

SB601

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Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0601 Relating to Education

Purpose of Bill: Establishes and appropriates funds for an electronic book pilot program for one public intermediate or middle school to be selected by the department of education.

Department's Position: The Department of Education does not support SB 601, which establishes and appropriates funds for an electronic book pilot program for one public intermediate or middle school due to the following: 1) initial startup costs for schools are prohibitive; 2) lack of content materials available; 3) copyright issues between publishers and distributors; and 4) majority of electronic books are presently geared for college level.