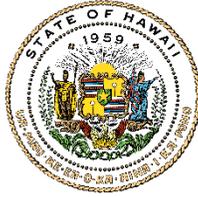


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Testimony of
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Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
1:00 PM

State Capitol Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 638, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, TRISHA
WATSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028

The Department of Land and Natural Resources recommends Senate confirmation of the appointment of Trisha Kēhaulani Watson 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 by which nominations of historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places will be approved by the Board. Dr. Trisha Kēhaulani Watson is nominated to serve as a Hawaiian Culture specialist on the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. If confirmed, Dr. Watson will serve until June 30, 2028.

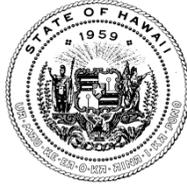
Trisha Kēhaulani Watson, JD, PhD, is the Owner and President of Honua Consulting, a firm specializing in environmental, cultural, and community-based consulting. She holds a PhD in American Studies and a JD with an Environmental Law Certificate from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. With extensive experience managing federal, state, and city contracts, she provides expertise in program development, grant writing, historic preservation, and resource management. Dr. Watson has contributed significantly to academic and policy research, co-authoring numerous papers on Indigenous governance, marine policy, and cultural landscapes. Her work includes collaborations with organizations such as NOAA, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the U.S. Department of the Interior. She has served on advisory boards and committees, including the National Academy of Sciences and the Marine Protected Area Federal Advisory Commission. As a dedicated advocate for Indigenous rights

and environmental conservation, Dr. Watson co-founded 'Āina Momona and has been involved in various cultural heritage initiatives, including those supporting west Maui's post-fire recovery efforts.

Ms. Watson's background, experience, and contributions to educate and advocate for historic and cultural resources in Hawai'i, as well as her own experience working in the historic preservation field evidence her ability to serve faithfully and well on the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. We are happy to support her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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March 12, 2025
1:00 P.M.
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G.M. 638

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, TRISHA WATSON,
for a term to expire 06-30-2028.**

Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the appointment and confirmation of Trisha Watson to serve on the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

DOT has worked with this nominee and her firm, Honua Consulting, for a number of years on several projects to ensure compliance with state and federal requirements on historic preservation. Through these experiences, we have found Ms. Watson's expertise in this field very valuable, and she clearly has the necessary background, skills, and knowledge to effectively serve the state's best interest as a member of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 3/7/2025 1:12:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julie Au	Testifying for 'Āina Momona	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou,

On behalf of 'Āina Momona I offer our full support of the nomination of Kehau Watson to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. Kehau Watson serves as our Vice President and is a leader in our organizations efforts to restore traditional landscapes, food systems, and culture. Her expertise on traditional cultural properties and their significance in our community is unmatched. What is most important about the work she does with cultural landscapes is how she makes every effort to learn from those of that place, to highlight their knowledge, and to demand that it be respected. Kehau is a protector and a lover of 'āina. She deserves this nomination and will serve the board well.

Me ke aloha,

Julie Au

Director of Education, Research, and Outreach

'Āina Momona

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Submitted on: 3/7/2025 9:32:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Megan Fox	Testifying for Malama Kaua'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Trisha has unique and exceptional knowledge and experience for this role. She has supported many projects across the islands in this area, and would be an incredible asset to the board. Mahalo for your consideration.



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

March 10, 2025

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 638 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Histori Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, TRICIA WATSON, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Aloha mai kakou,

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club would like to express its support of Tricia Kehau Watson for appointment to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

We are confident that Tricia Watson will be an outstanding member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. Her expertise, dedication, and commitment to preserving the history and culture of Hawaii will be invaluable assets to the Board's mission. We strongly support her appointment and believe she will make significant contributions to the continued success of the Review Board.

Mahalo nui for this opportunity to testify on her behalf and for your favorable consideration of her nomination.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Charles Naumu, President
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko'olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."



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March 12, 2025

TESTIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS
To the Senate Committee on Water and Land

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation
to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee,
TRISHA WATSON, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.**

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs testifies in strong **SUPPORT** of GM 638 which confirms Trisha Watson to serve on the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

Dr. Watson is a member of the Kuini Piʻolani Hawaiian Civic Club and Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, two of our member clubs. We support the confirmation of qualified Native Hawaiians to government appointments and boards and commissions to ensure our state government reflects the communities it serves.

With her many years of experience in historic preservation and compliance, environmental and cultural assessments, and resource management, as well as extensive work in community facilitation and with community non-profit organizations, Dr. Watson is a solid choice for this board. She is a collaborative and action-oriented leader who has demonstrated a commitment to the Native Hawaiian community.

Founded by Prince Kūhiō in 1918, the Hawaiian Civic Club movement is the oldest Native Hawaiian community-based advocacy movement. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is a not-for-profit organization that is a confederation of 60 individual and autonomous Hawaiian Civic Clubs and 3,500 members located across Hawai'i and across the continental United States.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of our support for Dr. Trisha Watson.

GM-638

Submitted on: 3/10/2025 9:16:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon Nouchi	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

I offer my strongest support for Trisha Kēhaulani Watson in her nomination to our Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. Her remarkable academic achievements, coupled with her extensive professional experience, make her an exceptional candidate for this board.

Dr. Watson's academic record is truly outstanding. She is a kanaka maoli, keiki o ka 'āina, mana wahine leader in our community, broadly educated both here in our island home and on the American continent.

Professionally, Dr. Watson has demonstrated exceptional leadership and expertise as the Owner and President of Honua Consulting since 2003. In this role, she manages and operates a successful consulting firm, overseeing Federal, State, and City contracts.

Her expertise spans a wide range of areas, including program development, non-profit management, grant writing, facilitation, outreach, research, educational services, environmental and cultural assessments, historic preservation compliance, and resource management. She has consistently demonstrated her ability to navigate complex and sensitive projects, providing invaluable guidance on community engagement. She is thoughtful in contemplating conflict and compromise. I am proud to know her both professionally and personally, and have sat with her both on the same side and as the opposition.

Dr. Watson's unique blend of academic rigor and practical experience makes her an invaluable asset. Her commitment to indigenous knowledge, environmental justice, and community empowerment is evident in all aspects of her work. She is a fierce defender of the good and all things pono, and will continue her high-quality and objective work on the board. I am confident that she will continue to make significant contributions in this role, and in any role she undertakes in the future.

GM-638

Submitted on: 3/7/2025 12:38:25 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terry Galpin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I humbly submit my testimony of support for Trisha Watson to be confirmed to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. Among her many qualities as a Hawaiian leader and what I have personally witnessed, is her ability to listen and understand both sides to any situation and mediate a solution that satisfies all involved. I believe she will bring her knowledge, kindness, intelligent and integrity to the table and serve the mission of this board at the highest level. Mahalo nui

Terry Galpin

GM-638

Submitted on: 3/7/2025 1:15:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Pennaz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please accept my utmost support for Governor Green's nomination of Trisha Watson to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

In working with Trisha on several archaeological projects in Honolulu, she has been thorough, professional, and has always conducted her business with integrity. The Hawaii Historic Places Review Board will be fortunate to have her.

GM-638

Submitted on: 3/7/2025 3:10:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kepa - Onaona Maly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha 'oukou e nā mea hanohano (Honorable Members),

E ho‘omau i ke ea o ka ‘āina i ka pono! We humbly share our sincere support for the Governor's nomination of Trish Kēhaulani Watson, PhD as a member of the Hawai‘i Historic Place Review Board (HHPRB). Dr. Watson is a Native Hawaiian educator, CRM specialist and has a network across the pae ‘āina Hawai‘i and beyond. Her work in documenting the physical and intangible aspects of the biocultural landscape -- and relationship of Hawaiians with wahi pana (storied and sacred places), bring important skills to the HHPRB, which will benefit board actions and the honua ola (biocultural landscape).

We offer our support for this nominee with aloha and appreciation to you for your positive action on this nomination.

Ke aloha mau nō,

Kepā & Onaona Maly

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Submitted on: 3/7/2025 5:05:14 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
WILL NGUYEN	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear President Kouchi and Members of the Senate,

I have had the pleasure to know Ms. Watson professionally and I believe that she would be a great addition to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. Ms. Watson is incredibly knowledgeable, experienced, and extremely perceptive with respect to the skills and sensitivities required for this role. I whole-heartedly support her nomination to serve in this important position. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully, Will Nguyen.

GM-638

Submitted on: 3/7/2025 5:14:36 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anthony Fujii	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of Trisha Watson

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Submitted on: 3/7/2025 7:36:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Torie Hoopii	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

3-7-2025

My name is Torie Hoopii, and I am submitting testimony in support of the consideration and confirmation of Trisha Watson as a gubernatorial nominee for the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

I have had the pleasure of working with Trisha Watson on many historical projects, mostly relating to Maui, where I am from.

She has extensive knowledge and expertise in this field, which makes her a qualified candidate for this position.

I know she will do her due diligence in this position of serving on the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

She is a great candidate for this position. Please approve Trisha Watson to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

Mahalo Nui,
Torie Hoopii

GM-638

Submitted on: 3/7/2025 8:09:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cedric Duarte	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Support of Dr. Trisha Kehaulani Watson’s Nomination to the Hawai‘i Historic Places Review Board

Aloha,

My name is Cedric Duarte, and I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Dr. Trisha Kehaulani Watson to the Hawai‘i Historic Places Review Board.

I have known and worked with Dr. Watson since 2012, and I can personally attest to her deep commitment to preserving Hawai‘i’s historic and cultural resources.

Dr. Watson’s extensive background in Hawaiian culture, environmental law, and community engagement uniquely positions her to make invaluable contributions to the Board’s mission of preserving Hawai‘i’s historic and cultural heritage.

Her appointment would ensure the integration of Native Hawaiian perspectives in preserving our state’s historic places.

I strongly support her nomination and encourage her confirmation to the Hawai‘i Historic Places Review Board.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a

Cedric Duarte

GM-638

Submitted on: 3/8/2025 6:16:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Absolute right choice for this position, support suport support

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Submitted on: 3/8/2025 7:01:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Yamaguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I feel that this candidate is an excellent Stewart for the position with extreme knowledge and the lands and history of these islands. Someone who will advocate for preservation and make sound decisions. Her background and professional experience should reflect her abilities and as someone who knows her personally I trust she will take these duties to heart.

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 1:00 PM

By
Elmer Ka'ai

GM 638 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, TRISHA WATSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028.

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of GM 638, the nomination of Trisha Kēhaulani Watson, PhD, to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. Dr. Watson has had a distinguished career in environmental and cultural resource management, demonstrating exceptional dedication, expertise, and a profound commitment to preserving and promoting Hawaii's rich historical heritage.

Dr. Watson has made significant contributions to non-profit organizations, environmental and cultural assessments, facilitation, strategic planning, community consultation, and mediation. Her ability to lead and inspire others in the field is truly remarkable. Through her work on Preservation Plans, Burial Treatments, and Archaeological Inventory Surveys, she has not only preserved important historical sites but also educated the community about their cultural and historical significance.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Trisha Watson is well-known for her collaborative spirit and her ability to work effectively with diverse groups of stakeholders. Her leadership and vision have been instrumental in fostering partnerships and securing funding for various preservation projects.

Furthermore, Trisha has been an active member of several non-profit and grassroots organizations, consistently demonstrating her commitment to advancing the goals of historical preservation. Her extensive knowledge and experience make her an invaluable asset to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

Dr. Watson's appointment to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board will greatly benefit our community and contribute to the continued preservation of our state's historical treasures. I wholeheartedly endorse her nomination and urge you to consider her exemplary qualifications and dedication to this important cause.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

GM-638

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 10:37:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher M Monahan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am a historic preservation consultant who has worked in Hawaii since 2001. I have known Trisha Watson since at least 2014, and am very familiar with her knowledge, skills and abilities regarding the historic preservation process, including the full gamut of county, state and federal actions, regulations and laws. Her degrees in both the law and the history of Hawaii, plus her years of practical experience in the islands, make her an ideal candidate for this position. Trisha is also a dedicated protector of historic resources in Hawaii. Please accept my unconditional support. Mahalo. Chris

GM-638

Submitted on: 3/10/2025 5:19:01 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Au	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Trisha Watson would be an exceptional addition to this review board. She has the critical expertise needed for the role, is an active community member, and highly intellegent individual with the skills to get the job done well and pono.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2025 3:44:57 PM
Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ben Wang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

I support Tricia Watson's nomination to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board given her career work experience, education and background, and personal integrity. I am confident that she possesses the skills necessary to be a valuable contributor to the board's mission.

Mahalo,

Ben Wang