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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 13, 2008

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:

This is to inform you that on February 13, 2008, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2688 HD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO
PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE
LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE
REFERENCE BUREAU, AND THE OMBUDSMAN.
(ACT 001)

Sincerely,

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE
LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU,
AND THE OMBUDSMAN.

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

1 SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$7,694,360 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for defraying any and all session
4 and nonsession expenses of the senate up to and including
5 June 30, 2009, including the 2008 regular session, twenty-fourth
6 legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and
7 the expenses of any committee or committees established during
8 the interim between the 2008 and 2009 regular sessions.

9 The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by
10 the senate.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$11,670,163 or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for defraying any and all
14 session and nonsession expenses of the house of representatives
15 up to and including June 30, 2009, including the 2008 regular
16 session, twenty-fourth legislature of the State of Hawaii, and
17 pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or



1 committees established during the interim between the 2008 and
2 2009 regular sessions.

3 The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by
4 the house of representatives.

5 SECTION 3. Payment of expenses of the senate during the
6 interim between the 2008 and 2009 regular sessions shall be made
7 only with the approval of the president of the senate, and
8 payment of expenses of the house of representatives during the
9 interim between the 2008 and 2009 sessions shall be made only
10 with the approval of the speaker of the house of
11 representatives.

12 SECTION 4. Before January 21, 2009, the senate and the
13 house of representatives shall each have their accounts audited,
14 and a full report of the respective audits shall be presented to
15 the senate and to the house of representatives convening on
16 January 21, 2009.

17 SECTION 5. Unless otherwise prescribed by law, the
18 expenses of any member of the legislature while traveling abroad
19 on official business of the legislature shall be \$130 a day as
20 authorized by the president of the senate and the speaker of the
21 house of representatives, respectively.



1 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,945,977 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary to the office of the auditor for the
4 following expenses:

5 (1) The sum of \$2,910,685 for defraying the expenses of
6 the office of the auditor during fiscal year
7 2008-2009;

8 (2) The sum of \$885,292 for defraying the expenses of the
9 office of the state ethics commission during fiscal
10 year 2008-2009; and

11 (3) The sum of \$150,000 during fiscal year 2008-2009 for:

12 (A) Performing special studies;

13 (B) Improving capabilities for planning, programming,
14 and budgeting;

15 (C) Fulfilling other special requests made of the
16 auditor by the legislature or jointly by the
17 president of the senate and the speaker of the
18 house of representatives;

19 (D) Legislative studies and contractual services for
20 those studies; and



1 (E) Such other purposes as may be determined by the
2 joint action of the president of the senate and
3 the speaker of the house of representatives.

4 The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by
5 the auditor.

6 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,429,360 or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary to the office of the auditor during
9 fiscal year 2008-2009 to be deposited into the audit revolving
10 fund established pursuant to section 23-3.6, Hawaii Revised
11 Statutes.

12 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the audit
13 revolving fund the sum of \$5,600,438 or so much thereof as may
14 be necessary to the office of the auditor during fiscal year
15 2008-2009 for the auditor to conduct or complete its audit
16 functions as provided by law.

17 The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by
18 the auditor.

19 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,449,623 or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary to the legislative reference bureau
22 for defraying the expenses of the legislative reference bureau



1 during fiscal year 2008-2009, including equipment relating to
2 computer systems programming and operations.

3 The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by
4 the legislative reference bureau.

5 SECTION 10. Notwithstanding chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised
6 Statutes, the legislative reference bureau shall contract with
7 the University of Hawaii to conduct a study of the State's
8 environmental review process. The study shall:

- 9 (1) Examine the effectiveness of the current environmental
10 review system created by chapters 341, 343, and 344,
11 Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- 12 (2) Assess the unique environmental, economic, social, and
13 cultural issues in Hawaii that should be incorporated
14 into an environmental review system;
- 15 (3) Address larger concerns and interests related to
16 sustainable development, global environmental change,
17 and disaster-risk reduction; and
- 18 (4) Develop a strategy, including legislative
19 recommendations, for modernizing Hawaii's
20 environmental review system so that it meets
21 international and national best-practices standards.



1 In addition, the study shall be conducted in accordance with the
2 provisions of any other act that addresses the comprehensive
3 study of the environmental review process described in this
4 section.

5 The study shall be submitted to the legislature no later
6 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
7 of 2010 or by an earlier date expressly set by any other
8 relevant Act.

9 There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the
10 State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000, or so much thereof as may
11 be necessary to the legislative reference bureau during fiscal
12 year 2008-2009 to contract with the University of Hawaii to
13 conduct the study required by this section.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the legislative
15 reference bureau for the purposes of this section.

16 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,060,728 or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary to the office of the ombudsman for
19 defraying the expenses of the office during fiscal year
20 2008-2009.

21 The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by
22 the ombudsman.



1 SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the following sums or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for defraying the expenses of the
4 legislative information system:

5 (1) \$900,000 to the senate; and

6 (2) \$900,000 to the house of representatives.

7 This appropriation shall be used to pay for hardware, software,
8 consultants, installation, materials, supplies, and other
9 related costs associated with the legislative information system
10 that have been or will be incurred.

11 The sums appropriated in this section shall be expended by
12 the senate and the house of representatives, respectively.

13 SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$175,000 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for the legislative broadcast
16 program, including the production and distribution of television
17 broadcasts of legislative proceedings.

18 The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by
19 the legislature for the purposes of this section.

20 SECTION 14. Except for moneys in the audit revolving fund,
21 as of the close of business on June 30, 2009, the unexpended or



1 unencumbered balance of any appropriation made by this Act shall
2 lapse into the general fund.

3 SECTION 15. Each section of this Act is declared to be
4 severable from the remainder of this Act.

5 SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

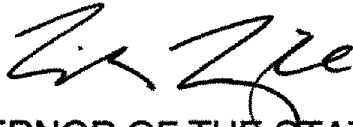


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APPROVED this 13 day of FEB , 2008



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

