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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1032

Honorable Members
Twentieth Legislature
State of Hawaii

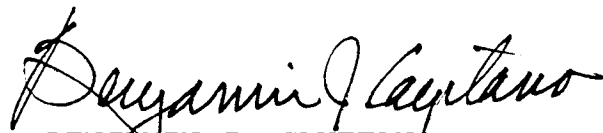
Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 1032, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment."

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 1032 is to require the Department of Health to convene a task force to study and recommend to the Legislature a process, and the necessary criteria, to authorize the administration of involuntary psychoactive medication to patients committed to inpatient psychiatric facilities.

This bill is not necessary for two reasons. First, it makes no statutory change or appropriation. Second, the Department of Health has already convened an informal, ad hoc task force, the composition of which closely mirrors the membership proposed in the bill. The informal task force has met in the past year, and the Department of Health is willing to continue the meetings in the coming year in order to address the issues noted in the bill and to report findings and recommendations to the Legislature prior to the convening of the regular session of 2000.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 1032 without my approval.

Respectfully,



BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii

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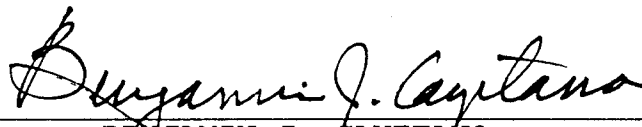
WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of his plan to return with his objections any bill presented to him less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented to him after adjournment sine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

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1032, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1032 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. 1032 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 7th
day of June, 1999.



BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii