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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
March 28, 2008

**HCR 265 AND HR 225 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF AND TO DEVELOP A PLAN THEREFOR
RELOCATING THE KAPAA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) is in support of both HCR 265 and HR 225, which requests the Department of Education to explore the feasibility of and to develop a plan to relocate the Kapaa Public Library. However, we do have some funding and implementation concerns.

We totally agree with the need for a new and larger public library for the Kapaa community and have just completed an expansion study of the current site by our consultants, AM Partners, Inc. Due to the many restrictions and cost factors, as stated in the resolutions, we have concluded that this expansion project of the existing building would not be economically feasible or timely. We are more than willing to consider relocation plans for the various sites mentioned and to include an expanded technology center, community center facilities, seek swapping of county and state lands, and even using this new library as a potential disaster relief shelter. However, we have neither the qualified staff nor any available funding to provide the requested report to the legislature on the findings and recommendations of these various options.

While the Department of Accounting and General Services provides the technical oversight and administration of all of the HSPLS Capital Improvement Projects, they would not be able to furnish this report either. Without additional funding, the HSPLS could not initiate a feasibility study and develop a plan to relocate the Kapaa Public Library.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 265 and HR 225.



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Friday, March 28, 2008 at 2:00 pm
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HR225 / HCR265: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPLORE THE
FEASIBILITY OF AND TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR RELOCATING THE
KAPAA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Chair Takumi and members of the Committee:

My staff and I are in complete support of HR225 / HCR265. Relocating the library would allow us to provide quality services to our rapidly growing community and also allow us to upgrade to a facility in which the community can take full advantage of current and future information technologies.