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**House Committee on Education
March 16, 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 309**

SB 1098, SD1 – Relating to Libraries

The Hawaii State Public Library System has requested and strongly supports SB 1098, SD1.

The purpose of this bill is to update Chapter 312, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) so it accurately reflects long-standing State of Hawaii Board of Education (BOE) and Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) practice.

Chapter 312, HRS, assigns various duties and responsibilities to the BOE. In practice, the board does not, and has never carried out these duties and responsibilities. The State Librarian is the one who actually executes these operational duties for the HSPLS. This bill will amend Chapter 312, HRS, so that it more accurately reflects the duties and responsibilities of the BOE, HSPLS and the State Librarian.

The proposed revision to the HRS corrects and more accurately reflects the duties of the State Librarian.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1098, SD1 and your continued support of the Hawaii State Public Library System.