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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE LIBRARIAN TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE ON THE  
USE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES FOR CONCESSIONS.

1           WHEREAS, public libraries provide many services to the  
2 communities in which they are located, including the loaning of  
3 library materials, internet access, passport applications, and  
4 meeting rooms; and

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6           WHEREAS, public libraries are also social spaces that bring  
7 together and encourage the development of communities; and

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9           WHEREAS, many public libraries in the State have the  
10 generous support of a Friends of the Library group, whose  
11 members and volunteers work tirelessly to promote and support  
12 the libraries to which they are attached; and

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14           WHEREAS, the majority of the Friends of the Library groups  
15 that support individual public libraries in the State are  
16 affiliates of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, which  
17 operates as an umbrella organization providing support to these  
18 groups; and

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20           WHEREAS, while there are some unaffiliated Friends of the  
21 Library groups applying for Friends of the Library of Hawaii  
22 affiliation, not all Friends of the Library groups want to be  
23 affiliated with this umbrella organization; and

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25           WHEREAS, section 312-3.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS),  
26 reserves the right to use public library facilities for  
27 concessions such as book sales and on-site bookstores to the  
28 Friends of the Library of Hawaii and its affiliates; and

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30           WHEREAS, as a result, those Friends of the Library groups  
31 that do not wish to affiliate are not able to use public library  
32 facilities to fundraise for their libraries; and



1 WHEREAS, the Department of the Attorney General has stated  
2 that this issue cannot be resolved through a memorandum of  
3 understanding; and

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5 WHEREAS, this issue has created a great deal of  
6 misunderstanding and ill-will between the various Friends of the  
7 Library groups; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2012, that the State Librarian is requested to convene a task  
12 force on the use of public library facilities for concessions;  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include:

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17 (1) The State Librarian or the State Librarian's designee;  
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19 (2) A representative from the Department of the Attorney  
20 General;  
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22 (3) A representative from the Friends of the Library of  
23 Hawaii;  
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25 (4) A representative from the Friends of the Library of  
26 Hawaii affiliate groups; and  
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28 (5) A representative from a Friends of the Library group  
29 that is not affiliated with the Friends of the Library  
30 of Hawaii;

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32 provided that no member of the task force shall be made subject  
33 to Chapter 84, HRS, solely because of that member's  
34 participation as a member of the task force; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
37 address the current issues that have arisen as a result of the  
38 requirements of section 312-3.8, HRS; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in considering the requirements  
2 of section 312-3.8, HRS, the task force also consider how funds  
3 raised through concessions using public library facilities are  
4 apportioned and administered; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
7 submit a report of its findings and recommendations for  
8 legislation, if any, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
9 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General, State  
13 Librarian, Executive Director of the Friends of the Library of  
14 Hawaii, and President of each non-affiliate of the Friends of  
15 the Library of Hawaii.

