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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO RELEASE \$4.5 MILLION TO RENOVATE AND  
BUILD A COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE MAKIKI COMMUNITY LIBRARY.

1 WHEREAS, the Makiki Community Library was started in 1978  
2 in what was the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association experiment  
3 station; and  
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5 WHEREAS, this private, nonprofit library at Makiki District  
6 Park is not part of the Hawaii State Library System, is operated  
7 by volunteers on an \$11,000 annual budget, and has a collection  
8 of approximately 15,000 donated books; and  
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10 WHEREAS, in 2004, the Legislature approved \$4.5 million to  
11 repair the historic Makiki Community Library from further  
12 deterioration, and to build a community center which would  
13 include a computer learning center to assist primarily immigrant  
14 families; and  
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16 WHEREAS, in June 2005, Governor Linda Lingle informed the  
17 Makiki Library Board that she would not release the funds that  
18 were appropriated by the Legislature, stating that it is not in  
19 the best interest of state taxpayers; and  
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21 WHEREAS, after visiting the facility and weighing the  
22 available information, such as the lack of operational,  
23 maintenance, and security funding, the Governor said the  
24 building that the library operates out of is city-owned and  
25 city-operated, and therefore, it is the city, not the state, who  
26 is responsible for the building's upkeep and any desired  
27 renovations or improvements; and  
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29 WHEREAS, over the past several years, the City & County of  
30 Honolulu has provided more than \$1.5 million to refurbish the  
31 dilapidated building and to renovate the facility to meet  
32 American with Disability Act standards; and

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2 WHEREAS, honoring the Legislature's commitment to this  
3 project will supplement the City's efforts to provide a safe  
4 learning center for thousands of community residents, primarily  
5 immigrants and low-income individuals, who need the resources  
6 that the library provides; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the Governor should consider how much the  
9 community gains from the library and at how little a cost to the  
10 state; now, therefore,  
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Hawaii Silver  
13 Legislature of 2005, the House of Representatives concurring,  
14 that Governor Linda Lingle is requested to release the \$4.5  
15 million in state funds to renovate and build a community center  
16 at the Makiki Community Library; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 concurrent resolution be transmitted to Governor of the State of  
20 Hawaii, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and the  
21 President of the Friends of Makiki Community Library.