

GM715

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, ELMER KAAI, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

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TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING
ON
April 8, 2013

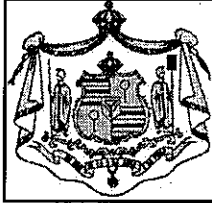
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 715

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KING
KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION, ELMER KAAI

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 715. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the confirmation of Mr. Elmer Kaai to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (Commission).

Section 8-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that the Commission have at least one member from the Royal Order of Kamehameha I. Mr. Kaai is a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I and his appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation on the Commission. Additionally, Mr. Kaai currently serves as the Commission's Chair and his leadership is needed to advance the success and longevity of the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

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Testimony of President Soulee Stroud

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 715

KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

NOMINEE ELMER KAAI

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING

Monday, April 8, 2013; 2:45pm; Room 16

Aloha Chairman Dela Cruz and Vice Chairman Slom and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs here to support the nomination of Elmer Kaai to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, term to expire June 30, 2017.

Civic club members know Mr. Kaai to be reliable and industrious and believe that he will be a valuable asset to the Commission as it sets forth on its purpose to celebrate Kamehameha Ekahi.

We urge you to support his confirmation. Mahalo.

Contact: jalna.keala2@hawaiiantel.net

April 3, 2013

Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
State Senate
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Date: April 8, 2013
Time: 2:45 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Dear Honorable Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee Economic Development,
Government Operations and Housing:

Re: Strong Support for GM715 – Relating Elmer Kaai, King Kamehameha Celebration
Committee

I am in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Elmer Kaai for the King Kamehameha
Celebration Commission.

I know Elmer and he will be a great addition to the committee. Elmer is a supportive and hard-
working individual who gets to the root of the problem. I know since when I first started working
Elmer guided and helped me through tough times on the job. He taught me how to work smarter
without upsetting those you work with. Elmer is the composite Renaissance man who will be able to
bring a lot of expertise and experience to the committee.

Again, I strongly support Elmer Kaai. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Arnold Wong /s/



April 4, 2013

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 715 - Elmer Ka'ai, Jr.
Gubernatorial Nominee to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
April 8, 2013. 2:45 P.M.

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Slom and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing:

It gives me great pleasure to have this opportunity to write to you in support of the gubernatorial nomination of Elmer Ka'ai, Jr. to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Having known Mr. Ka'ai for over 16 years, I feel privileged to be able to regard him as a close personal friend. It is my belief that Mr. Ka'ai possesses all the qualifications necessary to oversee the arrangements for the celebration to commemorate the memory of King Kamehameha I as well as the dispensation for the use of his statue.

His commitment to the Hawaiian community has been exemplary. His volunteer work with organizations such as 'Ahahui i na Alaka'i and his dedication to housing and homelessness illustrates his devotion to the principles of duty and community responsibility. I am supremely confident that this level of performance and commitment will continue if reconfirmed as a commissioner.

I strongly encourage you to vote in favor of the Governor's nomination of Mr. Ka'ai to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. His service will be an invaluable contribution to the people of Hawaii.

Thank your for your consideration of my testimony.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Toth".

J Toth
Chairman

JT:cmp

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Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
Monday, April 8, 2012 at 2:45pm

GM 715 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, ELMER KA'AI, JR., for a term to expire 6-30-2017

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and members of the Committee:

My name is Stephanie Kim and I am testifying as an individual. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in wholehearted support for the Governor's nominee, Elmer Ka'ai Jr., for consideration and appointment to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I have had the opportunity to know Mr. Ka'ai both professionally and as a friend, for over twenty years. Mr. Ka'ai would bring a solid commitment and dedication to this appointment and I know him to be a thoughtful, reliable, and active member in his community. I have the utmost respect for his abilities, intellect and integrity. He would be an excellent addition to the commission.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to recommend him for confirmation for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support for the Governor's nomination of Elmer Ka'ai, Jr.

Dane Wicker

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Submitted on: 4/5/2013

Testimony for EGH on Apr 8, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 016

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| Annie Au Hoon | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Lili Ann Sora | Individual | Support | No |

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| Lon Paresa | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I wholehearted support Mr. Elmer Ka'ai for a position on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Elmer is an outstanding individual. Thank you very much.

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| Robbie Watland | Individual | Support | No |

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| Charles M. Kaaiai | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I have known Elmer for many years and have worked with him on many projects. I know that he will do an excellent job for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

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| Jeannin-Melissa K Russo | Individual | Support | No |

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TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH KUHIO LEWIS
IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 715

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & HOUSING

4/8/2012

2:45pm

Conference Room 16

RE: Letter of **SUPPORT** to Confirm Mr. Elmer Ka'ai to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

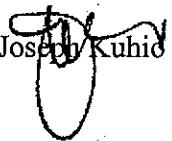
Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic and wholehearted **SUPPORT** for the confirmation of Elmer Ka'ai to serve on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

In the time that I have known Mr. Ka'ai, I have found him to be committed, experienced and tenacious. His knowledge and commitment to the Hawaiian culture and its people is significant. Mr. Ka'ai's diverse background has given him a solid foundation that will support the work of this commission.

I believe in Mr. Ka'ai commitment and respectfully urge your committee to advise and consent to the nomination of this qualified and dedicated public servant.

Mahalo,


Joseph Kuhio Lewis

April 5, 2013

Darrell Yagodich
92-1159 Kaleo Way
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Committee on Economic Development,
Government Affairs, and Housing
Conference Room 16
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz:

Subject: GM 715, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ELMER KAAI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-
30-2017

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my strong support for ELMER KAAI's confirmation to serve on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Elmer Kaai has served as Chair of the Commission for several years. He has provided the leadership and guidance necessary for the Commission to carry out their purpose to commemorate the memory of the great Polynesian Hawaiian warrior and statesman King Kamehameha I, who united the Hawaiian Islands into the Kingdom of Hawaii.

I have known Elmer Kaai for 20 years and can attest to his commitment as a native Hawaiian to perpetuate our culture and traditions. He demonstrates integrity, skills, teamwork, and perseverance in approaching and reaching his goals.

I urge your favorable consideration of Elmer Kaai's confirmation. He will continue to serve the native Hawaiian community and people of our State of Hawaii with distinction. Mahalo.

Dane Wicker

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| Leimomi Khan | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha mai, e Senator Dela Cruz a me Senator Slom and members, I have had the privilege of serving with Mr. Elmer Kaai on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission over the last two years and know him to be a dynamic experienced leader. He is well known for his organizational skills, understanding of government processes, and nonprofit organizational experience. Since becoming chair, his analysis of the needs of the commission have been on point and he has us all engaged in thinking outside of the box to ensure the growth and sustainability of the King Kamehameha Celebration throughout the state. I can't say enough about Elmer, except that his reappointment for another term as a commissioner of the KKCC would be in the best interest of the State of Hawai'i. You can't find many volunteers of his calibre. Strongly recommend advise and consent on another 4-year term for Mr, Kaai. Leimomi Khan, KKCC Commissioner

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