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June 8, 1999

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 895

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. 895, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Emergency Medical Services."

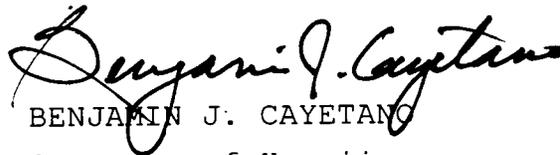
The purpose of House Bill No. 895 is to further the development of immediate critical care and transport by fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft of a patient to a specialized medical care facility (emergency aeromedical services or EAS) by, among other things, authorizing the Department of Health to include EAS as part of the statewide emergency medical services system, requiring the Department of Health to establish an emergency aeromedical medical services information system (EAMSIS) to collect specified data to help determine the effectiveness of the aeromedical quality improvement program and to identify EAS system strengths and weaknesses, and requiring the Department of Health to establish an emergency aeromedical services quality improvement advisory committee (advisory committee) with specified membership to analyze EAMSIS information.

The bill appears to be unnecessary, because the functions required by this bill can be implemented administratively by the Department of Health. Moreover, the advisory committee would be required to analyze EAMSIS data, but the advisory committee would exclude Department of Health representation. Analysis of EAMSIS data and development of recommendations, as well as cost implications, to improve the EAS system should be functions of the Department of Health.

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For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill
No. 895 without my approval.

Respectfully,



BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO

Governor of Hawaii

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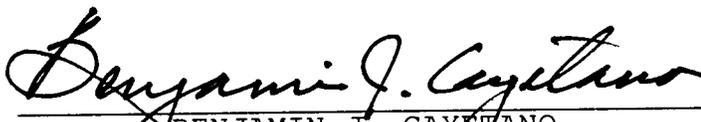
WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of his plan to return with his objections any bill presented to him less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented to him after adjournment sine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

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 895, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Emergency Medical Services," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 895 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. 895 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 8th
day of June, 1999.


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii