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Location: CR 229 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 0161 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO RENAME NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HONOR OF UNITED STATES PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) offers comments on SCR 161.

The naming and renaming of public schools go through a rigorous process through the School Community Council (SCC). Each school has a SCC which is guided by Hawaii Revised Statute (HRS) §302A-1124 and Board of Education Policy 500-19. The statute provides for a school-community collaboration process with community input and consultation opportunities.

Given this established process the Department feels this resolution is not necessary.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on SCR 161.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2023 6:00:37 PM

Testimony for EDU on 4/3/2023 3:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **strongly oppose** this nonsense Resolution.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2023 6:00:43 PM

Testimony for EDU on 4/3/2023 3:30:00 PM

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Comments:

OPPOSE

We do not need any more schools named after Presidents or US generals etc. KEEP all schools with Hawaiian names and follow the example of Ke`elikolani.