

SB814

Measure Title: RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

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

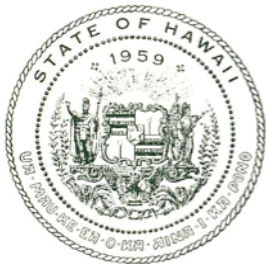
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February 25, 2016

To: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, 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 Support SB 814

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 814, which would require the Board 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 school student (K through higher education) 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. Just now, we are feeling the transformative effects from Title IX in areas like campus sexual assault, bullying based on sexual orientation, and support for students who are also parents. 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."

The Commission strongly supports this dedication to the late 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 814.



Patsy T. Mink PAC

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February 24, 2016

Via Email to EDUtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Senate Committee on Education

RE: SB 814 RELATING TO EDUCATION

Requiring the Board of Education to name the new public school in Kihei, Maui the “Patsy T. Mink South Maui High School” in honor of the late United States Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

As board members of the Patsy T. Mink Political Action Committee, we respectfully submit this testimony to express our strong support of SB 814 Relating to Education. The Patsy T. Mink PAC was organized in 2005 to honor the legacy of Patsy T. Mink by supporting the candidacies of Pro Choice Female Democrats running for state office in Hawaii.

Patsy T. Mink deserves to be honored by the State of Hawaii for her outstanding service and accomplishments. In 1965, Ms. Mink became the first woman of color elected to the United States Congress. She served Hawaii honorably in the United States House of Representatives for a total of twelve terms. Throughout her time in Congress, Congresswoman Mink steadfastly championed civil rights and equal opportunities for all children and people.

It is particularly appropriate that a permanent institution of public education on Maui be named in her honor. Congresswoman Mink benefitted from and permanently improved public education in Hawaii. Ms. Mink was born and raised on Maui, and was a student of its public schools. She won her first election during her junior year at Maui High School when she was elected Student Body President. Before running for Congress, Ms. Mink became the first Japanese American female attorney in Hawaii. While in Congress Ms. Mink co-authored and sponsored the Title IX Amendment of the Higher Education Act, prohibiting gender discrimination in public schools throughout the United States. The Act was later renamed the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education in her honor. Ms. Mink also introduced the first comprehensive Early Education Act and authored the Women's Educational Equity Act.

Thank you for your attention and the opportunity to support this very worthwhile measure.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patsy K. Saiki". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Patsy T. Mink Political Action Committee
On Behalf of Its Board Members
Patsy K. Saiki, Chair

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To: Honorable Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Honorable Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

From: Noriko Namiki, Chief Executive Officer
YWCA O'ahu

Re: Testimony in Support of S.B. 814 – Relating to Education
Friday, February 26, 2016, 1:20 p.m. - Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229

Good afternoon Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the committee:

On behalf of YWCA O'ahu we thank you for the opportunity to share our testimony in **strong support of SB 814**, which requires the Board of Education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, the "Patsy Takemoto Mink South Maui 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 SB814.

For over 100 years, YWCA O'ahu has provided women and girls with programs and services to develop leadership, personal and professional skills. We are on a mission to facilitate social change with positive economic impact for our community.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

“SB814 requires the Board of Education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, the “Patsy Takemoto Mink South Maui High School” in honor of the late United States Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink.

The UPW is honored to **support** SB814. Former Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink is known as the “mother” of equal education opportunity. Because of her unflinching quest to raise the quality of life for females, now millions have the opportunity to higher education and diverse careers. On October 9, 2002, the United States House of Representatives renamed Title IX of the Educational Amendments Act of 1972, to the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act. This is only part of the tremendous legacy that she has left for generations to come. Naming the new Kihei high school after Patsy Mink is one way to inform our students and the ones yet to be born, about this true Pioneer for truth and justice.

The UPW appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony.”

From: [Amefil Agbayani](#)
To: [EDU Testimony](#)
Cc: [F Kennedy](#); [Amy Agbayani](#)
Subject: Senate Committee on Education Friday, February 26, 2016, 1:20pm, Room 229 SB 814 RELATING TO EDUCATION
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016 11:44:28 AM

Senate Committee on Education
Friday, February 26, 2016, 1:20pm, Room 229

RE: SB 814 RELATING TO EDUCATION

Requiring the Board of Education to name the new public school in Kihei, Maui
the "Patsy T. Mink South Maui High School" in honor of the late United States
Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
February 26, 2016

SB 814: RELATING TO EDUCATION

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

HAWAII FRIENDS OF CIVIL RIGHTS
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Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rightst strongly supports SB 814 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.

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SB814

Submitted on: 2/24/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Monk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 814 SUBMITTED BY DR. DORIS CHING

Senate Committee on Education

Friday, February 26, 2016, 1:20pm, Room 229

RE: SB 814 RELATING TO EDUCATION

Requiring the Board of Education to name the new public school in Kihei, Maui the “Patsy T. Mink South Maui High School” in honor of the late United States Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 814 SUBMITTED BY DR. DORIS CHING

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

My name is Doris Ching and although I am currently Interim Chancellor at UH West O'ahu, I am presenting my testimony as a private citizen. 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 814 and for this opportunity to testify in support of this action.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ELEANOR LEIALOHA	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lindy vivas	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Patsy Mink's tireless efforts to ensure that girls were treated fairly and received the same opportunities as boys in athletics has changed and improved the lives of thousands of women not just in Hawaii, but all over the country. She is more than deserving, and it is important that people, especially young women, continue to see her name, and remember her contributions and achievements. I support this legislation.

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebecca Soon	Individual	Support	No


Comments: Aloha nui e Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee on Education, I am writing in strong SUPPORT of the measure to requires the board of education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, the "Patsy Takemoto Mink South Maui High School" in honor of the late United States Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink. The community fought hard for the establishment of this school to meet the needs of their families. They are asking for this naming, and I believe it is right that we would honor such a request. Patsy T. Mink was an incredible woman and leader with great passion and commitment to equal access to education, opportunities, and civic engagement. That message is an appropriate one for one of our community's schools. Mahalo for the opportunity to support this measure. Me ka 'oia'i'o, Rebecca Soon

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
S.B. 814 - RELATING TO EDUCATION**

TO: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Troy J.H. Andrade 

RE: SUPPORT for S.B. 814, Relating to Education

DATE: Friday, February 26, 2016
TIME: 1:20 P.M.
PLACE: State Capitol, Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania Street

I write to express my *strong support* for S.B. 814, which requires the board of education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, the “Patsy Takemoto Mink South Maui High School.” Patsy Takemoto Mink’s life story is a testament to the power of an individual to bring about change, and her name on a school is a fit honor for an American that has accomplished so much for us all.

Over fifty years ago, Mink became the first woman of color elected to the United States Congress. This significant milestone served as the catalyst for her rise to national and international prominence. Her election, at the right time and in the right place, mattered and served as a pivotal turning point in American history. Mink could now bring national attention to the causes of equality for people of color, women, children, and the economically disadvantaged. During her time in public service, Mink would take on her harshest critics and insist on deep societal changes – often times standing alone and in the face of very real hatred and discrimination – based upon her intimate respect for the values enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. From a “wise Latina” that now sits upon the nation’s highest court to a self-described “skinny kid with a funny name” that became our nation’s Commander-in-Chief, Mink helped forge a path for women and men of color to aspire to the highest levels. Mink also put into the minds of Americans the need for equality for women and girls. Because of her election, she was able to build a strong coalition and mount an unprecedented campaign for women’s equality. Her efforts ultimately led to her co-authoring Title IX, perhaps one of the greatest legislative accomplishments of the twentieth century.

Mink and her story has challenged us, inspired us, and has truly made the United States a shining example for the world of a more just and equal society. As President Obama noted, “Patsy Takemoto Mink was ahead of her time. . . . She served her beloved Hawaii with integrity and grace all her life. An American trailblazer, Patsy Takemoto Mink helped build a nation that lives up to its promise, and her example challenges us to make progress in our time.”

I humbly ask for your support of S.B. 814 without amendments.