



GOV. MSG. NO. 1057

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

July 10, 2007

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:

I am transmitting herewith HB1605 HD1 SD1 CD1, without my approval, and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

HB1605 HD1 SD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC
CONTROL.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle", written in a cursive style.

LINDA LINGLE

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of the Governor's plan to return with the Governor's objections any bill presented to the Governor less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented to the Governor after adjournment sine die of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1605, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Traffic Control," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1605 is unacceptable to the Governor of the State of Hawaii;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby issue this proclamation, pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, giving notice of my plan to return House Bill No. 1605 with my objections thereon to the Legislature as provided by said Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,
State of Hawaii, this 25th
day of June, 2007.



LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1605

Honorable Members
Twenty-Fourth 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, House Bill No. 1605, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Traffic Control."

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for the development and implementation of an intelligent transportation system architectural plan for Maui that includes a Maui traffic control center.

I concur with the goal to establish a traffic control system on each of the major islands that allows both the public and highway traffic managers to better utilize routes and re-route traffic as traffic congestion occurs.

However, this bill is objectionable because it utilizes moneys from the State Highway Fund for a project that is not yet on the approved State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). This plan sets priorities of traffic improvement projects on each island and allows a fair and transparent use of highway funds for the priority projects that are specifically on the plan as set by the community. To divert moneys out of the Highway Fund for this specific project at the expense of other community approved projects that have been waiting for funding is both unfair and not sound fiscal planning.

Further, the State has been informed by the County of Maui that it has not budgeted its own funds for the Maui Traffic

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Control Center and it is unknown at the present time whether Maui will allocate resources for this project.

As noted in my July 5, 2007 communication to Speaker Say and President Hanabusa, the defect in this bill can be easily remedied by appropriating moneys from the General Fund rather than the State Highway Fund to construct this center. I have asked the Legislature to make this amendment so that I may sign this measure for the people of Maui. Without this amendment, which only the Legislature can enact, the bill is unacceptable.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 1605 without my approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle", is written over the printed name.

LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an intelligent
2 transportation system applies communications and information
3 technology to provide solutions to congestion and traffic
4 control issues. Such a system uses a variety of field devices
5 in partnership with a traffic control center via a single mode
6 fiber-optic network to effectively alleviate traffic congestion
7 in a geographic area.

8 A traffic control center is a key component of a successful
9 intelligent transportation system. Traffic control centers
10 provide effective, efficient responses to incidents, special
11 events, and roadway construction to ensure the smooth flow of
12 traffic.

13 Traffic cameras employed by traffic control centers provide
14 factual information for appropriate traffic decisions and signal
15 adjustments. In addition, traffic cameras provide valuable
16 information for motorists because they allow the televising of
17 conditions at key intersections across an area. Motorists are



1 able to view conditions at their destination as well as traffic
2 conditions along their route.

3 On Maui, traffic across the island is routinely backlogged
4 during morning and afternoon rush hours as a result of roadway
5 maintenance and improvements, traffic accidents, or special
6 events. Other examples of commuter traffic backlogs occur in
7 areas such as Paia town where Hana highway meets Baldwin avenue,
8 the Piilani highway corridor from Kihei to Wailea, and in
9 Lahaina town where Lahainaluna road meets Honoapiilani highway.
10 A traffic control center for the island of Maui, as part of an
11 overall intelligent transportation system, would inform
12 motorists about traffic conditions, maximize traffic flow, and
13 enhance public safety.

14 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
15 development and implementation of an intelligent transportation
16 system architectural plan for Maui, which includes a Maui
17 traffic control center.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the state highway
19 fund the sum of \$400,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary
20 for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the development and implementation
21 of an intelligent transportation system architectural plan for
22 Maui, which includes a Maui traffic control center. This



1 project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid
2 financing, or reimbursement, or both.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

