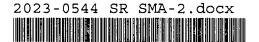
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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO RENAME NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HONOR OF UNITED STATES PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA.

1	WHEREAS, United States President Barack Obama was born in
2	1961 in Honolulu, Oahu; and
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4	WHEREAS, in 1960, United States President Barack Obama's
5	parents, Barack Obama, Sr., and Stanley Ann Dunham, met as
6	students while attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa; and
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8	WHEREAS, United States President Barack Obama began his
9	career as a community organizer on the South Side of Chicago
10	where he worked with churches to improve housing conditions and
11	established job training programs to support a community
12	devastated by steel mill closures; and
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14	WHEREAS, in 1988, United States President Barack Obama
15	attended Harvard Law School, becoming the first African American
16	president of the Harvard Law Review; and
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18	WHEREAS, in 1996, United States President Barack Obama was
19	elected to the Illinois Senate; and
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21	WHEREAS, in 2004, United States President Barack Obama was
22	elected to serve in the United States Senate representing
23	Illinois; and
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25 26	WHEREAS, in 2008, United States President Barack Obama was
26	elected as the forty-fourth president of the United States and
27	the first president of African American descent; and
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29 20	WHEREAS, during his tenure, United States President Barack
30 21	Obama signed three signature bills: an omnibus bill to
31	revitalize the economy after a devastating economic collapse;
32	legislation to provide accessible, affordable health care; and
33 34	legislation for financial institution reform; and
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WHEREAS, United States President Barack Obama also 1 2 advocated for a fair pay act for women, consumer protection, climate change action and environmental protection, and civil 3 4 rights; and 5 6 WHEREAS, before entering Punahou School, United States 7 President Barack Obama attended kindergarten at Noelani Elementary School in Manoa, Oahu, while his mother finished her 8 9 undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Hawaii 10 at Manoa; and 11 12 WHEREAS, since its opening in 1962, Noelani Elementary School has grown from a one-building school to its present 13 design of over six buildings that serve three hundred eighty-14 15 nine students; and 16 WHEREAS, committed to equity and academic excellence, 17 18 meaningful learning, caring relationships, and connections to 19 the larger community, Noelani Elementary School's student population has become more diverse socially, economically, 20 21 ethnically, and culturally; and 22 23 WHEREAS, given his legacy as the first African American president and first president born and raised in the State of 24 25 Hawaii, this body believes there would be no better way to honor the legacy of United States President Barack Obama than to have 26 27 an educational institution he attended bear his name; now, therefore, 28 29 30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, 31 32 that the Department of Education is requested to rename Noelani Elementary School to President Barack Obama Noelani Elementary 33 34 School in honor of President Barack Obama; and 35 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 37 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of 38 Education, Superintendent of Education, Mayor of the City and



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County of Honolulu, and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of
the Obama Hawaiian Africana Museum.
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