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HONOLULU

MAY 27, 1999

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 260

Honorable Members
Twentieth 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, House Bill No. 260, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Early Childhood."

The purpose of House Bill No. 260 is to provide a means for early childhood screening when a child reaches the age of three.

I am returning this measure because while I support the intent of the bill, the measure is redundant and unnecessary. The Department of Education already has in place a "Child Find" effort to fulfill the federal mandate to screen for children ages three to five who have disabilities. Furthermore, early childhood experts caution against formal screening that may inadvertently label a child as developmentally delayed or disabled, when, in fact, such is not the case.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 260 without my approval.

Respectfully,


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of his plan to return with his objections any bill presented to him less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented to him after adjournment sine die of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 260, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Early Childhood," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 260 is unacceptable to the Governor of the State of Hawaii;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO, Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby issue this proclamation, pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, giving notice of my plan to return House Bill No. 260 with my objections thereon to the Legislature as provided by said Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,
State of Hawaii, this 27th
day of May, 1999.


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii