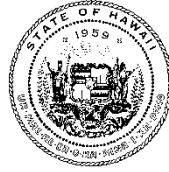


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TESTIMONY
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
WAYS AND MEANS
ON
MARCH 30, 2016

H.B. 2277, H.D 1, S.D. 1

RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Chair Tokuda and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on H.B. 2277, H.D. 1, S.D. 1. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports H.B. 2277, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 (the measure).

We support this measure as it benefits the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (the Commission) in the following ways:

1. Provides guidance to the member organizations and the Governor on suggested skill sets for selecting commission members to enhance the administrative aspects of the Commission.
2. Corrects the names of three membership organizations and replaces one.
3. Provides the chairperson with the opportunity to appoint an advisory committee to advise the chairperson on the historical and archival background of the Commission.

4. Clarifies the Commission's role and commitment to its statewide responsibilities to commemorate King Kamehameha as those events under the direction of the commission and those approved by the commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this measure.



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Testimony of
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Before the Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Wednesday, March 30, 2016
9:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

**In Consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2277 HD 1 SD1
RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION.**

House Bill 2277 HD 1 SD 1 proposes to amend the membership, mission, and purpose of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. It authorizes the Chairperson to appoint an advisory committee for historical and archival matters. It authorizes the Commission to appoint an Executive Director.

Aha Moku SUPPORTS this measure.

The Aha Moku encompasses the eight main Hawaiian Islands, which in turn is comprised of 47 moku and 607 ahupua'a. The majority of the islands supports the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission and honor King Kamehameha I.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony and we ask that this committee pass this measure.



KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Written Comments for the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 9:00am

By
Elmer K. Ka'ai, Jr., Chairperson

HB 2277 HD1 SD1 – Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments in support HB 2277 SD1, which provides the Commission with the necessary tools to improve and enhance the operations and management of the Commission.

HB 2277 SD1 adds new approaches that will help improve the Commission's effectiveness. These approaches includes the following:

- Adds clarifying language to provide that each membership organizations are equal with regards to the organization authorized to transact business in the State of Hawaii and maintain an active membership database;
- Allows for greater statewide representation on the Commission by changing the "Island" representatives to "county" (at-large) representatives;
- Provides the Governor with suggested criteria when seeking individuals for the "at-large" nominees;
- Offers the Commission Chairperson with the opportunity to pull together a group of former commission members and staff to help the Commission's leadership team with their "institutional knowledge" regarding the operation and management of the commission;
- Clarifies the Commission's roles and responsibilities with respect to coordinating versus supporting events and activities; and,
- Gives the Commission the opportunity to support all events and activities honoring the Kamehameha Dynasty, currently not recognized by the Commission.

We would like to request a friendly amendment to this measure. **We are asking that the Kapahulu Music Club (KPC) remain on the Commission.** KPC has a long and storied history on the Commission; however, prior to the introduction of this measure, their organizational status was inactive for a lengthy time. It is our understanding that KPC is addressing this issue and is currently awaiting approval to re-activate their business organization. Although, we also believe that return of the Daughters of Hawai'i to the Commission would be a great asset; the Commission will re-visit this matter in the near future.

HB 2277 SD1 is the first measures over the last 20 years that directly addresses one of the oldest Hawai'i Revised Statutes. It is a small step. We encourage the committee passage of this measure and send our deepest mahalo for your continued support for our Mō'i Kamehameha.