# HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

***KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU***

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 25-263

## RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO PARTNER WITH THE HAWAIʻI STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO IMPLEMENT AN 18-MONTH PILOT PROGRAM FOR A VENDING MACHINE LIBRARY.

WHEREAS, public libraries are essential to fostering literacy, community engagement, and lifelong learning, especially through equitable access to books and educational materials; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Public Library System ("HSPLS") is seeking to provide innovative approaches to deliver services beyond library buildings, such as vending machine libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation Services ("DTS") is committed to enhancing the public value of the Skyline rail system by integrating community-focused partnerships and amenities; and

WHEREAS, the installation of library vending machines at Skyline rail stations would provide convenient, accessible opportunities for residents and transit riders to borrow books and other reading materials on the go; and

WHEREAS, Pouhala Skyline rail station (Waipahu Transit Center) and Kahauiki Skyline rail station (Middle Street Transit Center) are key transportation hubs with the capacity to host a library vending machine pilot program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pilot program would last for 18 months, allowing the DTS and the HSPLS to evaluate its usage, community impact, and operational feasibility; and

WHEREAS, if the pilot program proves successful, it could serve as a model for expanding vending machine libraries to additional Skyline rail stations across the system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests the Department of Transportation Services to partner with the Hawai'i State Public Library System to implement an 18-month pilot program to install, manage, and service a vending machine library at Pouhala Skyline rail station (Waipahu Transit Center) and Kahauiki Skyline rail station (Middle Street Transit Center); and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that under this pilot program, it is requested that the Hawai'i State Public Library System be responsible for the installation, maintenance, and servicing of the vending machine library and that the Department of Transportation Services be responsible for providing the required designated space and access to utility connections, including hard-wired internet, at each station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon completion, the pilot program be evaluated by the Director of Transportation Services, with input from the Hawai'i State Public Library System, to determine its effectiveness and community benefit, and, if determined to be successful, serve as a basis for expanding vending machine library services to additional Skyline rail stations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation Services is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations related to the expansion of the vending machine library pilot program within 180 days of the conclusion of the program; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Transportation Services, and the State Librarian of the Hawai'i State Public Library System.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

SEP 15 2025

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers



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# CERTIFICATE

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| Introduced: | 09/15/25 | By: | AUGIE TULBA<br>RADIANT CORDERO | Committee: | INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION & TECHNOLOGY (ITT) |

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

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| 09/15/25 | INTRO | Introduced. |
| 09/24/25 | ITT | Reported out for adoption.<br><br>CR-321<br><br>5 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER |
| 10/01/25 | CCL | Committee report and Resolution were adopted.<br><br>8 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS, WEYER<br><br>1 ABSENT: TUPOLA |

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER