Testimony of Warren Toyama, President of the Hawaii Association of the Blind Monday, January 28, 2008

Support of SB 2079, Relating to Libraries

My name is Warren Toyama, and I appear before you today in my capacity as the President and Founder of this 40-year-old organization, the Hawaii Association of the Blind. We support SB 2079.

The Hawaii Association of the Blind has made financial contributions almost annually to the Library for the Blind because we believe that the Library is contributing educationally, culturally, and to the reading enjoyment of the blind community in Hawaii.

We are also mindful that the Library is continually striving to upgrade its technological equipment for the blind.

In closing, we urge you to pass SB 2079. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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sb2079 library for the blind and physically handicapped

this is in reference to sb 2079. hearing on january 28, 2008 in conference room 225. at 1:15 p.m. my name is myles tamashiro, president of the hawaii association of parents of the visually impaired. i strongly ask for your support in passing sb 2079 this would really help the library for the blind and physically handicapped in this pilot project. please pass this for the children who are blind and visually impaired. thank you very much.

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony for bill 2079, hearing on Monday at 1:15.pm room 225.

To the chairman and members of the committee.

My name is Filo Tu blind vendor at the Honolulu international airport.

I am supporting bill 2079, because I can truly understand the important to improve the library for the blind and the physically disable in order to improve services.

I encourage you to please pass this bill so that all the handiecaps of this state may walk in to the library and have something to be proud of.

Thank you very much for allowing me to testify for this very crucial bill.