

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 868

Honorable Members
Twenty-First Legislature
State of Hawaii

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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. 868, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Board of Education."

The purpose of this bill is to clarify that the military liaison to the Board of Education shall be seated with board members during meetings and participate fully on board matters, except those matters discussed in executive session.

Section 302A-1101(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, which authorizes the Board of Education to invite the senior military commander in Hawaii to appoint a nonvoting military representative to the board, already permits the military liaison to participate in Board of Education meetings. Furthermore, every Board of Education meeting agenda has a standing agenda item specifically for the military representative to provide input and advice. There is no necessity to statutorily require the military representative to be seated with the board members and to statutorily require the military representative to participate in all discussions of the board.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 868 without my approval.

Respectfully,


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii