
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE HAWAII
STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES.

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 to the Department of Accounting and
19 General Services; and
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21 WHEREAS, a large part of the library system's functions
22 centers on maintaining and improving library facilities, which
23 is a better fit and is currently under the Department of
24 Accounting and General Services, which performs a large amount
25 of facilities management and improvement functions; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Department of Accounting and General Services'
28 resources and work on the neighbor islands would be particularly
29 helpful in facilitating the improvement of library facilities,
30 which are especially important in smaller communities; now,
31 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii State
4 Public Library System and the Department of Accounting and
5 General Services are requested to develop a transition plan for
6 a proposed transfer of the Hawaii State Public Library System
7 from administration by the Board of Education to the Department
8 of Accounting and General Services; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transition plan may
11 consider factors such as the Hawaii State Public Library
12 System's ability to achieve its mission under administration by
13 the Board of Education versus the Department of Accounting and
14 General Services, any cost savings that may be realized by a
15 transfer, and the advantages and disadvantages of a transfer;
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Public Library
19 System and the Department of Accounting and General Services are
20 requested to submit their transition plan to the Legislature no
21 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2011
22 Regular Session; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Librarian, the
26 Superintendent of Education, the Chairperson of the Board of
27 Education, and the Comptroller.

