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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TECHNOLOGY
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012
1:15 P.M.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 726

Chairperson Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 726, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Ms. Marilyn Khan. I would like to express my strong support for Ms. Khan's nomination.

Leimomi has played an active role in our community. She has served as Director on the Board of Hawaii-Maoli, multiple terms as President of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, President of the O'ahu Council, and President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. Her ability to create partnerships and bring together diverse groups of stakeholders is evident in her time with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and their collaboration with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the University of Hawaii's Center for Hawaiian Studies, Kamehameha Schools, Papa Ola Lokahi, Alu Like, the Department of Hawaiian Homesteads, the Royal Societies, the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, the Native Hawaiian legal Corporation, the Native Hawaiian Bar Association, and Partners-In-Development.

As a kumu hula, Leimomi represented the State of Hawai'i as one of twenty-four kumu hula at the Pacific Festival of the Arts in Tahiti. In addition to the numerous hula workshops that she has helped to organize, Leimomi has also served as Chair for a multitude of festivals including: the State Council on Hawaiian Heritage Kamehameha Day Hula Festival, the First World Invitational Hula Festival, the Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Festival, and currently the Prince Kuhio Festival.

I have had the pleasure of personally collaborating with Leimomi on the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force where her contributions and insights on the Kanaka



Maoli Subcommittee were invaluable in ensuring the completion of the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan that is meant to provide guidelines for achieving a sustainable Hawai'i. With her breadth of experience and knowledge, I believe Leimomi would be an excellent choice to serve on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Aloha Senator Fukunaga and members of the Committee,

I support the nomination of Mrs. Marilyn Leimomi Khan as Commissioner to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission representing Hale o Na Ali'i o Hawai'i.

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

She 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

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March 31, 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
And Members
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Hawai`i State Senate
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Re: Testimony in Support of Marilyn Khan – 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 Marilyn Leimomi Khan to serve as a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Mrs. Khan is a dedicated and talented individual who has devoted countless hours of her personal time as a volunteer and leader in the Native Hawaiian community. She currently serves as our O`ahu Council's Government Relations Committee Chair, and is the immediate past president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

As you will see from reviewing her resume, she has always been ready and willing to step forward and provide support and encouragement whenever called upon. We are greatly pleased to learn that she is being considered for a seat on this important Native Hawaiian commission.

We are certain that she will bring her remarkable strengths and insights and work with her fellow commissioners in the years ahead.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.

Me kealoha pumehana,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mahealani Cypher'.

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.

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Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the gubernatorial appointment of Marilyn Leimomi Khan to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. She has been active in Hawaiian affairs for many years and will provide outstanding service as a member of this commission.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with the nominee on numerous occasions and can personally vouch for their dedication, commitment and ability. I am confident that she will do an excellent job of guiding the work of the Commission in a manner that will bring pride and dignity to esteemed Ali`i Nui.

I urge your committee's favorable support and consent on her nomination. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in this matter.

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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. 726
RELATING TO CONFIRMATION TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARILYN KHAN

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify
G.M. 726

As Chairperson of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission I strongly support the
confirmation of Ms. Marilyn Khan to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

HRS Section 8-5 requires that the Commission have a member from the Hale `O Na

Ali`i. Ms. Khan is from the organization. Her appointment fulfills the statutory
requirement for representation. Ms. Khan is also a current contributing member of the
Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.