



GOV. MSG. NO. 227

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

January 27, 2009

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President:

In accordance with Section 9, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am requesting your immediate consideration and passage of Senate Bill No. 882 to appropriate \$60,000,000 in emergency and budget reserve funds to pay for the health care payments program (HMS 401) that is essential to the public health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Hawaii. These funds will be used to replace the general funds that are currently appropriated for the health care payments program for FY 09.

The timely passage of this measure is requested in order for the State to address the critical budget shortfall resulting from the severe economic downturn that has impacted State general fund revenues.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. The Department of Budget and Finance will be available to answer any questions you may have on this request.

Sincerely,

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

LINDA LINGLE

c: Honorable Donna Mercado Kim