

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR

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. 1359. This emergency appropriation is necessary to ensure that the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation can pay its contributions to the Employees' Retirement System and Health Fund for the employees of the corporation.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate an additional \$14,000,000 in general funds for fiscal year 2002-2003 to pay for employer contributions of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Employees' Retirement System and the Health Fund.

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