

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3214

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2399
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt an additional administrative assistant position in the Hawaii State Public Library System from civil service.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Public Library System.

Your Committee finds that Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, established a new administrative assistant position within the Hawaii State Public Library System. The position was intended to be permanently exempt from civil service, but the corresponding statutory amendment was not included. As part of their duties and responsibilities, the administrative assistant position oversees and manages all public library facilities-related issues statewide, necessitating an exempt status due to certain qualifications and experience needed to effectively carry out the role statewide. While the Department of Accounting and General Services provides substantial support in repairing and maintaining library facilities due to the Department's staffing shortages, a



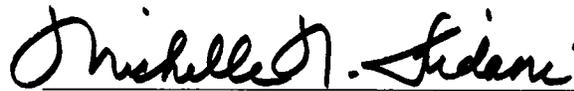
dedicated position within the Hawaii State Public Library System, as proposed in this measure will promote efficiency within the Library System to prioritize and ensure the needs of all public library facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2399 HD1	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 3/18/2024		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes