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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS HONOLULU

MAY 27 , 1999

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 102

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, Senate Bill No. 102, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Health."

The purposes of Senate Bill No. 102 are to establish a statewide rural health plan for the island of Hawaii, to create a rural helth fund in an effort to qualify the State of Hawaii for federal Medicare rural hospital flexibility grants, and to create a position in each county for a rural transportation coordinator.

While I support the intent of this bill, this measure is unnecessary because the Department of Health is already establishing a process that accomplishes the goals of this bill.

For the foregoing reason, I am returning Senate Bill No. 102 without my approval.

Respectfully,

Governor of Hawaii

PROCLAMATION

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; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 102, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Health," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 102 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 Senate Bill No. 102 with my objections thereon to the Legislature as provided by said Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,

State of Hawaii, this 21%