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S.B. 2774

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Chairs Fukunaga and Espero, Vice Chairs Wakai and Kidani, and members of the committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2774.

The Office of Information Management and Technology strongly supports and recommends passage of S.B. 2774, which allows government publications to be made available electronically.

The proposed bill is in alignment with the information technology strategic plan currently under development. Providing government publications in electronic versions will not only reduce printing, workload, and delivery costs, but will also promote government transparency, increase public access to information, and preserve documents in the digital domain in a searchable manner for future reference and analysis.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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SB 2774 – Relating to Government Publications

The Hawaii State Public Library System has requested and strongly supports SB 2774.

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

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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.