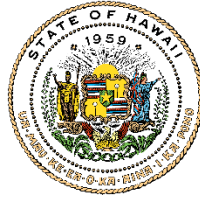


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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023
1:00pm**

State Capitol Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 563
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAI'I
HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RALPH KAM, FOR
A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 563, nominating Mr. Ralph Kam to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board expiring June 30, 2026.

The Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board (Board) is established under Section 6E-5.5, Hawaii 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.

Mr. Ralph Kam received a Doctor of Philosophy in American Studies from University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Mr. Kam is an instructor at the Hawaii Tokai International College and lecturer at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He has served as an educator since 1997. Mr. Kam's research, publications, and academic contributions illustrate his expertise in Hawaiian, American, and international history. He brings his working knowledge as a historian to this Board.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Kam's valuable knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board until June 30, 2026.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

TO: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land (WTL)

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Committee: Wednesday, March 29, 2023
1:00 p.m.
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**RE: GM 563 Confirmation of Ralph Kam
Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation, I am writing in **support for GM 563, confirming Ralph Kam to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board** for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

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 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.

Dr. Kam is a well-respected historian, researcher, author and instructor. He served as the interim director of the Historic Preservation Graduate Certificate Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa several times, helping to shape a generation of preservation professionals. In partnership with Historic Hawai'i Foundation, the Program has organized an annual preservation lecture series for 36 years. Dr. Kam has curated the series since 2019 and has also been a featured lecturer. He received a Historic Hawai'i Foundation Preservation Honor Award in 2019 for his contributions to the book "Partners in Change."

Historic Hawai'i Foundation has found Dr. Kam to be eminently qualified for the position on the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. We believe he will bring subject matter expertise and a strong preservation ethic to the Board's deliberations and decisions.

Therefore, HHF is pleased to support the confirmation of Ralph Kam to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

GM-563

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 5:02:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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