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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPLORE THE  
FEASIBILITY AND DEVELOP A PLAN TO RELOCATE THE KAPAA PUBLIC  
LIBRARY.

1 WHEREAS, the Kapaa Public Library in East Kauai was built  
2 in 1955 and is undersized and deteriorating; and  
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4 WHEREAS, according to United States Census records, the  
5 population of the service area (Kawaihau) has increased one  
6 hundred eighty-five per cent between 1960 and 2000; however,  
7 there has been no increase in the library's collection space  
8 during that same time period; and  
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10 WHEREAS, having recognized that the library is undersized  
11 for the area and population it serves, discussions for expansion  
12 of the library are ongoing; and  
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14 WHEREAS, an assessment of the existing facility by AM  
15 Partners, Inc., revealed several zoning, permit, and variance  
16 issues that would impede the library's expansion; and  
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18 WHEREAS, for example, the current zoning restricts the  
19 library to covering a maximum of ten per cent of its lot, but  
20 the current facility and pavement already cover thirty-seven per  
21 cent of the lot; hence, expansion is not a viable option at this  
22 current site; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the existing library is located adjacent to Kapaa  
25 County Beach Park and abuts a new, popular bike-walking path  
26 also owned by the County of Kauai; and  
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28 WHEREAS, at least one member of the County Council has  
29 indicated an interest in the library property for the purpose of  
30 expanding Kapaa County Beach Park and to capitalize on the  
31 popularity of the bike-walking path; and  
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33 WHEREAS, in addition, the proximity of the bike-walking  
34 path has added to parking issues as some people are using the  
35 library parking lot to access the path; and



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2 WHEREAS, the backdoor of the library is less than fifty  
3 yards away from the shoreline and the salt air causes damage to  
4 the air conditioning and electrical systems, and the area would  
5 be at risk in the event of a tsunami; and

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7 WHEREAS, the library is located on Kuhio Highway, the  
8 island's main thoroughfare, and traffic congestion deters local  
9 residents from visiting the library; and

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11 WHEREAS, the relocation of the library to an area adjacent  
12 to the main Kapaa County Park off of Olohena Road would support  
13 a dramatic expansion and improvement of the park, enhance the  
14 community activities now occurring at this inland location,  
15 increase accessibility to the library, and facilitate needed  
16 updating of the library facilities; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,  
20 that the Department of Education is requested to work with the  
21 County of Kauai, Kapaa community members, and appropriate state  
22 agencies to explore the feasibility of relocating the Kapaa  
23 Public Library to an inland location near or adjacent to the  
24 Kapaa County Park's sports field and the Army National Guard  
25 Facilities, and to develop a relocation plan; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
28 requested to consider incorporating the following into the plan  
29 for the new library:

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31 (1) An expanded technology center and community center  
32 facilities for meetings and community gatherings;  
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34 (2) The swapping of county and state lands or some other  
35 agreement that provides the County of Kauai the right  
36 to use the land under the existing Kapaa Public  
37 Library; and  
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39 (3) The design and use of the new library as a potential  
40 disaster shelter for use during times of emergency;  
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
44 requested to report its findings and recommendations to the



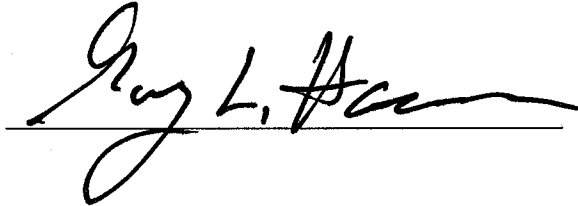
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1 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 the Regular Session of 2010; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
6 Education, the Superintendent of Education, the Mayor of Kauai,  
7 members of the Kauai County Council, the State Librarian, and  
8 the Kapaa Public Library Branch Manager.  
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OFFERED BY:



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