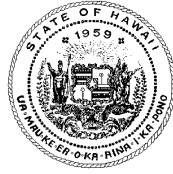


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TESTIMONY TO THE
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**Senate Bill No. 2773, S.D. 1
Relating to Libraries**

TO CHAIRPERSON IGE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of S. B. No. 2773, S.D. 1, is to formalize the recognition of the State Librarian as the top-level official, appointed by the Board of Education, who is responsible for administering the statewide library system. The Bill also allows the State Librarian to appoint an exempt secretary.

The Department of Human Resources Development **supports** this measure. It is reasonable that the State Librarian should be authorized, as are department heads and other top level officials in the State, to appoint a secretary who is at will, where the need is established by the individual official and his/her management style and/or personal preferences, rather than the functions of the office.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.