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Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Testifying for Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony from: Mr. Kainoa Daines (SUPPORT)
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
February 28, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
SB2580: Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and distinguished members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Kainoa Daines and I am submitting testimony in *strong support* of Senate Bill 2580, relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. I am the Chair of the Commission, representing the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Honolulu's King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade Chairman since 2011 and former Arts Program Specialist (April – June 2011).

King Kamehameha V declared a national holiday to honor his grandfather. It has been a national holiday since 1872. The holiday continued through the Republic of Hawai'i, the Territory of Hawai'i and today, the happy responsibility lies with the State of Hawai'i.

Support of SB2580

In 1939, the Territorial Legislature of Hawai'i created the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission to formally develop and execute events focused around celebrating the great statesman of Hawai'i. With the creation of this commission, two positions were created as well. The primary position today is the Arts Program Specialist. We are seeking to change the APS position to an Executive Director title to better attract more qualified applicants to manage state commission business and events.

This position is vital in running the daily operations and aiding the volunteer commission in the planning and executing of celebration events and festivities statewide, centered around the Kamehameha Day Holiday, a state holiday. The celebration of our state's unifier and symbol of collective pride should not have been viewed as a mere line item. I am asking this committee to reinstate general funds, annually to the state staff salary.

\$47,832 salary + \$19,442 fringe = \$67,274 TOTAL being requested from general funds, annually.

The commission is in place to celebrate the life and legacy of Kamehameha I, centralized around a *state holiday*. We are asking the state to continue this kuleana into perpetuity.

Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

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Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Makalena Shibata	Testifying for Daughters of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai, I am Makalena Shibata with the Daughters of Hawai'i, and I am submitting testimony strongly supporting in Senate Bill 2580, relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (KKCC). It is imperative that the KKCC be elevated in stature commensurate with whom it celebrates—King Kamehameha the Great. Since 1872, the people of Hawai'i have honored this holiday and in 1939, we recognized the need for a Commission suited to keep tradition and honor at the forefront of this celebration. It's only fitting that this Commission be led with by the highest qualified person. Changing the APS position to an Executive Director title will better attract more qualified applicants to manage state commission business and events.

For this position, humbly request to reinstate general funds, annually to the state staff salary: \$47,832 salary + \$19,442 fringe = \$67,274 TOTAL. As you know, the commission is in place to celebrate the life and legacy of Kamehameha I, centralized around a state holiday. Supporting SB2580 will ensure our state continues this kuleana into perpetuity. Mahalo!

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Testimony from: Mahiki Lankford

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs/Judiciary

February 8, 2018 – 1:30 p.m.

SB2580: Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Appropriates funds to the department of accounting and general services to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position for the executive director of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Appropriates funds to fund the costs incurred by the annual King Kamehameha day celebration events.

Aloha Chairs Shimabukuro and Taniguchi and distinguished members of the Hawaiian Affairs and Judiciary Committees,

Aloha, I am submitting testimony in *strong support* of Senate Bills 2580 and 2581, relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. I am the Chair of the Commission, representing the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Honolulu's King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade Chairman since 2011 and former Arts Program Specialist (April – June 2011).

King Kamehameha V declared a national holiday to honor his grandfather. It has been a national holiday since 1872. The holiday continued through the Republic of Hawai'i, the Territory of Hawai'i and today, the happy responsibility lies with the State of Hawai'i.

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This position is vital in running the daily operations and aiding the volunteer commission in the planning and executing of celebration events and festivities statewide. In the late 90s, the funding for celebration activities was eliminated. Wages were meant to have been cut as well, but weren't actually cut until 2009, when I became Chair. The celebration of our state's unifier and symbol of collective pride should not have been viewed as a mere line item. I am asking this committee to reinstate general funds to the staff salary.

The commission is in place to celebrate the life and legacy of Kamehameha I, centralized around a *state holiday*. We are asking the state to continue this kuleana into perpetuity.

Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

Mahiki Lankford