

**Testimony of Alan Inouye in Support of S 0498**  
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educational function of library systems. Many library patrons are lower-income or face barriers to other means of information access. These new licensing restrictions mean patrons will be forced to wait much longer to borrow books, as only one copy is made available per library system. Additionally, these restrictions will financially burden library systems that will have to purchase more copies to keep up with demand following the two-month embargo. During the

