

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

June 20, 2003

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1579

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, House Bill No. 1579, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Economic Diversification Authority."

The purpose of this bill is to explicitly and specifically enumerate the duties of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to identify and implement ways to diversify Hawaii's economy. The bill requires DBEDT to develop and implement plans, programs, and initiatives to facilitate economic diversification.

This bill is objectionable because it is unnecessary. The enumerated duties already fall within the general objectives, functions, and duties of DBEDT. Section 201-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, states that DBEDT's function is to "make broad policy determinations with respect to economic development in the State and to stimulate through research and demonstration projects those industrial and economic development efforts which offer the most immediate promise of expanding the economy of the State."

DBEDT has already accomplished what this bill intends to achieve, and continues to update its plans on an ongoing basis. Legislative micromanagement of the methods that DBEDT employs to achieve its objectives is inappropriate and reduces the DBEDT's flexibility to use its resources in the most efficient and productive way possible. Such flexibility is especially important in these lean fiscal times.

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For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill  
No. 1579 without my approval.

Respectfully,

LINDA LINGLE  
Governor of Hawaii

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, House Bill No. 1579, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Economic Diversification Authority," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1579 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 House Bill No. 1579 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.



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LINDA LINGLE  
Governor of Hawaii