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Statement of
George D. Szigeti
Chief Executive Officer
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on
SB545 SD2 Relating to the Festival of Pacific Arts
House Committees on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts,
and Tourism
Thursday, March 23, 2017
9:45 a.m.
Conference Room 429

Chairs Ito and Onishi, Vice Chair Tokioka and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority ("HTA") offers the following **testimony supporting** SB545 SD2, which would create a temporary Commission (the "Commission") to plan for the historic Thirteenth Festival of Pacific Arts ("Festival") to be held in Honolulu from June 11 to June 27, 2020.

The Commission would maximize Hawai'i's opportunity to host the Festival and showcase the indigenous cultures of Oceania. Hawai'i is in a unique position to leverage its experience, infrastructure and capacity to organize a gathering that will bring visitors from around the world. More than 2,000 delegates representing 27 nations and thousands of participants, from visitors to local residents, will join in the Festival. It will be the largest gathering of Pacific peoples united in respect and appreciation of each other. In addition, many Hawai'i residents have deep ties to the various cultures represented in the Festival. This unique connection presents an opportunity to strengthen community bonds and deepen our knowledge and understanding.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer this testimony in support.



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Statement of
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before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON VETERANS, MILITARY, &
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS
AND
TOURISM**

Thursday, March 23, 2017
9:45 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 429

In consideration of
SB545 SD2
RELATING TO THE FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS

Chairs Ito and Onishi, Vice Chair Tokioka and members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** this measure which creates a temporary commission on the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts to plan for the historic event to be held in Honolulu from June 11 to June 27, 2020, as amended and as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget for Fiscal Years 2017-2019. DBEDT welcomes the opportunity for the commission to be placed within the department for administrative purposes.

This landmark event brings focus to Hawaii, highlighting our state's creative economy, as well as the cultural exchange to advance topics of global relevance, including the economic and quality of life contributions that cultural leaders, artisans, performers, and practitioners across the island nations of Oceania bring to the world through this unique celebration.

Attracting delegations from approximately twenty-seven Pacific island nations, delegates share and exchange their cultural wisdom, arts and traditions with participants, visitors, residents and island businesses alike. Through highlighting Hawaii's arts, culture, design and music sectors as part of the Festival of Pacific Arts helps to advance the state's

commitment to creating global markets for our creative and cultural entrepreneurs,
positioning Hawaii as a hub of creative and cultural relevance in the Pacific.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
Hawaiian Affairs Caucus



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB545, SD2, Relating to the Festival of Pacific Arts
Hearing: Thursday, March 23, 2017, 9:45 a.m., Conf Room 429

Rep Ken Ito, Chair
Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Veterans, Military, and International Affairs & Culture

Rep. Richard H. K. Onishi, Chair
Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Tourism

Aloha,

The Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucus, submits testimony in **strong support of SB 545, SD2**, Relating to the Festival of Pacific Arts that would create a temporary commission on the thirteenth Festival of Pacific Arts to plan for this historic event to be held in Honolulu from June 11 to June 27, 2020, **with the amendments offered by Pa'i Foundation.**

Hosting this event is an opportunity for Hawai'i to build positive relationships with 27 Pacific Island nations and territories. Too, thousands are expected to attend, thus, contributing to the economy of Hawai'i. The governments of all past hosts have actively participated and supported the Festival, the most recent being the Government of Guam in 2016.

SB545 SD2 is a continuum of the commitment made by the State in Hawaii Senate Concurrent Resolution 57 HD1 in 2014 that supported Hawaii's bid to the Council of Pacific Arts and Culture for Hawaii to host the 2020 Festival of Pacific Arts. We won the bid.

Kumu Hula Mapuana de Silva and Kumu Hula Victoria Holt Takamine have and continue to be at the forefront as committed leaders for the festival, both past and currently. The leaders and staff of PA'I Foundation, a nonprofit, are knowledgeable and skilled to be the facilitator of collaboration for this Festival. However, **integral to the success of the Festival is the participation and support of Hawaii's government.**

Strongly urge the passage of SB 545 SD2 with amendments and appropriations to support the Festival.

Respectfully, LEIMOMI KHAN, Chair



March 22, 2017

Hawai'i State Legislature, Regular Session of 2017
Committee on Veterans, Military, and International Affairs, and Culture and the Arts (VMI)
Committee on Tourism (TOU)
Conference Room 429, State Capitol
Date & Time of Hearing: Thursday, March 23rd, 2017

Support of SB545 SD 2 Relating to the Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture

Aloha Chair Ito, Chair Onishi, and Members of the VMI and TOU:

On behalf of the PA'I Board of Directors, I am authorized as its Board President to **SUPPORT SB545, SD2** with key recommendations for amendments and revisions. The Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture (FESTPAC) is a convening and celebration of the indigenous peoples of the 27 Pacific Island Nations represented on the South Pacific Community (SPC). The Native Hawaiian people have represented Hawai'i as a member of the SPC Council for more than 20 years. In 2008 and again in 2012, Council Member Mapuana de Silva submitted successful bids to host FESTPAC in Hawai'i in 2020.

In addition to recommendations as to the makeup of the Temporary Commission, we seek annual funding from the State Legislature be appropriated to plan and implement FESTPAC – HAWAII 2020.

The Native Hawaiian people have been organizing FESTPAC – HAWAII 2020 for the past several months. We recommend the following amendments to SB 545 SD2. Similar to the establishment and makeup of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, we recommend that the composition of the Temporary Commission be comprised of members from the City, State and the Native Hawaiian Community. We recommend the following:

- (1) The Governor or the governor's designee;
- (2) The Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu or the mayor's designee;
- (3) The director of business, economic development, and tourism or the director's designee;
- (4) The president and chief executive officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority or the president's designee;
- (5) The chief executive officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs or designee;
- (6) The mayor of the city and county of Honolulu or the mayor's designee;
- (7) The President of the University of Hawai'i or the president's designee;

In addition, we recommend the following Native Hawaiian organizations be represented on the Commission:

- (8) The executive director of the Kamehameha Day Commission or the director's designee;
- (9) The President of Kamehameha Schools or the president's designee;
- (10) The President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs or the president's designee
- (11) The Executive Director of the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce or the director's designee;
- (12) The Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands or the chairperson's designee
- (13) The Executive Director of the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association or designee;
- (14) The Executive Director of Hika'alani or the director's designee;
- (15) The Executive Director of PA'I Foundation or the director's designee;

Please note that the Secretariat of the Pacific Community will not interfere with nor recommend or appoint “a member of the community with experience in cultural and international festivals” as a member of the Temporary Commission. They are not familiar with nor do they wish to insert themselves into this process. This event shall be organized and implemented by the Native Hawaiian people with major SUPPORT from the State, City and the people of Hawai‘i.

The current version of SB545, SD2 unravels the heart of efforts launched by key Native Hawaiian leaders over the past twenty years to have Hawai‘i be a host country of the FESTPAC for the first time. Specifically, the positioning of Hawai‘i as a host country is due primarily to the steadfast and devoted leadership of Kumu Hula Mapuana de Sliva, Kumu Hula Victoria Holt Takamine, and other key Native Hawaiian organizers over a span of nearly 20 years. Both Kumu Hula have and continue to actively lead our cultural participants in the festival itself and also serve on the Pacific Cultural Council, which is the organization that selects the host country based upon principles of equity of representation. Similar to the means invoked by Kumu Mapuana and her predecessors who first organized all participating Native Hawaiian cultural groups in these festivals to ho‘olōkahi our collective representation, the role of PA‘I now in anticipation of FESTPAC – HAWAI‘I 2020 is to be a facilitator of collaboration.

Accordingly, members within the Native Hawaiian community who have already been planning for FESTPAC – HAWAI‘I 2020 for over two years have established that PA‘I is a proven and respected Native Hawaiian community organization that can help lead the tasks at hand. In that spirit, PA‘I also recognizes the value of lauaki – that in order for FESTPAC – HAWAI‘I 2020 to be successful, it will need the skills, talents, and capabilities of many hands and hearts from both the private and public sector. The purposeful intention to establish this temporary commission is to integrate the important element of civic leadership at both levels of state and local government into the work that is ongoing. Accordingly, the deletion of PA‘I from this version of the SB 545, SD2 undermines all the good intentions that have been put into place. We welcome the opportunity to further the dialogue with our state representatives to resolve any misunderstanding in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: 

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SUPPORT

March 22, 2017

To: Committee on Veterans, Military, and International Affairs, and Culture and the Arts (VMI), Committee on Tourism (TOU), Conference Room 429, State Capitol

Date & Time of Hearing: Thursday, March 23rd, 2017

Support of SB545 SD 2 Relating to the Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture

Honorable Chair Ken Ito, Chair Richard Onishi, and Members of the VMI and TOU:

As the Executive Director of the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association, I state that NaHHA is in support of The Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture (FESTPAC). FESTPAC is a convening and celebration of the indigenous peoples of the 27 Pacific Island Nations represented on the South Pacific Community (SPC).

This international event will provide an economic engine for the state of Hawaii with multiple opportunities to market our island lifestyle and people to the world. Our organization participated in both APEC and IUCN and we witnessed firsthand how events such as this with a primary education objective can bring high quality experiences to those who participate as well as educating the world about Hawaii and the people of the Pacific Region. In addition, it will strengthen the diplomatic and cultural ties to these global communities.

NaHHA also supports amendments submitted to this body by the PA`I Foundation for consideration of the appointments of a commission to oversee the FESTPAC as testimony previously submitted by Mark Kawika McKeague, Chairman of PA`I Foundation;

"The Native Hawaiian people have been organizing FESTPAC – HAWAII 2020 for the past several months. We recommend the following amendments to SB 545 SD2. Similar to the establishment and makeup of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, we recommend that the composition of the Temporary Commission be comprised of members from the City, State and the Hawaiian Community. We recommend the following:

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- (5) *The chief executive officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs or designee;*

- (6) *The mayor of the city and county of Honolulu or the mayor's designee;*
- (7) *The President of the University of Hawai'i or the president's designee;*

In addition, we recommend the following Native Hawaiian organizations be represented on the Commission:

- (8) *The executive director of the Kamehameha Day Commission or the director's designee;*
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- (13) *The Executive Director of the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association or designee;*
- (14) *The Executive Director of Hika'alani or the director's designee;*
- (15) *The Executive Director of PA'I Foundation or the director's designee;"*

Please support their efforts to organize an effective process and organizational structure to ensure a successful event to benefit all of Hawaii.

Sincerely,
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Executive Director
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LATE

March 22, 2017

Hawai'i State Legislature, Regular Session of 2017
Committee on Veterans, Military, and International Affairs, and Culture and the Arts (VMI)
Committee on Tourism (TOU)
Conference Room 429, State Capitol
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Support of SB545 SD 2 Relating to the Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture

Aloha Chair Ito, Chair Onishi, and Members of the VMI and TOU Committees:

I am Vicky Holt Takamine, the Executive Director of PA'I Foundation and the Festival Director for the Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture to be held in Hawai'i in June, 2020. I attended FESTPAC in 1985, 2008 and 2016 as member of the delegation and in 2008 and 2016 as a member of the delegation that submitted the request to host the Festival here in Hawai'i in 2020.

I **SUPPORT SB545, SD2** with key recommendations for amendments and revisions. As the Festival Director, I have been working with numerous organizations and individuals throughout the state to organize and plan for the Festival. Members of the organizing committee met with key members of the SPC at the 12th Festival in Guam to share the plans that are currently in place for the hosting in 2020.

We seek the support of the State Legislature and the creation of the Temporary Commission to partner with the Native Hawaiian Community and Festival Organizing Committee to ensure a successful FESTPAC – HAWAII 2020. The Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture (FESTPAC) is a convening and celebration of the indigenous peoples of the 27 Pacific Island Nations represented on the South Pacific Community (SPC). The Native Hawaiian people have represented Hawai'i as a member of the SPC Council for more than 20 years. In 2008 and again in 2012, Council Member Mapuana de Silva submitted successful bids to host FESTPAC in Hawai'i in 2020.

In addition to recommendations as to the makeup of the Temporary Commission, we seek annual funding from the State Legislature be appropriated to plan and implement FESTPAC – HAWAII 2020.

The Native Hawaiian people have been organizing FESTPAC – HAWAII 2020 for the past several months. We recommend the following amendments to SB 545 SD2. Similar to the establishment and makeup of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, we recommend that the composition of the Temporary Commission be comprised of members from the City, State and the Hawaiian Community. We recommend the following:

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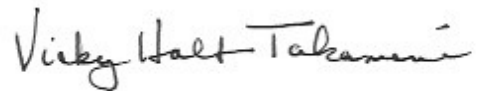
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opportunity to further the dialogue with our state representatives to resolve any misunderstanding in this matter.

Mahalo nui loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicky Holt Takamine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

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KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

House Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs and Culture & the Arts and
Committee on Tourism

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017

Where: Conference Room 429

TESTIMONY

By Kau'i Burgess
Kamehameha Schools

RE: **SB 545** RELATING TO THE FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS.

Kamehameha Schools is writing in support of SB 545 SD2, which seeks to create a temporary commission for the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts to plan a historic event that is expected to attract more than 3,000 delegates from 27 Pacific islands and nations and hundreds of visitors to Hawai'i.

This event, through statewide partnerships and support, will allow Hawai'i's people to highlight the uniqueness of our home, while helping to spur economic development by boosting visitor numbers and spending.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

‘A‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia. No task is too large when we all work together! Mahalo nui.



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Support of SB545 SD 2 Relating to the Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture

Aloha Chair Ito, Chair Onishi, and Members of the VMI and TOU:

On behalf of the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, we ask for your support of **SB545, SD2** with key recommendations of amendments and revisions as proposed by the PA'I Board of Directors, as repeated below.

The Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture (FESTPAC) is a convening and celebration of the indigenous peoples of the 27 Pacific Island Nations represented on the South Pacific Community (SPC). The Native Hawaiian people have represented Hawai'i as a member of the SPC Council for more than 20 years. In 2008 and again in 2012, Council Member Mapuana de Silva submitted successful bids to host FESTPAC in Hawai'i in 2020.

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In addition, we ask that you support that the following Native Hawaiian organizations be represented on the Commission:

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Respectfully submitted,



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President, Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB 545, SD2, Relating to the Festival of Pacific Arts

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Aloha,

The Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club submits testimony in strong support of SB 545, SD2, Relating to the Festival of Pacific Arts that would create a temporary commission on the thirteenth Festival of Pacific Arts to plan for this historic event to be held in Honolulu from June 11 to June 27, 2020, **with the amendments offered by Pa'i Foundation.**

Hosting this event is competitive and highly sought after by various countries as a means to showcase and advocate for the sustainability of traditional cultural arts and practices while at the same time benefitting from an economic boost to a country's economy. In 2014, Hawai'i Senate Concurrent Resolution 57 HD1 supported Hawaii's bid to the Council of Pacific Arts and Culture for Hawaii to host the 2020 Festival of Pacific Arts. We won the bid.

Planning and organizing this event will require the support of the government of the State of Hawaii, private and community sectors, with linkages across sectors (tourism, health, education, public works, environment, agriculture and so forth) so as to assure an effective hosting process. The temporary commission on the thirteenth Festival of the Pacific Arts will bring together key government officials who have the authority to commit government resources in support of the Festival and to engage private and public sectors, including the numerous cultural organizations in Hawaii.

As background, the positioning of Hawai'i as a host country is due primarily to the steadfast and committed leadership of Kumu Hula Mapuana de Silva and Kumu Hula Victoria Holt Takamine. Both have and continue to actively lead our cultural

participants in the festival itself, both past and currently, and they provide wide networking hands-on opportunities for volunteers in the Hawaiian community to support this Festival. The role of PA'I Foundation is to be a facilitator of collaboration.

Strongly urge the passage of SB 545 SD2 with amendments and appropriations to support the Festival.

Respectfully

LEIMOMI KHAN
President

SB545

Submitted on: 3/21/2017

Testimony for VMI/TOU on Mar 23, 2017 09:45AM in Conference Room 429

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton	Individual	Support	No