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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

January 29, 2007

The Honorable Senator Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President:

I am requesting your immediate consideration and passage of Senate Bill 1457, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$4,980,523 in general funds in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 to cover the State's Medicaid home and community-based services programs for persons with developmental disabilities and mental retardation, also known as the title XIX waiver program, within the Department of Health to meet an existing critical funding emergency.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. The Department of Health will be available to answer any questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

c: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health