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Time: 08:35 AM

Location: 016

Committee: Senate Judiciary and Labor

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 110, SD1 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO AFFIRM ITS COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD THE TENETS OF TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 1972.

Purpose of Resolution:

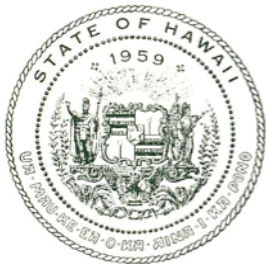
Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education ("Department") supports SCR 110, SD 1/SR 76, SD1, which requests the Department to affirm its commitment to uphold the tenets of Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972 ("Title IX") and to provide a study on our progress in implementing the federal requirements of Title IX. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities which receives federal financial assistance.

As to SCR 110, SD1/SR 76, SD1's specific request that the Department (1) increase electronic and physical accessibility to Title IX information; (2) examine, revise, adopt and widely disseminate grievance procedures; (3) commit to increasing Title IX staff and resources; and (4) provide regular training to Department students and employees on Title IX; the Department has already initiated steps to comply with these items. SCR 110, SD1/SR 76, SD1 also requests the Department to examine the possibility of establishing a Title IX Coordinator in each complex area. The Department is willing to explore the responsibilities and costs that may be associated with the creation of such positions in each complex.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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April 3, 2016

To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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

Re: Testimony in Support, SCR 110, SD1/SR 76, SD1

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SCR 110, SD1/SR 76, SD1. Title IX, renamed the “Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act”, prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in the administration of any education program receiving federal financial assistance. Additionally, Title IX aims to prevent sexual harassment, sexual assault, discrimination against pregnant and parenting students, and the use of stereotypes, while attempting to eliminate other barriers that may prevent a person’s access to a particular field of study or career. This law has been in place for over 40 years, yet hundreds of departments of education have been investigated for Title IX compliance, including our own.

Under Title IX, all school districts, colleges, and universities receiving federal financial assistance must designate at least one employee to coordinate their efforts to comply with and carry out their responsibilities under Title IX, or a Title IX coordinator. Each school is required to publish their respective Title IX coordinator’s contact information in the school’s notice of nondiscrimination, typically found in any bulletins, announcements, publications, catalogues, application forms, or other recruitment materials. The Title IX coordinator’s contact information should also be prominently posted on a school’s website. These practices not only serve students; they also serve parents and employees of a school and provide notice of important federal rights and remedies under the law.

Title IX has been instrumental in increasing educational opportunities for women and girls and fostering educational equality between men and women. Increased opportunity starts from a young age, and all young men and women should know they deserve an education free from hostility or discrimination. These resolutions request that our DOE affirm its commitment to the tenets of Title IX. The Commission strongly supports these resolutions and respectfully urges this Committee to pass them.

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Senator Gil Keith-Agaran, Chair

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Monday, April 4, 2016

8:35 a.m.

Room 016

STRONG SUPPORT FOR SCR 110 SD1/SR 76 SD1 - TITLE IX

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies in Hawai`i for almost two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 6,000 Hawai`i individuals living behind bars or under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety. We are always mindful that approximately 1,400 of Hawai`i's imprisoned people are serving their sentences abroad thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this resolution affirming Hawai`i's commitment to Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972.

It is amazing to us that 40 years after the passage of Title IX the Hawai`i Department of Education is still not in compliance. Noncompliance compromises that safety of our students from sexual assault, sexual harassment, and other gender-based violence.

We are grateful to Patsy Mink, our champion and we urge the committee emphasize the importance of Title IX and the DOE's compliance for the health and safety of our students.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



April 3, 2016

To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, April 4, 2016 (8:35 a.m.)
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 016
Re: Testimony of American Association of University Women –
Hawaii in **support** of S.C.R. 110 / S.R. 76, REQUESTING
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO AFFIRM ITS
COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD THE TENETS OF TITLE IX
OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 1972

Dear Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran (Chair), Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
(Vice Chair), and Members of the Committee,

I am grateful for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of S.C.R. 110 / S.R. 76, requesting the Department of Education to affirm its commitment to uphold the tents of Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972.

My testimony is on behalf of the 442 members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in Hawaii, who list gender-based violence (including Title IX), as an important policy focus. My testimony is informed by my experiences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where there is much discussion about the implications of Title IX on the college campus. It is deeply perturbing to me that there is not a similar level of concern at the secondary and primary school level, the responsibility of the Hawaii Department of Education.

There is ample evidence that sexual assault, harassment, stalking, and other forms of gender-based violence are occurring among pre-university students (e.g., Beyer & Oggletree [1998] “Sexual Coercion” *Journal of School Health*; Raj et al [2000] “..Sexual Risk among High School Students” *Maternal & Child Health Journal*; Wordes & Nunez [2002] *Our Vulnerable Teenagers*; Young et al. [2009] “Adolescent Experiences of Sexual Assault ... School” *Journal of Youth Adolescence*). The need for Title IX coordinators at each and every Hawaii school, on each and every island is well demonstrated by these depressing data from other states. In addition, the U.S. Department of Education clearly states that local school districts are included under Title IX (citing only one statement here, although many could be listed: U.S. Department of Education [April 2015] “Title IX and Sex Discrimination”). For all of these reasons please pass this proclamation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely
Susan J. Wurtzburg, Ph.D.
Policy Chair

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Comments: Strong support.. they seem to have only one for the state!

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