Micronesian Immigrants in Hawai‘i
How Can Hawai‘i State Public Libraries Advocate Resources & Social Services to Immigrants?

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Introduction
- The 2010 population of Hawaii was 1,360,301.
- 34,098 individuals identified themselves as “Other Pacific Islanders.”
- The Farrington neighborhood has the highest percentage of native-born recent immigrants.
- Home to the second largest population of “Other Pacific Islanders” in the state.
- The only public library in this neighborhood is the Kalihi-Palama branch.

What does HSPLS currently offer?
- Community Story Times
- Linapuni School Partnership
- Parenting Classes
- Kūkui Kalihi Valley Partnership
- Kūhiō Park Terrace Partnership

Ideas for Change
- Pacific Island Partnerships
- ESL Classes
- Increased Funding
- Grant Writing
- Collection Development

Micronesia
- The Compacts of Free Association (1986)
- 8 distinct cultural groups & languages
- No MLIS librarians until 2013
- High rates of unemployment
- Low income
- Lack of access to technology
- Limited access to medical care

Hawai‘i
- Pacific Island partnerships
- High amount of tourism-related jobs
- Access to comprehensive healthcare
- Access to social services
- Access to higher education
- Easier route to U.S. Citizenship
- Culturally diverse society

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