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Senator Beagle

Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Eklund, Hite, Jones

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge Ohio members of the Congress of the United States to seek a legislative solution to ensure public access to e-book materials through public libraries. 1
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, Public libraries in Ohio are open 1.8 million hours a year to all Ohioans; and 5
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WHEREAS, 2.1 million children and 6.7 million adults are cardholders at public libraries in Ohio; and 7
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WHEREAS, Technology has enabled public libraries to provide e-books, which are rapidly growing in popularity with public library customers; and 9
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WHEREAS, The increasing demand for public libraries to offer e-books is difficult to meet because some major publishers refuse to sell or license e-books to public libraries; and 12
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WHEREAS, Public library customers are increasingly requesting e-books, only to be informed that major publishers will not sell or lease requested titles to public libraries; and 15
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WHEREAS, By denying public libraries access to e-books, and by making e-books cost prohibitive, publishers have limited access 18
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to information to only those who can afford to purchase it; and 20

WHEREAS, This issue should be fully examined and considered 21
so that all children and adults have access to informational 22
materials to enable all citizens to compete in the digitalized 23
global economy; now therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 25
of the State of Ohio, respectfully request that Ohio members of 26
the Congress of the United States seek a legislative solution to 27
ensure public access to e-book materials through public libraries; 28
and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 30
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor of Ohio, 31
Ohio members of the Congress of the United States, the public 32
libraries of Ohio, and the news media of Ohio. 33