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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY OF WHETHER THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY
SYSTEM SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, concerns have been expressed about the current
2 placement of the Hawaii State Public Library System under the
3 management of the Board of Education; and
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5 WHEREAS, these concerns include differences in mission from
6 the Department of Education, which may make the libraries'
7 projects lesser in priority compared to the Department of
8 Education's projects and responsibilities, and differences in
9 service populations, where the library system serves a broader
10 community while schools focus on public education for
11 adolescents and children; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Accounting and General Services
14 currently processes accounting and payroll work for the library
15 system and the two agencies currently collaborate on library
16 repair and maintenance and new construction projects, and there
17 would be few remaining administrative duties to transfer from
18 the Department of Education; and
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20 WHEREAS, a large part of the library system's functions
21 centers on maintaining and improving library facilities, which
22 is a better fit and is currently under the Department of
23 Accounting and General Services, which performs a large amount
24 of facilities management and improvement functions; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Department of Accounting and General Services'
27 resources and work on the neighbor islands would be particularly
28 helpful in facilitating the improvement of library facilities
29 that are especially important in smaller communities; now,
30 therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
 2 requested to perform a study of whether the Hawaii State Public
 3 Library System should be transferred from administration by the
 4 Board of Education to another agency, particularly the
 5 Department of Accounting and General Services; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study may consider factors
 8 such as the Hawaii State Public Library System's ability to
 9 achieve its mission under existing administration, any cost
 10 savings that may be realized by a transfer, and the advantages
 11 and disadvantages of a transfer; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 14 submit the Auditor's findings and recommendations to the
 15 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 16 the 2011 Regular Session; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Auditor, the
 20 State Librarian, the Superintendent of Education, the
 21 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and the Comptroller.
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