

SUBJECT: Allowing a public junior college library to donate certain materials

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 13 ayes — Paddie, Hernandez, Deshotel, Harless, Howard, Hunter, P. King, Lucio, Metcalf, Raymond, Shaheen, Slawson, Smithee

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WITNESSES: None

BACKGROUND: Interested parties note that it is currently difficult for public junior college libraries to donate old books or library materials with nominal value because of restrictions in place under state law governing the disposal of state surplus property. As a result, some books have been thrown away rather than given to persons who would accept the donation and could put the materials to use. Some have called for the state to allow public junior college libraries to donate certain old or duplicative library materials.

DIGEST: CSHB 3669 would allow a public junior college library to donate periodicals, books, e-books, tapes, and other media to any person or organization if the library materials duplicate materials that are a part of the library collection or are no longer appropriate for inclusion in the collection due to age, condition, or obsolete content and have little or no monetary value, as determined by library staff.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.