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Statement of
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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 573
**KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, JAMIE WHITTLE-WAGNER,
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 573, that recommends Jamie Whittle-Wagner as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the King Kamehameha Celebration Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2027.

Ms. Whittle-Wagner's cultural knowledge, community involvement, and her service as a member of the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association, coupled with her experience in administrative and management positions bring the skills required to support the goals of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

STATE OF HAWAII



KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION
355 NORTH KING STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817

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 Moani Whittle-Wagner 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 Moani as Maui Island Commissioner to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Moani 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".

Amy Hammond

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