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HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
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Conference Room 308
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S.B. 1232 SD1 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY SYSTEM

To: Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) **supports** S.B. 1232 SD1 HD1, which authorizes the State Librarian, with approval from the Board of Education, to impose and collect rates, rents, fees, fines and charges for the use of state library facilities and revise rates, rents, fees and charges as necessary.

Adoption of S.B. 1232 SD1 HD1 would provide the HSPLS with a simplified process to update our current fee schedule. This measure is not intended to address concessions at public libraries, but rather to simplify the setting fees such as those charged for enhanced services, as set forth in section 312-21 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

Currently, HSPLS is required to utilize the administrative rule process set forth in chapter 91, HRS, to update our schedule of fees. Adoption of administrative rules can take more than a year and is problematic if we want to consider new pilot projects or provide temporary services. As community hubs offering a variety of services, the HSPLS needs flexibility to adjust services to meet changing community needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.