



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. **567**

April 27, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 003  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on April 27, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1920

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO  
FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH.  
(ACT 47)

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the percentage of  
2 income used nationally for household debt payments, including  
3 mortgages, credit cards, and student loans, rose to the highest  
4 level in more than a decade in 2001 and remained at fourteen per  
5 cent in 2002. In 2001, consumer bankruptcy filings in the  
6 United States increased by nineteen per cent over the previous  
7 year. Personal savings as a percentage of the gross domestic  
8 product decreased from 7.5 per cent in the early 1980s to 2.4  
9 per cent in 2002. Approximately forty million Americans, the  
10 "unbanked", are not using mainstream, insured financial  
11 institutions.

12           The legislature finds that fifty-five per cent of college  
13 students acquire their first credit card during their first year  
14 in college and that eighty-three per cent of college students  
15 have at least one credit card. However, forty-five per cent of  
16 college students are in credit card debt, with an average debt  
17 of more than \$3,000. Only twenty-six per cent of young adults  
18 from thirteen to twenty-one years of age report that their



1 parents actively taught them how to manage money. A 2002 study  
2 found that high school seniors know even less about credit  
3 cards, retirement funds, insurance, and other personal finance  
4 basics than seniors knew five years earlier. A 2002 study by  
5 the National Council on Economic Education found a decreasing  
6 number of states include personal finance in their education  
7 standards for students in grades K-12.

8 The legislature finds that a greater understanding and  
9 familiarity with financial markets and institutions will lead to  
10 increased economic activity and growth. Financial literacy  
11 empowers all individuals to make wise financial decisions and  
12 reduces the confusion of an increasingly complex economy.  
13 Personal financial education is essential to ensure that our  
14 citizens are prepared to manage money, credit, and debt and  
15 become responsible workers, heads of households, investors,  
16 entrepreneurs, business leaders, and citizens.

17 The purpose of this Act is to expand the focus of Financial  
18 Literacy Month in Hawaii to include all citizens of the State.

19 SECTION 2. Section 8-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 "[+]§8-14[+] **Financial Literacy [~~for Youth~~] Month.** The  
22 [~~entire~~] month of April shall be known and designated as



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1 "Financial Literacy [~~for Youth~~] Month". This month is not and  
2 shall not be construed to be a state holiday."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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APPROVED this 27 day of APR , 2006

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

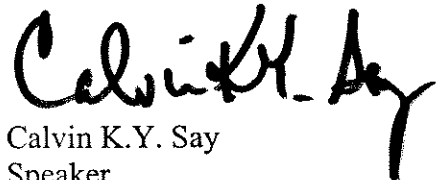


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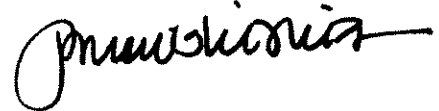
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: February 22, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

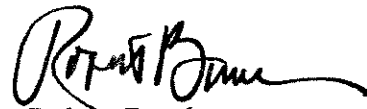


Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

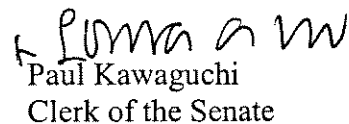
THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 11, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate



Paul Kawaguchi  
Clerk of the Senate