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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii'i 96813

Dear Madam President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Management Audit of Information Technology Within the Office of Hawaiian Affairs*.

In 2005, our previous audit found OHA grappling with the effects of poorly planned and ill-defined reorganization efforts. In this audit, we found a much more stable and functional organization that is focused on its strategic mission. However, we discovered that while OHA has made recent organizational improvements in some areas of information systems management, the board and OHA administration do not fully recognize the need for information systems to be managed at a strategic level. The challenges that the trust faces in managing, protecting, and utilizing information will likely increase as OHA continues to serve its beneficiaries in a rapidly changing world.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. We will place the report on our website, www.state.hi.us/auditor, and release it to the public and press, on Monday, June 8, 2009.

Sincerely,

Marion M. Higa
State Auditor

Enclosure

c:/Carol Taniguchi, Senate Clerk