

SB 2806

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, February 11, 2016 at
By
Royal Order of Kamehameha I

SB 2806 – Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, my name is Elmer Ka'ai and I am the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Chapter One representative to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (Commission). I am submitting this written testimony on behalf of Royal of Kamehameha.

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 Senate Bill 2806**, which provides the Commission with the necessary tools to improve and enhance the operations and management of the Commission.

We applaud the efforts of the measure's authors to finally address the provisions in the current King Kamehameha Celebration Commission statute. One of the oldest statutes in Hawai'i, the provisions that governed the Commission were restrictive and limited their abilities to be innovated. We believe that the changes presented in this measure will move the commission from the 1950s to the 21st century.

We would like to offer a friendly amendment to keep the Kapahulu Music Club as a membership organization on the Commission. Like the Royal Order, they have a long and storied history on the Commission and should be provided the time to re-organize if needed. In addition, we also believe that return of the Daughters of Hawai'i to the Commission would be a great asset; however, the Commission could explore this idea of added them in the very near future.

We urge the committee passage of SB 2806 and mahalo for your continued support for our Mō'i Kamehameha.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

SB 2806 RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, 02/10/16; 1:15pm; Room 016

Aloha Madam Chair Shimabukuro, vice chair English and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Annelle Amaral, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs(AHCC). I regret that I am unable to attend this hearing as I am currently a delegate to the Native Hawaiian `Aha. However, the Civic Clubs have been involved in Kamehameha Day since its inception and believe it to be probably the most important indigenous Hawaiian celebration for its greatest historic figure.

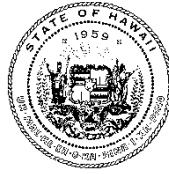
The AHCC supports this bill that will, on the face of it, assist and improve the management and operation of the commission. Further, the AHCC retains the right to appoint, from among its membership, a person to represent the AHCC on the commission.

While the bill goes into great specificity on required skill sets for staff and commission members, i.e. administrative guidance with regard to legal, business, accounting, marketing, philanthropy or public relations, **the AHCC would like to add amendments that include among skill sets: 1) a knowledge of Hawaiian history and culture and 2) contacts within the Native Hawaiian community.**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer amendments in support of this bill.

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Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2806. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports S.B. 2806 (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. Clarify the Commission's role and commitment to its statewide responsibilities.

5. Expand the Commission's support of all programs, events and activities honoring and celebrating the Kamehameha dynasty.

We would also respectfully request that paragraph (d) on page 3 (lines 14 through 18) not be eliminated leaving the Arts Program Specialist position intact and funded by the Commission's trust account.

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