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***INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION & TECHNOLOGY (ITT) Meeting**

Meeting Date: Sep 24, 2025 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Testimony:

I absolutely support the proposal of library vending machines at rail stations. It supports our library system, promotes literacy and makes books accessible. Perfect for a commute, and also may make library books available to people who might not otherwise have access.

I would recommend reviewing precautions for vandalism as sometimes we just cannot have nice things.

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Wednesday, September 24, 2025
9:00 a.m.

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RESOLUTION 25-263 – RELATING TO VENDING MACHINE LIBRARIES

To: Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Chair
Councilmember Val A. Okimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology Committee

The Hawaiʻi State Public Library System (HSPLS) supports Resolution 25-263, which requests the Department of Transportation Services to partner with HSPLS to implement an 18-month pilot program for a vending machine library, also referred to as a library materials dispenser, at a Skyline station.

Hawaiʻi's public libraries provide a wide range of opportunities to strengthen literacy and create collections and programs for life enrichment at our 51 branches, statewide. We recognize that convenience is a key factor in library usage and are actively exploring innovative ways to deliver services to people who are unable to make it to one of our branches.

Our initial research shows that there are at least two other municipal jurisdictions with similar library units at transit stations. We will use the relevant lessons learned in those locations to help us build a pilot program in Honolulu.

A small-scale pilot will allow us to rigorously test the concept, including identifying challenges, assessing staff workflows, and gathering data that will help us determine if an expanded program would be cost-effective and scalable. We look forward to working with the Department to do this.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Resolution 25-263.