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March 31, 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair And Members Committee on Economic Development and Technology Hawai`i State Senate Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

#### Re: Testimony in Support of Elmer Ka`ai-King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members:

On behalf of the O`ahu Council, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, I wish to offer our strong support for the nomination of Elmer Ka`ai to serve as a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Mr. Ka`ai is a bright and active member in the Hawaiian community, and has given much of his time as a volunteer in various activities to benefit the Hawaiian people.

We are certain that, with his fellow commissioners, he will work hard to sustain and improve this celebration of King Kamehameha in the years ahead.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana'o.

Me kealoha pumehana,

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MAHEALANI CYPHER Pelekikena

About the O`ahu Council, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

The O`ahu Council is one of five councils that comprise the AHCC. It advocates actions that enhance the civic, economic, educational, health and social welfare of our communities and elevates the social and intellectual status of all Hawaiians. Twenty-five clubs located throughout the island of O`ahu comprise the Council.

#### fukunaga2 - Ashley-Jane

From:	Kainoa Daines [kainoadaines@gmail.com]
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То:	EDTTestimony
Subject:	Support for Elmer K. Ka'ai, Jr KKCC appointment

Economic Development and Technology Committee Monday, April 2, 2012 - 1:15 p.m. Room 016 of the State Capitol Copy of hearing notice: <u>http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2012/hearingnotices/HEARING\_EDT\_04-02-</u> 12\_.HTM

Aloha Senator Fukunaga and members of the Committee,

I support the nomination of Mr. Elmer K. Ka'ai, Jr. as Commissioner to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission representing the Royal Order of Kamehameha I.

As former Chair, Commissioner and Arts Program Specialist of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, I know Mr. Ka'ai will be more than capable of implementing and executing the duties and responsibilities assigned to him by HRS 8-5.

He will be a valuable member of the Commission and will serve to honor the memory and legacy of Hawai'i's greatest king and statesman.

Mahalo nui, Kainoa Daines (808) 780-8411 2117 Date Street, #301 Honolulu, HI 96826

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Conference room: 016 Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Annie Au Hoon Organization: Individual E-mail: <u>info@schha.com</u> Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

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Comments:

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Comments:

Elmer Ka'ai Jr. has done good work for Hawaiians and for the perpetuation of the Hawaiian culture in the past and present. He will be a great asset to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

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Comments:

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Comments: Aloha,

Mr. Kaai will be an extraordinary addition to this proud commission. I am happy to provide my strong support for his nomination.

Mahalo, Trisha Kehaulani Watson, JD, PhD



#### TESTIMONY OF GEORGE THRONAS, JR., CHAIRPERSON KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY ON April 2, 2012 G.M. 725 RELATING TO CONFIRMATION TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ELMER KA`AI, JR.

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify G.M. 725

As Chairperson of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Elmer Ka`ai, Jr., to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. HRS Section 8-5 requires that the Commission have a member from the Royal Order of Kamehameha. Mr. Ka`ai is from the organization. His appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation. Mr. Ka`ai is also a current contributing member of the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.