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NEIL ABERCROMBIE GOVERNOR

June 28, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker and Members of the House Twenty-Sixth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 28, 2012, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2868 SD1 HD1

RELATING TO TAX CLEARANCE FEES. Act 180 (12)

NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor, State of Hawaii

THE SENATE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012 STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAX CLEARANCE FEES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Taxpayers are required to obtain tax clearances 2 from the department of taxation for various purposes, including 3 obtaining a government contract or receiving final payment on a 4 government contract. Currently, taxpayers may obtain tax 5 clearances without paying a fee for the tax clearance. 6 department of taxation processes approximately twenty thousand 7 to thirty thousand tax clearance applications per year. addition, certified copies of the tax clearance can also be 8 9 obtained from the department of taxation without paying a fee. 10 Approximately thirty thousand certified copies of tax clearances 11 are provided each year. The purpose of this Act is to allow the department of
- 12 taxation to impose a \$20 fee for a tax clearance application and 13 14 a \$5 fee to obtain a certified copy of a tax clearance.
- 15 SECTION 2. Chapter 231, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated **17** and to read as follows:

1	" <u>\$231-</u> <u>Tax clearance fees.</u> The department may charge a
2	fee of \$20 for each tax clearance application submitted and \$5
3	for each certified copy of a tax clearance."
4	SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
5	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
6	and shall apply to requests for tax clearances and requests for
7	certified copies of tax clearances received on or after July 1,
8	2012.

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII