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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

April 16, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

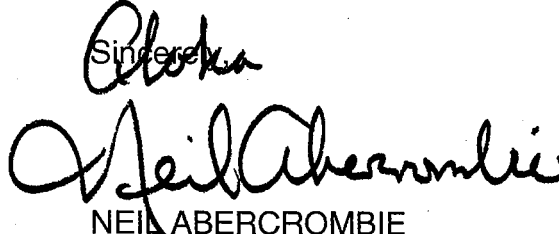
The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 16, 2013, the following bill was signed into law:

HB872

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
FROM THE NURSING FACILITY
SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND
ACT 013 (13)

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor
on APR 16 2013

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ACT 013

4.B. NO. 872

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FROM THE NURSING FACILITY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. Nursing facilities in the State face major
5 financial challenges in providing quality health care for Hawaii
6 residents due largely in part to the cost of care provided to
7 medicaid enrollees. Payments for these clients do not cover the
8 actual costs of care. To address this challenge, the nursing
9 facility sustainability program special fund was established by
10 Act 156, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012. Use of revenue from the
11 nursing facility sustainability program special fund includes
12 increasing medicaid payments to private nursing facilities. In
13 order to avoid any delay in payment to the nursing facilities
14 for fiscal year 2012-2013, advancement of moneys from the health
15 care payments program (HMS 401) for those payments to private
16 nursing facilities will be made until payments can be made from
17 the special fund.

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1 This emergency appropriation will ensure continued timely
2 payments to the nursing facilities and will ensure that there
3 will be no disruption in the provision of medically necessary
4 services to program recipients.


5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the nursing
6 facility sustainability program special fund the sum of
7 \$12,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal
8 year 2012-2013, with such moneys to be used consistent with the
9 uses authorized for the nursing facility sustainability program
10 special fund, including the reimbursement of moneys advanced for
11 those purposes in fiscal year 2012-2013 from the health care
12 payments program (HMS 401).

13 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
14 department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

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

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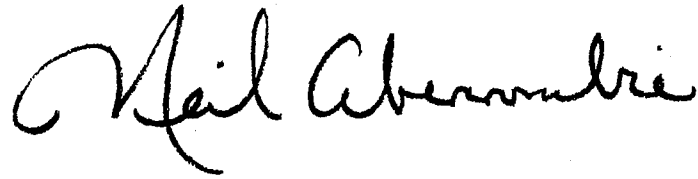


BY REQUEST

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APPROVED this 16 day of APR , 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Neil Abernethy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII