

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Library Enhanced Services Program.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the public library system needs to be responsive to the competitive and fast-changing field of information access, storage, and delivery, and to the needs of its patrons. The legislature also recognizes that the public library system's ability to provide its services is severely compromised by the limited operational funds available, and supports the Hawaii state public library system's efforts to enhance its services through public support via donations of money, services, and properties.

The legislature further finds that the results of the state library system's implementation of its "Customer Satisfaction: A Master Plan for Public Libraries," approved by the Board of Education in April 1991, has been to improve patron services, patron access to information, private funding support, greater revenue from a variety of services, employee morale, and cost controls. From this master plan evolved the project called "State Library Innovations: A Model for Maximizing Employees and Revenues" (SLIMMER). To enable the Hawaii state public library system to collect revenues from a variety of services, the legislature enacted Acts 327, 361, and 328, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, first, to authorize the library to establish enhanced services and charge fees for use to support library operations; second, to create a charitable trust called Public-Private Partners for Literacy Trust Fund; and third, to establish the Hawaii State Library Foundation Trust Fund. The legislature extended Act 327, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, to July 1, 1999, with the enactment of Act 144, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996.

The purpose of this Act is to continue the initiatives begun in 1991 so that the services and revenues generated by this legislation will continue to be supported. The legislature encourages the library system to generate such supplemental revenues through its own innovations. The legislature recognizes through these enactments that the Hawaii state public library system requires sources of revenue beyond state tax revenues in order to fully support its service program and to maintain a leading-edge position in provision of library services to the residents of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Act 327, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, as amended by Act 144, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996, is amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

"SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and shall be repealed on July 1, [1999.] 2002."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 1999.

(Approved April 23, 1999.)