

# GM532

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHARINE STEPHENS, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.
Report Title:	Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board
Description:	
Companion:	
Package:	
Current Referral:	IAA
Introducer(s):	



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

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION  
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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

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

**Thursday, March 16, 2017  
2:45PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 532  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
HAWAI'I HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, Katharine Stephens  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2020**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 532, nominating Ms. Katharine Stephens to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board for a term expiring June 30, 2020.**

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.

Ms Stephens earned a Master of Architecture and Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation from the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa. She has worked for over 20 years in the preservation and restoration of Hawai'i's historic buildings. Ms. Stephens brings in-depth knowledge of architecture and historic preservation to the board.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Katharine Stephens'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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STATE PARKS

# HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

**TO:** Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Sen. J. Kalani English, Vice Chair  
Committee on International Affairs and the Arts

**FROM:** Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director  
Historic Hawaii Foundation

**Committee:** Thursday, March 16, 2017  
2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 229

**RE:** **GM 532 Appointing Katharine Stephens to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board**

On behalf of Historic Hawaii Foundation, I am writing in support for GM 532, appointing Katharine Stephens to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

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 also 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.

Ms. Stephens is imminently qualified for this position. Her experience and knowledge in historic architecture and design is well known. She is the recipient of several Historic Preservation Honor Awards from Historic Hawai'i Foundation and has also been a guest instructor for HHF's historic preservation educational seminars. She has a professional demeanor and will be a thoughtful and courteous participant in the Review Board's discussions and determinations.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF works to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

**Therefore, HHF is pleased to support the confirmation of Katharine Stephens to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.**

March 15, 2017

Aloha,

I would be honored to join the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. I have worked at Mason Architects, Inc., since its inception in 1998, and worked at its predecessor Spencer Mason Architects from 1992-1998, a total of 25 years working at this firm that specializes in Historic Preservation and research. I am a licensed Architect, and am qualified as a Historic Architect and Architectural Historian under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. I have a broad experience working with historic buildings, including analyzing the integrity and significance of structures for Historic Structures Reports, HABS-HAER documentation, National Register nominations, and Cultural Resource surveys.

I have had a long-time interest in historic buildings, and in the evolution of buildings in Hawaii due to its diverse history and cultures. I would enjoy being part of the team reviewing the buildings and structures that are nominated to the Historic Register, and contributing to the efforts to preserve Hawaii's unique heritage.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding my background or experience.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katharine Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Katharine" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Stephens" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

Katharine (Katie) Stephens, AIA