting  
pulamamau@gmail.com



**GM-690**

Submitted on: 4/1/2022 10:27:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/6/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sara Collins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators Inouye and Keith-Agaran, and members of the Water and Land Committee

I wish to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the nomination of Nicholas Belluzzo to the Hawai'i Review Board of Historic Places (HRBH) for a term to expire 6-20-2025.

I have known and worked with Mr. Belluzzo for nearly 10 years, since he was on staff at the SHPD as their GIS specialist. His knowledge of Hawaiian archaeology and historic preservation work, his technical expertise in GIS, and his considerable experience in cultural resource management in both the public and private sectors will be a major asset to the HRBHP. As a fellow archaeologist who has worked in historic preservation contexts for over 40 years in Hawai'i, I believe that Mr. Belluzzo would bring a lot to the HRBHP. I also hope that his service on the board will lead to more nominations of archaeological and traditional cultural properties to the Hawai'i and National Registers of Historic Places.

I respectfully urge you to approve Mr. Belluzzo's nomination.

Should you have any questions or if I can provide more information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sara L. Collins, Ph.D.

**GM-690**

Submitted on: 4/1/2022 2:31:25 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/6/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Nakamura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support the confirmation to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, NICHOLAS BELLUZZO. Through my experiences with recent community work and research I have learned of the work Nicholas has provided the state and the community. Personally, I have learned that he has donated time and efforts for various community organizations as well - and I do strongly believe that Nicholas Belluzzo comes from the right place, his heart and efforts are in the right place and he chooses to malama his communities. I do believe that Nicholas will be able to serve the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board with passion and fidelity and have confidence that he will exercise due dilligence to do what he can to positively serve our communities.

Humbly,

Jennifer Nakamura, Kahalu`u, Ko`olaupoko, O`ahu

**GM-690**

Submitted on: 4/1/2022 6:26:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/6/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hiiaka Jardine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President,  
And Members of the Senate,

My name is Hi'iaka Jardine and I strongly support the nomination of Nicholas Belluzzo to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. Nicholas brings a wealth of knowledge and experince that would strengthen the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. He has volunteered his time and expertise numerous times in the community. His contributions to community have been instrumental in the protection and preservation of historic places State wide. I humbly ask that you consider him for the proposed position.

Mahalo piha,

Hi'iaka Jardine

**GM-690**

Submitted on: 4/3/2022 12:24:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/6/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Phillip Kapu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of Nicholas Belluzzo nomination for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. He meets the Secretary of the Interior's and the State of Hawai'i's minimum professional qualifications as both an Archaeologist and Historian and holds a permit to conduct archaeological work in the State of Hawai'i. The amount of time he has spent in this field and the organizations he's worked for is indicative of his professionalism and dedication to the preservation of the history and places of Hawaii. Mahalo.



April 4, 2022

Office of Senator Lorraine R. Inouye  
Hawai'i State Senate  
Capitol Building, Room 229  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Inouye and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I am writing in strong support of Governor's Message 690 regarding the consideration and confirmation of Nicholas Belluzzo to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. I have known Nick for over ten years, during which time we have worked together as fellow graduate students, colleagues, and research collaborators. I first met him when he served as the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist at the State Historic Preservation Division, and I was Archaeology Collections Manager at Bishop Museum. Nick reached out to us at the museum with an invitation to work in partnership and share digital information related to the Statewide archaeological sites inventory. His work at SHPD to expand the data available in the Statewide sites inventory speaks to his long-standing interest in historic preservation and heritage management and a commitment to building effective and accessible methods to maintain heritage-based GIS data.

I know Nick to be a highly qualified and capable archaeologist with a strong respect for Hawaiian culture and knowledge of the history and archaeology of Hawai'i. In his dissertation work at Manukā, Ka'ū, Hawai'i Island, as well as various other research projects, he has produced high-quality, innovative work and has consistently prioritized community-based approaches to archaeological practice and research design.

Nick has a long record of professional service and public outreach, which includes serving on the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology Board of Directors, the Hawai'i Statewide GIS Working Group, and the Hawai'i Board of Geographic Names among others. Based on this experience and his professional and academic archaeology work in Hawai'i, I believe he will be an asset to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of GM 690. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 237-9825 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Summer Moore

April 6, 2022

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229  
415 South Beretania Street  
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RE: GM 690 – Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board  
Gubernatorial Nominee, Nicholas Bulluzzo, for a term to expire 06-30-2025

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Nicholas Bulluzzo to serve on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board for the upcoming three-year term. I currently work for Division of State Parks, Department of Land and Natural Resources, but am submitting this testimony as an individual.

Having worked for both the State Historic Preservation Division and State Parks over the last 30 years, I am very familiar with the work of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board, its important contributions to the broader purpose of protecting Hawaii's heritage, and the dedication of those serving on the Board. Mr. Bulluzzo would be one of those dedicated, knowledgeable, and resourceful members.

I have worked with Mr. Bulluzzo in varying capacities since he arrived in Hawaii to work as the GIS specialist at the State Historic Preservation Division in 2012. We served together on the Board and a Committee of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology and kept in touch while he worked towards his Ph.D. dissertation. I have always appreciated our conversations on how to better approach archaeology and historic preservation in Hawaii. He brings a diverse background to these discussions as well as approaches that can be both thoughtful and pragmatic. I expect he will bring these same traits to the Review Board.

There have long been concerns that so few archaeological sites and culturally significant places are being nominated to the Register. I feel confident that Mr. Bulluzzo will encourage attempts to expand the diversity of historic property types listed in the Register and ensure the quality of these nominations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Holly McEldowney

**GM-690**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 12:02:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/6/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kirsten Vacca	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I serve as the chair of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology's (SHA) Standards and Ethics Committee and Nicholas Belluzzo has served as one of my committee members for the past two years. Since the beginning of my tenure as chair, I have found Nick to be a dependable and reliable committee member. He is dedicated to improving archaeology and historic preservation in Hawai'i and is particularly concerned with the ethical obligation professionals in the field have to the public. For example, Nick recently suggested that our committee work on finding novel mitigation strategies for the protection of historic sites that we can share with others in the profession so that the preservation of historic sites and communication of associated information can be improved in Hawai'i. He is also consistently working on improving his own practice as well, finding ways to engage more community members in historic preservation so that the people most closely connected to these historic sites have their needs met. Nick has also worked to ensure the safety of workers, helping with anti-harassment initiatives through the SHA society. Finally, Nick is also committed to public education and outreach. He has helped organize several webinars through the SHA society for the public to encourage engagement in archaeology and historic preservation issues. One such workshop was about the ethics and laws that archaeologists must adhere to (and how to keep people accountable). Another upcoming workshop will address concerns relayed to our committee by the membership and will provide guidance on how people within the field of historic preservation and archaeology can respond to any problems they face, including but not limited to harassment and bad practice.

Nick has shown himself to be a dedicated, selfless professional who listens and takes action. He is intent on improving historic preservation in Hawai'i by developing ethical practices that serve the public and meet the needs of descendant communities. He would be an asset to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. I wholeheartedly support his nomination for this position.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Vacca, PhD

UHWO Assistant Professor

Historical Archaeology

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