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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO EXTEND  
PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS.

1 WHEREAS, an informed citizenry is the foundation of  
2 democracy; and  
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4 WHEREAS, since Benjamin Franklin formed the first public  
5 library, these institutions, which are open to all people  
6 regardless of age, race, gender, social condition, or religion,  
7 have had a major role in providing public access to a wide  
8 spectrum of information; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Public Library System has a  
11 responsibility to provide the people of Hawaii with access to  
12 information and educational and recreational materials; and  
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14 WHEREAS, public libraries are often the best places to  
15 study, conduct research, or complete school assignments; and  
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17 WHEREAS, many potential patrons are unable to use public  
18 libraries during the day and early evening due to work  
19 commitments; and  
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21 WHEREAS, many students who would like to use public  
22 libraries are also involved in sports, school bands, school  
23 clubs, and other after-school activities that end late at night;  
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26 WHEREAS, extended late-night hours would accommodate  
27 members of the public who are unable to use public libraries  
28 during their current hours; now, therefore,  
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
32 Session of 2016, that the Hawaii State Public Library System is  
33 requested to extend public library hours to accommodate patrons



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1 who are unable to use library services during the libraries'  
2 currently established hours; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the State Librarian, the  
6 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of  
7 Education.  
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