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GOVERNOR

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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:

Section 4(15) of Act 160, SLH 2006, added "Section 13.2" to Act 178, SLH 2005. Section 13.2 appropriated \$500,000 for fiscal year 2006-2007 for harbors administration (TRN 395) to expend upon a formal disaster declaration.

For your information and consideration, as of December 1, 2006 (the cut off date for the Report on this matter), the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, did not expend any funds appropriated by Section 13.2. However, the Department of Transportation is currently processing payments relating to the repair and other expenses incurred at Kawaihae Harbor following the October 15, 2006 earthquake. The expenditures for these payments will be made out of the Section 13.2 appropriation. Consequently, the Department of Transportation has no formal report to submit at this time. However, I have instructed the Department of Transportation to submit a Report to the Legislature of the 2008 Regular Session, documenting any expenditures incurred after December 1, 2006. I believe this is consistent with the spirit and intent of the reporting requirement in Section 13.2.

Pursuant to Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that this letter may be viewed electronically at www.hawaii.gov/dot/administration/legislature.

Sincerely,



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