
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO RELEASE \$4,500,000 TO RENOVATE AND
BUILD A COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE MAKIKI COMMUNITY LIBRARY.

1 WHEREAS, the Makiki Community Library was started in 1978
2 in what was the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association experiment
3 station; and

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5 WHEREAS, this private, nonprofit library at Makiki District
6 Park is not part of the Hawaii State Library System, is operated
7 by volunteers on an \$11,000 annual budget, and has a collection
8 of approximately 15,000 donated books; and

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10 WHEREAS, in 2004, the Legislature approved \$4,500,000 to
11 repair the historic Makiki Community Library from further
12 deterioration, and to build a community center which would
13 include a computer learning center to assist primarily immigrant
14 families; and

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16 WHEREAS, in June 2005, Governor Linda Lingle informed the
17 Makiki Library Board that she would not release the funds that
18 were appropriated by the Legislature, stating that it is not in
19 the best interest of state taxpayers; and

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21 WHEREAS, after visiting the facility and weighing the
22 available information, such as the lack of operational,
23 maintenance, and security funding, the Governor said since the
24 building that the library operates out of is city-owned and
25 city-operated, it is the city, not the State, who is responsible
26 for the building's upkeep and any desired renovations or
27 improvements; and

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29 WHEREAS, over the past several years, the City and County
30 of Honolulu has provided more than \$1,500,000 to refurbish the
31 dilapidated building and to renovate the facility to meet the
32 standards of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act; and

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1 WHEREAS, honoring the Legislature's commitment to this
 2 project will supplement the City's efforts to provide a safe
 3 learning center for thousands of community residents, primarily
 4 immigrants and low-income individuals, who need the resources
 5 that the library provides; and

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 7 WHEREAS, the Governor should consider how much the
 8 community gains from the library and at how little a cost to the
 9 State; now, therefore,

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 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
 12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
 13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is
 14 requested to release the \$4,500,000 in state funds to renovate
 15 and build a community center at the Makiki Community Library;
 16 and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the
 20 State of Hawaii, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
 21 and the President of the Friends of Makiki Community Library.

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 24 OFFERED BY: 

By Request