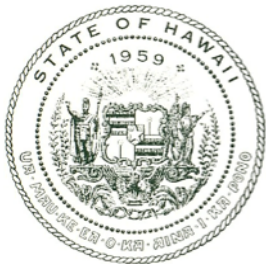


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Re: Testimony in Support, SCR 110, SD1/SR 76, SD1

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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