

# GM638

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MELISSIA SUGAI, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Report Title: King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

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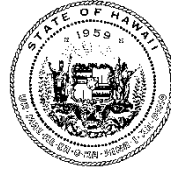








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TESTIMONY OF  
RODERICK K. BECKER, COMPTROLLER  
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TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE ARTS  
ON  
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017  
2:45 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 229

G.M. 638

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KING  
KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
MELISSIA SUGAI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2018.

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 Melissia Sugai. The Department of Accounting and General Services recommends that Ms. Sugai be confirmed.

Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 8-5 requires that the Commission shall have one member from the island of Kauai. Ms. Sugai resides on the island of Kauai, and her appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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Committee on International Affairs and the Arts  
Hearing: Thursday, April 6, 2017, 2:45 p.m.

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on International Affairs and the Arts

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF:  
GM 626 and GM 627, Trevor Daines  
GM 628, Beverly Lee  
GM 630, Daryl Fujiwara  
GM633, Kamakanaokealoha Aquino  
GM634, Linda Chock  
GM635, Lu Ann Lankford-Faborito  
GM638, Melissa Sugai

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
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Aloha mai, kākou

I have had the privilege and honor to have served with the above named commissioners on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. I have never seen such committed commissioners who, despite the lack of sufficient funding, pulled together their personal resources and networks to assure that the King Kamehameha Celebration activities were held throughout Hawai'i.

They are amazing people who bring diverse experiences from cultural expertise to public relations, marketing, and business skills. They are also not afraid to get their hands dirty by jumping right in to organizing participation of pa'u units, to getting the community out to donate flowers for the lei draping of Kamehameha's statue, and so much more. Trevor Daines, known as Kainoa to us, has taken the lead in organizing the Commission since the resignation of the Chairperson. He has been in the visitor industry for several years and thus he brings the business sense of partnerships with others in the visitor industry as well as with the Native Hawaiian community. These individuals, along with others who are being considered for confirmation, should strengthen the commission and the economic stability needed to support the King Kamehameha Celebration.

Accordingly, urge your passage of GM 626, 627, 628, 630,633, 634,635, and 638.

Respectfully

LEIMOMI KHAN, Former KKCC Commissioner



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