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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 522

Honorable Members
Twentieth 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, House Bill No. 522, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the School-to-Work Opportunities Pilot Project."

The purpose of House Bill No. 522 is to amend Act 343, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, to codify the school-to-work opportunities pilot project into permanent law by creating a new part of chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that will make the School-to-Work Opportunities Executive Council advisory in nature, and transfer management of the school-to-work opportunities staff to the Department of Education (DOE). This bill requires the DOE to employ an executive director for the school-to-work opportunities pilot project, who will be nominated by the superintendent and approved by the School-to-Work Opportunities Executive Council. This bill also transfers the responsibility for employing exempt staff from the Council to the DOE with the Council continuing to govern the school-to-work system. In addition, this bill requires Council members to pay their own travel expenses, unless actually engaged in Council business, and requires the Council and the Superintendent to develop a transition plan by July 1, 1999, to be implemented by September 1, 1999.

However, the bill includes a grandfather clause that allows the DOE to place employees into civil service positions and requires that the employees be retained if the program or position is abolished. Furthermore, there is no appropriation to implement the provisions of the bill. Consequently, this bill is

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contrary to the civil service reforms in progress and lacks the legislative funding commitment necessary to implement its provisions.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 522 without my approval.

Respectfully,


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii

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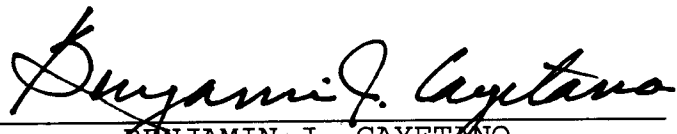
WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of his plan to return with his objections any bill presented to him less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented to him after adjournment sine die of the Legislature;

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 522, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the School-to-Work Opportunities Pilot Project," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period;

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 522 is unacceptable to the Governor of the State of Hawaii;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO, Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby issue this proclamation, pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, giving notice of my plan to return House Bill No. 522 with my objections thereon to the Legislature as provided in said Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,
State of Hawaii, this 10th
day of June, 1999.


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii