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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs  
Hawaii State Legislature  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Testimony in support of SCR 7

An astute 12 year old was once quoted saying "If we didn't have libraries, many people thirsty for knowledge would dehydrate..." We at the Makiki Community Library wish to continue quenching our community's thirst for knowledge.

To do so we need the \$4.5 million dollar appropriation, approved by the legislature, to be released by the governor. These funds will help create a community computer learning center and sorely needed outreach programs to serve Makiki's growing Micronesian and Elderly population.

The City and County of Honolulu is now doing extensive building renovations that will improve the library's access and security. Congress through the efforts of Representative Abercrombie has approved \$100,000 for renovations. The state legislature has shown its support by allocating funding for our library.

Governor Lingle has not approved the release of these funds. As President of the Board of the Friends of Makiki Community Library, I urge approval of SCR 7.

Let's not let Makiki and Honolulu residents eager for knowledge dehydrate.

Mahalo,



Ron Paik, President  
Friends of Makiki Community Library