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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mme. President and Members of the Senate:

I am pleased to transmit the 2006 Robert C. Schmitt Commemorative Edition of the *State of Hawaii Data Book*. Mr. Schmitt was Hawaii's first State Statistician and was also the founder of the *Data Book*. This edition includes highlights of his life in addition to 790 tables filled with data relating to Hawaii.

DBEDT has been releasing the *Data Book* only in electronic form since 2001; this is the first time that the *Data Book* has been printed since then. Only limited copies of the *Data Book* were printed. Ninety percent of the printing cost was covered by a donation from the family of the late Robert C. Schmitt.

Our Research and Economic Analysis Division (READ) updates the *Data Book* on an on-going basis as one of our data services. READ also produced the time series data for many of the *Data Book* tables. The updated tables and the time series data table can be accessed through the DBEDT website at <http://www.hawaii.gov/dbedt/info/economic/databook/>. Tables may be viewed or may be downloaded from this Internet site.

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Liu

Enclosure

c: House Minority Leader
Senate Minority Leader