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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
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VETERAN, MILITARY & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS
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FEBRUARY 16, 2016

H.B. 2277, H.D 1

RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Chair Ito 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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COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

HB2277 HD1 RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, 02/16/16; 10:00 am; Room 312

Aloha Chairman Ito, vice chair Tokioka and members of the House VMI Committee. I am Annelle Amaral, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC). I regret that I am unable to appear before the committee as I am serving as a delegate to the Native Hawaiian `Aha currently in session. However, the Hawaiian Civic Clubs have been supporting the King Kamehameha celebrations through our clubs on all islands.

The AHCC supports **HB2277 HD1(HSCR115-16)** that will, on the face of it, assist and improve the management and operation of the commission. Civic clubs have been represented on the commission almost since its inception and will proudly continue.

We would like to note the receipt of new information that makes an important case for the retention of the Kapahulu Music Club on the commission. The history of the King Kamehameha celebrations seem closely related to the history and continued support of this organization, and in the spirit of inclusiveness, the AHCC would like to retain the Kapahulu Music Club as a member of the commission.

There are times when modern history compliments ancient history and clearly Kapahulu Music Club and its founders were instrumental in the early foundations of the King Kamehameha celebrations. That connection should not be lost.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this bill and add our comments.

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Written Testimony Presented Before the
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By
Royal Order of Kamehameha
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HB 2277 HD1 – Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

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

My name is Elmer Ka'ai and I represent the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Chapter 1 on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (Commission). I am submitting this written testimony on behalf of the Royal Order of Kamehameha.

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 applaud the efforts of the measure's authors to finally address the provisions in the current King Kamehameha Celebration Commission statute. We believe that the changes presented in this measure will move the commission from the 1950s to the 21st century.

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, if needed. Please keep the Kapahulu Music Club as a membership organization.

We also believe that return of the Daughters of Hawai'i to the Commission would also 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.

HB 2277 HD1 and 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.

We urge the committee passage of HB 2277 HD1 and mahalo for your continued support for our Mō’ī Kamehameha.

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