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GOVERNOR

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

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Speaker Souki:

In accordance with Section 9, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I respectfully request your expeditious consideration of the following Emergency Appropriation bills:

S.B. 969 – MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT.

H.B. 1103 – MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT.

Current fiscal year 2017 workers' compensation expenses are outpacing the funds that were appropriated to the Department of Human Resources Development. It is estimated that the funds to pay claims will be exhausted by April 2017. Therefore, a critical funding crisis exists and the Department will not be able to meet its legal obligation to pay the workers' compensation benefits that are due to State of Hawai'i employees who sustain work-related injuries and illnesses for the remainder of fiscal year 2017.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact James Nishimoto, Director of Human Resources Development.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

With warmest regards,

David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i