

# MHLS Directors Association | Agenda Attachment

## Business Meeting of Wednesday April 22, 2026

### **Action Item #2: Copies to “Active” Holds**

Background: The Resource Sharing Standards “copies to hold” policy shown below does not clearly indicate that the requirement is intended to refer to the "active holds" only.

“Libraries should own 1 system-wide-holdable copy for each 4-7 holds; 2 copies for 8-14 holds; and 3 copies for 15-23 holds to be picked up at their location or downloaded. ~Approved by Directors Association 2/9/2023.”

Issue: In Sierra and OverDrive the ability to freeze holds or suspend them removes them from the imminent demand and therefore should not be used to influence the copies to holds purchase requirement. Inserting the word "active" into the statement clarifies the intent.

Recommendation: Change the language of the Copies to Holds statement to read as follows:

1. Copies to Holds
  - A. Libraries should own 1 system-wide-holdable copy for each 4-7 active holds; 2 copies for 8-14 active holds; and 3 copies for 15-23 active holds to be picked up at their location or downloaded.

**Status:** Discussed at the Resource Sharing Committee meeting on March 27, 2026

**Effective Date:** Upon approval of the Directors Association