



STATE OF HAWAII  
HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM  
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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room 308**

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**H.B. 2399 RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM**

To: Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair  
Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Finance

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) **supports** H.B. 2399, which makes technical amendments to permanently exempt an additional administrative assistant position in the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) from civil service.

Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, created a new administrative assistant position in HSPLS. The new administrative assistant position was intended to be permanently exempt from civil service, similar to a pre-existing exempt administrative assistant position. At the time the position was created and funded, the appropriate amendments to section 76-16(b), HRS, had not been enacted.

Without the amendments to section 76-16(b) proposed in this measure, the HSPLS will continue to have one administrative assistant position that is exempt from civil service requirements and one position that is not. This proposed amendment is consistent with the intention that both administrative assistant positions are exempt. An exempt facilities position will allow HSPLS to hire an individual with the skills and experience necessary to maintain our facilities statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide supporting testimony on H.B. 2399.