

# SCR122/SR62

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STATE  
LIBRARIAN TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN TO OPTIMIZE  
THE USE OF STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES.

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STATE OF HAWAII  
**HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
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**Senate Committee on Education**  
**Friday, March 23, 2012**  
**State Capitol, Room 225**

**SCR 122/SR 62: 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 and SR 62 which request 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 on alternate uses of our library facilities. We will soon be revising our HSPLS Strategic Plan for the BOE and will ensure this request be addressed and included as part of this plan. Both SB2994 and HB1054 from this current legislative session will have an enormous impact on the development of this strategic plan regarding entrepreneurial activities in our branches, so we will be following both measures very carefully.

We are continually looking into expanding or optimizing our public service hours (including Saturday and evenings) but with over 120 vacant positions and getting union negotiations have made our efforts very challenging.

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

## Erin Conner

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### Comments:

Please oppose SR 62 and SCR 122. This opens the way for many unseen affects and unintended consequences. The Friends of the Library have earned the right to be the sole sellers on the property and they deserve the support of the community, not subversiveness and an undermining of their purpose and devotion to our libraries. Adding more "activities" to further maximize the facility will detract from it as a place of study, education, quietness and community. It has the possibility to turn it into a three-ring circus. Thank you for considering opposing these measures.

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### Comments:

This one is so much more than meets the eye. In essence it would allow anyone to get a permit to have a seminar/event (on anything--which may have poor unintended consequences) at the library as long as the "money's good" and it would allow any non-profit that "loves the libraries too" to have book sales, etc. on library grounds. It doesn't matter if the "non-profit" has paid employees (the friends of the library are all volunteers). Please do not pass this.