

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

June 12, 2001

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 505

Honorable Members
Twenty-First 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. 505, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Lands."

The purpose of this bill is to provide that any transfer of the Ala Wai Golf Course by executive order be subject to disapproval by a majority of both houses of the Legislature or two-thirds vote of either house.

This bill is unnecessary and redundant. The existing state law, section 171-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, clearly spells out the procedure for the Governor to issue executive orders to set aside or withdraw public lands and for the Legislature to disapprove them. I have made it clear from the onset that the Ala Wai Golf Course executive order would follow this procedure. I can see no useful purpose in signing into law a bill that simply reiterates an already existing law.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 505 without my approval.

Respectfully,



BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii