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July 3, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki and Members of the Legislature:

As required in Act 134, SLH 2013 Section 138, the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) is providing a report on all positions abolished pursuant to legislative budget adjustments made under this Act due August 1, 2013. The attached list includes all the required information for this budget proviso. Even though the number of positions and funding eliminated is relatively small in comparison to other departments, this will have a significant impact on delivery of public services for our system, especially on the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the elimination of our plan to re-institute District offices.

In your latest Committee on Conference report for Act 134, SLH 2013, it states: "Your Committee on Conference does not condone the practice of holding positions vacant to utilize the funds for other purposes. Shifting of budgeted funds and development of budget details that do not accurately depict expected costs have and continue to frustrate the efforts of the Legislature."

Act 134, SLH 2013 provided HSPLS with \$700,000 for library materials, for which we are extremely grateful. Unfortunately many funding shortages for utilities, security services, and repair and maintenance were not part of the Governor's Executive Budget package this past session. Meeting the demands to provide

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quality library services for the public at all 50 branches without adequate staffing and funding becomes an increasingly difficult challenge.

In accordance with Act 134, Section 142, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at www.librarieshawaii.org.

If you have any questions, please call Keith Fujio at 586-3700. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Richard Burns
State Librarian

Attachment

- c: The Honorable David Ige, Senate Ways and Means
- The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Senate Education Committee
- The Honorable Sylvia Luke, House Finance
- The Honorable Roy Takumi, House Education Committee
- Policy Team, Office of the Governor
- Department of Budget and Finance
- Board of Education