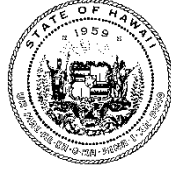


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ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
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S.B. 601, S.D. 2

RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Chairs Ing and Ito, Vice Chairs Gates and Tokioka, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 601, S.D. 2. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) opposes the measure.

We oppose this measure for the following reasons:

1. This bill creates a special fund to collect gifts, donations, and grants from public agencies and private persons which is in direct conflict with Section 8-5(f), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). Section 8-5(f), HRS, requires all donations and moneys received from all sources shall be deposited in the Commission's trust account.

2. The purpose of the Commission's trust account as specified in Section 8-5(f), HRS, is to ensure that all "donations accepted from private sources shall be expended in the manner prescribed by the contributor." The special fund in this measure does not specify that the donations are expended in the manner prescribed by the contributor and there is no mechanism identified to ensure that this will occur if such a request is made by a contributor.
3. In Section 8-5(d), HRS, the arts program specialist and the part time clerk typist are paid from fees, public contributions, and private donations. In the measure, both the special fund and the trust fund derive revenue from these sources and it is not clear which fund these positions are paid from. Without a specific source of funding for these positions, the positions cannot be filled as the adequacy of funding for them cannot be confirmed.
4. The measure creates an executive director position; however, there is no funding source specified and as in the above situation, the position cannot be filled as the adequacy of funding for this position cannot be confirmed without an identified source.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs
Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs & Culture and the Arts
Hearing: Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 10:30 a.m.
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**IN SUPPORT OF
SB 601, SD2, RELATING TO
THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION**

Rep Kaniela Ing, Chair
Rep Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

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

Aloha mai kākou

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urges your committee to pass SB 601, SD2, Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, that would amend the membership, mission, and purpose of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission; add representation for the island of Lana‘i; authorize the chairperson to appoint an advisory committee for historical and archival matters; authorize the Commission to appoint an Executive Director; create the King Kamehameha celebration special fund; and make an appropriation.

We know that you are aware of the significance of the King Kamehameha Celebration since a similar bill was adopted in the legislature last year. Had it not been for a technical flaw, the Governor would have also signed it into law. Thankfully, due to the dedicated, committed members of the Commission and the several hundred volunteers, the Celebration was held last year.

Commissioners recognize that to have a vibrant celebration we need more members with a business sense. No doubt, we are strong on Native Hawaiian culture and protocol, critical to the celebration. But, the Commission also needs staff and commissioners strong on business, marketing, philanthropy and public relations;

and it needs an executive director to be responsible for all fiscal and administrative matters, including securing public contributions and private foundation grants and donations.

The King Kamehameha Celebration holds promise to be a premier event given the right resources. Unlike the other 49 states, Hawai'i is the only one that honors monarchs who ruled these islands.

SB 601 SD1 will help to uplift this celebration to be that premier event. Please pass it.

Respectfully,

/s/ by on-line testimony

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**IN SUPPORT OF
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THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION**

Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

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Aloha mai kākou

Please amend the membership, mission, and purpose of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission; add representation for the island of Lana'i; authorize the chairperson to appoint an advisory committee for historical and archival matters; authorize the Commission to appoint an Executive Director; create the King Kamehameha celebration special fund; and make an appropriation.

Commissioners recognize that to have a vibrant celebration we need members with business sense. There is no doubt that as a Hawaiian, we are strong on Native Hawaiian culture and protocol, that is critical to the celebration, but, the Commission needs staff and commissioners strong on business, marketing, philanthropy and public relations.

Therefore, it needs an executive director with Competent Grant Writing Skills and to be responsible for all fiscal and administrative matters to include securing public contributions, private foundation grants and donations.

Respectfully submitted as an individual,

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Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This measure is needed to update the membership of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, the qualifications necessary to serve on it, and the creation of a special fund. All of these provisions of the Bill will only serve to enhance the work of the Commission and the King Kamehameha Celebration. Please support SB601 SD1. Respectfully, Leimomi Khan, former KKCC Commissioner

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TO: Representative Kaniela Ing, Chair, and Members
Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

Representative Ken Ito, Chair, and Members
Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs & Culture and the Arts

FROM: Beverly Lee (Individual Capacity)
Email: beverlykleeis@gmail.com

RE: **Senate Bill 601** -- Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission
Testimony in Support and Proposed Amendments

TO BE HEARD: Tuesday | March 21, 2017 | 10:30 a.m. | Conference Room 312

Aloha Chair Ing, Chair Ito, and members of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs and Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs & Culture and the Arts.

I am Beverly Lee , and I offer this testimony in support of SB601 in my individual capacity and not as a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (KKCC). The KKCC has not yet met in 2017, and has not taken a position on the proposals contained in SB601.

Hawai'i is the only state to celebrate a former monarch with a holiday – King Kamehameha I Day, first established in 1872, and by Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 8-1 recognized as a state holiday on June 11 each year.

Established in 1939, the KKCC is comprised of a group of dedicated volunteers who seek to only do the good work tasked to it by HRS Section 8-5. This includes the management of appropriated state general funds.

Appropriation of general funds to manage salaries and programs to successfully execute celebratory activities on and around the June 11th holiday is requested. Traditionally funds come primarily via donations and sponsorships, but state funds should be appropriated to commemorate and manage festivities for a state holiday. The Hawai'i Tourism Authority does grant monies on a year-to-year basis as part of their Native Hawaiian Festivals program. However, funds are not guaranteed.

The substance of SB601 was submitted in 2016, but due to the removal of the exact number of Commission seats, the entire bill was vetoed by the Governor as a quorum issue. That item has since been resolved. However, circumstances have changed since Senator Espero graciously introduced this year's bill.

SB601 at page 3, lines 14-19, currently proposes to amend HRS §8-5(a) as follows:

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~~respective island that the member represents.]~~ four at-large members representing the city and county of Honolulu and the counties of Kaua'i, Maui and Kalawao, and Hawai'i.

The original reason for merging the Maui and Moloka'i seats was based on a vacant Moloka'i seat for at least a decade. A "Maui County" seat would encompass both islands, and include Lāna'i. I do not support this proposed merger.

Requested amendments:

- (1) At page 2, line 12, amend the number of KKCC members from thirteen (13) to fifteen (15).
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Mahalo nui for your consideration of these proposed amendments.

Beverly Lee

King Kamehameha Celebration Commission service:

- Commissioner, representing Kāpahulu Music Club – 2012 – present (appointed by Governor Ige to a four- year term; sworn in on January 30, 2017; subject to Senate confirmation this session).
- Equestrian Chair, King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade – 2010 to present.
- Finance Committee Chair 2016 - present

TO: Representative Kaniela Ing, Chair, and Members
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Representative Ken Ito, Chair, and Members
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FROM: Trevor Kainoa Daines (Individual Capacity)

RE: **Senate Bill 601** -- Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission
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Aloha Chair Ing, Chair Ito, and members of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs and Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts.

I am Kainoa Daines, and I offer this testimony in support of SB601 in my individual capacity and not as a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (KKCC). The KKCC has not yet met in 2017, and has not taken a position on the proposals contained in SB601.

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Mahalo nui for your consideration and support of SB601.

Kainoa Daines

King Kamehameha Celebration Commission service:

- Acting Chair (present).
- Commissioner, representing the Royal Order of Kamehameha I (appointed by Governor Ige to a four- year term; sworn in on January 30, 2017; subject to Senate confirmation this session).
- Honolulu Parade Chair, King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade – 2011 to present.
- Commissioner, representing the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association – 2012 to 2016.
- Arts Program Specialist III (April to June 2011) – King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, within the Department of Accounting and General Services.
- Commission Chair, appointed by Governor Lingle – 2009 to 2011.
- Commissioner, representing the Royal Order of Kamehameha I – 2007 to 2011.

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Ken Faborito	Individual	Support	No

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