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Hawai`i State Libraries to Benefit from Antitrust Settlement

HONOLULU - Attorney General Mark Bennett today announced that the Hawai`i State Public Library System has received over \$20,000 to enhance its music resource collection.

The funds are to be used by the Library System to fund the acquisition of music in all formats (including CD, DVD, and other audio-visual formats), and music-related books.

"The Administration is very pleased that the Library System will be able to enhance its literary and audio-visual collection for the enjoyment of all Hawai`i library patrons. The Library is in the best position to fairly and comprehensively benefit the greatest number of consumers of CDs at a minimum cost," Bennett said.

The fund was made available as a result of a court order directing the final distribution of funds in connection with the settlement of a multi-state antitrust action relating to compact discs, *In Re: Compact Disk Minimum Advertised Antitrust Litigation*, MDL Docket No. 1361. Hawai`i and other states filed the action against five major music distributors and certain retailers, alleging that the defendants illegally conspired to raise the prices of prerecorded music products by implementing minimum advertised price policies. These policies were intended to prevent retailers from advertising their products below certain prices.

The Library previously received approximately 24,000 music CDs that were distributed throughout the 50 branches on all major islands.

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