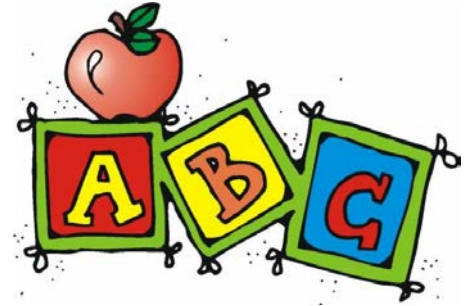


# SB2446



**Measure Title:** RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Report Title:** Department of Education; Kihei High School; Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink

**Description:** Requires the department of education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, the "Patsy Takemoto Mink High School" in honor of the late United States Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink.

**Companion:** [HB2032](#)

**Package:** Women's Legislative Caucus

**Current Referral:** EDU, WAM

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**Date:** 02/05/2014

**Committee:** Senate Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 2446 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Requires the department of education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, the "Patsy Takemoto Mink High School" in honor of the late United States Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink.

**Department's Position:**

The Department defers to the wisdom of the Legislature on this matter but would like to advise the Committee that there is a process in place that could possibly address this matter. Board of Education Policy 6750 provides that the process begins with the new school's principal seeking input from their community, the consensus recommendation is then forwarded to the Complex Area Superintendent who thereafter, recommends this to the Superintendent for Board of Education approval.



Testimony in Support of SB 2446

Relating to Education

By Dr. Doris Ching

Emeritus Vice President for Student Affairs, University of Hawai'i System

February 4, 2014

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

It is truly a privilege to support SB 2446 which proposes that the new public high school in Kihei, Maui be named the *Patsy Takemoto Mink High School*. It would bring infinite pride and inspiration to the Maui County and the State of Hawai'i to have an institution in our midst which bears the name of the late Congresswoman and community leader Patsy Mink. Current and future generations of students, educators, and community persons who enter its halls would be reminded of the courageous Congresswoman Mink and her tireless efforts and actions for social justice, women's rights, civil rights, and equity for all persons from which so many of us continue to benefit in immeasurable ways.

With deep gratitude, I wish to thank the Senate Committee on Education for presenting SB 2446 and for this opportunity to testify in support of this action.

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February 4, 2014

Chair Jill N. Tokuda  
Senate Education Committee

BILL NO. 2446

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

1:30 P.M., Conference Room 414, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: Strong Support for S.B. 2446

Dear Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

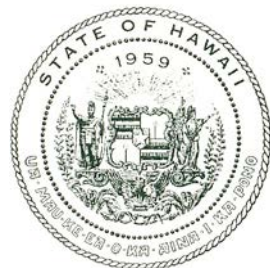
I am pleased to write in strong support of S.B. No. 2446, the naming of the new public high school Kihei, Maui “Patsy Takemoto Mink High School” in honor of legendary United States Representative Patsy T. Mink. The late Congresswoman Mink’s pioneering legislative efforts resulted in unprecedented gains for women through leadership in passing Title IX. Her lifelong dedication to championing equity is exemplified in this landmark legislation that has been leveling the playing field for girls/women since 1972. It is most appropriate that a new educational institution on the island where she was born should be named in her honor and to commemorate her work that has allowed exceptional opportunities for all United States citizens. Furthermore, the school will offer a meaningful venue to continue telling her story of resilience and leadership to our students.

I am honored to serve as chair for the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, we commend this effort to recognize our own Patsy T. Mink with an enduring naming opportunity within Hawaii’s education system. We all stand on her shoulders today.

Sincerely,



Leslie Wilkins  
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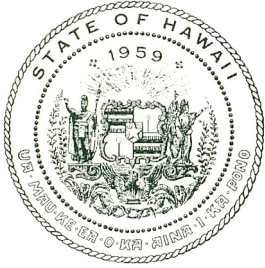
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To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Education

From: Cathy Betts, Executive Director, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of SB 2446, Relating to Education

On behalf of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, I would like to thank the Committee for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2446, which would require the department of education to name the new public high school in Kihei after the late Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink.

Congresswoman Mink's legacy lives on in every high school and university student across the nation. Her groundbreaking and revolutionary Title IX, which prohibits discrimination based on gender in all educational institutions receiving federal funds, helped to catapult young women into higher education in areas like STEM, law, medicine and of course, athletics. She was revolutionary in her thoughts and actions, always speaking her mind, even if doing so meant, as she once said, that she would "stand alone for a while if necessary."

2014 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Congresswoman Mink's election to the United States Congress. The Commission strongly supports this dedication to Congresswoman Mink and believes this will serve as a long lasting reminder of her meaningful legacy. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2446.

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February 4, 2014

Honorable Jill N. Tokuda  
Chair, Committee on Education

Honorable Michelle N. Kidani  
Vice Chair, Committee on Education

Re: SB2446 – Relating to Education – Support  
Senate Committee on Education – February 5, 2014 – Conference Room 414

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committee:

My name is Noriko Namiki and I am the Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA of O'ahu. I am testifying in support of SB2446, which requires the Department of Education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, the "Patsy Takemoto Mink High School."

Naming a new public high school after Rep. Mink anywhere in Hawai'i seems appropriate, but Maui will be the best place as we look upon the history and the legacy of Rep. Mink and her personal association with the county. Her dedication and commitment to promoting educational access and fighting gender discrimination in education will continue to be appreciated by the community and by the students studying in the school.

As the host of the Patsy T. Mink Center for Business and Leadership, we have seen the impact and the significance Rep. Mink's name brings to a place – a sense of pride and inspiration. Aspiring women entrepreneurs and career professionals gain strength and reaffirm their goals as they visit our center and we know the source of the encouragement comes from the name of the center. We firmly believe naming the new public school in Kihei is a positive step for the community and we humbly urge members of this committee to pass SB2446.

Since its founding in 1900, the YWCA of O'ahu has existed to cultivate opportunities for women's and girls' growth and leadership, to help them create fulfilling lives for themselves and their families, and facilitating social change with positive economic impact for their communities.

Sincerely,



Noriko Namiki  
CEO  
YWCA of O'ahu

**From:** [amy.agbayani](#)  
**To:** [EDU Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2446 relating to education/Patsy T. Mink o2/05/2014  
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
February 5, 2014

SB 2446: RELATING TO EDUCATION PATSY T. MINK

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT SUBMITTED BY:  
Amy Agbayani and Faye Kennedy, co-chairs

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Please accept our strong testimony in support of SB 2446 to name the new public highschool in Kihei, Maui in honor of Patsy T. Mink. US Representative Patsy T. Mink who was born on Maui is without a doubt one of the most respected individuals worldwide as well as in the US, State of Hawai`i and Maui. Her biography is well documented and inspires girls and boys on Maui and every island of the state and from every ethnic background. Patsy Mink's title IX amendment which consists of only 37 words has changed our society for the better. Naming the public high school in Kihei in honor of Maui-born Patsy Mink will bring attention to her strong support for public education, excellence and social justice.

The Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014

THE SENATE  
Committee on Education  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 414  
Wednesday, February 5, 2014; 1:30 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2446  
RELATING TO EDUCATION**

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports S.B. 2446, which requires the Department of Education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, the “Patsy Takemoto Mink High School” in honor of the late U.S. Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink.

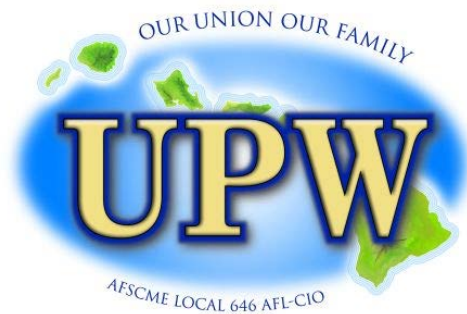
It is very fitting for a new high school on Maui to be named after Congresswoman Mink. She was born on Maui and believed in education, herself excelling in public school and going on for degrees at the University of Hawaii and the University of Chicago School of Law. While her legacy includes decades of public service in the State Legislature, the Honolulu City Council, and the U.S. Congress, a signature accomplishment was Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibited discrimination based on gender in education programs receiving federal funding and was later renamed in her honor. Under Title IX, thousands of girls were able to participate in athletics both at the high school and college level, allowing them the opportunity to further their education and compete in the sports of their choice.

Congresswoman Mink was a leader and continues to be a role model for girls and women in Hawaii and throughout the nation. She was fearless and spoke passionately on the floor of Congress, representing Hawaii on issues ranging from the Vietnam War to education to equality and the rights of workers, minorities, and the poor. Congresswoman Mink was undeniably the most liberal elected official from Hawaii in Washington, D.C. She advocated for seniors and children, she defended those who were discriminated against, she was a voice for those who otherwise had none.

We all miss Patsy Takemoto Mink and would like future generations to know who this great woman was and to encourage them to follow in her footsteps. Naming a new high school after her will be one way to recognize her significant contributions to the people of this state and to keep her name and spirit alive.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 2446. Thank you for considering our testimony.





THE HAWAII STATE SENATE  
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
The Honorable Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Tuesday, February 5, 2014  
TIME OF HEARING: 1:30 PM  
PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 414

**TESTIMONY ON SB2446 RELATING TO EDUCATION**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,  
State Director of the United Public Workers,  
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW strongly supports SB2446, which will name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, the "Patsy Takemoto Mink High School." The late United States Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink was born and raised in Paia, Maui. She is truly deserving of this honor for all that she has done and her commitment to the world.

We ask you to pass this measure and honor her legacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**From:** [Gwendolyn Mink](#)  
**To:** [EDU Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2446  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:19:50 AM

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February 4, 2014

To the Committee on Education:

I write to express appreciation for the legislative effort to name the new high school at Kihei, Maui after my mother, Patsy Takemoto Mink.

As a member of the Territorial/State Legislature during the late 1950s and early 1960s, my mother fought to improve the pupil-teacher ratio, assure access to quality learning materials for all students, and upgrade resources available to teachers. In Congress, as a member of the Education and Labor Committee during the 1960s and '70s, Mom participated in the development of the most extensive national policy providing assistance to public schools, the Elementary Secondary Education Act of 1965; shepherded Title IX to enactment and championed its enforcement; and secured federal support for programs to rid the learning process of gender stereotypes and gender tracking. Upon her return to Congress in 1990, she reclaimed her role as advocate for educational quality, equality, and access. Whether in the development of welfare policy or in deliberations on No Child Left Behind, my mother rigorously and relentlessly fought to broaden educational opportunities and to assure that opportunities would be available to all.

Naming the new high school at Kihei after my mother would honor her contributions as an education policy maker. Equally important, it would celebrate her profound, lifelong relationship to Maui. My mother was not simply born and raised on Maui. Her spirit, her values, and her commitments were implanted and nurtured by Maui -- by her family, by the community, by the forests of Waikamoi, by life in a plantation economy.

My mother would be so very pleased to be remembered in the way proposed by the Senate's initiative. Mom would be honored to have a school bear her name. She would be delighted and thrilled that the school is on Maui.

On behalf of my family, thank you for considering SB2446.

Sincerely,  
Gwendolyn Mink, PhD

Chair Jill N. Tokuda  
Senate Education Committee  
BILL NO. 2446

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

1:30 P.M., Conference Room 414, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii

February 4, 2014

Re: Support for S.B. 2446

Dear Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

My name is Evan Nash and I am a junior at Maui High School. I am writing to you in support of Senate Bill 2446. I would like the new high school in Kihei to be named Patsy Takemoto Mink High School in order to honor the late U.S. Representative Patsy Mink. Congresswoman Mink not only helped students in Hawaii but also helped students nationwide. Without her work, dedication, and commitment in helping pass Title IX, I may not have the educational opportunities that I enjoy today. I feel that we should especially honor Congresswoman Mink because she was born and raised her in Maui and continues to be a great inspiration and role model for girls and young women in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Evan Nash

Maui High School student

**Senate Bill 2446 - Relating to Education**  
**Senate Committee on Education**  
**Testimony in Support – Joan Manke**  
**Wednesday, February 5, 2014**

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

I offer this statement of strong support for SB 2446, requiring the Department of Education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, the "Patsy Takemoto Mink High School" to honor the memory of the late Congresswoman from Hawaii.

I was fortunate to have served on Congresswoman Mink's staff over the course of several years in the 1970s, the '90s and into this century both in Washington, D.C., and here in her Honolulu office in the Federal Building. Along with others who worked with Patsy, I was in awe of her incredible passion for public service, her ardent advocacy for equal opportunities for all in every aspect of American life, and her unwavering belief in education as the key to finding and making the best of those opportunities.

Following Patsy's sudden illness and untimely passing in 2002, several memorials to her have been established. The U.S. Post Office in Paia on her beloved home island of Maui was named to honor her. Later, the Central Oahu Regional Park near Mililani was named in her honor, in part to recognize the opportunities for girls and women in organized athletics that were a part of the amendment to Title IX of the Higher Education Act – now known as the Patsy Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act. Likewise, the softball field where the Maui High School Sabers played out their season last month is named Patsy Mink Field.

Last year, just a couple of blocks away on Richards Street, we dedicated the Patsy T. Mink Center for Business & Leadership at the YWCA of Oahu. Over the past 12 months, literally dozens of women have signed up for job counseling, seminars, online assistance, and leadership and management skills training that the "Y" provides not only as practical resources, but also as inspiration from the Center's namesake, Patsy Mink.

And currently, you may be aware that there is active discussion of a sculptured memorial to be created and placed somewhere in the Honolulu Civic Center.

Many of us have committed to carrying on Patsy's belief in education as a great equalizer. Six of us serve on the Board of the Patsy Takemoto Mink Foundation for Low-income Women and Children. Each year since 2003, the Foundation has awarded educational grants to five low income women, virtually all of them with young children, who are seeking ways to improve their family circumstances. Through further education, they also seek to contribute in a meaningful way to a better life for *others* – by entering the healthcare professions, by becoming teachers, social workers or in any number of other ways. About 1,500 women, including many from Hawaii, apply each year for these grants. Needless to say, our screening of applications every summer is intense and heart-rending.

With SB2446 before us, we have a wonderful opportunity to further perpetuate Patsy's legacy in education here in Hawaii. Naming a new state-of-the-art high school facility – on the Congresswoman's native Maui – will assure that generations of students will know about her, and how important she was – and is – to all of us.

I strongly urge your approval of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Education

February 5, 2014

By

Karen H. Ginoza  
Personal Testimony

SB 2446 Relating to Education

My name is Karen Ginoza. I am a retired teacher and past president of the Hawaii State Teachers Association. I strongly support the passage of SB 2446. Patsy T. Mink was an inspiration and model for women in the nation and Hawaii. She was instrumental in helping women gain equity in sports as well as in all aspects of life. Naming the new high school in Kihei as the Maui, Patsy T. Mink High School will remind all students about the legacy of Representative Mink. Today, many girls take participation in sports as a given right. They need to understand that Representative Mink fought for their right to participate in sports, to attend colleges and pursue careers of their choice.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I strongly urge your support to pass this measure.

Senate Committee on Education  
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

**Hearing on SB 2446 – Relating to Education  
February 5, 2014 – 1:30 pm**

SB 2446 directs the Department of Education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui in honor of Patsy Takemoto Mink.

**We strongly support SB 2446.** Mrs. Mink’s myriad of accomplishments reflects her brilliance and her deep caring for Hawaii, its citizens, and our country. We were fortunate to have worked on issues with Mrs. Mink while she served in U.S. House of Representatives and as a Council member of the Honolulu City Council.

Her energy and vitality were amazing...she won her first election as her high school’s student body president. She believed strongly in education and it’s fitting that a school be named in her honor on her home island. Her “out of the box” thinking forged her ahead and that will be a great testament for students attending the school.

We ask for your favorable consideration in passing this measure.

Mahalo nui loa,

Brooks & Cynthia Takenaka

DATE: February 4, 2014

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair, Senate Committee on Education  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Education  
And Members of the Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Allicyn Tasaka

HEARING: SB 2446 Relating to Education,  
Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 1:30pm, Conference Room 414

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

Good afternoon, Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Education. My name is Allicyn Tasaka and I am submitting testimony in strong support of SB 2446, which requires the Department of Education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, the "Patsy Takemoto Mink High School" in honor of the late United States Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink.

A school in her birth place on Maui named after Congresswoman Mink would be a fitting honor to the woman who was a champion for equal rights and who passionately believed that education at every level was an opportunity for all.

Mrs. Mink played basketball for Maui High School, but was never allowed to play full court because the school believed that it would be too strenuous and vigorous for the girls. She battled gender discrimination and racism from the start. Turned down from medical school because she was a woman. Received her law degree as only one of two women in her class. She had to fight to take the bar exam and after she passed and went looking for a job, was denied employment at a law firm because she was a married woman. Mrs. Mink faced endless challenges from society, but never, ever gave up. In the words of Peggy Simpson, WeNews correspondent, "when one door closed, she pushed another one open."

Mrs. Mink was the first Japanese American woman lawyer in Hawaii, first woman of color and the first Asian American woman elected to Congress. The first woman from Hawaii to make it to Congress. She was the first Asian American to seek presidential nomination of the Democratic Party in the 1972 election in the Oregon primary. Congresswoman Mink co-authored the Title IX Amendment of the Higher Education Act. In recognition of her contributions towards equal rights, Congress renamed the Act to the "Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act."

Her accomplishments, many well-known and others not so recognized, are the story of her exceptional life that another generation should learn of, share with others and model their goals and expectations. Naming a school after Congresswoman Mink is the right thing to do.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in strong support of SB 2446. I urge your Committee to pass this measure.

February 4, 2014

Sen. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Education and Ways and Means committees

Regarding: Senate Bill 2446

Dear Senator Kidani,

Due to her prodigious achievements, Patsy Takemoto Mink's legacy will indeed "live on" even if the new high school in Kihei is not named after her. Her accolades are too important to ever forget. Kihei has waited patiently for many years to hear that "Kihei High School" is finally going to be built. As a student of the "old" Kihei School and then the "new" Kihei School (of which it was from K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade as there was no intermediate school yet built in Kihei) it was a given that we were all (the majority) would then be graduates of H.P Baldwin High School (of which I am a proud graduate of the class of 1988.) However, there was always "talk" about how awesome it would be to have our very own "Kihei High School." This came from everyone in the Kihei community, as far back as my grandparents (George and Margaret Akina of Kihei.) Everyone wanted a Kihei High School, but we never thought it would come to fruition. Fast forward a few years and now we have movement to having our very own high school in Kihei! Great for the community; great for continuity, pride and ownership! The list can go on and on as to why Kihei High School is so important to the community; it will ground us and bind us and give us a sense of 'ohana. Only one name can emulate that, and that is the area, the 'aina that it is built upon; that is Kihei. Hence, the name Kihei High School should be the only consideration as it is from and it of and it is for Kihei. I would humbly support naming the Kihei High School gymnasium or stadium after the venerable Patsy Mink as a tribute to who she was and all that she stands for. I am confident that she will never be forgotten. Her legacy will live on forever! With the utmost respect to Patsy Mink and her family and to all our public officials who do so much for us, please reconsider the name of our intended Kihei High School to be just that; ***Kihei High School***.

Me ka ha'a ha'a (*with humility*),

*Lehua*

Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka



Chairperson Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, members of the Senate Education Committee:

My name is Kapena Whitford, and I am a thirty-plus-year resident of Kihei. I am also the founder of Pono Energy Systems which will provide a firm energy renewable system that will positively impact not just Hawaii, but the World. I just want all of you to know that because I believe so strongly that SB2446 will do such irreparable harm to the Kihei community, my work has come to a screeching halt until this matter can come to its rightful end. Thank you for letting the public participate in the process, but this seems rather late. The input should have been gathered before the bill was ever introduced. I'm sorry to say that it seems that each of you are negligent in gathering information about what is best for the people of Kihei. Yes, Senator Kidani sought permission from the family, but the family does not live in Kihei and what family would not be thrilled to have any facility named in honor of one of their relatives. An almost overwhelming majority of Kihei residents, as indicated by editorials and Social Media, oppose the naming of the new Kihei High School, the Patsy Mink Takemoto High School. And since none of you, not even our own Sen. Baker and Rep. Ing, bothered to seek input from Kihei residents, let me tell you why my family and friends are opposed to this bill:

1. For 20 years we waited patiently for our high school to be built. Students from Kihei were like step-children who were sent first to Baldwin then Maui High. This split the community. You can imagine how Baldwin graduates who lived in Kihei felt their loyalty tested as they were told that their children had to attend Maui High. Kihei High School was to be the pivotal unifying institution that would bring all facets of the community together, thereby establishing identity and a sense of belonging.
2. Lokelani Inter. School should have been Kihei Middle School, but for some strange reason, the name chosen for the school became the Maui rose, Lokelani, which coincidentally was the name of the Maui District Superintendent, Lokelani Lindsey at the time. To make matters worse, the colors of the school were pink and black, so most of the males felt that they should identify with the Bloods (red) or the Crips (Blue). They did not identify with the Lokelani rose. How would this be different for the students of Patsy Mink High School? Just put yourself in the shoes of a Kihei high school student.
3. Vice-chair Kidani was quoted as saying that she wanted the youth to remember Patsy Mink. Why is that a burden that has been laid upon the shoulders of Kihei students? That responsibility should be the honor of all Hawaii residents.
4. Rep. Mink fought for equality. She believed in our youth. She believed in representing the will of the people. She was not a self-serving politician. She would have understood and willingly asked that the school be named according to the wishes of the community.

I have much more to say on the subject, but I know that my time is limited, so let me end by asking you not to dishonor the name of Rep. Patsy T. Mink by forcing the people of Hawaii to take sides and using Kihei students as pawns.

**SB2446**

Submitted on: 1/28/2014

Testimony for EDU on Feb 5, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 414

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gladys Quinto Marrone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you.