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**Title of Bill:** HB 1107 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

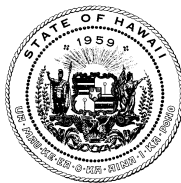
**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates funds for the establishment and maintenance of a bookmobile that shall serve the rural areas of the island of Hawaii.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) appreciates the intent of HB 1107. This bill appropriates funds for a bookmobile to service the rural areas of the island of Hawaii. The Department respectfully offers the following comments.

The Department recognizes the Hawaii State Library System (HSPLS) for nurturing a lifelong love and reading and learning through its staff, collections, programs and services. As HSPLS possesses expertise regarding bookmobiles, the Department respectfully suggest that any bookmobile program should be under the management and operational oversight of HSPLS. As such, the Department defers to the HSPLS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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**HB 1107 – Relating to Education**

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) supports HB 1107, which would establish a bookmobile for the rural areas on the island of Hawaii and would provide funds for its establishment and maintenance.

The purpose of this bill is to address the needs on the island of Hawaii where there are geographical areas in rural communities where the availability of educational resources is limited. HSPLS has a long tradition of operating bookmobiles as a means to provide outreach of library services beyond the four walls of our library facilities.

With proper funding for maintenance, staff and materials, bookmobiles are an effective way to provide library patrons access to resources otherwise denied to them due to their geographic isolation or limited financial means.

We would like to respectfully amend this bill to have any appropriations be expended by the Hawaii State Public Library System (EDN407) rather than the Department of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1107 and your continued support of the Hawaii State Public Library System.