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# HOUSE CONCURRENT 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.

1           WHEREAS, public libraries are an important resource for  
2 learning for people of all ages; and  
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4           WHEREAS, public libraries enable members in a community to  
5 have access to resources that would otherwise be unavailable,  
6 such as computers; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the Pahala Public and School Library (Pahala  
9 Library) is located in Hawaii County, a rural area with limited  
10 public services where many residents do not have transportation  
11 capabilities for long distance drives; the library closest to  
12 the Pahala Library is the Naahelu Public Library, over thirteen  
13 miles away; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the Pahala Library has closed temporarily from  
16 January 23, 2012 to February 23, 2012, due to a staffing  
17 shortage; and  
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19           WHEREAS, this is not the first temporary closing of the  
20 Pahala Library due to a staffing shortage; and  
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22           WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1873 (2012) would transfer the  
23 Pahala Library from the Hawaii State Public Library System to  
24 the Department of Education to serve as a library for Kau High  
25 School; and  
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27           WHEREAS, if the Pahala Library is transferred to the  
28 Department of Education, Kau High School would have a valuable  
29 resource for its students; and



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2 WHEREAS, the transfer of the Pahala Library to the  
3 Department of Education, however, would mean that the Pahala  
4 community would cease to have convenient access to the resources  
5 of a public library; and  
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7 WHEREAS, allowing the Pahala community to have continued  
8 access to the Pahala Library after its transfer to the  
9 Department of Education would benefit everyone in the community;  
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12 WHEREAS, the Department of Education and the Hawaii State  
13 Public Library System have a long-standing history of working  
14 cooperatively for the mutual benefit of students and the public;  
15 now, therefore,  
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
19 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education  
20 is encouraged to work closely and cooperatively with the Hawaii  
21 State Public Library System to transfer the Pahala Public and  
22 School Library from the Hawaii State Public Library System to  
23 the Department of Education and allow the library to be used not  
24 only by Kau High School students and staff, but by the community  
25 as well; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
29 Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of  
30 Education, State Librarian, and Librarian of Pahala Public and  
31 School Library.  
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