

Testimony from: Beverly Lee
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
February 22, 2018 – 10:10 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 Dela Cruz and distinguished members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

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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Testimony from: Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito

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My name is Lu Ann, Molokai Island Commissioner for the King Kamehameha Celebration and I am submitting testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 2581, relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

The island of Molokai is in great need to have our islands events included and work continuously with all the other commissioners.

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My name is Melissa Mae Sugai and I am submitting testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2581, relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. I am the Island of Kaua'i Commissioner, representing King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I have been the Commissioner for the Island of Kaua'i for 6 years and have coordinated the event on our island.

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Aloha,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel L. Kailianu	Testifying for Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Support	Yes

Comments:

February 21, 2018

To: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, Senate Committee on Ways & Means

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 SB2581 which seeks the following:

(1) to increase the number of members on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission from 13 to 15 and

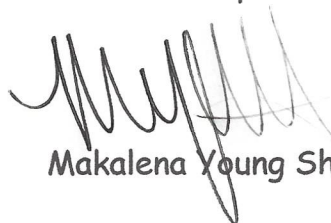
(2) to replace the existing Arts Program Specialist with an Executive Director to be appointed by the commission.

I am proud to be a member of the Daughters of Hawai'i which was Hawai'i's first organization established for historical and cultural preservation. As the historian for our organization, I can attest to our steadfast support of this time-honored celebration as our members having taking active leadership roles on Hawai'i island with Kailua-Kona's King Kamehameha Day Parade and incorporating our kuleana, Hulihe'e Palace, in its celebration. We have also had members actively involved in celebrating King Kamehameha Day in Honolulu since our organization was established in 1903.

Please support the Daughters and recognize our tremendous efforts in historical and cultural preservation by reestablishing our seat on the commission. Also support the people of Lāna'i and allow them a voice on the commission by creating a seat for their island representative. Lastly, due to the historical significance of this celebration to both the kama`āina and malihini alike, it is imperative that an Executive Director be created in lieu of the Arts Program Specialist.

I will also be present for testimony on behalf of the Daughters of Hawai'i on Friday, February 23, at 10:30pm in Conference Room 211. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (808) 782-3410.

Me ke aloha pumehana,



Makalena Young Shibata

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: