
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO EXTEND
PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS.

1 WHEREAS, an informed citizenry is the foundation of
2 democracy; and
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4 WHEREAS, since Benjamin Franklin formed the first public
5 library, these institutions, which are open to all people
6 regardless of age, race, gender, social condition, or religion,
7 have had a major role in providing public access to a wide
8 spectrum of information; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Public Library System has a
11 responsibility to provide the people of Hawaii with access to
12 information and educational and recreational materials; and
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14 WHEREAS, public libraries are often the best places to
15 study, conduct research, or complete school assignments; and
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17 WHEREAS, many potential patrons are unable to use public
18 libraries during the day and early evening due to work
19 commitments; and
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21 WHEREAS, many students who would like to use public
22 libraries are also involved in sports, school bands, school
23 clubs, and other after-school activities that end late at night;
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26 WHEREAS, extended late-night hours would accommodate
27 members of the public who are unable to use public libraries
28 during their current hours; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular



H.C.R. NO. 45

1 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii State
2 Public Library System is requested to extend public library
3 hours to accommodate patrons who are unable to use library
4 services during the libraries' currently established hours; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Librarian, the
8 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of
9 Education.
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