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Senator Beagle

Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Eklund, Hite, Jones

C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

To urge Ohio members of the Congress of the United 1
States to seek a solution to ensure public access 2
to e-book materials through public libraries. 3

**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 4
a year to all Ohioans; and 5

WHEREAS, 2.1 million children and 6.7 million adults are 6
cardholders at public libraries in Ohio; and 7

WHEREAS, Technology has enabled public libraries to provide 8
e-books, which are rapidly growing in popularity with public 9
library customers; and 10

WHEREAS, The increasing demand for public libraries to offer 11
e-books is difficult to meet because some major publishers refuse 12
to sell or license e-books to public libraries; and 13

WHEREAS, Public library customers are increasingly requesting 14
e-books, only to be informed that major publishers will not sell 15
or lease requested titles to public libraries; and 16

WHEREAS, By denying public libraries access to e-books, and 17

by making e-books cost prohibitive, publishers have limited access 18
to information to only those who can afford to purchase it; and 19

WHEREAS, This issue should be fully examined and considered 20
so that all children and adults have access to informational 21
materials to enable all citizens to compete in the digitalized 22
global economy; now therefore be it 23

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 24
of the State of Ohio, respectfully request that Ohio members of 25
the Congress of the United States seek a solution to ensure public 26
access to e-book materials through public libraries; and be it 27
further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 29
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor of Ohio, 30
Ohio members of the Congress of the United States, the public 31
libraries of Ohio, and the news media of Ohio. 32