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H.B. 2353, H.D.1 S.D.1 – Relating to Public Libraries

To: Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) **strongly supports** H.B. 2353, H.D.1 S.D.1, which makes miscellaneous technical amendments to update language and facilitate library operations.

Upon approval, the HSPLS intends to update its administrative rules, including an update to the fee schedule for the rental of our community meeting spaces. Revenue from the rental of these community spaces provides additional revenue to the individual libraries.

HSPLS also supports technical amendments proposed by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) which remove of the words "trust fund". Eliminating the requirement to keep funds in a "trust fund" will reduce the substantial annual administrative fees FLH pays to keep the funds in a "trust". There is little risk to removing the reference to "trust fund" as the fund is small (less than \$10k) and will be placed in a FDIC-insured account. Finally, eliminating the excessive administrative fees related to maintaining a trust account may make additional funding available for HSPLS programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

HB-2353-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2018 4:04:41 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nainoa Mau	Testifying for Friends of the Library of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

Friends of the Library of Hawai'i is in support of the intent of this bill. To that end, we respectfully request a change to HB2353 HD1 SD1. On page 4, line 16, we request the removal of the word "trust," where the sentence currently reads, ". . . contributed to the trust fund, including income and capital . . ." We request that line 16 instead reads ". . . contributed to the [~~trust~~] fund, including income and capital . . . "

With this change Friends of the Library of Hawai'i are in support of bill HB2353 HD1 SD1.

HB-2353-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2018 3:43:42 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **HB2353 HD1 SD1**, relating to Hawaii State Public Library System; and Friends of the Library of Hawaii.

The OCC on Legislative Priorities is in favor of **HB2353 HD1 SD1** and support its passage.

HB2353 HD1 SD1, is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it makes miscellaneous technical amendments to facilitate library operations; changes references the Hawaii State Library Foundation to the Friends of the Library of Hawaii; and clarifies the functions of the friends of the library of Hawaii program fund, effective 7/1/2050.

The DPH Platform states that: "We believe that the future of our state as well as our country depends upon an educated and knowledgeable citizenry. We support the prioritization of our resources toward providing quality public education and library services to every student, regardless of learning capacity or ability to pay, in an environment conducive to the learning process. These resources shall be made available at every level, from pre-school through higher education, including life-long learning." (Platform of the DPH, P. 6, Lines 329-300 (2016)).

Given that **HB2353 HD1 SD1** makes miscellaneous technical amendments to facilitate library operations; changes references the Hawaii State Library Foundation to the Friends of the Library of Hawaii; and clarifies the functions of the friends of the

library of Hawaii program fund, effective 7/1/2050, it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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