

SB2416

Pahala Public Library

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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2416 RELATING TO PAHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Purpose of Bill: Transfers the administration of Pahala Public Library from the Public Library System to the Department of Education. Effective July 1, 2012

Department's Position: The Department of Education does not support this bill. We are mindful of the concerns raised by the Hawaii State Public Library System and the Department of Human Resources Development to solicit community input. The subject of a study by the DOE, Hawaii State Public Library System and other affected parties will be to focus on what's best for the community and the schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Senate Committee on Education
Friday, February 3, 2012
State Capitol, Room 225

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The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) recognizes the concerns of the Pahala community in light of recent difficulties in maintaining the services at Pahala Public & School Library with limited staffing and funding. We are unable to fully support this Bill and would request instead the opportunity to work cooperatively on a transition plan of turning the Pahala Public and School Library facility over to the Department of Education (DOE) with the approval of the Board of Education.

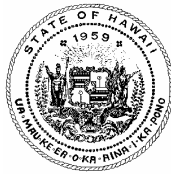
The Department of Education and the Hawaii State Public Library System have a long-standing history of working together for the mutual benefit of our users, as evidenced most recently with Holualoa Public Library.

We will work with the DOE to gather public input and reach an agreement that will serve both agencies as well as our patrons and more importantly the students in this community. If it is determined that the best use would be to transfer the building to the DOE, then HSPLS would work to transition Pahala and refocus our

resources on Naalehu Public Library and Mountain View Public & School Libraries
to provide public library services to the Kau community.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TESTIMONY TO THE
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Senate Bill No. 2416
Relating to Pahala Library

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TO CHAIRPERSON TOKUDA AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of S.B. No. 2416 is to transfer the administration of Pahala Public Library from the State Public Library System to the Department of Education, effective July 1, 2012.

The Department of Human Resources Development has **comments** on the proposed transfer. To protect the rights and benefits of the employees to be transferred, we prefer the following proposed transfer language be used in place of the transfer language pertaining to employees in Section 2 of the bill:

“All employees who occupy civil service positions and whose functions are transferred to the department of education by this Act shall retain their civil service status (permanent or temporary). Employees shall be transferred without loss of salary, seniority, retention points, prior

service credit, any vacation and sick leave credits previously earned, and other rights, benefits, and privileges, in accordance with state personnel laws and this Act, provided that the employees possess the minimum qualifications and public employment requirements for the class and/or position to which transferred or appointed, as applicable, provided further that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and compensation laws.

Any employee who, prior to this Act, is exempt from civil service and is transferred as a consequence of this Act, may continue to retain the employee's exempt status, but shall not be appointed to a civil service position because of this Act. An exempt employee who is transferred by this Act shall not suffer any loss of prior service credit, any vacation and sick leave credits previously earned, or other employee benefits or privileges as a consequence of this Act, provided that the employees possess legal and public employment requirements for the position to which transferred or appointed, as applicable; provided that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to applicable employment and compensation laws. The superintendent of the department of education may prescribe the duties and qualifications of such employees and fix their salaries without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes."

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on this measure.



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The Hawaii Government Employees Association, HGEA/AFSCME, Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the intent of the measure to transfer Pahala Public Library from the jurisdiction of the Hawaii State Public Library System to the jurisdiction of the Department of Education to operate as a school library for the benefit of Kau High School. However, we do not support the transfer of employees and positions. We recommend that current positions and employees assigned to Pahala Library remain with the Hawaii State Public Library System.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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