

## **EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

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January 29, 2007

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

## Dear Madam President:

I am requesting your immediate consideration and passage of Senate Bill 1458, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$1,900,000 in general funds in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 to cover the State's reimbursement costs associated with the delivery of emergency aeromedical services on Oahu by the Hawaii Army National Guard. This service was previously provided by the United States Army without charge to the State. The Department of Health requires this funding to meet an existing critical funding emergency to continue aeromedical services on Oahu.

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

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLÈ

c: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair Senate Committee on Ways And Means

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senate Committee on Health