



GOV. MSG. NO. 922

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

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:

Re: House Bill No. 2507 HD1 SD2 CD1

On July 8, 2008, House Bill No. 2507, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate \$140,000 for two temporary full-time positions to support the implementation of Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, which, among other things, established the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Task Force. The funding, however, was not among my Administration's fiscal priorities. Furthermore, rather than appropriating funds to research an issue, I believe this money could be put to better use by directing it to existing programs such as the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, which has the potential to lessen our dependence on foreign oil and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

For the foregoing reasons, I allowed House Bill No. 2507 to become law as Act 235, effective July 8, 2008, without my signature.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007 (Act 234)
2 established state policy to reduce, by January 1, 2020,
3 greenhouse gas emissions to levels at or below the estimates of
4 greenhouse gas emissions for 1990.

5 To achieve this goal, Act 234 established the greenhouse
6 gas emissions reduction task force (task force), to be
7 administratively attached to the department of business,
8 economic development, and tourism. The task force is required
9 to prepare a comprehensive work plan and regulatory scheme for
10 implementing feasible, cost-effective reductions in greenhouse
11 gas emissions to achieve the reductions required by Act 234.
12 The task force is required to meet no less than 13 objectives in
13 preparing the plan, including consultations with various other
14 public and private agencies, investigation and development of
15 analytical tools and economic models, consideration of various
16 technical items related to greenhouse gases, examination and use
17 of market-based compliance mechanisms to achieve reductions, and



1 development of rules and regulations relating to greenhouse gas
2 emissions.

3 The demanding work required of the task force has created a
4 need for two additional specialized personnel within the
5 department of business, economic development, and tourism to
6 provide professional and technical support for the task force,
7 as well as to assist in the implementation of other provisions
8 of Act 234. The additional personnel, a task force program
9 manager and a project assistant/researcher, are essential in
10 ensuring that the task force fulfills its responsibilities in a
11 timely, effective manner.

12 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for two
13 additional personnel to assist the task force in implementing
14 Act 234.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$140,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for two
18 temporary full-time positions within the department of business,
19 economic development, and tourism as follows:

20 (1) One greenhouse gas emissions reduction task force
21 program manager; and



