

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1708

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 2015

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 811,  
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Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 811 and 812, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

HAWAI'I HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD

G.M. No. 811 MATT MCDERMOTT,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2018; and

G.M. No. 812 ZACHARY I. BANTOLINA,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2018,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and finds Matt McDermott and Zachary I. Bantolina to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

MATT MCDERMOTT

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Matt McDermott from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and forty-three individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. McDermott is a Projects Manager with Cultural Surveys Hawaii, Inc. He has previously served as a Project Director with EcoPlan Associates, Inc. Your Committee further finds that Mr. McDermott has a number of years of experience in cultural resource

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management, including facilitating historic preservation consultation between various private clients, federal agencies, Native Hawaiian organizations, and state agencies. He has also worked with private landowners and land developers, as well as State Historic Preservation Division personnel and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee finds that Mr. McDermott's wide range of professional and academic experiences, as well as his environmental protection background, will serve him well as a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. Your Committee therefore recommends Mr. McDermott be appointed to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board based on his extensive experience, knowledge, and dedication to environmentalism and public service.

#### ZACHARY I. BANTOLINA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Zachary I. Bantolina from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Bantolina is a Hawaiian Language and Cultural Specialist with the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation. He has previously served as a Hawaiian Cultural Specialist with Minatoishi Architects. Dr. Bantolina earned his Doctor of Architecture from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and his Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian Studies and Hawaiian Language from the University of Hawaii at Hilo. He also has years of experience as a cultural practitioner, serving as a chanter with the Mayor's Office on Culture and Arts and with the University of Hawaii System, as well as serving as a Lecturer of Hawaiian Culture and Dance at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. Dr. Bantolina has also served as a School Representative and Cultural Consultant with the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Architecture.

Your Committee finds that Dr. Bantolina's experience as an architect and practitioner of the Hawaiian culture will serve him well as a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

Your Committee therefore recommends Dr. Bantolina be appointed to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board based on his extensive experience, knowledge, and dedication to public service.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education  
and the Arts,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair





