

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 638

Honorable Members  
Twenty-First Legislature  
State of Hawaii

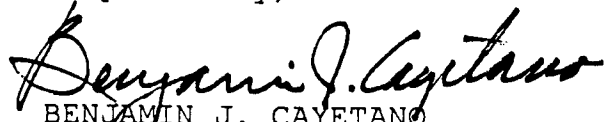
Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 638, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Assistance."

The purpose of this bill is to amend section 346-29.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to delete the requirement that the Department of Human Services annually file updated liens with the Bureau of Conveyances and clarify that the Department's annual update of home property liens is an internal departmental accounting measure. The bill also removes the prohibition from initiating probate proceedings to enforce its liens and provides that the recording and tracking procedures apply to each type of lien provided in section 346-29.5.

This bill amends section 346-29.5(b) to change the numbering and alignment of the paragraphs and subparagraphs in a manner that results in internal ambiguities. The companion bill, Senate Bill No. 1113, was also passed by the Legislature and does not contain the internal ambiguities. Because I intend to approve Senate Bill No. 1113, there is no necessity to also approve this bill.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 638 without my approval.

Respectfully,

  
BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO  
Governor of Hawaii