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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1473

Honorable Members
Twenty-First Legislature
State of Hawaii

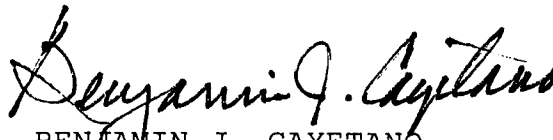
Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 1473, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Planning."

The purpose of this bill is to establish a special advisor for smart growth and a smart growth advisory council to assist the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies to ensure state investments and state actions support smart growth objectives, thereby establishing a smart growth program.

This bill is unnecessary, because existing laws already allow the office of planning to develop growth objectives and strategies and advise the Governor and Legislature on planning matters. Although this bill will establish a "special advisor for smart growth," the bill specifies that the Director of Planning shall serve in that capacity. Furthermore, there is no need to statutorily establish a temporary advisory council with no appropriation of funds to operate. If the Office of Planning desires to have advice, it can obtain the advice through other means, including the establishment of temporary advisory boards or committees through executive orders.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 1473 without my approval.

Respectfully,



BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii