
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF WAIKOLOA AND DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY IN WAIKOLOA.

1 WHEREAS, the public library is an integral learning center,
2 meeting facility, and activity center for every community in
3 Hawaii that has a public library; and
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5 WHEREAS, there was an approximately forty-four per cent
6 growth in the population of South Kohala between the 1990 and
7 2000 United States Census; and
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9 WHEREAS, the most significant growth in the South Kohala
10 area has been seen in Waikoloa Village the population of which,
11 according to United States Census data, has grown approximately
12 one hundred fourteen per cent between 1990 and 2000, with
13 Waikoloa Elementary School showing an increase of twenty-three
14 per cent in enrollment during that period; and
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16 WHEREAS, the closest public library available to serve
17 residents is the Waimea Public Library, eighteen miles from
18 Waikoloa; and
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20 WHEREAS, the State Library System once operated a
21 bookmobile service for the communities of Waikoloa and
22 Oceanview, but the service was discontinued in 2003; and
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24 WHEREAS, the State Library System has not extended
25 alternative services to Waikoloa but has extended alternative
26 services to Oceanview by which the Pahala Public Library offers
27 a library materials drop off and pick up at the Oceanview
28 Community Center; and
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30 WHEREAS, significant residential library services are an
31 integral part of a community and the South Kohala Community
32 Development Plan identified the absence of a public library as
33 an unmet need; now, therefore,



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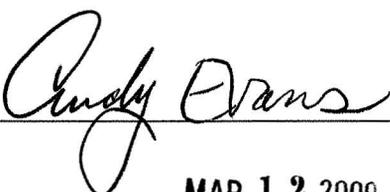
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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, that the Hawaii State Public Library System is requested to pursue the provision of alternative library services for the residents of Waikoloa and to work with the Waikoloa community to establish a new public library in Waikoloa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Public Library System is requested to determine the feasibility of establishing a new public library in Waikoloa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Hawaii State Public Library System is requested to submit a report on the extension of alternative services to Waikoloa and on the determination of the feasibility of establishing a new public library in Waikoloa, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the State Librarian, and the Chair of the Committee on Legislation, Public Charter Schools and Public Libraries.

OFFERED BY: 
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