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S.B. 1232 RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY SYSTEM

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

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) **supports** S.B. 1232 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 would provide the HSPLS with a simplified process to update our current fee schedule. 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 up to 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.

We also respectfully request the Committee's consideration of the following **amendment** to Section 1, new paragraph (7) of the bill, to read: "...provided that the contracting for concessions [within] at a library facility shall not be subject to section 102-14;..." which would allow additional flexibility to the services that we can provide to our communities.

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