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The Honorable Robert Bunda, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

Section 158, Act 259, SLH 2001, the General Appropriations Act of 2001, as amended by Act 3, 3rd SpSLH 2001, and Act 177, SLH 2002, authorizes the Governor to:

“ . . . transfer savings as may be available from the appropriated funds of any program in this Act to supplement the appropriation for any other program in this Act to cope with the effects of natural disasters or other unforeseen emergencies; provided that the effects of natural disaster or such emergencies create an urgent need to pursue a course of action which is in the best interest of the State; and provided further that the legislature shall be notified in writing of such transfers of funding no later than fourteen days after the transfer is made.”

Pursuant to Section 158, the previous Governor authorized the transfer of savings from various departments in order to fund the costs of the two special elections to be held after the death of Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink. Additional funds to cover the estimated \$2.6 million cost were not available in the Office of Elections (under the Office of the Lieutenant Governor) which necessitated the transfer of available savings from other departments in order to meet this unforeseen emergency. The first special election was held November 30, 2002 to fill the late Congresswoman's unexpired term and the second special election will be held January 4, 2003 to fill the regular term.

Attached is a list showing the departments and the amounts that were transferred (totaling \$2,615,000 in general funds) to the Office of Elections.