

## LATE TESTIMONY

Date: 03/21/2012

Committee: House Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Resolution:** HCR 074

**Purpose of Resolution:** REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO WORK  
COOPERATIVELY WITH THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
SYSTEM TO TRANSFER THE PAHALA PUBLIC AND SCHOOL  
LIBRARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BE OPERATED  
AS A SCHOOL LIBRARY FOR KAU HIGH SCHOOL AND TO ALLOW  
CONTINUED PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education is willing to explore how the Pahala Library could serve a dual mission as both a school library primarily geared toward supporting students and instruction, and as a community library primarily geared to serving the needs of the larger, non-student community. The fundamental challenges to doing both missions adequately, however, are lack of funding, personnel, and other resources. These challenges will arise in reconciling possibly conflicting operational issues, such as hours of operations, staffing profiles and expertise, size and focus of collections, and space utilization.