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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 824

Honorable Members
Twenty-First Legislature
State of Hawaii

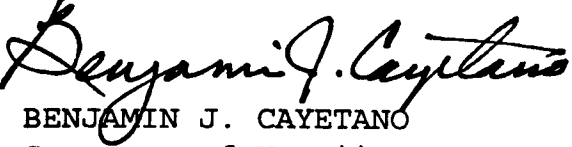
Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 824, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Motorcycle Operator Education."

The purpose of this bill is to amend section 286-108.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide that any motorcycle operator education program operated in Hawaii by any branch of the United States Armed Services shall be deemed approved and certified by the State Director of Transportation if the program (1) meets Motorcycle Safety Foundation standards and (2) is certified by the respective armed forces' installation commander.

This bill is objectionable because it is unnecessary and may result in undesirable inconsistencies with current efforts of the State Department of Transportation in this area. The department recently received recommendations of a blue ribbon panel of mainland experts on motorcycle operator education. To implement the panel's recommendations, the Director of Transportation is forming a task force to assist in drafting administrative rules to establish statewide requirements and a fair, equitable, and consistent procedure for certification of motorcycle operator education programs in Hawaii.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill
No. 824 without my approval.

Respectfully,


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO

Governor of Hawaii