

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

GOV. MSG. NO. 599

May 2, 2006

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

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 2, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

HB3253 SD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII RULES OF EVIDENCE. (ACT 73)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006 STATE OF HAWAII H.B. NO. 3253 S.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII RULES OF EVIDENCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- SECTION 1. Section 626-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 amended by amending rule 103, subsection (a), to read as 2 3 follows: "(a) Effect of erroneous ruling. Error may not be 4 predicated upon a ruling which admits or excludes evidence 5 unless a substantial right of the party is affected, and: 6 Objection. In case the ruling is one admitting 7 (1)evidence, a timely objection or motion to strike 8 appears of record, stating the specific ground of 9 objection, if the specific ground was not apparent 10 from the context; or 11 (2) Offer of proof. In case the ruling is one excluding 12 evidence, the substance of the evidence was made known 13 to the court by offer or was apparent from the context 14 within which questions were asked. 15
- 16 Once the court makes a definitive ruling on the record admitting

- 1 or excluding evidence, either at or before trial, a party need
- 2 not renew an objection or offer of proof to preserve a claim of
- 3 error for appeal."
- 4 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 5 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 6 begun, before its effective date.
- 7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 2 day of MAY , 2006

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 17, 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.

Calvin K.Y. Say

Speaker

House of Representatives

Patricia Mau-Shimizu

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: March 30, 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the

Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.

President of the Senate

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Clerk of the Senate