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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

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Title of Resolution: HR 063 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DESIGNATE AND NAME THE WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD FACILITY AS THE KEN YAMASE MEMORIAL TRACK AND FIELD FACILITY.

Purpose of Resolution: Kenneth Kenji Yamase; Waiakea High School Track and Field

Department's Position:

For procedural reasons, the Department of Education respectfully requests a deferral of this resolution requesting that the Board of Education name the Waiakea High School track and field facility in honor of Kenneth Kenji Yamase. Please be assured that nothing in this testimony is directed to the contributions, leadership, and stature of Kenneth Yamase, or to the merits of naming this particular school facility.

Under current Board of Education Policy 6750, a proposal to name a school facility to honor and acknowledge exceptional service and significant contribution should be initiated at the school level by the school community council. The recommendation is then submitted for approval to the complex area superintendent for that school. The Board of Education and the Superintendent are informed of the approved name.

House Resolution 63, as drafted, might have the unintended consequence of circumventing valued community and school level input and overriding the authority accorded to the complex area superintendents. We ask that this measure be deferred to allow current Board policy to be implemented.

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Comments: i support urgent passage of this bill to rename Waiakakea high school track and field into a better fresher "newer" look.

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