

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

July 6, 2020

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 3139

Honorable Members
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 3139, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the State Budget."

The purposes of this bill are to:

1. Replace, where eligible, general fund appropriations with general obligation bond funds;
2. Deposit, or authorize the transfer of, those general funds into the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund;
3. Authorize the transfer of excess moneys from other sources into the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund; and
4. Transfer savings from the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2020 and the Judiciary Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2020 due to reduced expenditures in fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 from the general fund for deposit into the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

This bill is objectionable because the \$432,000,605 appropriated out of the general fund for deposit into the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund represents fiscal biennium 2019-2021 general fund appropriation reductions to the Executive and Judiciary budgets. A general fund appropriation reduction does not represent cash; it represents reduced spending authority. Consequently, the transfer from the general fund for deposit into the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund of \$432,000,605 is

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overstated by \$432,000,605.

Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution provides that, "[e]xcept for items appropriated to be expended by the judicial and legislative branches, the governor may veto any specific item or items in any bill which appropriates money for specific purposes by striking out or reducing the same." Because of the foregoing objection, pursuant to my line item veto authority, I have stricken out the appropriation out of the general fund of \$432,000,605 for fiscal year 2019-2020 for deposit into the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund in section 10 (on page 5, line 6) and changed it to \$0.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 3139 with the general fund appropriation of \$432,000,605 for fiscal year 2019-2020, described above, stricken from the bill and changed it to \$0.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Y. Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor of Hawai'i