



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

July 10, 2006

GOV. MSG. NO. 821

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 July 10, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2778 HD2 SD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO
LANGUAGE ACCESS.
(ACT 290)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO.

2778
H.D. 2
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
3 to read as follows:

4 **"PART LANGUAGE ACCESS**

5 **§371-A Purpose.** Most individuals living in Hawaii read,
6 write, speak, and understand English. There are many
7 individuals, however, who are limited English proficient.
8 Language for limited English proficient persons can be a barrier
9 to accessing important benefits or services, understanding and
10 exercising important rights, complying with applicable
11 responsibilities, or understanding other information provided by
12 state-funded programs and activities.

13 The purpose of this part is to affirmatively address, on
14 account of national origin, the language access needs of limited
15 English proficient persons. In providing the delivery of
16 language accessible services, it is the intent of the
17 legislature that those services be guided by Executive Order



1 than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session,
2 beginning with the regular session of 2007, detailing
3 compliance, complaints and resolutions, recommendations to
4 enhance compliance, and statutory or administrative changes to
5 further the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$440,000 or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to staff
9 and maintain positions at the department of labor and industrial
10 relations for the office of the executive director and language
11 access advisory council.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
13 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 5. In codifying the new part added to chapter 371,
15 Hawaii Revised Statutes, by section 1 of this Act, the revisor
16 of statutes shall substitute appropriate section numbers for
17 letters used in designating the new sections in this Act.

18 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
19 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



H.B. NO. 2778
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C.D. 1

APPROVED this 10 day of JUL 2006

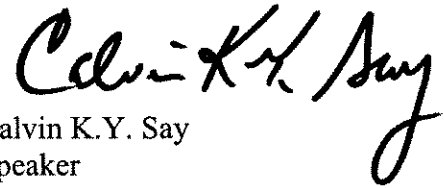


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final 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: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final 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