

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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Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations, and Housing

April 8, 2013

2:45 p.m.

Room 016

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) SUPPORTS GM715, which would confirm Elmer Ka'ai to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Mr. Ka'ai has long been an active member of the Hawaiian community, prioritizing public education on Hawaiian culture. He has been a strong voice supporting the perpetuation of Hawaiian traditions and currently expresses this dedication in his service as the director of 'Auamo I Na Alaka'i, a non-profit organization created to build capacity in Native Hawaiian communities, especially focusing on homestead communities.

Mr. Ka'ai has demonstrated his commitment to ensuring that the King Kamehameha Celebrations foster a strong sense of pride and cultural identity in his service as a commissioner on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. He possesses the dedication and experience needed to assist in the perpetuation of this important annual commemoration of King Kamehameha.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS GM715. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



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TESTIMONY OF KIPPEN DE ALBA CHU

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair

Monday, April 8, 2013
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GM 715 – Elmer Kaai

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the nomination of Elmer Kaai to a second 4-year term with the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

As the current chair of the commission, Elmer has shown strong leadership and an ability to work effectively with the different constituencies and stakeholders involved in putting on the annual King Kamehameha Day parade and ho'olaule'a. For 2013, 'Iolani Palace is once again partnering with the commission to hold the ho'olaule'a on the Palace grounds.

We have worked well with Elmer and the commission in the past and have no doubt that this relationship will become even stronger going forward.

Mahalo.