



GOV. MSG. NO. 464

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

April 1, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President:

In accordance with Section 9, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am requesting your immediate consideration and passage of Senate Bill No. 1178, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, which appropriates \$40,000,000 in general funds and \$80,000,000 in federal funds for an emergency appropriation in FY 10 for the Health Care Payments program (HMS 401) to address a funding shortfall in the Medicaid program.

It should be noted that this bill does not make an offsetting reduction to Act 162, SLH 2009, to reduce the HMS 401 budget by \$40,000,000 in general funds for FY 11, as requested by my Administration. It is assumed that an appropriate adjustment will be made during the budget conference to adjust House Bill No. 2200, Relating to the State Budget.

Because the Medicaid program is essential for the public health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Hawaii, we would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. The Department of Human Services will be available to answer any questions you may have on this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Attachment

c: Honorable Donna Mercado Kim