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**HB 2512 – Relating to Government Publications**

The Hawaii State Public Library System has requested and strongly supports HB 2512.

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) seeks to update the existing Chapter 93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in response to changes in technology and in order to reduce printing, workload and delivery costs for State and County agencies.

Chapter 93 establishes a system for distributing State and County publications. Each agency is required to deposit fifteen copies of every publication with the State publications distribution center, which is part of the HSPLS. Feedback over the years has indicated that seven copies are sufficient for almost all publications; only a few need wider distribution. The proposed amendment allows the distribution center to request more copies when appropriate, but relieves the center of the burden of handling unneeded materials and relieves the other agencies of printing and delivering more copies than are useful. The proposed

revision of Chapter 93 also directs each agency to notify the distribution center of the posting and Internet website location of all electronic publications. This increasingly popular means of producing government materials was not addressed in the existing chapter.

The only anticipated impact on the public of the revision of Chapter 93 should be government cost savings.

HSPLS, along with all other State and County agencies, should see workload, printing and delivery savings.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.