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Comments: This is good BUT schools and students should be able to choose the tools that they feel will best help them on whatever project, curriculum upon which they are working. Technology is not always the best answer nor is a printed book. Sometimes, getting out into the community or creating gardens etc. are the way to go.

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Ladies & Gentlemen of the Senate:

I am concerned about funding for the Future Ready Learning Initiative. I am working as part of a team of teachers at Kamali`i Elementary School in Kihei Maui and we have put over a hundred hours of time and effort (mostly after school and on weekends) into developing and beginning to implement a Future Ready Learning Implementation Plan.

As you all are well aware, technological fluency is a critical part of preparing our students to be successful in college and careers. The FRL initiative and its "pathways" program is the most inclusive and best plan that I have seen presented. I think that Hawai`i could really stand out in the national spotlight if this initiative does receive the funding it deserves.

As a public school teacher and parent of three, I implore you to fund the Future Ready Initiative. It is an innovative and important step in making our population ready for whatever challenges and opportunities the future has in store.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

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