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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Comptroller	Department of Accounting and General Services	Oppose	No

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
DOUGLAS MURDOCK, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON
FEBRUARY 9, 2015

H.B. 1368

RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Chair Ito and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B. 1368. The Department of Accounting and General Services does not support H.B. 1368.

We do not support this measure as any general funds appropriated to support the operations of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission will have a negative impact on the administration's executive biennium budget and initiatives submitted for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

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Leimomi Khan	Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucus	Support	No

Comments: Attached testimony in support transmitted on behalf of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaiian Affairs Caucus.

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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs,
& Culture and the Arts

Representative Ken Ito, Chair
Representative James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair

Hearing February 9, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 312

Measure: HB1368, Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission
Position: Support.

Aloha mai kākou

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges your committee to fully support the provisions of HB1368, which proposes to amend commission membership and funding source of staffing for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission and appropriates funds.

The King Kamehameha Celebration is one of three signature events of this state and one of two state recognized ali'i celebrations. Funding by the State for its arts program specialist and part-time clerk-typist is appropriate to enable the commission to carry out the mandate of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 1.

The changes proposed by this bill will enhance the management and effectiveness of the Commission as it fulfills the kuleana assigned to it by the State of Hawaii.

For these reasons, the Hawaiian Affair Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i stands in strong support of this bill.

'O ia ihola nō me ke aloha.

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1368
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
& CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Rep. Ken Ito, Chair

Monday, February 9, 2015; Room 312

Keith R. Ridley

Mamo Hawaii, Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Chapter 1

Aloha. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1368 to amend the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission membership and to provide for a funding source of staffing the Commission.

It is essential for all of Hawaii to continue to remember, commemorate and honor Kamehameha the Great as the father of our Hawaiian nation. The State of Hawaii continues to recognize him with a holiday and the islands hold parades and other festivities in his honor.

What makes Kamehameha worthy of such tributes? We've heard the stories of his special birth, of the expectations of his coming greatness, of his physical strength, and of his power and cunning as a warrior, leader, and visionary. We've learned the history of his battles and the mastery of his abilities to wage war and peace to unite the islands into a singular kingdom under his rule. By comparison we've seen throughout world history that others have accomplished similar feats but they were called tyrants or despots and they were recognized primarily for their brutality and to subjugate people as slaves for their own selfish gain.

But Kamehameha united the islands to strengthen his people. He recognized that regardless of which island they were from or which ahupua'a they called home, their strength would rest on becoming one people in order to maintain their identity, their traditions and customs, and to withstand external negative influences. He set out to accomplish this and he was successful. Surely, these qualities and works make Kamehameha worthy of tribute.

His descendents recognized his vision and wisdom and took his name as successors to his throne and to his leadership in order to continue his work and to sustain his legacy. Later, Kamehameha's grandson, Lot Kamehameha V, established the Royal Order of Kamehameha 1st in order to continue his grandfather's legacy of leadership, vision and wisdom, to maintain his grandfather's and Hawaii's traditions, and to promote and defend the sovereignty of the Kingdom.

All of us are proud of Kamehameha the Great and what he accomplished for us.

We ask the state to share in this pride by providing the funding necessary for the Commission to carry out its work on behalf of the host culture and of all of those who call Hawaii home, and to help sustain Kamehameha's legacy, and to commemorate him for his vision and wisdom.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 1368.

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Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support HB1368 and especially that provision that calls for state appropriations for its arts program specialist and part-time clerk-typist. This is a State-wide celebration requiring enormous planning and organizing. Funding by the State is appropriate to enable the Commission to carry out its duties as required by the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Mahalo, Leimomim Khan

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TESTIMONY OF NINIAU KAWAIHAE SIMMONS
HB 1368
Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs, and Culture and the Arts
February 9, 2014
9:05 AM, Room 312

Aloha Chair Ito and members of the Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs, and Culture and the Arts. My name is Niniau Simmons and I am submitting testimony in favor of House Bill 1368 Relating to the King Kamehameha Commission. In 2010, I had the privilege of serving as the commission's Arts Program Specialist and coordinating the state's Bicentennial parade and cultural events that year. I would like to take this opportunity to share the storied history of the Kamehameha Day parade, the second oldest parade in the United States (after the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade) and the history of the Kamehameha Statue located in front of Aliiolani Hale.

Hawaii was first unified in 1810 as one kingdom under the military and diplomatic prowess of Paiea Kamehameha, more commonly known as Kamehameha the Great. In 1872, his grandson, Kamehameha V, declared June 11 as Kamehameha Day, a holiday to remember the great warrior and statesman who brought Hawaii thru the first of Western contact. Hawaiian newspapers assisted the Kingdom of Hawaii's population in being the most literate nation west of the Rockies during the 19th century. Back then, it was celebrated as a national holiday, where every citizen who made up the multiracial Kingdom of Hawaii could remember the birth of their nation.

After the overthrow in 1893, the holiday was not observed with much fanfare or honor. It wasn't until the return of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole to Hawaii in 1899 that the royal societies of Mamakakaua and Hale O Na Alii joined with the Royal Order of Kamehameha to remember June 11th as Kamehameha Day. Prince Kuhio, as the titular (and by royal birth) head of the Royal Order of Kamehameha, was instrumental in reawakening the pride of the Hawaiian nation in the early years of Territorial Hawaii. Throughout his twenty year tenure as Hawaii's

non-voting member to the United States Congress, Prince Kuhio utilized his influence to promote Kamehameha Day as a holiday as important, as celebrated, as July 4th. Independence Day was celebrated in America. Hawaiian newspapers carry front page coverage of the important politicians of that day assembled at Kamehameha statue . all under the coordination of Prince Kuhio as the Kamehameha Day Chairman and Organizer and supported by his royal societies.

This integration of the former Kingdom holiday into the Territorial government and later, the State of Hawaii government was no accident. The holiday serves as our modern day connection to our origin as a State; Territory; and Kingdom. It serves to link 21st century Hawaii with the effort and skill of 18th and 19th century Kamehameha the Great and provides Hawaii citizens with the opportunity to honor a sovereign to whom we all are indebted. Under the Lingle administration, all general fund appropriation was withdrawn and the King Kamehameha Commission was forced to utilize its Trust savings of \$150,000. Last year, the commission was forced to layoff its only employee because funding had already run out. This bill would restore funding back to the commission so that the important work of continuing Hawaii's legacy can be perpetuated for the generations to come.

I ask for your favorable support of this bill. Mahalo a nui loa for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Trevor Kainoa Daines	Individual	Support	Yes

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Testifier: Kainoa Daines

Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs & Culture and the Arts

February 9, 2015 – 9:05 a.m.

HB 1368

Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha Chair Ito and members of the Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs, and Culture and the Arts.

My name is Kainoa Daines and I am submitting testimony in strong support of House Bill 1368, relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. I am the former Chair of the Commission, representing the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Honolulu's King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade Chairman since 2011, former Arts Program Specialist (April – June 2011) and most recently commissioner representing the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association, pending renewal with State Boards and Commissions.

Part One: Amending commission membership

The Daughters of Hawai'i have been active supporters and participants of the Kamehameha Celebration festivities at least since the establishment of the commission in 1939. This motion is actually to restore their seat.

Representation from Moloka'i has been challenging. County designations would allow for a wider population of candidates, specifically from Maui County. Commission is working with individuals from Moloka'i and Lāna'i to hold King Kamehameha Celebration festivities.

Part Two: Funding source of staffing

King Kamehameha V declared a holiday to honor his grandfather. It has been a national holiday since 1872. The holiday continued through the Republic of Hawai'i, the Territory of Hawai'i and today, the State of Hawai'i.

1939, the Territorial Legislature of Hawai'i created the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission to formally develop and execute events focused around celebrating the great statesman of Hawai'i. With the creation of this commission, two positions were created as well. The primary position today is the Arts Program Specialist. This position is vital in running the daily operations and aiding the volunteer commission in the planning and executing of celebration events and festivities.

In the late 90s, the funding for celebration activities was eliminated. Wages were meant to have been cut as well, but for some reason weren't actually cut until 2009.

The celebration of our state's unifier and symbol of collective pride should not have been viewed as a mere line item. I am asking this committee to reinstate general funds to the staff salary.

Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

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Elmer Kaai	Individual	Comments Only	No

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**KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION
COMMISSION**

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs & Culture and the Arts
Monday, February 9, 2015, 9:05am

By

Elmer K. Ka'ai, Jr., Chairperson
King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

**HB 1368 – RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION
COMMISSION**

Position: Comments

Chair Ito, Vice Tokioka and members of the committee:

My name is Elmer Ka'ai and I am the Chairperson of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (commission). The commission has not taken any position on HB 1368; and for that reason, I will offer comments on this measure. The intent of this measure is two-fold: 1) amend the commission membership and 2) change the funding mechanism for the operating cost from "special" funds to "general" funds. These changes will enhance the commission's effectiveness and provide greater stability in its operations.

The first amendment is a simple housekeeping matter. It is correcting the name for the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association.

The next amendments effects the non-organizational island representatives (Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i and Kaua'i). To provide a transparent and fair representation on the commission for all residents, the island representatives will be changed to county representatives. This will change the dynamic of the commission by removing the perception that the island commission member is only committed to their respective island. The commission is committed to statewide policy decisions. Unfortunately, this shift will remove the Moloka'i Island representative, but I am confident that the residents of Moloka'i and Lāna'i will be sufficiently represented by Maui County member and we also hope that this shift, creating consistency with the County districts, will lead to leveraging our partnerships with our County Offices.

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The final amendment is requesting general fund appropriations for commission’s arts program specialist position. To clarify this request, the commission greatest challenge is to overcome a decision made in 2000, in which, the general fund appropriations were eliminated due to state budget cuts, leaving the commission to rely on private donations to operate. Oddly, the corpus of the commission’s trust fund was substantial enough to cover the operating cost of the commission for several years. Unfortunately, this ended up to be a double-edged sword for the commission. It delayed a critical process – the discussion and creation of a transitional plan to move the commission from a “general” fund to a “special” fund budget operation. This process finally started last year.

This final amendment is a small step in a new business plan (not yet adopted by the commission) to refocus the commission’s commitment to its mission. It suggests the following:

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Travel Air	3	\$ 1,800
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Meeting costs	4	\$ 400

The O‘ahu Parade nears its 100th anniversary and these changes are direly needed to help the Commission fulfill its Mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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Aloha,

Please find attached the written testimony from the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Elmer Ka'ai
Chair, King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

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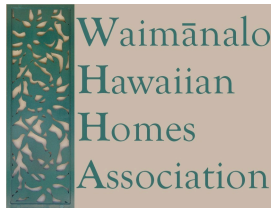
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TESTIMONY IN **STRONG SUPPORT** OF
HB 1368 - Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration.

February 9, 2015

Aloha e Chair Ito, Vice Chair Tokioka and members of the committee,

My name is Kamakana Aquino and I am the President of the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association and a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Please consider this testimony in strong support of HB 1368 - Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

First, I would like to stress the importance of amending subsection (d) to read as: "(d) The commission may appoint and dismiss an arts program specialist and a part-time clerk typist, without regard to chapter 76, who shall serve as the commission's pleasure, and whose salaries shall be provided through state funds". Since 2000, this "state commission" has solely relied on public contributions and private donations. Over the years, this has been a great challenge and barrier for the commission to continue in its mission. It is time that the state begin to re-appropriate general funds to this commission.

The next amendments focus on the membership of the commission. Please note that the name of our organization is the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association. Next, reorganizing the island representatives (Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i and Kaua'i) to county representatives (Kaua'i, Maui, and Hawai'i). Although eliminating the Moloka'i representative, this change hopes to work towards statewide policy decisions. The last amendment adds the Daughters of Hawai'i to the commission. In the past, they have been apart of the commission and will bring in new and innovative ideas and further support the commission and fulfill its mission.

Furthermore, this commission really depends on the volunteers of its membership organizations and others. We all take great pride to ensuring a successful lei draping ceremony, parade, and celebration event every year. We humbly ask for your support. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.