

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

727

Honolulu, Hawaii

MARCH 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1368

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1368 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to change the membership composition and residency requirements of the members of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission and the source of funding for specified staff of the Commission. Specifically, the measure:

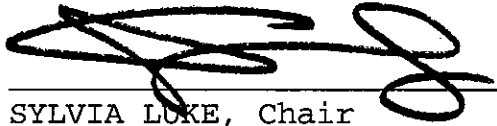
- (1) Clarifies that the Commission includes a member from the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homestead Association and adds a member from the Daughters of Hawaii;
- (2) Requires that the Governor's appointees be residents of the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, rather than the islands of Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Hawaii;
- (3) Specifies that the funding source of the salaries for the Commission's arts program specialist and part-time clerk be state funds, rather than fees, public contributions, and private donations; and
- (4) Appropriates funds for the Commission's operating costs.



The Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club; Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association; and a few individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Accounting and General Services opposed this measure. The King Kamehameha Celebration Commission provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1368 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



