



GOV. MSG. NO. 527

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

April 25, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

I am transmitting herewith SB2159 HD1, without my approval, and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

SB2159 HD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT
RELATING TO TRAFFIC ABSTRACT FEE.

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2159

Honorable Members
Twenty-Fifth 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, Senate Bill No. 2159, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Traffic Abstract Fee."

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 2159 is to increase general fund revenues by raising the traffic abstract fee from \$7 to \$20. Of the \$20.00 to be charged, \$18.00 is to be deposited into the general fund and \$2.00 is to be deposited into the judiciary computer system special fund.

This bill is objectionable because it is effectively a tax increase on Hawaii drivers and businesses. This bill imposes a nearly two hundred percent increase in the amount of the fee currently charged. Based on the number of abstracts requested each year, this bill would cost Hawaii drivers an estimated \$6.5 million more annually.

This increased fee of \$20.00 would be significantly more than the traffic abstract fee of most other states. This substantial increase will undoubtedly impact businesses operating in Hawaii that regularly need to review traffic abstracts, particularly businesses that operate fleets of vehicles. Further the fee will impact any individual who operates a vehicle and must obtain an abstract for insurance purposes.

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This measure, places an additional burden on Hawaii's residents and businesses at a time when existing taxes are difficult enough to bear. Families are prioritizing expenditures and making difficult decisions in order to live within their means. We in the State, have an obligation to do the same.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 2159 without my approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black 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 ABSTRACT FEE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 287-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The traffic violations bureaus of the district
4 courts, upon request, shall furnish any person a certified
5 abstract of the bureaus' record, if any, of any person relating
6 to all alleged moving violations and any convictions resulting
7 therefrom, arising from the operation of a motor vehicle and any
8 administrative license revocation pursuant to chapter 291E, part
9 III and chapter 286, part XIV, as it was in effect on or before
10 December 31, 2001. The traffic violations bureaus may collect a
11 fee, not to exceed [~~\$77~~] \$20, of which [~~\$5~~] \$18 shall be
12 deposited into the general fund and \$2 shall be deposited into
13 the judiciary computer system special fund."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

