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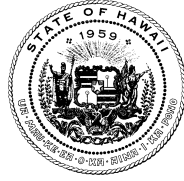
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Comments:

I SUPPORT this bill which authorizes the state librarian to decline to conduct a requested review of an item within the Hawaii State Public Library System collection if the item was previously reviewed by the system in good faith, the basis for the request is duplicative or substantially similar to the basis for the prior review, the response to the prior review was issued within the last year, and the state librarian determines that it is unlikely that the library's response would differ from response issued for the prior request. THIS gives the state librarian's as a professional the credibility and backing that is deserved. It is my hope that this would also carry to school and college librarians as well?



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Friday, February 10, 2023

Conference Room 229

3:00 pm

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S.B. 806 RELATING TO LIBRARIES

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

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) **supports** S.B. 806 which clarifies the policies and procedures of the Board of Education and the Hawaii State Public Library System relating to the process for review of items in the HSPLS collection.

The Hawaii State Public Library System has 51 branches on six islands and is the only statewide public library system in the United States. As a single system, we follow national public library standards, policies and practices, which help us effectively provide access to all library users in our State. As a result, our statewide collection contains over 3 million physical items and hundreds of thousands of digital items. Everyone in our community is invited into our libraries to use our resources.

Selection of the items for the HSPLS collection is based on building a collection of accurate information, that includes all view points and stories, and consistent with the State of Hawaii Board of Education Policy E-600-1, Collection Development Policy. The policy clearly outlines the process and criteria HSPLS uses to make decisions on what to include in the statewide collection and notes that the collection should reflect community needs, interests and concerns, and reflect the diversity of the State of Hawaii.

The Collection Development Policy also includes a section which states that HSPLS recognizes that there could be differences of opinion regarding items that may be in the collection, and

HSPLS details the process by which a patron may share concerns with HSPLS on its website. The review process is designed to help us fully understand the concerns of the quality or content of an item in an objective manner.

The clarifications in S.B. 806 will allow HSPLS to continue to effectively provide access to materials that individuals and families want and need to support their information, educational and creative needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.