

House Committee on Finance
Tuesday, February 16, 2015
By
The Royal Order of Kamehameha, Chapter One

HB 2277 HD1 – Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

My name is Elmer Ka'ai and I represent the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Chapter One on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (Commission). I also serve as the Chair of the Commission; however, the Commission has not taken a position on this measure.

The Royal Order of Kamehameha has proudly served on the commission since its inception and will continue support all efforts in honor of our Mō'i Kamehameha I. We are in strong support of HB 2277 HD1, which provides the Commission with the necessary tools to improve and enhance the operations and management of the Commission.

We would like to offer a friendly amendment to this measure. We are asking your support to correct an error regarding the removal of the Kapahulu Music Club as a membership organization on the Commission. Like the Royal Order, they have a long and storied history on the Commission and should be provided the time to re-organize themselves. Although, we also believe that return of the Daughters of Hawai'i to the Commission would be a great asset; however, we will encourage the Commission to consider adding the Daughters of Hawai'i and other Native Hawaiian organizations, like the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, in the near future.

HB 2277 HD1 also recommends new approaches that will change the status quo regarding the way the Commission's runs its operation. These approaches includes the following:

- 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.

HB 2277 HD1 like its Senate companion bill (SB 2806 SD1) are the first measures over the last 20 years to address one of the oldest Hawai'i Revised Statutes. It is a small step.

Mahalo for your continued support for our Mō'i Kamehameha.



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H.B. 2277, H.D 1

RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2277, H.D. 1. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports H.B. 2277, H.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 testify on this measure.

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Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support with amendments. I am a former commissioner for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. The Kapahulu Music Club has been a valued contributing member of the KKCC. Please do not delete the Kapahulu Music Club. V/R Leimomi Khan

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