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TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE ARTS  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 601

**February 9, 2017**  
**3:15 p.m.**  
**Room 229**

**RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION**

Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 601 amends the membership, mission, and purpose of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission; authorizes the Chairperson to appoint an advisory committee for historical and archival matters; authorizes the Commission to appoint an Executive Director; and creates the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Special Fund to be administered by the Department of Accounting and General Services. Moneys can be deposited into the special fund from 1) appropriations by the Legislature to the special fund; and 2) gifts, donations, and grants from public agencies and private persons, and subject to legislative authorization, the special fund moneys can solely be expended for the purpose of paying expenses arising out of the annual King Kamehameha day celebration events. The measure shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

While the Department of Budget and Finance does not take any position on the policy of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, as a matter of general policy, the department does not support the creation of any special fund which does not meet

the requirements of Section 37-52.3, HRS. Special funds should: 1) serve a need as demonstrated by the purpose, scope of work and an explanation why the program cannot be implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries or a clear link between the program and the sources of revenue; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. In regards to S.B. No. 601, it is difficult to determine whether the proposed special fund would be self-sustaining.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lu Faborito	Makaha Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments: As a commissioner for this noteworthy event, the funding is our biggest issue. We ask if the legislature is able to set funding aside for the statewide events we promote and organize.

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TESTIMONY OF ALI`I PAUahi HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

IN SUPPORT OF

SB 601, Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission  
Hearing, Thursday, Feb 9, 2017, 3:15 p.m., conference room 229

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Galuteria, and Chair Taniguchi and Vice  
Chair English,

Ali`i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club urges your passage of SB 601, Relating to the King  
Kamehameha Celebration Commission (KKCC). The Commission is the coordinating  
agency for all celebration activities.

In 2015, we attended a Symposium presented by the Honolulu Festival Foundation  
and the Japan Ecotourism Society, in cooperation with the University of Hawai`i and  
Japan Airlines, on the subject of the future of ecotourism in Hawai`i. In particular,  
we were struck by comments raised by members of the panel who noted that  
visitors from Japan and Asia are interested in experiencing a deeper relationship  
with the culture of the people of Hawai`i. Students from Japan suggested that there  
is a lack of rich understanding about King Kamehameha, his history and his legacy.  
This measure can help address this, by strengthening our State's commitment to  
preserving the valuable history of the leader who unified our islands.

As we approach the 147<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the holiday established by Kamehameha V,  
HB 601 proposes to amend the membership, mission, and purpose of the King  
Kamehameha Celebration Commission; 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. These changes are necessary to support the growth of the celebration and  
to assure its sustainability.

We support HB 601 wholeheartedly and respectfully urge your serious  
consideration of this measure.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kehaulani Lum, President  
Ali`i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS CAUCUS  
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Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Committee on International Affairs and the Arts  
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**IN SUPPORT OF  
SB 601, RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION  
ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

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Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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

Aloha mai kākou

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urges your committee to pass SB 601, Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, that would amend the membership, mission, and purpose of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission; 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 having passed a similar bill 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, we also need staff and commissioners strong on business, marketing, philanthropy and public relations; and we need 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 will help us to be that premier event. Please pass it.

Respectfully,

/s/ by on-line testimony

LEIMOMI KHAN

Chair

KE ONE O KAKUHIHEWA  
(Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, O'ahu Council)

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Aloha,

The O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs urges your passage of SB 601, Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (KKCC). The Commission is the coordinating agency for all celebration activities.

June 11 is Kamehameha Day in Hawai'i. This official holiday was established in 1871 by King Kamehameha V in honor of his grandfather, Kamehameha I, also known as Kamehameha the Great or Pai'ea Kamehameha. It was officially recognized as a "national holiday" of Hawai'i adopted by legislative enactment on June 13, 1896.

Early accounts of the celebration included carnivals and fairs, horse and foot races at Kapi'olani Park. In the ensuing years, the celebration was replete with dignitaries such as President Dole, Queen Lili'uokalani, Prince Kūhiō, Hawaii's governors and the O'ahu County Mayor, and numerous Hawaiian organizations. Today, the holiday is celebrated on all islands with parades, lei draping of statutes, music, chant, arts and crafts, and more.

These activities have been possible with some state funding and public donations, and the many hundreds of volunteers who come every year to help. As we approach the 147<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the holiday established by Kamehameha V, HB 601 proposes to amend the membership, mission, and purpose of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission; 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. These changes are necessary to support the growth of the celebration and to assure its sustainability.

Please pass HB 601.



## Ke One O Kākuhihewa

O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs  
P.O. Box 37874  
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February 7, 2017

### **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 601, Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission** Hearing, Thursday, Feb 9, 2017, 3:15 p.m., conference room 229

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

Aloha,

Ke One O Kākuhihewa, the O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, with 25 clubs and over 1,000 members on the Island of O'ahu urges your passage of SB 601, Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (KKCC). The Commission is the coordinating agency for all celebration activities.

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Please pass HB 601.

Mahalo Piha,

*Roth K. Puahala*

Roth K. Puahala, Pelekikena

Ke One O Kākuhihewa, O‘ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs



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Please pass HB 601.

Mahalo piha,

*Roth K. Puahala*

Roth K. Puahala, Pelekikena  
Ke One O Kākuhihewa, O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs



# Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association

P.O. Box 353, Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795-0353 • (808) 426-1223

Thursday, February 9, 2017

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
SENATE BILL 601  
RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Aloha e Chairs Shimabukuro and Taniguchi, Vice Chairs Galuteria and English and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on International Affairs and the Arts,

This written testimony supports SB 601 relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. The Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association is a member of this Commission and has actively been apart of this historic celebration for decades. We strongly support the appropriation of state general funds to manage the salary of the executive director and programs to successfully execute our duties as Commissioners.

Funds primarily came from donations and sponsorships. As a Commission of the State of Hawai'i, state funds should be appropriated. As stated in statute, this Commission commemorates this annual celebration for the State of Hawai'i with a state holiday. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Kamakana M. Aquino, President  
Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha, I am a former commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, representing the royal society, Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawaii, Wahiika'ahu'ula. During my tenure on the commission, one of the stumbling blocks to advancing this celebration was funding. Our chair, at that time, recognized that to have a vibrant celebration, we needed more members with a business sense. Hence, the provision of SB 601 that calls for members who will help provide administrative guidance to the commission in such areas as business, accounting, marketing, philanthropy, public relations, etc. The amendments proposed by this bill should help to strengthen the Commission. Please pass it. Mahalo, Leimomi

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Members of the Committee on International Affairs and the Arts

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

Members of the Committee on International Affairs and the Arts

Aloha kakou,

I wholeheartedly and individually support Senate Bill 601 with the following adjustments:

-Task the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (KKCC) with 15 members instead of 13. It will allow Hawaii to hear from all islands as it pertains to the essence of our once Ruling Monarchy held by the Great Warrior, King Kamehameha Ekahi.

-Allow KKCC the Molokai and Lanai Seat. Both beloved islands have not had a voice regarding the in-depth commemoration of how the present honors our cherished past and every island, not county, should be held accountable to the overall la hui.

I commend the Honorable Governor of Hawaii, our hard-working Senators its members and members of the Committee for their dedication in their guided journey.

Contextual as it relates to KKCC:

\*King Kamehameha Celebration Commission **pending** 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Commissioner

\*Commissioner, (Governor Appointed, sworn in 2/2/2017) representing Ahahui Kaahumanu

\*Sacred Lei Draping Chair, KKCC July 2012 to present

\*Hope Pelekikena, (Vice President) Ahahui Kaahumanu

Linda Chock, CTA/CTC

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: It is a cultural recognized event that should be continued.

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Emily Auwae	Individual	Support	No

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Crystal Kia Paul	Individual	Support	No

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Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

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Manuel Aila	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The KKCC is in great need of funding to properly honor Paiea statewide.

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Benton	Individual	Support	No

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Juanita Kawamoto Brown	Individual	Support	No

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Shane Nelsen	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Committee on International Affairs and the Arts.

My name is Beverly Lee and I offer testimony in support of SB601 in my individual capacity and not as a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

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

Appropriation of general funds to manage salaries and programs to successfully execute celebratory activities on and around the June 11<sup>th</sup> 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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Written Testimony Presented Before the  
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SB 601 – Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha Chairs Shimabukuro and Taniguchi, Vice Chairs Galuteria and English and members of the committee!

My name is Elmer Ka'ai and I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 601. I would like to provide additional comments sections 1, 3 and 4, relating to on the creation of the King Kamehameha Celebration Special Funds (special fund) and the FY 2017-2018 appropriations.

Section 1 - King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Special Fund.

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Section 3 & 4 - FY 2017-2018 Appropriations

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Again, thank you for the opportunity to share my mana'o on this measure.

TO: Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, and Members  
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FROM: Kainoa Daines (Individual Capacity)

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

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**Aloha** Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Committee on International Affairs 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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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.

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- 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.
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