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## **EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

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January 28, 2003

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Section 9, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am requesting your immediate consideration and passage of Senate Bill No. 1358. This emergency appropriation of an additional \$2,179,400 in general funds for fiscal year 2002-2003 is necessary to pay for start-up and remediation costs to comply with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. The Department of Budget and Finance will be available to answer any questions you may have on this request.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

cc: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi