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HB 470 – Relating to Public Libraries

To: Chair Roy Takumi and members of the Committees on Education

We support House Bill 470 which authorizes the Board of Education to contract for private groundskeeping services for public library properties.   We appreciate that the legislature supports the need for adequate groundskeeping and maintenance at all 50 public libraries statewide. While we have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), we recognize that due to staff and funding reductions over the past years, DAGS admittedly cannot meet our groundskeeping needs. HB 470 amends Chapter 312-2 as follows:

   §312-2 Powers of board; special fund.   The board of education may:

   (8) Make arrangements or contracts with any person, firm, association, partnership or corporation, whether operated on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis, for groundskeeping services at public library properties.

       While we support this authority to contract for these critical services, there is currently no additional funding in our base budget to pay for it. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity of testifying on this measure.

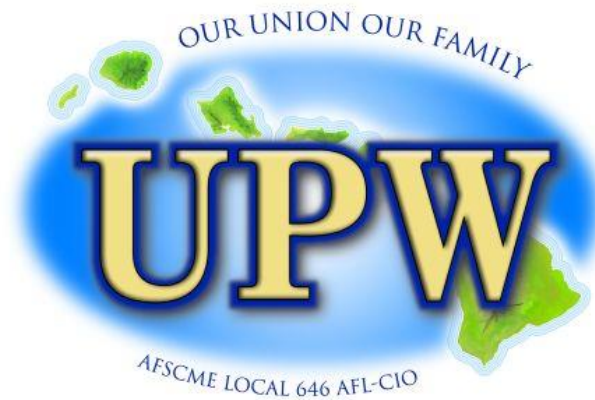|	
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<u>TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 470 RELATING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES</u>

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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646 AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

HB470 authorizes the board of education to make arrangements or contracts with any person, firm, association, partnership, or corporation, whether operated on a for-profit basis, or not for-profit basis, for grounds keeping services at public library properties.

Grounds keeping work in public library properties have been historically and customarily performed by civil service employees. Privatization will take away these work opportunities and benefits from dedicated civil service employees. Furthermore,

privatization in the long run is not necessarily better or cheaper. The danger is that other civil service work will be privatized for its own sake. Our civil service employees will become "excess" assets rather than valued human resources.

The UPW strongly opposes HB470.

We respectfully ask the committee to hold the bill