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| Melodie Aduja | Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i | Support | No |

Comments:

Testimony from: Ms Beverly Lee

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

March 22, 2018 – 10:20 a.m.

SB2581: Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Increases the number of members on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission from thirteen to fifteen AND changes Arts Program Specialist position to Executive Director

Aloha Chair LoPresti and distinguished members of the House Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts,

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 Vice Chair of the Commission representing the Kapahulu Music Club and Honolulu's King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade Equestrian Chair since 2010.

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'uau 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 requests to replace the existing Arts Program Specialist with an Executive Director. This request is not to add a 3rd position, rather this change will consist of the responsibility of the overall operations of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Page 3, line 5: "The commission, by majority vote, shall appoint an executive director (to replace the Arts Program Specialist) who shall be familiar with..."

Mahalo for your time,

Beverly Lee, Vice Chair

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| Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D. | Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu | Support | No |

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| Leimomi Khan | Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucu | Support | No |

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Testimony from: Mr. Kainoa Daines
House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts
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SB2581: Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Increases the number of members on the King Kamehameha celebration commission from thirteen to fifteen AND changes Arts Program Specialist position to Executive Director.

Aloha Chair LoPresti and distinguished members of the House Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts,

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'uau 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.

Page 3, line 5: "The commission, by majority vote, shall appoint an executive director [*to replace the Arts Program Specialist*] who shall be familiar with..."

Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

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| Iu Faborito | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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 2581 , relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. As the Molokai Island commissioner, we are supporting what our alii 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.