



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. 1323

July 12, 2017

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

Re: HB839 HD1 SD1 CD1

HB839 HD1 SD1 CD1, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES" will become law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The purpose of this bill is to require the Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Special Land and Development Fund and the Land Conservation Fund.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources is unsure of the reasoning behind these audits as they are not mentioned in the bill. The Auditor already does rotating audits of all departments and this could be an ineffective use of taxpayer dollars.

For the foregoing reasons, HB839 HD1 SD1 CD1 will become law as Act 209, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, effective July 12, 2017, without my signature.

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaii

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES..

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

1 SECTION 1. The auditor shall conduct a performance audit
2 of:

3 (1) The department of land and natural resources' special
4 land and development fund; and

5 (2) The department of land and natural resources' land
6 conservation fund;

7 and provide recommendations, as appropriate.

8 SECTION 2. The audit shall review contracts, grants, and
9 memoranda of understanding entered into, awarded by, or
10 otherwise involving:

11 (1) The department of land and natural resources' special
12 land and development fund; and

13 (2) The department of land and natural resources' land
14 conservation fund;

15 between the period beginning July 1, 2015, through June 30,
16 2017. The auditor shall examine whether the funds that were
17 expended by the department of land and natural resources were in
18 compliance with laws and in accordance with the terms of the



1 contracts, grants, and memoranda of understanding and whether
2 contractors and awardees were adequately screened and qualified.

3 SECTION 3. The auditor shall submit a report on the audit,
4 including findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation,
5 if necessary, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
6 to the convening of the regular session of 2019.

7 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 to conduct
10 the audit of the department of land and natural resources
11 pursuant to this Act.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the auditor for
13 the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

APPROVED this day of , 2017

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 839, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.



Joseph M. Souki
Speaker
House of Representatives




Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate