

ACT 144

S.B. NO. 2210

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Hawaii State Public Library System.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the public library system needs to be responsive to the rapidly changing field of information and its packaging, customers and their needs, and the efficient application of taxpayer and donated moneys and properties. In April 1991, the board of education approved the state library's "Customer Satisfaction: A Master Plan for Public Libraries" to improve customer services, customer access to information, private funding support, greater revenue from a variety of services, employee morale, and cost control. This master plan led

to the establishment of the project state library innovation model: maximizing employees and revenues (SLIMMER). From SLIMMER, the structural concept of self-directed work teams (SDWT) evolved and this concept was placed into pilot operation at five libraries during fiscal year 1993-1994.

The legislature further finds that to fully implement Project SLIMMER and SDWT, legislation was enacted to: authorize the library to establish enhanced services and charge fees to be used to support library operations; create a literacy and lifelong learning program and a public-private partners for literacy trust fund; and establish a Hawaii state library foundation, a nonprofit private foundation to operate a trust fund consisting of donations from all types of private contributions.

The purpose of this Act is to continue the initiatives started in 1991 with Project SLIMMER. Through Project SLIMMER, the state library system has developed a program to provide revenues for enhanced services that are in addition to those currently mandated and supported by state tax revenues. Further, the library system has chosen to work in partnership with the private sector to solicit donations that will also serve to enhance the overall library services available to the public. Thus, it is the belief of the legislature that if the library system is willing to generate supplemental revenues through its own innovations such as Project SLIMMER, the library system should be given statutory authority to fully implement Project SLIMMER and related innovations.

SECTION 2. Act 327, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, is amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

“SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and shall be repealed on July 1, [1996.] 1999.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 1996.

(Approved June 12, 1996.)