
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 and avoid 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 and County of Honolulu, not the
26 State, who is responsible for the building's upkeep and any
27 desired renovations or 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 and County of Honolulu's
3 efforts to provide a safe learning center for thousands of
4 community residents, primarily immigrants and low-income
5 individuals, who need the resources that the library provides;
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8 WHEREAS, the Governor should consider how much the
9 community gains from the library and at how cost-effective these
10 services are to the State; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is
15 requested to release the \$4,500,000 in state funds to renovate
16 and build a community center at the Makiki Community Library;
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the
21 State of Hawaii, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
22 and the President of the Friends of Makiki Community Library.
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