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THE REPORT OF THE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES BILL
(SENATE BILL NO. 40 OF 2024)

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

CAF	– County Assemblies Forum
CEO	– Chief Executive Officer
COG	– Council of Governors
CoK	– Constitution of Kenya

CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

This Report contains the proceedings of the Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture in its consideration of the County Library Service Bill (Senate Bill No. 40 of 2024), sponsored by Senator Joyce Chepkoech Korir. The Bill was read a First Time in the National Assembly on 12th March 2026.

The Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of county libraries and County Directorates of Library Services in each county; to provide for the functions and powers of the County Directorates of Library Services; and for connected purposes.

In considering the Bill, the Committee undertook stakeholder consultations and invited public participation in accordance with Article 118 of the Constitution and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. To this end, the Committee published an advertisement inviting members of the public and relevant stakeholders to submit memoranda on Friday, 20th March 2026, with a deadline of Friday, 26th March 2026 at 5.00 p.m.

The Committee received submissions from the Kenya National Library Service, the Ministry of Gender, Culture, and Children Services, the State Department for Culture, the Arts and Heritage, and the Kenya Law Reform Commission. The views received informed the Committee's deliberations and recommendations on the Bill.

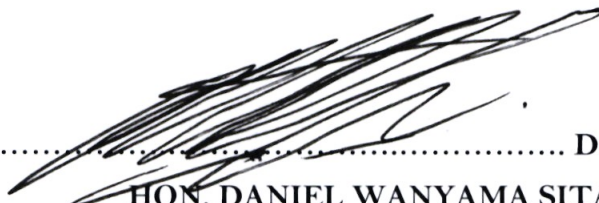
Following consideration of the Bill and the stakeholders' submissions, the Committee considered and passed the Bill with amendments on Saturday, 6th June, 2026.

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical, technical and procedural support accorded to it during the consideration of the Bill.

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture, and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 199(6), it is my pleasant duty and privilege to present this Report to the House on the Committee's consideration of the County Library Service Bill (Senate Bill No. 40 of 2024), and to report that the Committee recommends that the House approves the Bill with amendments.

SIGNED.....

DATE.....



17th June 2026

HON. DANIEL WANYAMA SITATI, MP, CBS
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SPORTS AND CULTURE

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CHAPTER ONE

1. PREFACE

1.1. Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

1. The Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture is one of the twenty Departmental Committees of the National Assembly established under **Standing Order 216**. The mandates pursuant to the **Standing Order 216 (5)** are as follows:
 - a) *investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned Ministries and departments;*
 - b) *study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation; ba) on a quarterly basis, monitor and report on the implementation of the national budget in respect of its mandate;*
 - c) *study and review all legislation referred to it;*
 - d) *study, assess and analyze the relative success of the Ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;*
 - e) *investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;*
 - f) *vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (Committee on Appointments) fa) examine treaties, agreements and conventions;*
 - g) *make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;*
 - h) *consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and*
 - i) *examine any questions raised by Members on any matter within its mandate.*

1.2. Subjects under the Committee

2. In accordance with the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider the following subjects: - *Sports; Culture; Language; Creative Economy including promotion of music; Arts; Film promotion and Development; National Heritage and Betting & Lotteries.*
3. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the following government ministries, departments and agencies, namely:
 - a) State Department for Sports under the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports;

- b) State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy and State Department for Sports under the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports; and
- c) State Department for Culture and Heritage under the Ministry of Gender, Culture, the Arts and Heritage.

1.3. Committee Membership

4. The Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture was constituted by the House on 27th October 2022 and comprises of the following members:

Chairperson

Hon. Daniel Wanyama Sitati, MP, CBS
Webuye West Constituency

UDA Party

Vice-Chairperson

Hon. James Githua Wamacukuru, MP, CBS
Kabete Constituency

UDA Party

Members

Hon. Naomi Jillo Waqo, MP, CBS
Marsabit County (CWR)

UDA Party

Hon. Stephen Mutinda Mule, MP
Matungulu Constituency

WDM-K Party

Hon. Robert Ngui Basil, MP
Yatta Constituency

WDM-K Party

Hon. Caroli Omondi, MP
Suba South Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Hon. Ndakwa David Athman, MP
Malava Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Paul Ekwom Nabuin, MP
Turkana North Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. BSP. (EM) Dr. Jackson Kipkemai Kosgei, MP
Nominated-

UDA Party

Hon. Muhanda, Elsie Busihile, MP
Kakamega County (CWR)

ODM Party

Hon. Janet Jepkemboi Sitienei, MP
Turbo Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Charles Ngusya Nguna, MP
Mwingi Constituency

WDM -K Party

Hon. Catherine Nakhabu Omanyi MP
Busia County (CWR)

ODM Party

Hon. Letipila, Dominic Eli, MP
Samburu North Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Richard Kipkemai Yegon, MP
Bomet East Constituency

UDA Party

1.4. Committee Secretariat

5. The Committee's secretariat comprises of the following officers:

Mr. Hassan A. Arale
Clerk Assistant I/Head of Secretariat

Ms. Mary Kinyunye
Clerk Assistant III

Ms. Christine Odhiambo
Principal Legal Counsel

Mr. Erastus Lotus
Public Communication Officer/ Protocol Officer I

Mr. V.P Okech Owino
Research Officer I

Mr. Wilson Mwangi
Fiscal Analyst II

Ms. Josephine Osiba
Hansard Reporter II

Mr. Said Babo Wako
Serjeant-At-Arms

Ms. Edith Chepgeno
Media Relations Officer III

CHAPTER TWO

2.0 BACKGROUND

6. The Principal object of the Bill is to provide for the establishment of county libraries and county directorates of library services in each county and to provide for the functions and powers of the county directorates of library services.

Clause 1 of the Bill sets out the short title of the Bill.

Clause 2 of the Bill Provides the interpretation of terms used in the Bill, which include the definition of library as an organized collection of information resources accessible to users either freely, for a fee, or through membership.

Clause 3 of the Bill provides the objective of the Bill, which is to—

- (a) establish libraries in each county to ensure that learners and the communities within the county have access to educational resources and information;
- (b) to promote literacy in counties; and
- (c) to support education, cultural and research activities providing necessary resources and facilities.

Clause 4 of the Bill Provides for the role of county governments, which is to—

- (a) approve and integrate the county libraries work plan into the annual county budget;
- (b) mobilise resources necessary for the delivery of library services in the respective county;
- (c) allocate adequate funds and resources necessary for the effective development of libraries;
- (d) collaborate with such entities as it may consider necessary—
 - (i) for the development of capacity building and training programmes for librarians in the county; and
 - (ii) in financing and mobilizing resources for the development and maintenance of county libraries;
- (e) provide the necessary resources for capacity building of the county library staff; and
- (f) approve and integrate the county libraries annual work plan into the county integrated development plans.

Clause 5 of the Bill provides for the establishment of a county directorate of library services within each county public service.

Clause 6 of the Bill provides for the functions of a county directorate of library services, which shall be to—

- (a) establish and promote the establishment of libraries in the county;

- (b) develop, equip, manage, and maintain libraries including electronic libraries in the county;
- (c) promote technology in accessing and disseminating information;
- (d) provide information service responsive to the needs of communities;
- (e) plan, co-ordinate and advise the county government on the delivery of library services;
- (f) advise the county government and other public bodies on all matters relating to library, documentation and related services;
- (g) facilitate the documentation of information relating to the county and the provision of related services in the county;
- (h) facilitate the training of librarians within the county on the principles, procedures and techniques of librarianship and such other related matters as the committee may from time to time decide;
- (i) carry out and encourage research in the development of library and related services in the county;
- (j) conduct campaigns for the eradication of illiteracy in the county;
- (k) stimulate public interest in books and promote culture of reading, writing and publishing in local languages for knowledge, information and enjoyment in the county including facilitating mobile library services;
- (l) encourage and facilitate the use of libraries by members of the public;
- (m) partner with the county executive committee member in charge of education to facilitate the establishment and equipping of libraries in schools, colleges and other institutions;
- (n) design innovative ways to enhance access to library services and information by persons with disabilities;
- (o) provide professional advice to institutions and promote best practices in managing resource centres and school libraries;
- (p) acquire books produced in and outside Kenya and such other materials and sources of knowledge necessary for a comprehensive county library;
- (q) liaise with national library, other county libraries and other relevant institutions to enhance information and experience sharing;
- (r) publish a county bibliographical and referencing services in the county; and
- (s) perform any other function that may be conferred on it by this Act or any other law.

Clause 7 of the Bill provides that all property acquired for the purpose of a county library shall vest in and be held by the respective county government.

Clause 8 of the Bill provides for the recognition of other libraries in the county. Under this clause, a county directorate of library services may recognize a voluntary agency library or a school library, and may offer technical support to such libraries.

Clause 9 of the Bill provides that the county executive committee member shall have power to make **regulations** to give better effect to the Act.

CHAPTER THREE

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ON THE BILL

3.1 Legal Framework on Public Participation

7. Article 118 (1)(b) of the Constitution provides that:
“Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees.”
8. The National Assembly Standing Order 127(3) and (3A) stipulates that:
“(3) The Departmental Committee to which a Bill is committed shall facilitate public participation on the Bill through an appropriate mechanism including-
 - (a) inviting submission of memoranda;*
 - (b) holding public hearings;*
 - (c) consulting relevant stakeholders in a sector; and*
 - (d) consulting experts on technical subjects.*
(3A) The Departmental Committee shall take into account the views and recommendations of the public under paragraph (3) in its report to the House.”

3.2 Memoranda received on the County Library Service Bill, 2024

9. In conducting public participation on the Bill, the Committee placed a newspaper advertisement inviting the members of the public to submit their views on the Bill. The Committee also sought the views of the Ministry, the Office of the Attorney-General, the Kenya Law Reform Commission and the Kenya National Library Services. The Committee received written memoranda and oral submissions from the following stakeholders—

1. Kenya National Library Service-

Under Clause 1- Amend the Short Title— This Act may be cited as the County Public Library Services Act, 2024.

Justification- Global best practices (IFLA-UNESCO Manifesto on Public Libraries)

Under Clause 2- Insert definition of “public library”— ‘Public Library’ - means a library established or maintained wholly or partly out of public funds by the County government, which provides equitable access to information, knowledge and related services to the public for purposes of education, research, culture and lifelong learning without discrimination.

Justification- Definition of public library is not included.

Insert definition of “digital formats”—Digital formats’ means information or documents represented in a machine readable format that require computer system for creation, storage, access and preservation.

Justification- Definition omitted ‘digital formats’ to align with emerging trends.

Amend definition of “library”— “library” means an organized collection of printed and non-print books, periodicals or any graphic or audio-visual material to which a member of the public has access free of charge or on payment of fees or by virtue of being a member of an organization or institution.

Justification- Expand to include ‘Non-print formats’

Under Clause 6- Amend (f)—advise the county government and other public bodies on all matters relating to library, documentation and related services within County.

Justification- It is the function of the National Government to advise the County Governments and other public and private bodies on all matters relating to library, documentation and related services

Delete (r).

Justification- Global practice, there should be a national bibliography published by the National Library of a country.

Books and Newspapers Act Cap. 111 of the laws of Kenya, mandates the Kenya National Library to receive legal deposits and compile the National Bibliography.

The County libraries should liaise with the National library for all County publications.

2. Kenya Law Reform Commission-

Under Clause 2- Insert definitions for “digital library”, “library services”, and “information resources” in the interpretation clause.

Justification- To align the Bill with advancements in library science and information technology, and to prevent ambiguity in the administration of county library services.

Under Clause 5- Insert a provision clarifying whether the Directorate is established as a body corporate or as an unincorporated entity, to eliminate ambiguity and ensure legal certainty regarding its status and functions.

Justification- This a policy issue that requires explicit determination, to avoid uncertainty in the legal status, powers and operational autonomy of the directorate and eliminates implementation challenges that may arise including disputes over accountability, legal liability and institutional authority within the county public service.

Under clause 6- Amend Clause 6 to include:

- a) Explicit coordination with the Kenya National Library Service Board to prevent duplication and resource wastage.
- b) A mandate for the Committee to establish digital access programmes.
- c) Compliance with data protection requirements under the Data Protection Act, 2019 and
- d) A monitoring and evaluation framework to assess library service delivery outcomes.

Justification- Eliminates institutional redundancy between county and national library bodies. Transforms library services in line with the digital economy and Enhances transparency and public accountability in service delivery.

Under Clause 7- Insert a provision requiring adherence to the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015, in all transactions involving library property, and requiring the Committee to maintain an asset register.

Justification- Aligns with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015, protects public assets from misuse, and promotes accountability in the management of county library resources.

Under Clause 8- Establish clear, objective standards and criteria for accreditation of libraries seeking recognition under this provision, including minimum collection standards, staffing qualifications, and physical infrastructure requirements.

Justification- Ensures effective quality oversight, eliminates arbitrary funding or recognition decisions, and promotes equitable library standards across all counties.

3. Ministry of Gender, Culture and Children Services (State Department for Culture, The Arts and Heritage)-

Under Clause 2-

Amend the definition of “library”— an organized, curated collection of informational, educational, and/ or recreational resources—such as books, digital media, audio visual material and/or archives—accessible to a member of public, a community or institution free of charge or upon payment of the prescribed fees.

Justification- The proposed amendment provides a more inclusive definition of a library. The inclusivity is with regard to the formats of a library collection.

Under Clause 3-

Amend 3(a)—(a) to provide a legal framework for the establishment, management and development of libraries by county governments to ensure that communities in the respective county have access to educational resources and information; and related library services.

Justification- The Act ought to provide a legal framework upon which public libraries will be established, managed and developed by county governments.

Amend 3(b)—(b) to promote literacy in communities within respective counties for lifelong learning.

Justification- The proposed amendment is meant to emphasise the benefit and would be beneficiaries of libraries.

Amend 3(c)—(c) to support educational, creative, cultural, social, recreational, economic, political, innovation and research activities by providing necessary access to resources and facilities.

Justification- Libraries serve more than the three activities provided for in the draft bill. This proposal is therefore meant to cover the broader purpose for which modern libraries play.

Insert new paragraph (d)—(d) to document and preserve cultural heritage and indigenous knowledge of communities within counties for posterity.

Justification- This proposal is in realisation that cultural heritage is community owned hence county libraries ought to preserve the same through documenting or providing access to documented heritage and supporting activities aimed at preservation and passing on of indigenous knowledge.

Under Clause 4-

Amend 4(f)—(f) incorporate library services in the Integrated County Development Plans.

Justification- To ensure library services like other devolved functions are included at the highest level of County planning hence provided a strong foundation for their sustainability.

Under Clause 5- Introduce a provision to ensure that at least 5% of the appointments are filled by persons living with disabilities.

Justification- The purpose of this proposal is to fulfil the requirements of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) regarding appointments into public office.

Under Clause 6-

Amend (f)—(f) advice the county government on all matters relating to library and documentation services.

Justification- Advisory services to other public bodies are not the function of County governments. In addition “*other related services*” is not a clear function and may result to conflict with other public offices.

Amend (g)—(g) facilitate the documentation, storage and dissemination of information relating to the county.

Justification- To ensure coverage of the entire information management cycle i.e. documentation, storage and dissemination.

Amend (h)—(h) facilitate the training of librarians under respective county government on the principles, procedures and techniques of librarianship and such other related matters.

Justification- “librarians within the county” is vague as it includes librarians in institutions under the National Government such as universities, colleges and primary schools. Clause also refers to a committee that is not defined, hence we recommend deletion of “committee”.

Amend (l)—(l) encourage and facilitate the use of libraries by persons of all ages, gender race, religion and disability;

Justification- This clause is proposed to take cognisance of the various categories of persons who use libraries. In some more developed countries, this starts at pre-birth to the end of life.

Delete (m).

Justification- Whereas the fourth schedule puts libraries under counties, education is a function of the national government.

The partnership envisaged in this clause can be addressed outside the bill.

Amend (o)—(o) provide professional advice and promote best practices in managing resource centres and libraries to institutions under the respective county.

Justification- The clause is vague on what “institutions” are referred. Additionally, School libraries fall under the national government hence we opine that they be excluded from the provisions of this clause.

Amend (r)—(r) collect all literally and artistic output of the county and publish a County Bibliography.

Justification- As currently captured this clause is ambiguous and does not clearly state what is supposed to be done. The proposal is intended to clear the ambiguity

CHAPTER FOUR

4.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

10. In facilitating public participation on the Bill, the Committee observed that–

- (a) Paragraph 4(f) of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution assigns library services and cultural activities to county governments. The Bill therefore gives effect to the constitutional mandate of county governments in the management of public library services;
- (b) The existing Kenya National Library Service Board Act, Cap. 225 was enacted prior to the 2010 Constitution and does not adequately align library services with the devolved system of government;
- (c) The Bill fills an important legislative gap by providing a framework for the establishment, management and regulation of county library services across the counties;
- (d) There remains a critical role for the National Government in maintaining and coordinating a national library service through the Kenya National Library Service, particularly in relation to national policy, maintenance of the National Bibliography, preservation of national publications, digitization standards, research support and inter-county coordination;
- (e) There is need for clear coordination and cooperation mechanisms between the National Government and county governments in accordance with Articles 6(2), 186 and 189 of the Constitution;
- (f) County libraries play an important role in promoting literacy, access to information, research, digital learning, innovation and preservation of indigenous knowledge at the grassroots level; and
- (g) The complementary existence of both the Kenya National Library Service under the National Government and County Library Services under county governments will ensure effective and coordinated delivery of library services throughout the country.

CHAPTER FIVE

5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

11. The Committee having considered County Library Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 40 of 2024) clause by clause and after considering the submissions by the stakeholders, the Committee recommends that the Bill **proceeds** to the Second Reading with **amendments as proposed in the schedule. The proposed amendments are set out in Chapter Six of this report.**

CHAPTER SIX

6.0 SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS

Upon considering the County Library Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 40 of 2024) and submissions from stakeholders, the Committee proposes the following amendments:

Long Title

That, the Long Title of the Bill be amended by deleting the words “and county directorate of legal services”.

Justification

Section 46 of the County Governments Act, Cap. 265 gives county executive committees the authority to determine the organizational structure of county governments and their departments. This includes the power to create, modify, abolish or rename departments and determine their functions. Consequently, each county government should be allowed the discretion to organize the library services function in the manner it considers most appropriate for effective service delivery.

Clause 2

That, clause 2 of the Bill be amended by—

- (a) deleting the definition of the word “library” and substituting therefor the following new definition—
“library” means an organized collection of printed and non-print books, periodicals or any graphic or audio-visual material and digital formats to which a member of the public has access free of charge or on payment of fees or by virtue of being a member of an organization or institution;

Justification

The amendment seeks to provide a more comprehensive definition of the term “library” to include reading materials in digital formats.

Clause 4

That, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 4 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

- Role of county governments. **4.** The county governments shall, in relation to county library services—
- (a) implement the national library policy, standards and norms;
 - (b) identify the training and development needs for capacity building;
 - (c) equip, develop, manage and maintain the county libraries and provide information service responsive to the needs of the communities;
 - (d) establish a center for books to promote a culture of reading, writing and publishing in local languages, advocacy, book development and easy access to books and distribution of information materials;
 - (e) provide the communities with a variety of information materials, programs and services through stocking approved learning resources for formal and informal education;
 - (f) establish a local collection section in each library holding the respective community’s resources, history, people, customs and traditions to promote the culture of indigenous knowledge and languages;
 - (g) carry out sensitization in the counties to promote learning;

- (h) provide a conducive learning environment, stimulate and promote public interest in reading books and multimedia for information, knowledge and enjoyment;
- (i) promote the use of information and communication technology in accessing and disseminating information;
- (j) provide lending, inter-library loans, outreach, specialized and home-bound services;
- (k) provide advisory and county library reference and referral services; and
- (l) liaise with the national library service, county libraries and other relevant institutions to enhance information sharing.

Justification

The amendment seeks to align the role of county governments in relation to library services with Legal Notice No. 142 of 2019 which provides for the delineation of library functions and distribution of libraries between the national government and county governments.

Clause 5

That, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 5.

Justification

Section 46 of the County Governments Act, Cap. 265 gives the county executive committee within each county government the power to determine the organization of the county. Section 46(1) provides that the county executive committee shall determine the organization of the county and its various departments, and for that purpose may—

- (a) establish, continue or vary any department, and determine the objects and purposes of the department;
- (b) determine the number and nature of departments at the decentralized units;
- (c) abolish any department; and
- (d) determine or change the name of any department.

Each county government should therefore be allowed to organize itself on the manner in which it will perform the library services function.

Clause 6

That, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 6.

Justification

The deletion of clause 6 is a necessary consequence of the deletion of clause 5 which provides for the establishment of the county directorates of library services. Since the amended clause 4 clearly spells out the role of county governments in relation to library services, each county government may be left to organize how it will perform the said functions.

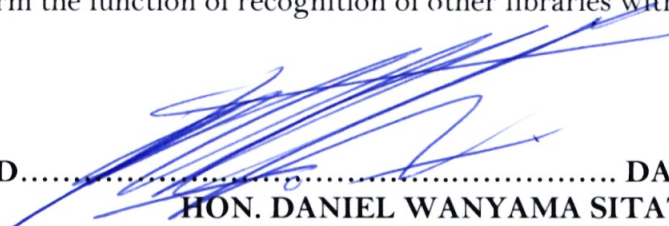
Clause 8

That, clause 8 of the Bill be amended in the opening sentence by deleting the words “directorates of library services” and substituting therefor the word “government”.

Justification

The amendment is necessary as a consequence of the deletion of the establishment of the county directorates of library services. It will therefore be the function of each respective county government to perform the function of recognition of other libraries within the county.

SIGNED..... DATE.....


HON. DANIEL WANYAMA SITATI, MP, CBS
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SPORTS AND CULTURE

ANNEXURE 1:

ADOPTION SCHEDULE



THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

13TH PARLIAMENT - FIFTH SESSION - 2026

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SPORTS AND CULTURE

REPORT ADOPTION SCHEDULE

DATE: 5/6/2026 VENUE: Gai Hilton Garden Inn

No.	NAME	SIGNATURE
1.	The Hon. Daniel Wanyama Sitati, M.P.CBS – Chairperson	
2.	The Hon. James Githua Wamacukuru, M.P. CBS – Vice Chairperson	
3.	The Hon. Naomi Jillo Waqo, M.P. CBS	
4.	The Hon. Muhanda, Elsie Busihile, M.P.	
5.	The Hon. Stephen Mutinda Mule, M.P.	
6.	The Hon. Janet Jepkemboi Sitienei, M.P.CBS	
7.	The Hon. Robert Ngui Basil, M.P.	
8.	The Hon. Charles Ngusya Nguna, M.P.	
9.	The Hon. Caroli Omondi, M.P.	
10.	The Hon. Catherine Nakhabi Omanyoo, M.P.	
11.	The Hon. Letipila, Dominic Eli, M.P.	
12.	The Hon. Paul Ekwom Nabuin, M.P.	
13.	The Hon. Richard Kipkemai Yegon, M.P.	
14.	The Hon. BSP. (EM) Dr. Jackson Kipkemai Kosgei, M.P.	
15.	The Hon. Ndakwa David Athman, M.P.	

ANNEXURE 2:

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE 19TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SPORTS AND CULTURE HELD ON SATURDAY, 6TH JUNE, 2026 AT 2:30 PM IN HILTON GARDEN INN, MACHAKOS.

PRESENT

1. **The Hon. Daniel Wanyama Sitati, M.P** - Chairperson
2. The Hon. Caroli Omondi, M.P.
3. The Hon. Stephen Mule Mutinda, M.P
4. The Hon. Catherine Omanyo Nakhabu, M.P.
5. The Hon. Richard Yegon Kipkemai, M.P.
6. The Hon. Naomi Jillo Waqo, M.P. CBS
7. The Hon. Ndakwa David Athman, M.P
8. The Hon. Muhanda, Elsie Busihile, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1. The Hon. Githua Wamacukuru, M.P. -Vice Chairperson
2. The Hon. Janet Sitienei Jepkemboi, M.P.
3. The Hon. Charles Ngusya Nguna, M.P.
4. The Hon. Letipila, Dominic Eli, M.P.
5. The Hon. Paul Nabuin Ekwom, M.P.
6. The Hon. Robert Nguu Basil, M.P
7. The Hon. BSP.(EM) Dr. Jackson Kipkemai Kosgei, M.P

IN-ATTENDANCE

Committee Secretariat

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| 1. Mr. Hassan A. Arale | - Clerk Assistant I |
| 2. Mary Kinyunye | - Clerk Assistant |
| 3. Ms. Christine Odhiambo | - Principal Legal Counsel II |
| 4. Mr. Wilson Mwangi | - Fiscal Analyst II |
| 5. Mr. Vitus O. Owino | - Research Officer II |
| 6. Ms. Ivyin Maritim | - Media Relations Officer III |
| 7. Ms. Sharon Muchangi | - Intern |
| 8. Mr. John Sankei | - Intern |

AGENDA

1. Prayers
2. Preliminaries
3. Introductions
4. Adoption of the reports:
 - a) **The Sports (Amendment) Bill, NA Bill No. 5 of 2025 by Hon. Irene Mayaka, M.P.**
 - b) **The County Library Services Bill Senate No. 40 of 2024 by Senator Joyce Chepkoech Korir.**
 - c) **The Report of the Creative Economy support Bill (Senate No. 30 of 2024) co-sponsored by Senator Eddy Gicheru Oketch and the Hon. Irene Mayaka, M.P.**

5. Any Other Business
6. Adjournment.

MIN.NO.DC/SC/2026/: PRAYER AND PRELIMINARIES

The meeting commenced at 2.30 p.m. with a word of prayer, followed by introductions. The Chairperson informed the Committee that the main agenda of the meeting was to adapt the three reports on the above Bills.

MIN.NO.DC/SC/2026/: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without amendments, having been proposed and seconded Hon. Catherine Omanyo Nakhabi, M.P. and Hon. Stephen Mule Mutinda, M.P respectively.

MIN.NO.DC/SC/2026/: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REPORTS

The Committee considered the report of the following three Bills and adopted as follows, that,

- 1) The report of the County Library Services Bill, 2024 (Senate Bill No. 40 of 2024) was adopted as the true reflection of the Committee deliberations after it was proposed by Hon. Caroli Omondi, M.P and seconded by Hon. Stephen Mule Mutinda, MP.
- 2) The report of the Creative Economy Support Bill (Senate No. 30 of 2024) was adopted as the true reflection of the Committee deliberations after it was proposed by Hon. Caroli Omondi, M.P and seconded by Hon. Richard Yegon Kipkemoi, MP.
- 3) The report of the Sports (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (National Assembly Bills No. 5 of 2026) was adopted as the true reflection of the Committee deliberations after it was proposed by Hon. Richard Yegon Kipkemoi, M.P and seconded by Hon. Stephen Mule Mutinda, MP.

MIN.NO.DC/SC/2026/: ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3.30 pm and the next meeting will be called on notice.

SIGNED: DATE: 17th June 2026

THE HON. DANIEL WANYAMA SITATI, M.P. CBS
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SPORTS AND CULTURE

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ANNEXURE 3:

**ADVERTISEMENT INVITING THE PUBLIC TO
SUBMIT MEMORANDA ON THE BILL**

Politics Head of State terms Gachagua's vow to abolish the initiative after 2027 General Election as hot air

Ruto defends housing project as tour ends

President dismisses opposition leaders' criticism of the project he says will save agricultural land and boost food production

BY RUSHDIE OUDIA AND NDUBI MOTURI

President William Ruto concluded his tour of Western Kenya yesterday by strongly defending his Affordable Housing Programme, describing it as a long-term solution to the problem of shrinking agricultural land in rural counties.

His remarks were a direct response to criticism from opposition leaders who recently dismissed the programme as a scheme designed to benefit politically connected contractors through lucrative construction contracts, leaving ordinary Kenyans out in the cold.

Led by Democracy for Citizens Party leader Rigathi Gachagua, opposition figures have vowed to abolish the programme if they take power in 2027, transferring the housing units to county governments instead.

However, President Ruto insisted that the initiative is particu-

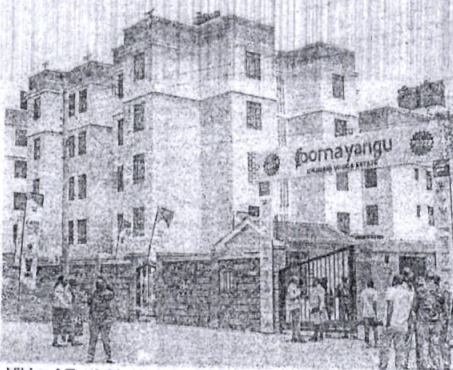
larly critical in densely populated regions such as Western Kenya, where land fragmentation has made it increasingly difficult for families to make a living.

"If there was ever a place in need of affordable housing, it is Vihiga County, where citizens have limited space for settlement and intense competition for land for both livelihoods and housing," said the President.

He noted that similar pressures are being experienced in counties such as Kisii, Nyamira, and Kericho, where available land for residential expansion is diminishing rapidly.

Dr Ruto said the government's strategy is to develop urban centres and encourage migration to these areas, thereby freeing up rural land for agriculture.

"Affordable housing will help address the problem of land fragmentation in Vihiga and other counties, creating space for farming while resettling more people in urban areas," he said.



Vihiga Affordable Housing Project in Majengo, Vihiga County. ALEX ODHIAMBO IN ACTION

During the handover of housing units to new owners at Milimani Affordable Housing Project in Vihiga, the President announced that the government plans to construct an additional 10,000 housing units and 15 new markets in the county at a cost of Sh20 billion. A further Sh3 billion, he said, will be invested in

building hostels to accommodate over 5,000 students at technical training institutions.

Dr Ruto said his administration is committed to ensuring equitable development for Vihiga and the wider Western Kenya region.

He dismissed the opposition's plans to scrap the housing programme, arguing that their crit-

Affordable housing will help address the problem of land fragmentation in Vihiga and other counties, creating space for farming while resettling more people in urban areas

President William Ruto



ics lack a viable alternative.

"These leaders say they will stop affordable housing and call it a mistake. But where do they expect the people of Vihiga to live? They do not understand what ordinary people need," he said.

Dr Ruto also criticised leaders whom he accused of promoting tribal politics, stating he would not allow such divisive politics to undermine national unity.

"I will not allow tribalism to take root in this country. This nation belongs to all of us," he said.

During the tour, Dr Ruto broke ground for the construction of the 10,000-seater Kidundo Stadium in Vihiga, which is to be built by the Kenya Defence Forces at a cost of Sh900 million and is expected to be completed within nine months. He also laid the foundation stone for the Sh365 million Mbale Modern Market in Sabatia, after which he proceeded to Bungoma County to launch the construction of the Kanduyi Smart City Airstrip.

From today to Tuesday, the President is expected to tour Luc Nyanza, where he will launch several development projects in what is seen as a strategic effort to consolidate political support in a region traditionally associated with the late opposition leader Raila Odinga.

Separately, former Deputy President Gachagua launched a blistering attack on President Ruto, accusing him of straying from the weight of the presidency and descending into commentary on private lives, even as the country grapples with mounting economic and social strain.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
13TH PARLIAMENT - FIFTH SESSION (2026)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118(1) (b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND
IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL No. 40 OF 2024)

INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees, and National Assembly Standing Order 127(3) requires House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation;

AND WHEREAS, the County Library Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 40 of 2024) was read a First Time in the National Assembly on 12th March 2026 and referred to the Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture for consideration and reporting back to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED that the County Library Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 40 of 2024) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Joyce Chepkorir, MP which seeks to establish a library and a county directorate of library services in each county to ensure that learners and the communities within the county have access to educational resources and information; promote literacy in counties; and support education, cultural and research activities by providing necessary resources and facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3), the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the County Library Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 40 of 2024) to the Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture.

Copies of the Bill are available at the National Assembly Table Office, Main Parliament Buildings and on www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills.

The memoranda may be forwarded to the Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi; hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi; or emailed to cas@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before Friday, 2nd April 2026 at 5.00 p.m.

S. NJOROGE, CBS
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
19th March 2026

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT | FIFTH SESSION
THE SENATE

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

The Division of Revenue Bill, 2026 (National Assembly Bills No. 2 of 2026)

The Division of Revenue Bill, 2026 (National Assembly Bills No. 2 of 2026) was read a First Time in the Senate on Wednesday, 18th March, 2026. Thereafter, the Bill stood committed to the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget for consideration. The Committee is required, under standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, to facilitate public participation on the Bill and to take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the Committee makes its report on the Bill to the Senate.

The Division of Revenue Bill, 2026 (National Assembly Bills No. 2 of 2026) provides for equitable division of revenue raised nationally between the national and county governments in Financial Year 2026/27. The proposed shareable revenue is Ksh. 2,901,874,758,144 to be allocated as follows:-

- the National Government to be allocated Ksh. 2,471,624,184,439;
- the County Governments to be allocated Ksh. 420,000,000,000; and
- the Equalization Fund to be allocated Ksh. 10,250,573,705.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget now invites interested members of the public to submit any representations that they may have on the Bill by way of written memoranda.

The memoranda may be submitted to the Clerk of the Senate, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or emailed to clerk.senate@parliament.go.ke and copied to financeandbudgetcommittee@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before Thursday, 26th March, 2026 at 4.00 p.m.

The Bill may be accessed on the Parliament website at <http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-senate/house-business/bills>.

Note: This cancels and supersedes the ADVERT on this subject matter that appeared on page 9 of the Standard Newspaper and page 9 of the Daily Nation Newspaper on Thursday, 18th March, 2026.

J. M. NYEGENYE, CBS,
CLERK OF THE SENATE.

Crisis Man of the cloth calls for lifestyle audit of all elected leaders just like the one done for the Deputy President

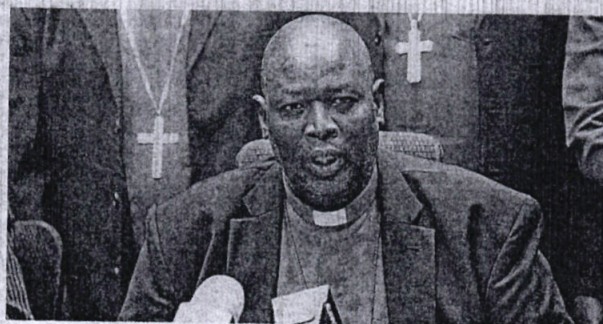
BY MANASE OTSIALO

Church plan to reconcile Ruto and DP was thrown off track, Sapit says

Anglican prelate cites Parliament's impeachment of Gachagua, urges the Senate to take a sober approach

Every time we planned to reach out to either of the two, their troops were always a step ahead with the fued

Jackson ole Sapit



"Our country is not politically stable due to the impeachment process of Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua. This has caused a lot of reactions from different parts of the country," Mr Sapit said.

Also working against the religious leaders' plan was the rushed public participation on

the impeachment motion done within two days.

Mr Sapit said reconciliation between the President and his deputy remained the best option.

"We can sit at the table and solve the outstanding issues," he said.

The religious leader said that this worked for former Presi-

Archbishop Jackson ole Sapit addresses journalists during a past function. LUCY WANJIRU/NATION

dent Uhuru Kenyatta and former Prime Minister Raila Odinga in 2018, and even between Mr Kenyatta and Dr Ruto, then the DP in 2021.

"The situation between the two leaders (Ruto and Gachagua) is beyond the church. We have been locked out since the issue is before the court and at the Senate. This will not help us as Kenyans," he said.

Mr Sapit said the turmoil was derailing services.

"We have serious issues, including sorting out health services, food for the people, and confusion in the education system which should be tackled instead of having the DP's impeachment as a priority," he said.

The clergyman called on senators to be sober and look into all the allegations against Mr Gachagua in detail.

"The Senate, being the Upper House, has been given an enormous responsibility to look at

what the National Assembly has done. It is one way of looking at the checks and balances. It's my hope and prayer that they will handle the exercise soberly," Mr Sapit said.

The cleric urged politicians to audit every elected leader, just like the National Assembly has done with DP Gachagua.

"We need to have a lifestyle audit of all the elected leaders just like has been done to DP Gachagua so that we can know who has stolen from the public and who has abused his position in society," he said.

"It is the first time that the country is having a DP facing an impeachment motion and this has sparked mixed reactions from Kenyans. Politicians have taught us not to follow them because they keep on changing from time to time. Let us not allow their utterances to divide us," he said.

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National Fund for the Disabled of Kenya (NFDK) is an endowment Fund established under the Perpetual Succession Act Cap 164 of the Laws of Kenya and mandated to utilize its income for the benefit of the Disabled Persons within Kenya. The Fund intends to prequalify suppliers for various goods & services for the year 2025-2027. Interested and eligible suppliers are invited to apply for prequalification, indicating category of the goods and/or services they wish to supply as below; -

REF.	CATEGORY NO.	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES
1.	ADM/1/2024	Supply and delivery of general office stationeries
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8.	PROP/3/2024	Provision of fumigation and pest control services
9.	PROP/4/2024	Provision of sanitact services
10.	PROP/5/2024	Supply, repair and maintenance of fighting equipment & first aid kits
11.	PROP/6/2024	Repair and maintenance of generators
12.	PROP/7/2024	Repair and maintenance of Air Conditioners
13.	PROP/8/2024	Provision of collection and disposal of general waste
14.	PROP/9/2024	Provision of small building works- renovation, partitioning, painting, masonry works, plumbing and related services
15.	PROP/10/2024	Supply and delivery of hardware and electrical items
16.	DON/1/2024	Supply and delivery of mobility aid kits
17.	DON/2/2024	Supply and delivery of tools of trade
18.	APFR/1/2024	Supply and delivery of general branded materials

Prequalification documents can be obtained from our offices on 2nd Floor, Rehema House, Kaunda/Standard Street, during working hours (8.00am to 5.00pm). Bidders will be required to pay non-refundable fee of Kshs. 2000/=

Duly completed tender documents marked: - "Prequalification of Suppliers and Category Number" should be dropped in the tender box at the reception area of NFDK offices. The tenders will be closed and opened Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 12.00 p.m.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT | THIRD SESSION THE SENATE

CHANGE OF DATES FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES BILL, 2024 (SENATE BILLS NO. 40 OF 2024) & THE LABOUR MIGRATION MANAGEMENT (NO. 2) BILL, 2024 (SENATE BILLS NO. 42 OF 2024)

The public hearings for the **County Library Services Bill, 2024 (Senate Bills No. 40 of 2024)** and the **Labour Migration Management (No.2) Bill, 2024 (Senate Bills No. 42 of 2024)** were scheduled for Tuesday, 15th October, 2024 and Thursday, 17th October, respectively.

This is to notify the General Public that due to unavoidable circumstances, the public hearings on the above Bills have now been **re-scheduled** as indicated below:-

1. The **County Library Services Bill, 2024 (Senate Bills No. 40 of 2024)** to **Tuesday, 22nd October, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 2, Bunge Tower, Parliament Buildings, Nairobi.**
2. The **Labour Migration Management (No. 2) Bill, 2024 (Senate Bills No. 42 of 2024)** to **Thursday, 24th October, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 2, Bunge Tower, Parliament Buildings, Nairobi.**

The period to submit written memoranda has also been extended as per the respective dates.

**J. M. NYEGENYE, CBS,
CLERK OF THE SENATE.**

ANNEXURE 4:

**LETTER INVITING STAKEHOLDERS FOR
MEETINGS WITH THE COMMITTEE**



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Ref: NA: DDC/S&C/2026/013

8th April, 2026

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Dr. Charles Nzivo, PhD

Chief Executive Officer
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Maktaba Kuu,
NAIROBI

Dear

**RE: MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SPORTS
AND CULTURE TO SUBMIT VIEWS ON THE COUNTY LIBRARY
SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 40 OF 2024) SPONSORED BY THE
SENATOR JOYCE CHEPKOECH KORIR.**

The Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture is established pursuant to Standing Order 216 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, and are mandated to *inter alia*, 'study and review all legislation referred to it.'

The County Library Service Bill (Senate Bill No. 40 of 2024) sponsored by Senator Joyce Chepkoech Korir is before the Committee for consideration and reporting to the House. The Bill seeks to establish county libraries and county directorate of library services in each county; the functions and powers of each county directorate of library services and for connected purposes (Copy attached).

Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution of Kenya and National Assembly Standing Order 127(3) require Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees. Due to the great public interest in the Bill, the Committee has resolved to meet critical stakeholders to make submissions on the Bill.

In this regard, the Committee invites you for a meeting on **Thursday, 23rd April, 2026** at **10:00 am** at a venue within Parliament Buildings, to be confirmed in due course. The agenda of the meeting is to receive your views on the Bill.

You are requested to prepare your written submissions in a matrix format that indicates the section of the Act, specific clause, proposed amendment and justification. Twenty (20) hard copies of the submissions to be availed to the meeting, soft copies of which may be sent to the Committee through the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly via email: cna@parliament.go.ke by Wednesday, 1st April 2026.

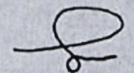
The liaison officers on this subject are **Mr. Adan Gindicha, Head of Department (Social Sector) Tel No. 0720450112** or email: adan.gindicha@parliament.go.ke and **Mr. Hassan A. Arale, Lead Clerk Tel No. 0721480578** or email: hassan.arale@parliament.go.ke.

Yours

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ANNEXURE 5:

**SUBMISSIONS OF MEMORANDA BY
STAKEHOLDERS**

(3) Mr. Avale
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21/05/26



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Adan Gindicha, HOD
For the attention of the
Def. Committee on Sports.
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12th May 2026

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RE: SUBMISSIONS ON THE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES BILL, 2024 (SENATE BILL NO. 40 OF 2024)

We refer to your letter Ref. No. NA/S & C/2026/013 dated 8th April 2026 requesting this Office to submit its comments and recommendations on the County Library Services Bill, 2024 (Senate Bill No. 40 of 2024).

Following the review of the proposed Bill with respect to the Constitution and relevant statutes, we note several legal issues arising from the draft Bill. We hereby provide the following observations: -

NO.	CLAUSE	ISSUES IDENTIFIED	PROPOSAL
1	Clause 3	Does not recognise the existing role of the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) under the KNLS Act (Cap. 225), nor does it establish any intergovernmental	Amend to provide for coordination with the national library policy and institutions and include an intergovernmental consultation framework to avoid duplication and conflict of mandates between the national and county levels of government.

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NO.	CLAUSE	ISSUES IDENTIFIED	PROPOSAL
		coordination mechanism as required by Article 6(2) of the Constitution and the Intergovernmental Relations Act.	
2	Clause 4(b)	The phrase "mobilise resources" is vague and unenforceable. It does not specify the lawful sources or mechanisms for resource mobilisation.	Delete paragraph (b) and substitute with a provision specifying lawful sources of funding, including budgetary allocations, grants, donations, partnerships, and intergovernmental transfers in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act.
3	Clause 4(c)	The term "adequate funds" is subjective and incapable of objective measurement or enforcement.	Amend to remove the word "adequate" and require allocation of funds in accordance with the county integrated development plan and annual budget estimates.
4	Clause 5 (General)	The status of the Committee is unclear. It appears to exercise both advisory and executive functions, contrary to the principle of separation of roles. Additionally, the chair is a CEC member, conflating executive policy oversight with	Insert a provision expressly stating that the Committee is an advisory body, and amend to position the CEC member as a policy principal above rather than embedded within the Committee.

NO.	CLAUSE	ISSUES IDENTIFIED	PROPOSAL
		any financial assistance given.	
11	Clause 13(1)	The Bill assigns functions to the Committee that overlap significantly with existing KNLS Board functions, including acquiring books, providing bibliographical services, conducting literacy campaigns, and promoting reading culture. No attempt is made to repeal, amend, or ring-fence the KNLS Act.	Amend to delineate county functions from those of the KNLS Board, and insert a savings provision clarifying the relationship with the KNLS Act (Cap. 225) to avoid concurrent and conflicting mandates.
12	Clause 13(2)(a)	The provision empowers the making of regulations on recognition of a library or association "for the purpose of provision of financial assistance", yet the Bill does not confer a substantive power to provide such financial assistance. Clause 11 only provides for recognition	Delete the words "for the purpose of provision of financial assistance".

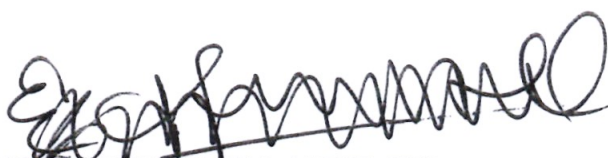
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		and does not establish a funding mandate or framework.	
13	Clause 13:General	The power to impose penalties through subsidiary legislation without specifying the maximum penalty in the parent Act is constitutionally problematic under Article 94(6) of the Constitution, which prohibits delegation of legislative powers to an extent allowing legislation outside the scope of the enabling Act.	Amend to prescribe the maximum penalties in the principal Act, limiting the regulation-making power to matters of procedure and administration.
14	Section 2: Definitions	The definition of "book" references obsolete technologies including floppy discs, gramophonic records, and microfilms. The definition of "library" contemplates only physical collections and excludes digital or virtual libraries. Both definitions	Amend the definition of "book" to include e-books, cloud-based resources, online databases, streaming media, and digital repositories. Amend the definition of "library" to include digital and virtual libraries.

NO.	CLAUSE	ISSUES IDENTIFIED	PROPOSAL
		are technologically anachronistic for a 2024 Bill.	
15	Section 1: Long Title	There is an inconsistency between the long title, which refers to the "County Library Development Committee", and the operative provisions, which consistently use "County Library Services Development Committee".	Amend the long title to align with the operative provisions by substituting "County Library Development Committee" with "County Library Services Development Committee".
16	New Clause: Transitional Provisions	The Bill contains no transitional provisions addressing the fate of existing library structures, KNLS assets within counties, existing staff, ongoing contracts, or current library memberships. This is a fundamental drafting deficiency.	Insert transitional provisions to provide for continuity of existing facilities, management of assets and staff, and handling of subsisting contracts and library memberships.
17	New Clause: County Library Services Directorate	The Bill establishes a Committee but provides no institutional unit within the county	Insert a new Part providing for the establishment of a County Library Services Directorate within the relevant county department, with express provisions for: -

NO.	CLAUSE	ISSUES IDENTIFIED	PROPOSAL
		executive to implement library functions. This creates a disconnect between policy and advisory roles on the one hand and operational execution on the other, rendering the Bill practically ineffective.	a) establishment and functions of the Directorate; b) appointment of a Director of Library Services by the County Public Service Board; c) minimum qualifications and functions of the Director; d) linkage mechanism between the Committee and the Directorate; and e) removal from office in accordance with public service laws.
18	New Clause: Enforcement and Offences	The Bill contains no enforcement provisions, no offences, and no inspectorate or compliance framework. A statute without an enforcement mechanism is practically unenforceable.	Insert provisions establishing offences, penalties, and an inspection or compliance framework to give effect to the Bill's objectives.
19	New Clause: Financial Framework	The Bill lacks provisions anchoring financial management of county library funds within the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, including requirements for budgeting, accounting, auditing, and reporting. There is no county library fund, no funding	Insert a Part providing for the establishment of a County Library Fund, applicable PFM Act requirements, and minimum financial accountability standards consistent with the Basic Education Act, 2013 and the Public Finance Management Act.

NO.	CLAUSE	ISSUES IDENTIFIED	PROPOSAL
		formula, and no specific accountability mechanism.	

We trust this is in order.


HON. SHADRACK J. MOSE CBS
SOLICITOR GENERAL



NO.	CLAUSE	ISSUES IDENTIFIED	PROPOSAL
		operational management.	
5	Clause 5(3)(b)	The two-thirds gender rule in Article 27(8) of the Constitution is applied to the appointed members only. Since the CEC member's gender is unregulated, the composition could still violate the principle in practice.	Amend to expressly include the CEC member in the gender composition calculation, or increase the size of the Committee to ensure meaningful application of the two-thirds gender principle.
6	Clause 5(3)(c)	The approval mechanism for Governor's appointments is loosely drafted. The Bill does not specify the procedure, timelines, or consequences of the County Assembly declining to approve appointments.	Amend to prescribe the procedure and timelines for County Assembly approval of appointments, and the consequence of failure to approve within the stipulated period.
7	Clause 7(a)	The Committee is given operational responsibility to establish libraries, which is an executive function inconsistent with an advisory body.	Amend to replace "establish" with "advise the county government on the establishment of libraries."
8	Clause 7(b)	The Committee is mandated to	Amend to limit the role to advising the county government on

NO.	CLAUSE	ISSUES IDENTIFIED	PROPOSAL
		develop, manage, and maintain libraries. These are executive functions that should be assigned to an operational arm of the county government.	development, management, and maintenance of libraries.
9	Clause 8	The Bill establishes a secretariat for a committee that is, in substance, advisory. This creates an unnecessary administrative structure and risks duplicating functions of the county department responsible for library services, introducing dual lines of accountability.	Replace Clause 8 with: - "The Committee shall be provided with administrative support by the department responsible for library services."
10	Clause 11	The recognition of voluntary agency and school libraries is discretionary, with no criteria for recognition, no minimum standards, no process for appeal against refusal, and no accountability mechanism for	Amend to prescribe objective criteria for recognition, a transparent application and appeals process, and accountability requirements for any financial assistance provided.



**MINISTRY OF GENDER, CULTURE AND CHILDREN SERVICES
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CULTURE, THE ARTS AND HERITAGE**

COMMENTS ON THE COUNTY LIBRARIES BILL NO. 40 OF 2024

S/N	Section	Clause	Proposed Amendment	Justification
1.	2	"library" means an organised collection of printed books, periodicals or any graphic or audio-visual material to which a member of the public has access free of charge or on payment of fees or by virtue of being a member of an organisation or institution	an organized, curated collection of informational, educational, and/ or recreational resources—such as books, digital media, audio visual material and/or archives—accessible to a member of public, a community or institution free of charge or upon payment of the prescribed fees	The proposed amendment provides a more inclusive definition of a library. The inclusivity is with regard to the formats of a library collection.
2.	3(a)	To establish libraries in each county to ensure that communities in the respective county have access to educational resources and information;	To provide a legal framework for the establishment, management and development of libraries by county governments to ensure that communities in the respective county have access to educational resources and information; and related library services	The Act ought to provide a legal framework upon which public libraries will be established, managed and developed by county governments.

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	(b)	to promote literacy in counties:	to promote literacy in communities within respective counties for lifelong learning.	The proposed amendment is meant to emphasise the benefit and would be beneficiaries of libraries.
	(c)	to support education, cultural and research activities by providing necessary resources and facilities;	to support educational, creative, cultural, social, recreational, economic, political, innovation and research activities by providing necessary access to resources and facilities;	Libraries serve more than the three activities provided for in the draft bill. This proposal is therefore meant to cover the broader purpose for which modern libraries play.
	(d)	to ensure the preservation of cultural heritage of counties for future generations.	To document and preserve cultural heritage and indigenous knowledge of communities within counties for posterity.	This proposal is in realisation that cultural heritage is community owned hence county libraries ought to preserve the same through documenting or providing access to documented heritage and supporting activities aimed at preservation and passing on of indigenous knowledge.
3.	4(f)	Approve and integrate county libraries annual work plan into to the county integrated development plans	Incorporate library services in the Integrated County Development Plans	To ensure library services like other devolved functions are included at the highest level of County planning hence provided a strong foundation for their sustainability.
4.	5(3)		Ensure that at least 5% of the appointments are filled by persons living with disabilities.	The purpose of this proposal is to fulfil the requirements of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) regarding

S/N	Section	Clause	Proposed Amendment	Justification
				appointments into public office.
5.	6(f)	Advice the county government and other public bodies on all matters relating to library, documentation and related services.	Advice the county government on all matters relating to library and documentation services.	Advisory services to other public bodies are not the function of County governments. In addition " <i>other related services</i> " is not a clear function and may result to conflict with other public offices.
6.	6 (g)	Facilitate the documentation of information relating to the county and provision of related services in the county	Facilitate the documentation, storage and dissemination of information relating to the county.	To ensure coverage of the entire information management cycle i.e. documentation, storage and dissemination.
7.	6 (h)	Facilitate the training of librarians within the county on the principles, procedures and techniques of librarianship and such other related matters as the committee may from time to time decide.	Facilitate the training of librarians under respective county government on the principles, procedures and techniques of librarianship and such other related matters.	"librarians within the county" is vague as it includes librarians in institutions under the National Government such as universities, colleges and primary schools. Clause also refers to a committee that is not defined, hence we recommend deletion of section
8.	6 (l)	Encourage and facilitate the use of libraries by school-going children;	Encourage and facilitate the use of libraries by persons of all ages, gender race, religion and disability;	This clause is proposed to take cognisance of the various categories of persons who use libraries. In some more developed countries, this starts at pre-birth to the end of life.
	6 (m)	Partner with the county executive committee member in charge of education to facilitate the establishment and equipping of libraries in schools, colleges and other institution	This clause be deleted/	Whereas the fourth schedule puts libraries under counties, education is a function of the national government. The partnership envisaged in this

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				clause can be addressed outside the bill.
9.	6 (o)	Provide professional advice to institutions and promote best practices in managing resource centres and school libraries;	Provide professional advice and promote best practices in managing resource centres and libraries to institutions under the respective county	The clause is vague on what "institutions" are referred. Additionally, School libraries fall under the national government hence we opine that they be excluded from the provisions of this clause.
10.	6 (r)	Publish a county bibliographical and referencing services in the county	Collect all literally and artistic output of the county and publish a County Bibliography	As currently captured this clause is ambiguous and does not clearly state what is supposed to be done. The proposal is intended to clear the ambiguity

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KLRC COMMENTS ON THE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE BILL, 2024 (SENATE BILL NO. 40 OF 2024)

1.0. INTRODUCTION

The Kenya Law Reform Commission (hereinafter “the Commission”) is in receipt of a letter from the Clerk of the National Assembly referenced NA: DDC/S&C/2026/013 dated 8th April, 2026, inviting it to submit written views on the County Library Service Bill (Senate Bill No. 40 of 2024) (hereinafter “the Bill”) and to appear before the Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture (hereinafter “the Committee”) on Thursday, 23rd April, 2026.

The Commission is mandated under section 6(h) of the Kenya Law Reform Commission Act, Cap. 3, to advise the national and county governments on the review and reform of legislation. Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission submits this memorandum for the Committee’s consideration.

1.1. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The Bill was introduced by the Leader of the Majority in the Senate, having been published in the Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 144 (Senate Bills No. 16) dated 24th July 2024, and was passed by the Senate with amendments on 25th February 2026, and is before the Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture for consideration and reporting to the House.

The purposes of the Bill according to its long title is to: establish county libraries and county directorates of library services in each county; prescribe the functions and powers of each county directorate of library services; and for connected purposes.

County libraries are constitutionally anchored under the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, which assigns county library services to the functions of county governments. Notwithstanding this constitutional assignment, the delivery of library services at the county level has remained largely underdeveloped, with the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) Board — a national entity — continuing to fill the void left by the absence of a dedicated county legislative framework.

The Bill therefore represents a timely legislative initiative to operationalize the devolution of library services and to establish a structured, accountable, and inclusive county library governance framework. The Commission commends this legislative effort and submits the following observations and recommendations with a view to strengthening the Bill's constitutional soundness, legislative drafting quality, and implementation readiness.

2.0. LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

2.1 Constitutional Basis for County Library Services

The Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 assigns “county public works and services, including ... libraries” to county governments as a devolved function under Part 2. This constitutional assignment imposes on county governments both the authority and the obligation to regulate and deliver library services within their respective jurisdictions.

Article 174 of the Constitution sets out the objects of devolution, which include promoting democratic and accountable exercise of power, fostering national unity, recognising the right of communities to manage their own affairs, and ensuring equitable sharing of national and local resources. The Bill must therefore be designed in a manner that gives full effect to these devolution objectives.

Additionally, Article 10 of the Constitution, which establishes the national values and principles of governance, requires that all laws be made in a manner that promotes the rule of law, democracy, participation of the people, human dignity, equity, social justice, inclusiveness, equality, human rights, non-discrimination, and protection of the marginalised. The Commission's recommendations below are guided by these constitutional imperatives.

2.2. Relationship with the Kenya National Library Service Act

The Kenya National Library Service Act (Cap. 225) establishes the Kenya National Library Service Board and vests it with national oversight responsibilities over library development in Kenya. The Bill, as drafted, does not adequately address the relationship between county library services and the KNLS Board, particularly with respect to coordination of standards, shared resources, staff transfers, and property vesting.

The Commission recommends that the Bill expressly address this interface, including provisions for collaborative frameworks, data sharing, and avoidance of duplication between county and national library institutions.

2.3. Public Finance and Accountability Considerations

The Bill imposes duties on county governments in relation to library services but does not provide a funding framework linked to the Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 412A. Without mandatory funding thresholds or ring-fenced budget allocations, county library services risk being perpetually underfunded or deprioritised in county budget processes.

The Commission recommends that the Bill incorporate fiscal provisions consistent with the Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 412A and the County Governments Act, Cap. 265, to ensure that county library services are adequately and sustainably financed.

3. SPECIFIC ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission has conducted a clause-by-clause analysis of the Bill and makes the following specific proposals and recommendations.

No.	Clause	Issue Identified	KLRC Proposal	Justification
1.	Clause 2 – Interpretation	Lack of definitions of modern library concepts. The Bill does not define “digital library”, “library services”, or “information resources”, creating potential	Insert definitions for “digital library”, “library services”, and “information resources” in the interpretation clause.	To align the Bill with advancements in library science and information technology, and to prevent ambiguity in the administration of county library services.

		ambiguity in application.		
2.	Clause 6 – Functions of the County Directorate	The functions are broadly cast and risk overlapping with those of the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) Board established under the Kenya National Library Service Act. There is no explicit coordination mechanism between the two institutions.	Amend Clause 6 to include: • Explicit coordination with the Kenya National Library Service Board to prevent duplication and resource wastage. • A mandate for the Committee to establish digital access programmes. • Compliance with data protection requirements under the Data Protection Act, 2019. • A monitoring and evaluation framework to assess library service delivery outcomes.	• Eliminates institutional redundancy between county and national library bodies. • Transforms library services in line with the digital economy. • Enhances transparency and public accountability in service delivery.
3.	Clause 7 – Vesting of Property	There is an absence of adequate safeguard mechanisms against the misuse, misappropriation, or improper disposal of county library property vested under this clause.	Insert a provision requiring adherence to the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015, in all transactions involving library property, and requiring the Committee to maintain an asset register.	Aligns with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015, protects public assets from misuse, and promotes accountability in the management of county library resources.

4.	Clause 8 – Recognition of Other Libraries in the County	The Bill lacks clear criteria or standards for the recognition and accreditation of other libraries within the county. This creates the risk of arbitrary decisions and inconsistent application across counties.	Establish clear, objective standards and criteria for accreditation of libraries seeking recognition under this provision, including minimum collection standards, staffing qualifications, and physical infrastructure requirements.	Ensures effective quality oversight, eliminates arbitrary funding or recognition decisions, and promotes equitable library standards across all counties.
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4.0. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The Commission acknowledges and commends the sponsor of the Bill and the Senate for the legislative initiative embodied in the Bill. The devolution of library services to the county level is a constitutionally mandated function that has long lacked a dedicated legislative framework. The Bill represents a significant step toward rectifying this legislative gap.

The Commission makes the following general observations to further strengthen the Bill.

4.1. Digital Transformation and Modern Library Services

The Bill, as currently drafted, does not adequately contemplate the digital transformation of library services. In an era of rapidly evolving information technology, county libraries must serve not only as physical repositories of books but also as community digital access hubs. The Bill should incorporate provisions that mandate county libraries to provide digital literacy training, internet connectivity, and access to electronic information resources. Failure to legislate for digital library services will render the Act obsolete shortly after enactment.

4.2. Persons with Disabilities and Inclusive Design

The Bill does not include provisions specifically requiring county libraries to be designed and operated in a manner that is accessible to persons with disabilities. Article 54 of the Constitution guarantees the rights of persons with disabilities to access public facilities and services on an equal basis with others. The Bill should require that all county library facilities

and services comply with accessibility standards, including physical access, audio and Braille materials, and assistive technology.

4.3. Intergovernmental Coordination

The Bill does not establish a clear intergovernmental coordination mechanism between county library services and national government institutions, including the Kenya National Library Service Board, the State Department for Culture, the Arts and Heritage, and the Ministry of Education. Without such mechanisms, the risk of duplication, inconsistency in standards, and fragmentation of library services across counties is significant. The Commission recommends that the Bill include provisions establishing an intergovernmental library services forum or coordination committee.

4.4. Legislative Drafting Observations

The Commission notes the following legislative drafting observations—

- The Bill does not address the transitional arrangements for existing library facilities and staff currently managed by the KNLS Board within county territories. This gap could create operational and legal uncertainty upon commencement of the Act.
- The title of the Bill should expressly reference the devolved nature of the services it establishes, to avoid confusion with national library services legislation.

5.0. CONCLUSION

The Bill addresses a critical legislative gap in Kenya's devolution framework and has the potential to significantly advance equitable access to knowledge, information, and lifelong learning across all forty-seven counties.

The Commission supports the policy objectives of the Bill and submits the proposals and recommendations set out in this memorandum to assist the Committee in strengthening the Bill's constitutional soundness, legislative precision, and implementation effectiveness.

VIEWS ON COUNTY LIBRARIES SERVICE SENATE BILL N.40 OF 2024- FROM KNLS

	Current Status	Proposed	Justification
1	This Act may be cited as the County Library Services Act, 2024.	This Act may be cited as the County Public Library Services Act, 2024.	Global best practices (IFLA)
2		Expand to include; 'Public Library' - means a library established or maintained wholly or partly out of public funds by the County government, which provides equitable access to information, knowledge and related services to the public for purposes of education, research, culture and lifelong learning without discrimination	No Definition of public library
		2(e): 'Digital formats' - information or documents represented in a machine readable format that require computer system for creation, storage, access and preservation	Definition omitted 'digital formats' to align with emerging trends
	"library" means an organised collection of printed books, periodicals or any graphic or audio-visual material to which a member of the public has access free of charge or on payment of fees or by virtue of being a member of an	"library" means an organised collection of printed and non-print books, periodicals or any graphic or audio-visual material to which a member of the public has access free of charge or on payment of fees or by virtue of being a member of an organisation or institution.	Expand to include 'Non-print formats'

	organisation or institution.		
7(f)	advise the county government and other public bodies on all matters relating to library, documentation and related services	advise the county government and other public bodies on all matters relating to library, documentation and related services within County	It is the function of the National Government to advise the County Governments and other public and private bodies on all matters relating to library, documentation and related services
7(r)	publish a county bibliographical and referencing services in the county; and	Delete	Global practice, there should be a national bibliography published by the National Library of a country. Books and Newspapers Act Cap 111 of the laws of Kenya, mandates the Kenya National Library to receive legal deposits and compile the National Bibliography. The County libraries should liaise with the National library for all County publications.

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DATE: 10th April, 2026

Mr. Samuel Njoroge
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Adam Gindicha, HoP
For Dept. Comm. on Sports.
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Dear Njoroge

RE: COMMENTS ON THE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 40 OF 2024)

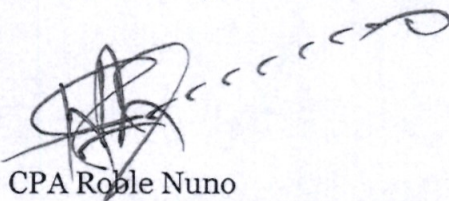
Please refer to the subject matter.

The Commission under Article 205 of the Constitution is mandated to consider and make recommendations on any Bill that includes provisions dealing with the sharing of revenue, or any financial matter concerning county governments upon their publication.

In view of this mandate, find attached comments on the Bill as captioned for your consideration.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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Ag. COMMISSION SECRETARY/CEO

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THE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES BILL, 2024

A: Introduction

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of county libraries.

B: Clause by Clause Analysis

The following issues are noted-

No.	Clause	Issue & Recommendation	Justification for CRA Position
1.	Clause 4 Role of County Governments	Add the following areas- i. Implementation of the library policy, legislation, standards and norms. ii. Provide the communities with a variety of information materials, programs and services through stocking approved learning resources for formal and informal education iii. Liaise with national library, county libraries and other relevant institutions to enhance information sharing	To align with Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 140 Legal Notice No. 142 dated 9 th August 2019 on delineation of the library function

The Bill is too lean and should have expounded the county library function comprehensively as unbundled.



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Memorandum of Support for the Copyright and Related Rights Bill, 2026

To: The National Assembly of Kenya

From: Eden Destiny Group Ltd, on behalf of Talanta Mtaani Consortium

Subject: Support for the Copyright and Related Rights Bill, 2026



We, Eden Destiny Group Ltd, representing Talanta Mtaani Consortium, are pleased to express our support for the Copyright and Related Rights Bill, 2026. This Bill is a significant step towards recognizing and empowering Kenya's creative industry, which contributes 5.1% to the country's GDP and employs over 500,000 people.

About Eden Destiny Group Ltd and Talanta Mtaani

Eden Destiny Group Ltd (EDG) is a multidisciplinary consultancy and collective of experts driving impact across education, economic empowerment, DEI, and wellness. EDG focus is on diverse economic pathways — ICT, Creative Economy, Agribusiness, Manufacturing, Retail, and Architecture — empowering public and private sector stakeholders to accelerate progress toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Our core thematic areas are Social Enterprise and Creative Economy, with a dedicated focus on wellness, education, and the empowerment of women and youth. Talanta Mtaani, Kenya's leading youth talent development and empowerment platform now in its 7th season. Beyond being a televised talent search, Talanta Mtaani is a national movement that nurtures creativity, builds capacity, creates employment opportunities and champions holistic youth development.

Specific Inputs on the Bill

We provide the following inputs on specific parts of the Bill:

• PART II - THE KENYA COPYRIGHT AUTHORITY (Clauses 4-16):

- Support the establishment of the Kenya Copyright Authority to implement international treaties,
- Undertake voluntary registration of works, and supervise collective management organizations.

• PART III - SUBSISTENCE, OWNERSHIP AND DURATION OF COPYRIGHT (Clauses 17-27):

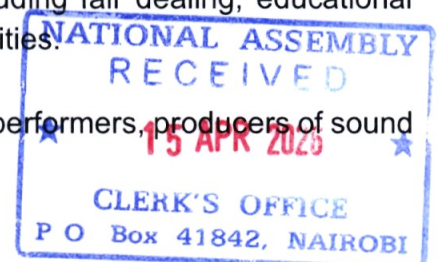
- Support the provisions on copyright subsistence, ownership, and duration, including the voluntary National Rights Registry.

• PART IV - ACTS PERMITTED IN RELATION TO COPYRIGHT WORKS (Clauses 28-37):

- Support the exceptions and limitations to copyright, including fair dealing, educational use, and accessible format copies for persons with disabilities.

• PART V - RELATED RIGHTS (Clauses 38-45):

- Support the recognition and protection of related rights of performers, producers of sound recordings, and broadcasting organizations.



- **PART VII - DEALING WITH RIGHTS IN COPYRIGHT WORKS (Clauses 53-62):**

- Support the introduction of the artist's resale right (droit de suite) and the regulation of assignment and licensing of copyright.

- **PART VIII - INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS (Clauses 63-73):**

- Support the provisions on infringement, including unauthorized reproduction and communication to the public.

- **PART IX - REMEDIES FOR INFRINGEMENT (Clauses 74-80):**

- Support the provisions on remedies, including damages, injunctions, and statutory damages.

- **PART X - LIABILITY AND SAFE HARBORS FOR ONLINE INTERMEDIARIES (Clauses 81-86):**

- Support the provisions on online intermediary liability and safe harbors.

- **PART XI - ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS (Clauses 87-91):**

- Support the provisions on enforcement, including inspection and seizure powers and border measures.

- **PART XII - COLLECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF RIGHTS (Clauses 92-96):**

- Support the regulation of collective management organizations and the requirements for transparency and accountability.

- **PART XIII - COPYRIGHT DISPUTES TRIBUNAL (Clauses 97-105):**

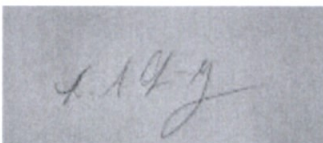
- Support the establishment of the Copyright Disputes Tribunal to resolve disputes and appeals.

Recommendations

- Ensure inclusivity and accessibility of the Creatives Fund and Guild membership.
- Establish clear guidelines for collaboration between national and county governments.
- Provide explicit recognition of digital content creators and online platforms.

We believe this Bill has the potential to unlock Kenya's creative potential, drive economic growth, and promote cultural development. We urge the National Assembly to support its passage into law.

Best regards,



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