



2026 KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION

General Public Information for O'ahu Lei Draping Ceremony

*Ali'iōlani Hale, 417 S. King St, Honolulu, HI 96813
Friday, June 12, 2026*

- All Lei to be closed (tied) and approximately 30 feet in length when measured open, but no shorter than 20 feet. Please note the Plumeria lei prepared by 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu which is hung on the right arm of the statue is presented open however all other lei must be tied.
- Lei in kui pololei or kui poepoe method to be placed on the right arm of the statue.
- Lei fashioned in the wili, wili poepoe, hili, haku, hīpu'u or humu papa methods may be draped at the base of the statue or placed on the left arm of the statue.
- Please keep weight to under 20 pounds if possible.
- Only natural, biodegradable plant materials to be used, thread, string, nuts, and seeds are allowed.
- Upon arrival, please register at Lei Check-In Tent next to the parking lot near the statue for further direction.
- Lei will be presented in the order below. For any group not listed below, your lei will be presented in the order of time stamp on online registration or time of check in at the Check-In Table on the day of the event with the final order at the discretion of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.
- Please label lei so the emcee can make the necessary acknowledgements. Label to include name of organization, short description (50 words or less) of the organization, description of lei materials, lei making method, any other significant information that might be notable. Name(s) of presenter(s) and title(s) should also be included. Also, note whether your group would like to present lei at the statue, oli or ho'okupu.
- Lei may be delivered in advance after Noon to be presented by group/organization to the designated receiver at the Check-in Tent and logged, it is then placed on the lawn, after 2:00 p.m. the lei draping order will be designated and then draped.

2026 Protocol based on the guidance of and pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statute 8-5.

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- Lei will be grouped and draped at the discretion of the KKCC appointee(s).
- Those wishing to give oli or ho'okupu please note that floral arrangements and bouquets are welcome however lei are preferred, but no food items, liquids (libations), rocks, crystals, or candles please.
- Pū'olo lā'i (tī leaf wrapped bundles) will not be accepted as ho'okupu in itself. It is permissible to have lei kept inside but the lei/floral tribute must be removed from them prior to its contents' presentation at the statue. The remnants of the pū'olo lā'i must be taken with presenter(s) and not left at the statue.
- RSVP by Monday, June 1, 2026, prior to the Lei Draping Ceremony via the following link.

<https://forms.gle/cAP4Kv3LcRb5YY7T6>

A confirmation email will be provided to confirm receipt of your requested reservation

TIMELINE

2:30 pm Royal Hawaiian Band Performs and Plumeria Lei prepared by the 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu to be draped on the statue

3:00 pm Welcome by Emcees and formal Lei Draping Ceremony to begin:

Pule and Oli

Hawaiian Benevolent Societies

- Royal Order of Kamehameha I
- 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu
- Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i
- Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua
- Daughters of Hawai'i

Ali'i Trusts

- Kamehameha Schools
- Lunalilo Home
- Lili'uokalani Trust
- Queen's Health System

Governmental Entities

- Hawai'i Congressional delegates
 - Governor, State of Hawai'i
 - State Departments – HTA, OHA, DHHL, etc.
 - Judiciary
 - Hawai'i State Legislators
 - Mayor, City & County of Honolulu
 - Mayors from other Hawai'i counties
- *Elected officials must be present, no proxies

Parade Representatives

- Mō'i
- Grand Marshal
- Pā'ū

Event Sponsors

- Kilohana by Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

KKCC Organizations

- Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
- Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association
- Kapahulu Music Club
- Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association
- Papakōlea Community Association
- Island Commissioners

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All others at the discretion of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, time allowing based on the order received day of the event.

4:30 p.m. Hālau Mōhala 'Ilima on the mound (Approximately)

Closing protocol

**Please note, removal of lei, ho'okupu or other items presented during the Lei Draping Ceremony will officially take place between 6 a.m. - 10 a.m. on the following Monday morning. Removal is based on availability of the State of Hawai'i Department of Accounting and General Services grounds crew. The crew will remove and dispose of all lei, ho'okupu and any other objects that are not original to the statue or surrounding grounds. This removal will be done utilizing standard grounds keeping practices and policies in accordance with the general maintenance of the area. Anyone wishing to retrieve floral arrangements, containers or ho'okupu that they or their organization specifically may have contributed during the Lei Draping Ceremony may do so in advance of this planned removal. We do not permit the removal of 30' lei hung on the statue as it may result in damage to the statue. In most cases the plant material and lei will have withered because of the direct sunlight. Those wishing to retrieve their property should plan accordingly and dispose at their discretion. Any items that remain at 6 a.m. will be disposed of as described above.*