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DEPT. COMM. NO. 325

The Honorable Ronald Kouchi
Senate President
State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph Souki
Speaker of the House
State House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Chapter 487N, Hawaii Revised Statutes – Report of Security Breach
of Personal Information

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Speaker Souki:

In compliance with Chapter 487N, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Security Breach of Personal Information, the Department of Taxation (Department) is submitting this written report to notify you that a security breach was discovered on January 25, 2016.

The breach occurred when a Department of Taxation (Department) employee was responding to an inquiry from the Bureau of Conveyances (BOC) regarding the validity of a recorded lien that had been filed against one of the previous property owners. Department staff notified the BOC staff that the lien had not been paid off and emailed a copy of the last invoice the Department had mailed to the taxpayer in 2015 to the BOC staff without permission from the taxpayer.

The Department notified the affected taxpayer on January 27, 2016. A copy of the notice to the taxpayer is enclosed. To prevent this incident from recurring in the future, the Department will remind its staff to not share taxpayer information with anyone other than the taxpayer, unless express permission is obtained from the taxpayer.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mallory Fujitani at 587-1540.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria E. Zielinski", written over a large, stylized flourish or "L" shape.

MARIA E. ZIELINSKI
Director of Taxation

Attachment