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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A NEW LIBRARY TECHNICIAN V CHINESE-LANGUAGE POSITION  
FOR LILIHA LIBRARY.

1           WHEREAS, part of the stated mission of the Hawaii State  
2 Board of Education (BOE) is to "enable the public libraries to  
3 provide all people with the products and services necessary for  
4 literacy and life-long learning;" and

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6           WHEREAS, accomplishing this mission involves the promotion  
7 of excellence and equity in public library services, which  
8 includes the provision of support services and collections to  
9 meet the public's recreational, informational, cultural, and  
10 educational needs; and

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12           WHEREAS, the vision of the state librarian is to connect  
13 communities with collections; and

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15           WHEREAS, 56,000 individuals in Hawaii identify as pure  
16 ethnic Chinese, with over 5,000 Chinese-speaking community  
17 residents; and

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19           WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Public Library annually provides  
20 additional "special needs" funding to purchase Chinese materials  
21 to meet the needs of this under-served group; and

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23           WHEREAS, over the span of a decade, the Liliha public  
24 library Chinese language collection has become a state-wide  
25 magnet collection that offers over 4,000 adult and youth  
26 volumes, hundreds of multi-media items, at an annual circulation  
27 of 20,000; and

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29           WHEREAS, there is no official position within the Hawaii  
30 State Public Library System that assists in the selection and  
31 cataloguing of popular Chinese language materials, making them  
32 available statewide; now, therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
 4 Education create a new Library Technician V position which will  
 5 build upon and support the heavily-frequented Liliha Chinese  
 6 magnet collection while providing resource help needed to serve  
 7 the needs of users statewide; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
 11 Education.

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