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S.R. 27 REQUESTING THAT THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND STANDARDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALL-ELECTRONIC PROCESS FOR MAINTAINING GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CREATED BY STATE AGENCIES.

To: Chair Michelle N. Kidani
Vice Chair Donna Mercado Kim
Members of the Senate Committee on Education

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding Senate Resolution 27, which requests the Hawaii State Public Library System convene a task force to identify and recommend standards for the development of an all-electronic process for maintaining government publications created by state agencies.

HSPLS is responsible for ensuring public access to government publications not only as a means of transparency, but also as a way to document the discussions, reports and work of government agencies for future generations. We take our role of preserving access to government publications from the past, now and into the future very seriously.

HSPLS supports the necessity of creating standards for the increased number of electronic documents. However, while HSPLS appreciates the desire to decrease paper waste, HSPLS **does not support** "...an all-electronic process for maintaining government publications..." as set forth in the first Be It Resolved paragraph.

Access to paper copies ensures access to government publications when online resources are disrupted. Additionally, over time, digital copies degrade and changing technology can limit or prevent the public's access. Therefore, HSPLS supports the maintenance of government publications in both paper and electronic formats.

Further, HSPLS will be able to support the Legislature's desire to establish a task force to identify and recommend standards for the development of standards for electronic documents produced statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this Resolution and your continued support of the Hawaii State Public Library System.