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S.B. 2919, S.D.1 – Relating to Public Libraries

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

Senate Bill (S.B.) 2919, S.D.1 establishes a pilot program to generate revenue through the leasing of public library lands, establishes a libraries facilities fund and makes an appropriation for the pilot program. The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) supports the intent of S.B. 2919 and provides the following comments.

In general, the HSPLS supports the intent to identify revenue generating programs to meet the mission of the public library system. The HSPLS notes, however, that it currently does not hold title to the lands under which the public libraries sit, nor that it has the expertise necessary to guide the HSPLS through a pilot program which involves the redevelopment, and leasing and management of library lands.

The HSPLS respectfully requests an appropriation to allow HSPLS to hire expertise to assist with the land development issues. The HSPLS further requests that the Committee amend section 2 of the bill, which requires that the first report on the pilot project be submitted to the Legislature "...twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2019..." Any appropriation, including the ability to issue a Request for Proposal, will not be available to the HSPLS until July 1, 2018. Thereafter, the time needed to review proposals, and select and execute a consultant contract, may not be completed prior to the current reporting deadline; therefore, HSPLS requests that the initial report to the Legislature be extended to "...twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2020..."

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: