

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

JUNE 20, 2002

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2043

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. 2043, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Adoption."

The purpose of this bill is to establish a temporary advisory task force, to be convened by Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, to study the legal ramifications of integrating the Hawaiian cultural practice of *hanai* into the statutes and propose legislation for consideration during the regular session of 2004.

This bill is unnecessary. Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii is a registered tradename of a Hawaii nonprofit corporation and is not a government agency. The legislative committee reports indicate that the nonprofit corporation is willing to convene the task force without public funding. This bill does not provide any money. The objective of this bill could have been achieved through a resolution requesting that the nonprofit corporation convene the advisory task force.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 2043 without my approval.

Respectfully,

  
BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO  
Governor of Hawaii

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P R O C L A M A T I O N

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 the Governor's plan to return with the Governor's objections any bill presented to the Governor less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented to the Governor after adjournment sine die of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2043, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Adoption," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2043 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. 2043 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 20  
day of June, 2002.



BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO  
Governor of Hawaii