

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

June 20, 2003

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 319

Honorable Members
Twenty-Second 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. 319, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Counties."

The purpose of this bill is to reduce solid waste in the State of Hawaii by requiring counties with a population of at least 500,000 to establish a food waste recycling program. The program would require the owners or operators of certain food establishments to arrange for the collection, and delivery to a recycling facility, of a minimum of fifty percent of the establishments' food waste.

The bill is objectionable because it is unnecessary and goes against the concept of home rule.

According to the 2000 census, the City and County of Honolulu is the only county that would be required to comply with this bill. Yet, Honolulu is also the only county that currently has a mandatory food waste recycling program, pursuant to section 9-3.5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu.

Regulation of food waste removal is best left to the counties so that the people most directly affected by such regulation can determine for themselves how best to implement it. The City and County of Honolulu testified against this bill because it prefers its own food waste recycling program to the one that would be forced upon it by this bill.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 319 without my approval.

Respectfully,

LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii

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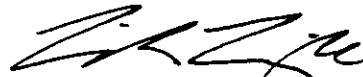
WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of the Governor's plan to return with the Governor's objections any bill presented to the Governor less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented to the Governor after adjournment sine die of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 319, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Counties," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 319 is unacceptable to the Governor of the State of Hawaii;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, 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. 319 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 20th day
of June, 2003.



LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii