



CONDEMNING ALL FORMS OF ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT AS RELATED TO COVID-19 AND URGING GREATER INVESTMENT IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY-WIDE SOLUTIONS.

MARCH 22, 2021 · HOUSE JUDICIARY AND
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE · CHAIR REP.
MARK M. NAKASHIMA

POSITION: Support.

RATIONALE: The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus **supports** HCR 154/HR 130, condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID-19 and urging greater investment in federal, state, and local resources to develop and support community-wide solutions.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Field	Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii supports HR 130. Thank you!

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Allison Chu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Being crowned Miss Hawaii USA 2021 is one of the biggest honors I have been blessed with in my life. In the world of pageantry, where Asian American and Pacific Islander women are more likely to be underrepresented, this blessing has evolved into a moral responsibility to become a voice for a community of people that is often silenced.

As a first generation Chinese American and the only Asian American candidate so far to be selected to compete at Miss USA 2021, I feel a moral duty to represent my culture with respect and to speak out against the Asian hate crimes that have been occurring in our country. This pandemic has accelerated and amplified the violence against Asian Americans who have become the scapegoats of COVID 19. Violence will continue to occur if we turn a blind eye.

We must all come together to end this crisis of hate and work towards a safer and more unified community.

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Samantha Neyland	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

Comdemning anti-asian hate is a must for Hawaii. With such a large asian population, Hawaii should be at the forefront of condeming AAPI Hate and serve as an example for the rest of the country. Investing in community wide solutions is the perfect way to ensure we are educating the public on what is happening and what can be done to prevent it moving forward.

I fully support this resolution as a Hawaii resident, Miss Hawaii USA 2020 and founder of the Hawaii for Juneteenth Coalition.

Mahalo,
Samantha Neyland