

STATE OF HAWAII



**KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION**  
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April 1, 2024

Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts  
The Honorable Senator Lee, Chair  
And Members of the Committee

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 4, 2024, at 3:00 pm  
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Aloha e Honorable Senator Lee and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of Puake'ala Mann who is being considered for confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

As Executive Director of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, I strongly support the appointment of Puake'ala, representing Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua, to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Puake'ala has shown initiative and leadership in helping the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission move toward accomplishing many of our goals.

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of her appointment.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Hammond".

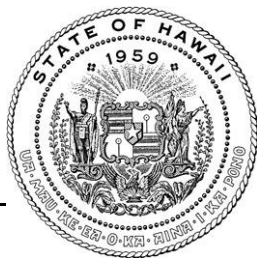
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Statement of  
**JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA**  
Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Thursday, April 4, 2024  
3:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room #224 & Videoconference

In support of  
**GM 572**  
**KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMITTEE,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, OLIVIA MANN,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027.**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports GM 572, that recommends Olivia Mann to the King Kamehameha Celebration Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2027.

Ms. Mann's Hawaiian lineage, her expertise and recognition as a kumu hula, along with her prior service on the King Kamehameha Celebration Committee make her an important contributor to the fulfillment of the committee's goals and responsibilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**GM-572**

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 9:14:35 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/4/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Coline Aiu	Testifying for Daughters and Sons of the Hawaiian Warriors-Mamakakaua	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Kākou,

As Kuhina Nui of the Daughters and Sons of the Hawaiian Warriors-Māmakakaua, I once again support the nomination of Olivia Mann as our representative Commissioner on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Our ‘Ahahui is a genealogical organization whose members descend from Hawaiian warriors who fought for or against Kamehameha. Ms. Mann's direct descent from Kamehameha's kahuna nui, Hewahewa, and also Kamehameha's uncle, the ali‘i nui of Hawai‘i island, Kalani‘ōpuu, makes her a suitable and proper candidate for Commissioner.

A kumu hula of Hālau Hula O Maiki, she has been invaluable in sharing our Hawaiian culture. Having been in King Kamehameha Parades during the 1980s and 1990s, her experience as a former horse rider in mounted units, hula dancer on floats, vehicle rider, and builder/decorator of floats gives her an appreciation and commitment to continue supporting the King Kamehameha Celebration Parade and its Ho'olaule'a.

Ms. Mann serves as the Kahuna Pule at the Daughters and Sons of the Hawaiian Warriors-Māmakakaua's annual tribute held every June 11th honoring King Kamehameha I at the King Kamehameha Statue in Honolulu. This annual tribute conducted by our members has continued without interruption since 1910.

I endorse the confirmation of Olivia Mann for a second term, from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Mahalo for allowing me this opportunity to submit testimony.

Coline Aiu, Kuhina Nui, Daughters and Sons of the Hawaiian Warriors-Māmakakaua

April 2, 2024



**GM-572**

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 4:04:00 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/4/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

Support. As a former KKCC Commissioner, I understand the needs and commitment required by Commissioners. As Ms. Mann's resume reflects, she has been involved in organizing and supporting Native Hawaiian cultural activities throughout the years and is deeply rooted in Halau Hula O Maiki. As such, I believe that Ms. Mann would not only bring her cultural expertise to the Commission, but also the haumana and ohana of Halau Hula O Maiki in support of commission activities. With her busy schedule, I appreciate that she is offering her volunteer service to the KKCC.