

#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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July 6, 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 July 6, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1706 HD3 SD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS ACT. (ACT 279)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

ACT 279

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2005 STATE OF HAWAII H.B. NO. H.D. 3 S.D. 1 C.D. 1

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIFORM ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS ACT.

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

1	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there has been a
2	growing reliance on risk-based environmental cleanup of
3	contaminated property when removal of contamination to
4	unrestricted levels is infeasible, impracticable, or
5	unnecessary. In such cases, certain controls are required to
6	protect the public and the environment from the contamination
7	that remains on the property. Currently, there exists no clear
8	authority nor any process for ensuring that these controls
9	remain valid and enforceable as the properties change ownership.
10	The purpose of this Act is to:
11	(1) Ensure that land use restrictions, environmental
12	monitoring requirements, and common engineering
13	controls designed to control the potential
14	environmental risk of residual contamination are
15	reflected in the land records and effectively enforced
16	over time as a real property servitude; and
17	(2) Encourage the transfer of ownership of contaminated
18	properties, and property re-use, by establishing a

- 1 also contain any other information concerning environmental
- 2 covenants and the real property subject to them that the
- 3 department considers appropriate. The department shall make the
- 4 registry available for public access electronically on its
- 5 web-site or at another appropriate place. The registry is a
- 6 public record for purposes of chapter 92F.
- 7 § -13 Relation to Electronic Signatures in Global and
- 8 National Commerce Act. This chapter modifies, limits, or
- 9 supersedes the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and
- 10 National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001 et seq.; provided
- 11 that it shall not modify, limit, or supersede Section 101 of
- 12 that Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001 (a), or authorize electronic
- 13 delivery of any of the notices described in Section 103 of that
- 14 Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7003(b)."
- 15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 6 day of JUL , 2006

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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#### HB No. 1706 HD 3 SD 1 CD 1

## THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii

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: May 2, 2006 Honolulu. Hawaii

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

Robert Bunda

President of the Senate

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Paul Kawaguchi Clerk of the Senate