

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

June 10, 1999

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 532

Honorable Members
Twentieth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 532, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Gender Equity in Sports."

The purpose of this bill is to ensure high school compliance with the gender equity provisions of Title IX of the United States Code. This bill will add a new subpart to chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to establish an advisory commission on gender equity in sports and require rules and a three-year strategic plan to implement recommendations.

This bill is unnecessary, the Department of Education (DOE) is currently in compliance with basic Title IX requirements and will continue to promote its short- and long-term compliance efforts. Furthermore, the Superintendent has stated that he is committed to continuing the DOE's short- and long-term compliance efforts. As proponents of the bill testified, this bill would be unnecessary if they had DOE's assurance on increased compliance efforts.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 532 without my approval.

Respectfully,



BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii

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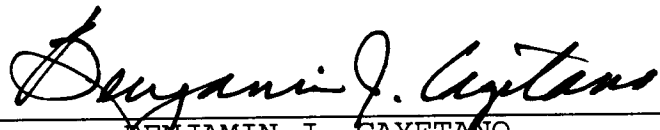
WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of his plan to return with his objections any bill presented to him less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented to him after adjournment sine die of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 532, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Gender Equity in Sports," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 532 is unacceptable to the Governor of the State of Hawaii;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO, Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby issue this proclamation, pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, giving notice of my plan to return House Bill No. 532 with my objections thereon to the Legislature as provided by said Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,
State of Hawaii, this 10th
day of June, 1999.


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii