

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1887

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 616,
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Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 616 and 617, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

G.M. No. 616 ELAINE NICKIE HINES,
for a term to expire 6-30-2011; and

G.M. No. 617 JENNIFER L. VIERNES,
for a term to expire 6-30-2011,

begs leave to report as follows:

Upon review of the testimonies and statements submitted by the nominees, your Committee finds that Elaine Nickie Hines and Jennifer L. Viernes have the necessary character, experience, and qualifications to serve on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of Elaine Nickie Hines from the Department of Accounting and General Services, the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Commission, God's Country Waimanalo, and one individual.

Elaine Nickie Hines is an active member of the Kamehameha Schools Kupuna Resource Program and a singer with the Royal Hawaiian Band. Prior to her retirement in 2000, Mrs. Hines had an extensive and varied career ranging from the hospitality industry to jail matron to governor's receptionist. She has been a



musician since the 1940s and has performed with many of Hawaii's best known entertainers. Mrs. Hines represents the Waimanalo Homesteaders' Association and is a reappointment to the Commission, where she has served as Commissioner in charge of the annual parade for two years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of Jennifer L. Viernes from the Department of Accounting and General Services and one individual.

Jennifer L. Viernes is a receptionist at Hawaiian Tel Federal Credit Union, a position she has held for fifteen years. She is originally from Maui and attended Kapiolani Community College after graduating from Farrington High School. She places great value on the work of the Commission in perpetuating the legacy of King Kamehameha through the activities of the Commission and their impact on residents and visitor alike. Ms. Viernes represents Hale O Na Alii O Hawaii Ahahui Poo and is a reappointment to the Commission, where she has played an active role in the annual celebration.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation 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 Economic
Development and Taxation,



CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



