

A Bill for an Act Relating to Libraries.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a libraries special fund in which moneys collected as fines for overdue books and payments for lost or otherwise unreturned books are deposited. Currently these moneys are deposited in the state general fund. The libraries special fund shall be used to purchase books or other library materials. The fund will better ensure that library books and materials are replenished at the same rate at which they are lost, damaged, or destroyed.

SECTION 2. Section 312-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§312-4 Disposition of [fines and related] other income. Income from the operation of libraries that are financially supported by the State, with the exception of income generated pursuant to section 312-3.5, shall be deposited with the director of finance to the credit of the general fund; provided that moneys or properties donated for library use and patrons’ deposits shall be deposited and accounted for in accordance with regulations prescribed by the comptroller.”

SECTION 3. Chapter 312, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§312- Libraries special fund. (a) There is established in the state treasury a libraries special fund into which shall be deposited all moneys collected pursuant to section 312-3.5.

(b) The fund shall be administered by the state librarian who shall, after consultation with the library advisory committee, determine the annual amount, based on the balance in the fund as of the first day of the fiscal year, that each public library shall receive. Allocations shall be made in quarterly installments within thirty days of the end of each calendar quarter.

(c) Moneys allocated from the libraries special fund to the public libraries shall be used to purchase books or other library materials. Each public library may post on a bulletin board or other appropriate place a list of the purchases made from the special fund in the preceding quarter.

(d) The state librarian shall submit an annual report on the status of the libraries special fund, to include deposits into the fund and the source of these revenues, allocations to each public library, descriptions and amounts of expenditures made from the fund, and balances remaining on June 30 of each year; provided that this report shall be submitted to the legislature and to the governor, or the director of finance if so delegated by the governor, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session of the legislature.”

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

(Approved June 7, 1989.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.