

Testimony from: Mr. Kainoa Daines

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs/Judiciary

February 8, 2018 – 1:30 p.m.

SB2581: Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Increases the number of members on the King Kamehameha celebration commission from thirteen to fifteen.

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

My name is Kainoa Daines and 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).

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Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

Kainoa Daines, Chair

King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

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Testimony from: Ms. Melissia Mae Sugai  
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My name is Melissia Mae Sugai and I am submitting testimony in *strong support* of Senate Bills 2580 and 2581, relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. . I am the Commissioner for the Island of Kaua'i representing the King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade since 2013.

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Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

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February 6, 2018

To: Chair Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Chair Brian T. Taniguchi, Committee on Judiciary

Subject: Testimony in Support of SB2581 and HB2516  
(Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission)

Aloha mai kākou,

It is my distinct pleasure to submit testimony in support of SB2580 and SB2581 which will increase the number of members on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission from 13 to 15 and will establish an executive director to be appointed by the commission.

I am proud to be a member of the Daughters of Hawai'i which was Hawai'i's first organization to recognize the need to have active measures for historical and for cultural preservation. I know that we have members actively involved in celebrating King Kamehameha Day not only on Honolulu, but also in Kailua-Kona and Kohala on Hawai'i Island.

Please support the Daughters and recognize our tremendous efforts in historical and cultural preservation by reestablishing our seat on the commission. Please also support creating an Executive Director for this commission as it is of historical significance to both the kama'aina and malihini alike.

Me ke aloha Pumehana,  
Sharon Au-Curtis

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I will also be present for testimony on behalf of the Daughters of Hawai'i on Thursday, February 8, at 1:30pm in Conference Room 16. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (808) 782-3410.

Me ke aloha pumehana,



Makaleha Young Shibata

Testimony from: Mr. Daryl Fujiwara  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs/Judiciary  
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My name is Daryl Fujiwara and I am submitting testimony in *strong support* of Senate Bills 2580 and 2581, relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. I hold the Maui seat on the Commission.

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Hardworking hands and strong voices deserve a place at the table. All islands should be represented at all levels of government. This commission is no different.

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Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

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Pepeluai 8, 2018/Thursday, February 8, 2018

**IN SUPPORT OF**

**SB2580, Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission**  
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Aloha mai kākou

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges your committee to pass SB2580, Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission that would appropriate 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 and funds to fund the costs incurred by the annual King Kamehameha day celebration events; and SB2581, Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, that would increase the number of members on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission from thirteen to fifteen and establish an executive director to be appointed by the commission.

The increase in membership and the qualifications described in SB2581 will bring the much needed expertise to the Commission. Commissioners recognize that to have a vibrant celebration we need more members with a business sense. The Commission also needs funding for an Executive Director as described in SB2580 who would 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 cultural event given the right resources. Please pass SB2580 and SB2581.

Me kealoha pumehana

LEIMOMI KHAN, Chair

**SB-2581**

Submitted on: 2/7/2018 3:17:02 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

The Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu is in strong support of the King Kamehameha Commission and King Kamehameha Festival.

**SB-2581**

Submitted on: 2/7/2018 4:49:36 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rachel L. Kailianu	Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Support	Yes

Comments:



Testimony from:

Manuel Aila

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs/Judiciary

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Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

Manuel aila

**From:** [meleelena@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:meleelena@hawaii.rr.com)  
**To:** [HWNTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Sb2580/sb2581  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 9:28:45 AM

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Aloha chairs Shimabukuro, Taniguchi and members of the Hawaiian affairs and judiciary committee.  
My name is Mele-Elena C. Cordeiro and I am submitting testimony in strong support of Senate Bill SB2580 and SB2581, relating to the king kamehameha celebration committee. I am a member in high standing with Hale o na alii o Hawaii ahahui poo since 1991, also a proud member of king kamehameha celebration committee .  
Thank you for your time. Mahalo nui loa Mele-Elena Cordeiro.  
Sent from my LG G Pad 7.0 LTE, an AT&T 4G LTE tablet

Testimony from:

Mahiki Lankford

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs/Judiciary

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**SB-2581**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 5:20:30 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e na Senetoa aloha nui ia,

Mahalo for reading this testimony of support for SB2581. This is a companion message requesting support for SB2581 that is the compliment of SB2580. There is a clear need for support for this wonderful expression of a Hawaiian articulated parade honoring our king and our culture, the culture of the Kanaka of Hawaii.

Please support SB2581.

Mahalo, KUMU HINA

Hearing: Thursday February 8, 2018  
State Capitol Conference Room 016

**IN SUPPORT OF  
SB 2580 & SB2581 RELATING TO  
THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION (KKCC)**

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Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

Aloha mai kākou

This is in support of authorizing the Commission to make an appropriation to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position for an executive director of the KKCC for funding costs arising for the annual King Kamehameha day and its celebrations; to increase the number of our members on the KKCC from 13 to 15 allowing KKCC to commemorate the past, the present and its future in honor of our beloved Alii throughout every island, not county, as it should be held accountable to the overall la hui.

Commissioners recognize that to have a vibrant celebration we need members with business sense. There is no doubt that as a Hawaiian, together 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, please grant the KKCC the ability to persevere the future of our Kanaka Maoli to stand strong and represent our cherished King Kamehameha Ekahi.

Respectfully submitted as an individual,

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Contextual as it relates to KKCC:

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

\*Commissioner, representing Ahahui Kaahumanu

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

\*Hope Pelekikena, (Vice President) Ahahui Kaahumanu

Testimony from: Desiree Moana Cruz

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My name is Desiree Moana Cruz and I am submitting testimony in *strong support* of Senate Bills 2580 and 2581, relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (KKCC). In 2017, I was appointed by Governor Ige to serve as Hawai'i Island commissioner after being a long-time supporter and volunteer of the KKCC.

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Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

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