

GM619

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAINOA DAINES, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations & Housing
State Senate, State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

13 Malaki 2013

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and honorable members of the Committee,

First of all, my apologies for the delayed response to your February 14th letter requesting a written statement. The address on record with the State was an old one, and therefore the letter did not reach me until this week.

This will be my second time serving on this noble Commission. Previously I filled the seat of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I from late 2007 through 2010. In 2009, I was appointed Chair of the Commission by then Governor Lingle.

It was during my Chairmanship that new staff and Commissioners were brought on to bring the Commission up to a new, more prosperous level. Many positive changes were made including a more proactive, dependable Arts Program Specialist and Commissioners whom were eager to take on the opportunity of honoring King Kamehameha I as was their kuleana.

In September of 2010, our O'ahu Parade Chair passed away suddenly, and I filled that post in addition to Commission Chair. Then in December of 2010, our Arts Program Specialist resigned. I then took on those duties in addition to the other two responsibilities while working full time at the Queen Kapi'olani Hotel as Director of Sales/Cultural Director.

Juggling everything was detrimental to not only myself, but the success of the Commission and the Hotel, my employer. It was then that I stepped down as Chair and Commissioner and applied for and was hired to fill the post of Arts Program Specialist which I did from April 2011 till June of that same year.

I am now currently the Director of Sales for the O'ahu Visitors Bureau and Hawaiian cultural advisor to the Hawai'i Visitors & Convention Bureau.

Through my understanding of the Visitor Industry and contacts I have made, I plan to continue the work I started in 2007 when I was appointed Commissioner to represent the Royal Order. I am proud to now represent the thousands of Alumni of the Kamehameha

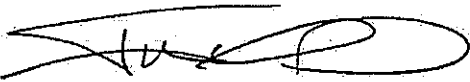
Schools and also serve as the President of the O'ahu Region and Class Representative for the Class of 1997.

This June will mark the third Parade I will Chair as I have not given up that responsibility since 2011 and am honored to do so as a volunteer since 2012. We are celebrating the Parade's 97th Anniversary this year and honoring two amazing men for their contributions and leadership – *Nā Pouhana, honoring Senators Inouye and Akaka*. We look forward to the Senate's support and participation in the Parade in years to come.

Moving forward I hope to continue striving towards the goals of increased community support and independent financial stability for the Commission. It is not just the responsibility of a few to honor the King, but the privilege of many.

Due to prior work obligations, I may not be able to attend the hearing scheduled for 3:00pm on 13 March 2013. I will however make every attempt to excuse myself so I can attend.

Mahalo nui,



Kainoa Daines
Senate Nominee for Commissioner
Representing the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association
King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

2117 Date Street, #301
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96826
(808) 780-8411
kainoadaine@gmail.com

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



DEAN H. SEKI
COMPTROLLER
MARIA E. ZIELINSKI
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

P.O. BOX 119, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96810-0119

TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING
ON
March 13, 2013

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 619

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KING
KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION, KAINOA DAINES

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 619. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the confirmation of Mr. Kainoa Daines to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (Commission).

Section 8-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that the Commission have at least one member from the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association. Mr. Daines is a member of the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association. His appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation on the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



Royal of Kamehameha I

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
Wednesday, March 13, 2012

by
Elmer K. Ka'ai, Jr.
Māmo Hawai'i,
King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Representative
And
Chairperson of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Governor's Message No. 619 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAINOA DAINES, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and Members of the Committees:

My name is Elmer Ka'ai, Māmo Hawai'i, the designated representative to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (Commission) for the Royal Order of Kamehameha 'Ekahi and the Commission's Chairperson. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for Governor's Message No. 619, Gubernatorial Nominee Kainoa Daines to the Commission.

Mr. Daines served on the Commission both as a commissioner representing the Royal Order of Kamehameha 'Ekahi and the Arts and Programs Specialist. He will be returning to the commission as the representative of the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association. Mr. Daines bring a wealth experiences from the business and community arena. He also provides important institutional knowledge and historical background of the King Kamehameha Celebration activities/events and operations. These experiences will be vital as we move to improve the commission's mission to commemorate the memory of the great Polynesian Hawaiian warrior and statesman King Kamehameha I.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our strong support for Kainoa Daines.

1288 Kapiolani Blvd, Apt 1905
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
GM619, KAINOA DAINES**
Confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Hearing: March 13, 3:00 p.m., Conf Rm 16

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing

Aloha mai, kākou

I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Kainoa Daines as a commissioner to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Kainoa has proven ability as a leader on the Commission, having served in the past as its chairman and Arts Specialist. During his tenure as chair, he was innovative, uplifting the tone and character of the commission, engaging many community organizations. I can't say enough about his leadership. We would welcome the opportunity to again have his energy and presence on the commission. Actually, he's never really left us for he has remained and served for the last couple years to voluntarily organize and plan for the King Kamehameha Floral Parade and has done an excellent job.

Strongly recommend that you advise and consent on his nomination as a commissioner to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Me kealoha pumehana

/s/ Leimomi Khan (by on-line testimony)

LEIMOMI KHAN
KKCC Commissioner