



1200 Ala Kapuna Street " Honolulu, Hawaii 96819
Tel: (808) 833-2711 " Fax: (808) 839-7106 " Web: www.hsta.org

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Corey Rosenlee
President
Justin Hughey
Vice President
Amy Perruso
Secretary-Treasurer
Wilbert Holck
Executive Director

RE: SB 814 SD1 - RELATING TO EDUCATION

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports SB 814, SD1**. The purpose of this bill is to require the Board of Education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, in honor of Representative Patsy Mink.

U.S. Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink was the first Japanese-American woman elected to Congress and co-author of Title IX, a landmark piece of legislation that mandated gender equity in education and athletics. Her vision of a more equitable future and quest for social justice were shown by her tireless defense of minorities, women, workers, and the poor and disenfranchised. Title IX Amendment of the Higher Education Act was renamed by President George W. Bush on 29 October 2002 to become the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act; she co-authored and sponsored the Act while in the House.

Mink also introduced the first comprehensive Early Childhood Education Act and authored the Women's Educational Equity Act. In 1975 she was the chief sponsor of HR 9924, granting \$5 million in total tax-payer contributions (\$22 million in 2016 dollars) for both the state and National Women's Conference, which President Gerald Ford signed into law.

As a Japanese-American woman, she parlayed experiences of racism and sexism into an unwavering commitment to civil rights, equal opportunity, education and peace. Her bold character often left her on the fringe of the political establishment, but in her 40 years of public service, she never comprised her beliefs. Her unimpeachable integrity and political courage were legend in the U.S. House of Representatives.

To extend Mink's legacy of courage and conviction to our children, HSTA **supports** this bill.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 4:34 PM
To: EDNtestimony
Cc: mmmmahalo2000@aol.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB814 on Mar 21, 2016 14:30PM

SB814

Submitted on: 3/18/2016

Testimony for EDN on Mar 21, 2016 14:30PM in Conference Room 309

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Moran	Kihei Community Association (KCA)	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha,EDN Chair Takmuni and members; Mike Moran,President of the Kihei Community Association, We are offering a comment that our community is very disappointed that seemingly no one in our region was even aware of this bill going through the legislative body this term. Local administrators of our schools, the very active KHAT group parents ask who knew about this in South Maui? Only recently some letters to the editor of our local newspaper, Maui News, began to alert our residents. Many members questioned why KCA did alert them so they could testify, & we had to reply we were unaware. To be clear KCA has no position on the best designated name for this long awaited school, but strongly believe our residents should be included in the process. We are encouraging them to quickly submit testimony if they are interested, but late afternoon notice on Friday for Monday is challenging. Mahalo, Mike

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

Council Chair
Mike White

Vice-Chair
Don S. Guzman

Presiding Officer Pro Tempore
Michael P. Victorino

Councilmembers
Gladys C. Baisa
Robert Carroll
Elle Cochran
Don Couch
Stacy Crivello
Riki Hokama



Director of Council Services
David M. Raatz, Jr., Esq.

LATE

COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF MAUI
200 S. HIGH STREET
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793
www.MauiCounty.us

March 21, 2016

TO: The Honorable Roy N. Takumi, Chair
House Committee on Education

FROM: Don Couch
Councilmember, South Maui District *DC*

DATE: March 21, 2016 at 2:30PM

SUBJECT: **TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 814 SD1
RELATING TO EDUCATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **opposition** to this important measure. I provide this testimony as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

The purpose of this measure is to require the board of education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, the "Patsy Takemoto Mink Kihei High School" in honor of the late United States Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink.

I oppose this measure for the following reasons:

1. The State of Hawaii Board of Education has an established procedure in place for the naming of schools, as set forth in its Naming of Schools and School Facilities Policy. This is a function of the board of education, not the State Legislature; and
2. Building this school is the realization of a long-held dream for the Kihei community. Various groups and individuals within the community have worked for many years to bring it to fruition. Ideally, the Superintendent of Education and the community should work together to develop a recommendation to the board of education for the name of the school.

With all due respect to the memory of the late Representative, there will surely be numerous opportunities to honor her legacy to the Maui community.

For the foregoing reasons, I strongly **oppose SB 814 SD1**.