

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 Kimo Keaulana who is being considered for confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

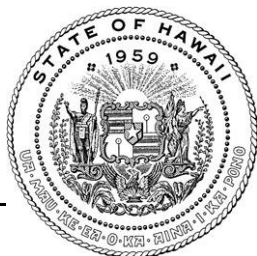
As Executive Director of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, I strongly support the appointment of Kimo, representing Kapahulu Music Club, to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Kimo has been instrumental in helping the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission move toward accomplishing many of our goals.

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of his appointment.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Hammond".

Amy Hammond  
Executive Director  
King Kamehameha Celebration Commission  
(808)223-6040/ (808)586-0333  
kkcc@hawaii.gov



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**  
KA 'OIHANA HO'OMOHALA PĀ'OIHANA, 'IMI WAIWAI  
A HO'OMĀKA'IKĀ'I

**JOSH GREEN, M.D.**  
GOVERNOR

**SYLVIA LUKE**  
LT. GOVERNOR

**JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA**  
DIRECTOR

**DANE K. WICKER**  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

No. 1 Capitol District Building, 250 South Hotel Street, 5th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804  
Web site: [dbedt.hawaii.gov](http://dbedt.hawaii.gov)

Telephone: (808) 586-2355  
Fax: (808) 586-2377

Statement of  
**JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA**  
Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Thursday, April 4, 2024  
3:00 PM

Conference Room #224 and via videoconference

In support of  
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 576, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to  
the King Kamehameha Celebration Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
JERALD KIMO ALAMA KEAULANA, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the Committee. I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee JERALD KIMO ALAMA KEAULANA to serve as member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Committee, to commemorate the legacy of King Kamehameha I through culturally appropriate and culturally relevant celebrations statewide.

With a profound dedication to preserving and perpetuating Hawaiian culture, Mr. Keaulana brings a wealth of expertise and experience from his years as an educator, and cultural expert and serving as a Hawaiian language teacher for both high school and college levels. Mr. Keaulana has demonstrated outstanding leadership through his service on numerous committees and boards, including roles at Honolulu Community College and his commitment to disability access advocacy.

His tireless efforts in preserving and promoting Hawaiian traditions make him an ideal candidate to contribute to the mission of the King Kamehameha Celebration Committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.