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SCR 122: Requesting The Board Of Education and State Librarian To Develop A Strategic Plan To Optimize The Use Of State Public Library Facilities.

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) supports SCR 122 which requests the Board of Education (BOE) and State Librarian to develop a strategic plan to optimize the use of State public library facilities.

We have already started discussions with the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, other support groups, as well as other State, Federal and local agencies regarding alternate uses of our library facilities. We will soon be revising our HSPLS Strategic Plan for the BOE and will ensure this request is addressed and included as part of this plan.

We are constantly exploring expanding or optimizing our public service hours (including Saturday and evening hours) but with over 120 vacant positions and the need to negotiate with our public employee unions, our efforts have been very challenging.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Comments:

Aloha. Please OPPOSE SCR122. The libraries in all regions always have one library available on either Sunday or Saturday. For example, Windward has Kailua on Saturdays and Kaneohe on Sundays. Not all patrons of the library are "off" on Saturday and it wouldn't be fair to not have a library available on Sunday for those who have Sunday off or students that need to finalize work at the library before Monday. Additionally, the libraries purpose is fully being met. Do NOT try to make it into a money-making establishment. We are doing just fine with the Friends stores generating funds for items you can't/won't fund. This might have good intentions but once you "let" someone in to do their "entrepreneurial" event, then others that might not be palatable to the whole community (I mean keiki and families who are always present at libraries) may want in and will probably sue if you don't let them hold their entrepreneurial "event" because they are being discriminated. Ex: "Parent Info. for Raising Teens"--it ends up being a graphic seminar on abortions should your teenage daughter get pregnant in the Keiki Room--it's "parent info". After, all the attendees "donate" money to a ProLife Org. and the organization pays the library a fee for use of the facilities. Win/win? Not.

The parents of very young children are forced to have an untimely conversation w/ their keiki. Then someone selling Adult Novelty toys wants in because "You let the pro-lifers in". You see? Unintended Consequences. Keep in mind, Larry Flynt was always on the right side of the law and the ACLU will love to sue the state should a screw-up like above happen. Let libraries be for reading/research/a safe place to do homework. Mahalo for thinking about this and voting NO to SCR122.