

STATE OF HAWAII



**KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION**  
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April 15, 2025

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

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 3:00 pm  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Aloha e Honorable Senator Lee and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of Beverly Lee is who is being considered for confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission for a term to expire on 06-30-2028.

As Executive Director of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, I strongly support the appointment of Beverly Lee, representing the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Beverly has been instrumental in spearheading the King Kamehameha Celebration Pā'ū Units for many years and has previously served on the Commission with distinction helping us move forward 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".

Amy Hammond  
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April 16, 2025

TESTIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS  
To the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

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**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha  
Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BEVERLY LEE,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2028.**

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs testifies in strong **SUPPORT** of GM 508 which confirms Beverly Lee to serve on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission as the representative of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

Ms. Lee is a member of the Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club and Elizabeth Kahanu Hawaiian Civic Club, two of our member clubs. We support the confirmation of qualified Native Hawaiians to government appointments and boards and commissions to ensure our state government reflects the communities it serves.

With her many years of experience participating in and organizing events, parades, and festivals that celebrate Hawaiian history and culture, and in particular honoring our ali‘i, Ms. Lee is a solid choice for this commission. She is a collaborative leader who has unmatched expertise in cultural protocols and will be an invaluable asset to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. We are honored to support this appointment.

Founded by Prince Kūhiō in 1918, the Hawaiian Civic Club movement is the oldest Native Hawaiian community-based advocacy movement. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is a not-for-profit organization that is a confederation of 60 individual and autonomous Hawaiian Civic Clubs and 3,500 members located across Hawai‘i and across the continental United States.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of our support for Beverly Lee.

**GM-508**

Submitted on: 4/15/2025 11:35:36 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/16/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito	Testifying for Association of Hawaiian, Civic clubs	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

strong support as someone who nominated her from our organization and have worked with her in prior years she has been a long time former commissioner parade equestrian chair, and also serves on the Royal societies to help us keep all the different components of the celebration in the proper order with the cultural issues, the protocols and the overall success of the celebration. Beverly brings many years of experience and will serve this commission very well

**GM-508**

Submitted on: 4/15/2025 11:24:22 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/16/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a former commissioner alongside with Beverly, I have found that she has such great respect and organizational skills for this event and has been involved in many years. We have both ridden together as Pa'u Writers in this fabulous parade and have given back by working alongside to help in the celebration, Beverly is a awesome asset and continues to be serving and both this role with the Commission and the Aloha festivals

**GM-508**

Submitted on: 4/14/2025 1:44:03 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/16/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Trevor Kainoa Daines	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Ms. Beverly Lee's confirmation. I have had the privilege of working closely with Ms. Lee since 2010 through our shared responsibilities on the Kamehameha Celebration Commission and the Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade.

Over the past decade, I have come to know Ms. Lee as an exceptionally capable, diligent, and dependable individual. She approaches every task with a high degree of professionalism and meticulous organization. Just as importantly, she conducts herself with aloha and empathy—qualities that are essential in fostering trust, collaboration, and effective leadership within our community.

Ms. Lee's contributions extend far beyond our work together. She has been an active and impactful member of the Hawaiian community, serving on and leading various boards and initiatives with integrity and dedication. Her unwavering commitment to the preservation and advancement of Native Hawaiian culture and values is evident in all that she does.

I am confident that Ms. Lee will continue to serve with distinction and bring honor to any position she holds. I respectfully urge the committee to confirm her appointment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Ms. Beverly Lee.

Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts



Testimony of Jame K. Schaedel

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

**Support** for Governor’s Message No. 508 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BEVERLY LEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support** for Governor’s Message No. 508.

I offer this testimony as a private citizen, and not in my capacity as a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I have had the honor and privilege of working with Aunty Beverly on the commission for several months. She has decades of experience and institutional knowledge contributing to the commission and its activities, and is the best candidate to represent the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. I look forward to continuing working with her to fulfill our mission.

Thank you for considering my testimony in **strong support** for Governor’s Message No. 508. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Respectfully,

Jame K. Schaedel  
Kapolei, Hawai‘i

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**GM-508**

Submitted on: 4/16/2025 2:50:21 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/16/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Moanikeala Whittle-Wagner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Beverly Lee nomination to KKCC.