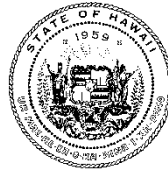


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TESTIMONY  
OF  
DOUGLAS MURDOCK, COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
ON  
MARCH 21, 2016  
H.B. 2277, H.D 1

RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2277, H.D. 1. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports H.B. 2277, H.D. 1 (the measure).

We support this measure as it benefits the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (the Commission) in the following ways:

1. Provides guidance to the member organizations and the Governor on suggested skill sets for selecting commission members to enhance the administrative aspects of the Commission.
2. Corrects the names of three membership organizations and replaces one.
3. Provides the chairperson with the opportunity to appoint an advisory committee to advise the chairperson on the historical and archival background of the Commission.

4. Clarifies the Commission's role and commitment to its statewide responsibilities to commemorate King Kamehameha as those events under the direction of the commission and those approved by the commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Monday, March 16, 2016 at 1:15pm  
By  
The Royal Order of Kamehameha, Chapter One

HB 2277 HD1 – Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair English and members of the committee:

My name is Elmer Ka'ai and I represent the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Chapter One on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (Commission). I also serve as the Chair of the Commission; however, this testimony does not represent the position of the Commission.

The Royal Order of Kamehameha has proudly served on the commission since its inception and will continue support all efforts in honor of our Mō'i Kamehameha I. **We are in strong support of HB 2277 HD1, with a friendly amendment.** This measure provides the Commission with the necessary tools to improve and enhance the operations and management of the Commission.

HB 2277 HD1 adds new approaches that will help improve the Commission's effectiveness. These approaches includes the following:

- Allows for greater statewide representation on the Commission by changing the "Island" representatives to "county" (at-large) representatives;
- Provides the Governor with suggested criteria when seeking individuals for the "at-large" nominees;
- Offers the Commission Chairperson with the opportunity to pull together a group of former commission members and staff to help the Commission's leadership team with their "institutional knowledge" regarding the operation and management of the commission;
- Clarifies the Commission's roles and responsibilities with respect to coordinating versus supporting events and activities; and
- Gives the Commission the opportunity to support all events and activities honoring the Kamehameha Dynasty, currently not recognized by the Commission.

We would like to request a friendly amendment to this measure. **We are asking that the Kapahulu Music Club remain on the Commission.** Like the Royal Order, the Kapahulu Music Club has a long and storied history on the Commission. It is our understanding that Kapahulu Music Club organizational status as a business or community organization was inactive; however, they have recently addressed this matter. The Royal Order supports that each

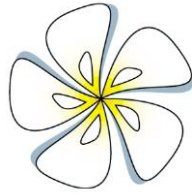
membership organization maintain a certificate of good standing with the State of Hawai'i issued by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and an active membership database.

Although, we also believe that return of the Daughters of Hawai'i to the Commission would be a great asset; however, and we will encourage the Commission to consider adding the Daughters of Hawai'i and may other Native Hawaiian organizations, if it is deemed necessary, in the near future.

HB 2277 HD1 is the first measures over the last 20 years that directly addresses one of the oldest Hawai'i Revised Statutes. It is a small step. We encourage the committee passage of this measure and send our deepest mahalo for your continued support for our Mō'i Kamehameha.



# *Makah Hawaiian Civic Club*



**P O Box 305, Waianae, HI 96792**



**March 16, 2016**

**To: Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**

**Re: H B 2277**

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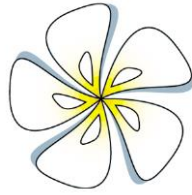
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**Thank you**

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Monday, March 21, 2016

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS OF HOUSE BILL 2277 HD1 RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair English and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Please accept this written testimony in ***support with amendments*** of House Bill 2277 HD1 relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. First, this Bill clarifies and corrects the membership of the Commission. The name of our organization should be correctly amended to “Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association.” Our association has been a member of this Commission for years. We also support the Kapahulu Music Club and their continued membership to this Commission. Please amend this Bill to keep Kapahulu Music Club.

This Bill also allows the Commission to appoint an executive director. It is important for this Commission to operate as a State Commission and have the appropriate administrator like other State Boards and Commissions. This executive director shall have responsibility for all fiscal and administrative matters.

As a State Commission, Commission Members have worked diligently towards advancing the administration and events of this Commission statewide. Therefore, we support this Bill with the amendments and ask for your support as Legislatures towards advancing the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Mahalo for allowing us to submit this written testimony.

Kamakana Aquino, President  
Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT**  
OF HB 2277, HD 1, Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Hearing, March 21, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 016

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Aloha mai, kākou

I am writing in support of HB 2277, HD1 that proposes to amend the membership, mission, and purpose of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission; to authorize the chairperson to appoint an advisory committee for historical and archival matters; and to authorize the Commission to appoint an Executive Director.

I am a former commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission representing the royal society, Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawaii, Wahiika'ahu'ula. During my tenure on the commission, one of the major stumbling blocks to advancing this celebration was funding. If not for the dedicated, committed members of the Commission and the several hundred volunteers, the celebration might have diminished significantly.

Our chairperson, Elmer Kaai, recognized that to have a vibrant celebration we needed more members with a business sense. No doubt, we are strong on Native Hawaiian culture and protocol – critical to the celebration. But, we also need staff and commissioners strong on business, marketing, philanthropy and public relations; and we need an executive director that would be responsible for all fiscal and administrative matters, including securing public contributions and private foundation grants and donations. Hence, this bill.

The King Kamehameha Celebration holds promise to be a premier event given the right resources. Unlike the other 49 states, Hawaii is the only one that honors monarchs who ruled these islands.

HB 2277 will help us to be that premier event. However, there is one flaw in the bill that we ask you to correct. By error in writing this bill, someone dropped the Kapahulu Music Club. We ask that the bill reflect for Section 8-5, HRS (a) that the Kapahulu Music Club be reinstated on the list of organizations represented on the Commission. Their membership has contributed significantly to the success of the King Kamehameha Floral parade. At one point in time, pa'u units in the parade were but a wish. Ms. Beverly Lee, as a commissioner representing the Kapahulu Music Club revived this tradition, and now the parade has one of the largest pa'u rider contingents. Additionally, she and Kumu Hula Kimo Alama, another member of the Kapahulu Music Club, recognizing the importance of floats in a parade, is hosting a float-building workshop.

**The Kapahulu Music Club has a long history with the King Kamehameha Celebration. To discontinue their membership on the Commission would be a travesty and a step back for the Commission. To continue their membership is to honor their legacy of contributions and all those from their club who for years were integral to the success of the King Kamehameha Celebration.**

Accordingly, please support HB2277 HD1 with an amendment to **restore the Kapahulu Music Club as a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.**

Respectfully,

LEIMOMI KHAN



**Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Aha Moku Advisory Committee  
State of Hawaii  
Post Office Box 621  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809**

Testimony of  
Rocky Kaluhiwa  
Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) – Kakuhihewa (O'ahu)

Before the Senate Committee on  
Hawaiian Affairs

Monday, March 21, 2016  
1:15 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

**In Consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2277 HD 1  
RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION.**

House Bill 2277 HD 1 proposes to amend the membership, mission, and purpose of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. It authorizes the Chairperson to appoint an advisory committee for historical and archival matters. It authorizes the Commission to appoint an Executive Director.

**Aha Moku SUPPORTS this measure.**

The Aha Moku encompasses the eight main Hawaiian Islands, which in turn is comprised of 47 moku and 607 ahupua'a. The majority of the islands supports the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission and honor King Kamehameha I.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony and we ask that this committee pass this measure.