

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 204

Honorable Members
Twenty-First Legislature
State of Hawaii


Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 204, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Animal Quarantine."

The purpose of this bill is to reduce animal quarantine user fees during fiscal year 2001-2002. The reduction is to be funded by exempting the animal quarantine special fund from central service assessments under section 36-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and by exempting the fund from reimbursing the Department of Budget and Finance for any administrative expenses under section 36-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for fiscal year 2001-2002. Only active duty military personnel in military grades E-1 to E-6 will qualify for the greatest fee reduction.

This bill is objectionable because it is inappropriate to provide general fund support for a special-funded program that is supposed to be self-sufficient. Furthermore, this bill may be impermissibly discriminatory, because it favors active duty military personnel of certain grades and does not accord the same benefit to civilians of equivalent income levels.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 204 without my approval.

Respectfully,


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii