

**SB 2763**



## **Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs**

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### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

#### **SB 2763 RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION**

Wednesday, 2/10/16; 1:15 pm; Room 016

Aloha Madam Chair Shimabukuro, vice chair English and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Annelle Amaral, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC), regrettably unable to attend this hearing as I am a delegate to the Native Hawaiian `Aha now in session.

The Hawaiian Civic Clubs have long supported and participated in the events relating to what was once called Kamehameha Day. The scope expanded to become a celebration of many events and we are still glad to be involved.

The AHCC supports general funding for the staff for the Kamehameha Celebration Commission, not for the commissioners as stated in the summary descriptions of the bill. We urge passage of this bill that provides a visitor spectacle that brings revenue to the State by honoring a great Hawaiian Alii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support.

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Monday, February 8, 2016

## TESTIMONY IN **STRONG SUPPORT** OF

SENTATE BILL 2763

RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair English and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Please accept this written testimony in ***strong support*** of Senate Bill 2763 relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. The Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association is a member of this Commission and has actively been apart of the Celebration for decades. The Commission comprises of individuals who represent their respective organizations well-known to the Hawaiian community. As a State Board and Commission, these individuals are volunteers who actually organize this celebration every year.

Therefore, we strongly support the use of general fund moneys to fund salaries for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Mahalo for allowing us to submit this written testimony.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments: The King Kamehameha Celebration is one of three signature events of this state and one of two state recognized ali'i celebrations, the other being Prince Kuhio. As such, the celebration is a visitor attraction, and more importantly honors the legacy of this King and the culture of the Native Hawaiian. Funding of staff will ensure sound organization and plans and the effectiveness of the Commission as it fulfills the kuleana assigned to it by the State of Hawaii.

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Comments: Any assistance in supporting the KKCC's staff is greatly appreciated. It as been a challenge to secure private funds to pay for a "state" employee.

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