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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

April 13, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

I am transmitting herewith SB1513, without my approval, and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

SB1513

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR  
VEHICLES.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1513

Honorable Members  
Twenty-Fourth 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. 1513, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicles."

The purpose of this bill is to conform State motor vehicle equipment specifications to the federal and automobile manufacturers' specifications by: (1) changing the minimum headlamp height requirement from twenty-four inches to twenty-two inches above the road surface and (2) deleting the requirement that a license plate be attached no lower than twelve inches above the ground.

An identical bill, House Bill No. 1427, was also passed by the Legislature. Because I approved House Bill No. 1427, as Act 7 on April 9, 2007, which accomplished the purpose of this bill, there is no necessity to also approve this measure.

For the foregoing reason, I am returning Senate Bill No. 1513 without my approval.

Respectfully,



LINDA LINGLE  
Governor of Hawaii

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 249-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3           "(b) Upon an original registration the director of finance  
4 shall fix, and shall charge to the owner, a fee equal to the cost  
5 of the number plate and tag or emblem plus the administrative  
6 cost of furnishing the plate and tag or emblem and effecting the  
7 registration. Upon the issuance of a new series of number plates  
8 as determined by the directors of finance of each county through  
9 majority consent, the director of finance shall charge the owner  
10 a fee equal to the costs of the number plate plus the  
11 administrative cost of furnishing the plates. Upon issuing a tag  
12 or emblem, the director of finance shall charge the owner a fee  
13 of 50 cents. The owner shall securely fasten the number plates  
14 on the vehicle, one on the front and the other on the rear, at a  
15 location provided by the manufacturer or in the absence of such a  
16 location upon the bumpers of the vehicle and in conformance with  
17 section 291-31, in such a manner as to prevent the plates from  
18 swinging [~~and at a minimum of twelve inches from the ground~~].

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1 Number plates shall at all times be displayed entirely unobscured  
2 and be kept reasonably clean. In the case of trailers,  
3 semitrailers, or motorcycles, one plate shall be used and it  
4 shall be fastened to the rear thereof at a location provided by  
5 the manufacturer or in the absence of such a location at the rear  
6 thereof, and in the case of motorcycles in conformance with  
7 section 291-31."

8 SECTION 2. Section 291-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) From thirty minutes after sunset until thirty minutes  
11 before sunrise, every motor vehicle moving upon any public  
12 highway shall carry at the front thereof at least two lighted  
13 head lamps which shall display white lights of equal candle  
14 power. The head lamps shall be securely mounted, not less than  
15 [~~twenty-four~~] twenty-two inches nor more than fifty-four inches  
16 above the road surface when measured to the head lamp center, on  
17 a rigid part of the vehicle designed specifically for head lamp  
18 installation by the manufacturer, and so arranged, adjusted, and  
19 constructed that, when the motor vehicle is fully loaded, any  
20 pair of headlights under the conditions of use shall produce a  
21 light sufficient to reveal any person, vehicle, or substantial

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1 object on the highway straight ahead of the motor vehicle for a  
2 distance of two hundred feet.

3 The light when measured at a distance of one hundred feet  
4 directly in front of the motor vehicle, and at a height of sixty  
5 inches above the level surface on which the motor vehicle stands,  
6 shall not exceed two thousand four hundred apparent candle power,  
7 nor shall this candle power be exceeded at a greater height than  
8 sixty inches.

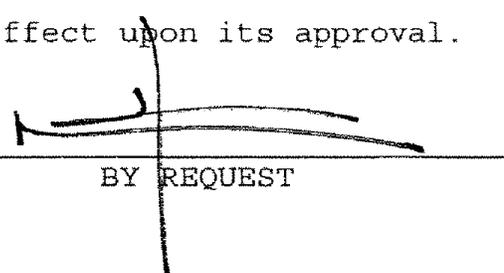
9 When measured at a distance of one hundred feet ahead of the  
10 motor vehicle and seven feet or more to the left of the axis of  
11 the same, and at a height of sixty inches above the level surface  
12 on which the motor vehicle stands, the light shall not exceed  
13 eight hundred apparent candle power."

14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



BY REQUEST