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Testimony from: Trevor Kainoa Daines (SUPPORT)
House Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs and Culture and the Arts
March 22, 2018 – 10:20 a.m.
SB2580: Relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha Chair LoPresti and distinguished members of the Veterans, Military & International Affairs and Culture and the Arts Committee,

My name is Kainoa Daines, and I am submitting testimony in *strong support* of Senate Bill 2580, relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. I represent the Royal Order of Kamehameha.

King Kamehameha V declared a national holiday to honor his grandfather. It has been a national holiday since 1872. The holiday continued through the Republic of Hawai'i, the Territory of Hawai'i and today, the happy responsibility lies with the State of Hawai'i.

Support of SB2580

In 1939, the Territorial Legislature of Hawai'i created the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission to formally develop and execute events focused around celebrating the great statesman of Hawai'i. With the creation of this commission, two positions were created as well. The primary position today is the Arts Program Specialist. We are seeking to change the APS position to an Executive Director title to better attract more qualified applicants to manage state commission business and events.

This position is vital in running the daily operations and aiding the volunteer commission in the planning and executing of celebration events and festivities statewide, centered around the Kamehameha Day Holiday, a state holiday. The celebration of our state's unifier and symbol of collective pride should not have been viewed as a mere line item. I am asking this committee to reinstate general funds, annually to the state staff salary.

\$47,832 salary + \$19,442 fringe = \$67,274 TOTAL being requested from general funds, annually.

The commission is in place to celebrate the life and legacy of Kamehameha I, centralized around a *state holiday*. We are asking the state to continue this kuleana into perpetuity.

Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

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Aloha Chairs Shimabukuro and Taniguchi and distinguished members of the Hawaiian Affairs and Judiciary Committees,
Aloha, I am submitting testimony in strong support of Senate Bills 2580 , relating to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. As the Molokai Island commissioner, we are supporting what our alii King Kamehameha V declared a national holiday to honor his grandfather. It has been a national holiday since 1872. The holiday continued through the Republic of Hawai'i, the Territory of Hawai'i and today, the happy responsibility lies with the State of Hawai'i.