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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. 239

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

Dear President Bunda:

I am requesting your immediate consideration and passage of Senate Bill 2337, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$4,724,703 in general funds in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 to cover expenses related to the ongoing operations at the Hawaii State Hospital and community-based services. This measure also requests an increase in the expenditure ceiling of \$6,148,944 for the Mental Health Substance Abuse Special Fund.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. The Department of Health is available to answer any questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

c: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senate Committee on Ways and Means