EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

April 25, 2002

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2765

Honorable Members Twenty-First Legislature State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 2765, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Registration of Divorces and Annulments."

The purpose of this bill is to repeal section 338-29, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires registration of divorces and annulments with the Department of Health. The bill streamlines the divorce and annulment process by eliminating the registration requirement after December 31, 2002.

House Bill No. 2507, which also repeals section 338-29, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was passed during the regular session of 2002. Because I intend to approve House Bill No. 2507, there is no need to approve this bill.

For the foregoing reason, I am returning Senate Bill No. 2765 without my approval.

Respectfully,

BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO

Governor of Hawaii