

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 Cecelia Hoffman who is being considered for confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

As Executive Director of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, I strongly support the appointment of Cecelia as Kaua'i Island Commissioner to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Cecelia 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
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before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

In support of
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 574, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the King Kamehameha Celebration Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee,
CECILIA KALEI HOFFMAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the Committee. The department supports GM 574 and the recommendation for appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Cecilia Kalei Hoffman to serve as member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Committee through June 30, 2027, whose goal is to commemorate the legacy of King Kamehameha I through culturally appropriate and culturally relevant celebrations which are presented throughout various venues statewide.

Ms. Hoffman's experience as the Education Director at the Kaua'i Museum has consistently demonstrated her commitment to educating both local residents and visitors about the rich history of our islands.

Proficient in 'Olelo Hawai'i, she exemplifies the dedication to preserving our language and traditions. In addition to her educational endeavors, Ms. Hoffman's leadership, communication skills, and commitment to community make her an ideal candidate for the King Kamehameha Celebration Committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.