

TESTIMONY OF SUPPORT from: Ms. Kēhau Pe‘a

Committee on FIN

March 28, 2018 – 3 p.m.

**SB2581 SD1 HD1: Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission
Increases the number of members on the King Kamehameha celebration commission
from thirteen to fifteen. Establishes an executive director to be appointed by the
commission.**

Aloha Chair Taniguchi and distinguished members of the FIN Committee,

**I am Kēhau Pe‘a and I’m submitting testimony in *strong support* of SB2581 SD1 HD1,
relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. I am one of the new
commissioners and am grateful to be a part of an organization that honors a fearless
leader like Kamehameha ‘Ekahi, who unified the Hawaiian Islands under one rule.**

**Lot Kapuāiwa, grandson of Kamehameha ‘Ekahi, declared King Kamehameha Day as a
national holiday to celebrate the reputable legacy of 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, and now the kuleana lies with the State of Hawai‘i to
continue this tradition.**

**I ask that we reinstate the commission seat for the Daughters of Hawai‘i, who have
continuously been a support to the Commission. I also ask that we add another seat for
the island of Lāna‘i to include the voice of the people, which will bring the Commission
up from thirteen to fifteen seats. With the increase of seats, I feel the Commission will
benefit from both parties’ fiduciary and cultural knowledge to further our Commission’s
initiatives.**

**I also ask to change the title of the existing Arts Program Specialist position to that of an
Executive Director. By doing so I feel it helps to elevate the operations of the King
Kamehameha Celebration Commission overall.**

Mahalo for your time to read this and I ask for your support on this bill.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,



Kēhau Pe‘a, Legislative Chair

King Kamehameha Celebration Commission – Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

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SB-2581-HD-1

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

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

LATE

Testimony from: Trevor Kainoa Daines (SUPPORT)

House Committee on Finance

March 28, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.

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Aloha Chair Luke and distinguished members of the House Finance Committee,

My name is Kainoa Daines and I am submitting testimony in *strong support* of SB 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.

Support of SB2581

Regarding the Commission seats, the Daughters of Hawai'i have always been strong supporters of the Commission, and this is a motion to reinstate their seat. The Daughters successfully manage Queen Emma Summer Palace (Hānaiakamalama) in Nu'uano and Hulihe'e Palace in Kailua-Kona. The Commission will benefit from their fiduciary and cultural knowledge to further our initiatives.

Also, to "unify" the Hawaiian Islands, we are seeking to add the island of Lāna'i and include the voice of the people of that island, bringing the Commission up from 13 to 15 seats.

This bill also seeks to replace the existing Arts Program Specialist with an Executive Director. To clarify, we are not asking for a 3rd staff position, rather a change. This change from APS to ED will elevate the operations of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission overall.

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Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

Kainoa Daines, Chair

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Testimony from: Beverly Lee (SUPPORT)

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My name is Beverly Lee and I am submitting testimony in **strong support** of Senate Bill 2581, relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. I am the current Vice Chair of the Commission, representing the Kapahulu Music Club and Honolulu's King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade Equestrian Chair from 2010 to current.

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Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

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