
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

33 WHEREAS, the Department of the Attorney General has stated
34 that this issue cannot be resolved through a memorandum of
35 understanding; and



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

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, that the State Librarian is requested to convene a task force on the use of public library facilities for concessions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force includes:

- (1) The State Librarian or the State Librarian's designee;
- (2) A representative from the Department of the Attorney General;
- (3) A representative from the Friends of the Library of Hawaii;
- (4) A representative from the Friends of the Library of Hawaii affiliate groups; and
- (5) A representative from a Friends of the Library group that is not affiliated with the Friends of the Library of Hawaii;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to address the current issues that have arisen as a result of the 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 affiliate of the Friends of the
15 Library of Hawaii.
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