

# V.R. Hinano Rodrigues

PROGRAM MANAGER



## EDUCATION

J.D.

The University of California,  
Hastings College of the Law

B.A. in Hawaiian Studies

University of Hawai'i

Section 106 (Introduction &  
Advanced)

Native American Grave  
Protection and Repatriation  
Act

National Environment  
Protection Act Compliance  
and Cultural Resources

Cultural and Natural  
Resources: An Integrated  
Management Strategy

Conflict Management &  
Negotiation Skills for  
Cultural and Natural  
Resource Managers

Traditional Cultural Places

## SKILLS

- Project & Program Management
- Community Engagement
- Operations Governance
- Strategic Planning
- Budget Administration
- Team Leadership
- Training & Supervision
- Environmental

## PROFILE

Program Manager with over two decades of results-laden experience interfacing with local communities, leading multidisciplinary teams, educating tourists, and championing initiatives to ensure preservation of Hawaiian culture and tenets. Demonstrated success leading all facets of divisional operations from talent acquisition through fundraising and stakeholder management. Possess exceptional communication, interpersonal, and conflict resolution skills.

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## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### History & Culture Branch Chief (2012 – 2024)

Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division // Hawaii

Execute burial programs, reviews, and compliance programs, adhering with Hawaii's Statutes and Administrative Rules. Serve as key decision-maker on issues relating to identification and disposition of inadvertently discovered human skeletal remains.

#### Key Accomplishments

- Supervised multidisciplinary staff of 10 members composed of Burial Site Specialists, Cultural Historians, and Ethnographers
- Achieved a 300% increase in funding and team efficiency by supporting SHPD Administrator in staffing open positions and soliciting resources at the legislature level.
- Administered a 4 million + budget and maintained operational oversight of division's operations including administration, training, and public relations.
- Improved workforce morale and personnel retention by spearheading change management initiatives.

### Cultural Historian (2006 – 2012)

Interface with landowners and stakeholders including Sheraton Hotels and Howard Hughes Corporation to analyse effects and mitigate negative effects of large property developments on historic properties. Testified at legislative hearings and networked with other governmental agencies to guarantee achievement of yearly targets.

#### Key Accomplishments

- Created encompassing reports and recommended improvements to minimize the environmental impact of property development across Honolulu

### Education Coordinator (1983 – 1985)

Iolani Place // Hawaii

Oversaw educational initiatives and scheduled tours while providing encompassing support to other departments

#### Key Accomplishments

- Served as the primary point of contact between visitors and ProService, delivering

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Workers Compensation Auditor | Overland Solutions (2004 – 2005)

Workers Compensation Auditor | State of California (1992 - 2004)

Hawaiian Language Lecturer | University of Hawai'i (1979 - 1985)

Staff Researcher | Federal-State Task Force (1982-1983)

Hawaiian Language Lecturer | Leeward Community College (1980)

Hawaiian Language Lecturer | Maui Community College (1976 - 1979)