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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A PROPOSED
PUNA DISTRICT REGIONAL LIBRARY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The modern library is evolving in bold new ways
2 to meet the current and future needs of the twenty-first
3 century. The vision for a new public library located in Puna is
4 one that will serve the people of Puna, provide a safe and
5 inviting place for learning, and serve as a welcome site for
6 community gathering. Development of a state-of-the-art facility
7 would provide world class service to Puna and Hawaii residents.

8 The Puna district is growing at a rapid rate and has
9 outgrown the existing "shared" library system currently being
10 used. A new regional library is envisioned to serve as a
11 visible statement about the value of reading, education, and
12 lifelong learning, and to provide a key civic space that
13 residents use throughout their lifetime.

14 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation for a
15 feasibility study for a new Puna district regional library.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$350,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for a
2 feasibility study for a new Puna district regional library that
3 includes an assessment of the following:

4 (1) The feasibility of designing and constructing the
5 library with an appropriate degree of multi-modal
6 accessibility and traffic safety adjacent to the site
7 for library users;

8 (2) A reasonable and justifiable cost for constructing a
9 new regional library, including access to parking;

10 (3) The ability to design and construct the regional
11 library within a reasonable timeframe, including the
12 likelihood of receiving approvals from the relevant
13 agencies, boards, and commissions with jurisdiction
14 over the proposed site; and

15 (4) Plans, ground and site improvements, equipment and
16 appurtenances, and design of the facilities.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
18 education for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Makes an appropriation for a feasibility study for a new Puna district regional library.

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