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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Isabel Hawkins	Testifying for Exploratorium	Support	No

Comments:

I, Dr. Isabel Hawkins, Astronomer and Project Director at the Exploratorium, a museum of science, hereby request the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i to rename the University of Hawai'i Institute for Astronomy to The Paul H.I Coleman Astronomy Center.

Dr. Coleman was instrumental as a key collaborator with our museum in the development of the "Never Lost: Polynesian Navigation" website that we created in partnership with the University of Hawai'i and the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center with funding from NASA. Dr. Coleman's knowledge of astronomy and of Hawaiian culture contributed in unique ways to the website content to ensure that the material presented was accurate and culturally appropriate. Dr. Coleman was brilliant in all his endeavors as a professional astrophysicist and as a Native Hawaiian who was a caring steward of his culture. He was also very humble and always talked about the knowledge of his ancestors with respect and integrity. In this era of intercultural tensions especially in the area of astronomy and the location of telescopes in sacred sites to indigenous people, Dr. Coleman served as a mediator and voice of reason to bring opposing perspectives closer to agreement for the benefit of all. By re-naming the Institute for Astronomy in his honor, his legacy of compromise and understanding will live on. I urge you to take this important and necessary step for the benefit of astronomy and the Hawaiian community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Isabel Hawkins
Colleague and collaborator of Dr. Paul Coleman
Exploratorium Museum of San Francisco, California

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair; the Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

To the Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair; the Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SCR182 / SR 108** relating to the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy; Paul H.I. Coleman; and to Rename same.

The OCC on Legislative Priorities is in favor of **SCR182 / SR 108** and supports its passage.

SCR182 / SR 108 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requests that the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i rename the University of Hawai'i Institute for Astronomy to the "Paul H.I. Coleman Astronomy Center" for his legacy in the field of astronomy and the Native Hawaiian community in Hawai'i and throughout the world, including his dedication and mentorship to a new generation of Native Hawaiian scientists, especially to the youth interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Specifically, the Platform of the DPH provides that "We support Hawaiian-focused schools and courses that provide culturally-based education in order to maximize choices in life and work. We support educational programming and efforts that embody Hawaiian values, language, culture, and history as a foundation to prepare students for success in college, career, and communities." (Platform of the DPH, P. 4, Lines 218-222 (2016)).

We recognize that the responsible use and development of technology in all its manifestations offers immense potential for our community, government, including institutions of higher education and business sectors. We encourage synergistic research, development, commercialization and educational programs to promote technological proficiency and innovation. In particular, we support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives in our public, private and charter schools as these prepare the next generation to address the needs of our state. We also support programs that facilitate incubator, i.e. start-up, opportunities for new and promising technologies, and encourage the local retention of our intellectual resources. (Platform of the DPH, P. 3, Lines 149-156 (2016)).

Given that **SCR182 / SR 108** requests that the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i rename the University of Hawai'i Institute for Astronomy to the "Paul H.I. Coleman Astronomy Center" for his legacy in the field of astronomy and the Native Hawaiian community in Hawai'i and throughout the world, including his dedication and mentorship to a new generation of Native Hawaiian scientists, especially to the youth interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Melodie Aduja

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexia Carvalho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Kahele, and members of the Higher Education committee,

I believe Paul Coleman to be well deserving of this honor. He was the first Native Hawaiian Astrophysicist and spent his life teaching others and connecting his knowledge to his culture. Please support the renaming to the Paul H I Coleman Astronomy Center.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Alexia Carvalho

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee,

My name is Leimomi Lum and I am the Kahuna Nui of the Mookini Luakini. I have known Paul Coleman since he was a child. His mother and I went to the University of Hawaii at Manoa together and stayed in touch as we raised our children.

For the last decade or more, Paul has been part of a Children's Day event, held every year in November at the Mookini Heiau and there joined other docents in staffing learning centers to share our Hawaiian Culture and stories about the area. Students from around the island arrive at the site that one day to experience learning in an outdoor classroom format - Paul's station shared information about the stars and ancient navigation - connecting his scientific information with our Hawaiian culture.

Paul was a brilliant scientist, world traveled, and well respected - both as an academic, but also as a Hawaiian. I believe the renaming of the Institute for Astronomy is a fitting honor for such a successful and accomplished man.

I ask that you pass this resolution and honor his memory and achievements in the place that he chose to live and work.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my mana`o.

Leimomi Lum

March 27, 2018

Aloha Senator Kahele and members of the Senate Higher Education committee,

My name is Angela Thomas and I am testifying in strong support of SR108.

Paul Coleman was a sought after “knowledge base” on astronomy. I believe his popularity was based on his ability to connect with people – his audiences and his students. His easy-going manner allowed people to engage in his presentations, rather than being too academic for the lay person to understand.

The early childhood community on Hawaii Island was fortunate enough to have had him speak at one of their conferences and attendees were awestruck by the strategies he shared. His presentation gave them ideas of ways to introduce basic astronomical concepts to preschoolers in fun and experiential ways.

As a Native Hawaiian, Paul spent a lot of his effort connecting the traditional cultural understandings and practices to modern day scientific knowledge. He served as a kind of ‘bridge’ between the two. And, based on an article he wrote, this was an ability and priority that he realized during his tenure at the University of Hawaii.

I strongly support the renaming of the Institute for Astronomy to remember Paul Coleman’s legacy and to honor the first Native Hawaiian astrophysicist in the state – a title which Paul was very proud to hold!

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.