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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
STATE LIBRARIAN, TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF ACTIVATING A
STATEWIDE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION.

1 WHEREAS, a strong public library system contributes to the
2 economic, educational, and cultural vitality of the State; and
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4 WHEREAS, there are fifty library branches in the Hawaii
5 State Public Library System; and
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7 WHEREAS, while the Hawaii State Public Library System hosts
8 programs such as preschool storytimes, storytelling events,
9 author talks, and informational seminars at its facilities,
10 there is the potential to further maximize the use of library
11 facilities; and
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13 WHEREAS, stakeholder input and involvement in the
14 identification of strategic goals and priorities for the library
15 system may allow for greater and more diversified types of uses
16 of library facilities that are appropriate for each community;
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19 WHEREAS, section 26-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, gives the
20 Board of Education the authority to establish a library advisory
21 commission in each county to sit in an advisory capacity to the
22 Board of Education on all matters relating to public library
23 services in its respective county; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED that by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
27 that the Board of Education, in consultation with the State
28 Librarian, is requested to explore the feasibility of activating
29 a statewide library advisory commission; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Education is requested
32 to report its findings and recommendations, including any
33 proposed legislation and funding needs, to the Legislature no
34 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
35 Session of 2014; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Resolution be transmitted to Chair of the Board of Education and
4 the State Librarian of the Hawaii State Public Library System.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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