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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE THE LIBRARY
TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF
LIBRARY SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, librarians use the latest information technology
2 to perform research, classify materials, and help students and
3 library patrons seek information; and
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5 WHEREAS, librarians are required to have a master's degree
6 in library science, which in Hawaii can be obtained at the
7 University of Hawaii at Manoa's professionally accredited
8 program; and
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10 WHEREAS, librarians work in public libraries; in a school
11 library media center; in a college, university, or other
12 academic library; or in special libraries, including legal,
13 medical, and research libraries; and
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15 WHEREAS, the traditional concept of a library is being
16 redefined from a place to access paper records or books to one
17 that also houses the most advanced electronic resources,
18 including the Internet, digital libraries, and remote access to
19 a wide range of information sources; and
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21 WHEREAS, library services should be available to all people
22 within Hawaii; and
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24 WHEREAS, library jobs continue to be unfilled, and more
25 openings are expected due to retirements and increasing demands
26 for technologically capable professionals; and
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28 WHEREAS, more than two out of three librarians are aged
29 forty-five or older according to the Department of Labor (2008);
30 now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
4 Education is requested to convene the Library Task Force to
5 examine issues related to the provision of library services
6 throughout the State, which shall be formed with membership
7 from:

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9 (1) The Hawaii State Public Library Systems;
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11 (2) The Governor's Office; and
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13 (3) Other parties who could assist in the deliberations,
14 including business and community members; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Library Task Force is
17 requested to study the following:

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19 (1) Services presently being provided to the public;
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21 (2) Where the services within the State are being
22 provided;
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24 (3) Where services are needed by the public;
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26 (4) Defining the educational or certification requirements
27 for various positions within the library system;
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29 (5) Recommendations for needed action; and
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31 (6) Plans for accomplishing the recommendations; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Library Task Force is
34 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than
35 ninety days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
36 2009; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the



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1 Governor, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the
2 Superintendent of Education, and the State Librarian.

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