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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, DESIREE CRUZ, for a term to expire 06-30-2017.

Report Title: King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

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**To: Committee on International Affairs and the Arts
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chairman
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chairman and Committee Members**

Aloha. I am honored to be nominated to serve as Hawaii Island Commissioner to the King Kamehameha Celebration Committee. As Hawaii is the island of Kamehameha Nui, we still hold him proudly in the highest regard and cherish our familial connections.

For many years I've participated in the Hilo lei draping in various capacities; representing the Mayors Office, as a board member of the Volcano Art Center, on behalf of Kanaiolowalu, a member of Halau Na Kipu`upu`u, a member of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Hilo, a grateful parent of two Kamehameha Schools Hawaii graduates and finally as a keiki o ka `aina.

Kamehameha cultivated personal and military strength, respect for family and tradition, diplomacy, technology and more to reach his goals. These values and practices remain relevant today. In addition, I love the protocol and pageantry of the celebration and the opportunity to share the continuing legacy of our king with visitors and locals alike.

If confirmed, I look forward to working with the KKCC to continue this important work.

Mahalo nui,

Desiree Moana Cruz

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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DESIREE CRUZ, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2017 AND A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair English, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on the confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, gubernatorial nominee Desiree Cruz. The Department of Accounting and General Services recommends that Ms. Cruz be confirmed for terms expiring on 06-30-2017 and 06-30-2021.

Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 8-5 requires that the Commission shall have one member from the island of Hawaii. Ms. Cruz resides on the island of Hawaii, and her appointments to the two terms fulfill the statutory requirement for representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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From: [Jelena Clay](#)
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Committee on International Affairs and the Arts, Chairman Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chairman J. Kalani English and Committee Members

I am writing in support of nominee, Desiree Moana Cruz for the position of King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Hawaii Island Commissioner.

I have known Desiree for many years and have had the privilege of serving on the Volcano Art Center board of directors and cultural committee with her. She embodies 'aloha' with the way she open heartedly shares her knowledge of culture and arts with everybody. She is hardworking, thoughtful, caring and is sincere in her efforts of sharing the Hawaiian Culture with locals and visitors alike. Desiree has become a vital member at Volcano Art Center for her knowlege and resources.

I humbly urge you to confirm her nomination.

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