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Date: 01/30/2024
Time: 09:00 AM
Location: 430 VIA
VIDEOCONFERENCE
Committee: House Water & Land

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1627 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND TRANSFER.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the conveyance of a certain parcel of land from the department of education to the county of Kauai. Appropriates funds.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) is in support of HB 1627.

The Department is communicating with the County of Kauai (County) on the conveyance of the subject property in this bill. The Department and County continue to enjoy a supportive partnership on this issue to support school-aged children.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1627.

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January 29, 2024

**TESTIMONY OF ADDISON BULOSAN
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
HB 1627, RELATING TO SCHOOL LAND TRANSFER
House Committee on Water & Land
Tuesday, January 30, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 430
Via Videoconference**

Dear Chair Ichiyama and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT HB 1627, Relating to School Land Transfer. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council.

I wholeheartedly support the intent of HB 1627, which would greatly affect the Kaua'i community.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1627. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188 or via email to cokcouncil@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,

ADDISON BULOSAN
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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Testimony of Derek S.K. Kawakami

Mayor, County of Kaua'i

Before the

House Committee on Water & Land

January 30, 2024; 9:00 AM

Conference Room 430 & Videoconference

In consideration of

House Bill 1627 Relating to Public School Transfer

Honorable Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee:

The County of Kaua'i is in **support** of HB 1627 which requires the conveyance of a certain parcel of land from the Department of Education to the County of Kaua'i; and appropriates funds to the Department of Education to prepare, execute, and record the quitclaim deed.

In 2022, the Governor passed Act 307 which conveyed certain parcels to the Department of Education used by the Department for public schools and offices held by counties of Kaua'i and Maui, the State, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The Department of Education has requested that one such parcel attached to Wilcox Elementary School, which hosts a tennis court utilized by the students as well as our public, be transferred back to the County. The Department has no desire to own a tennis court and The County of Kaua'i had no desire to transfer it to the Department.

Any amount appropriated to the County to help repair and resurface the court due to the deferred maintenance during the neglected period the state owned it is appreciated.

Mahalo to Representative Luke Evslin for introducing this bill.