

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

June 20, 2002

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2382

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. 2382, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Correctional Facilities."

The purpose of the bill is to require a public notice and comment period of at least sixty days before constructing a new correctional facility, expanding an existing correctional facility, or initiating any capital improvement project with a cost in excess of \$500,000.

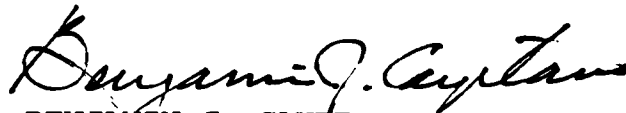
The goal of keeping the public informed and involved is an admirable one. Unfortunately, the bill is overbroad and could delay some major safety and security projects that are not related to expansion. For example, this bill would have delayed projects for the installation of fire sprinklers and security cameras, for the replacement of sewer lines, and for the upgrade of electrical systems. The correctional facilities needed these improvements for the safety of the inmates and the security of the public, and a delay in construction as proposed by this bill would serve little or no purpose.

Furthermore, to the extent an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement is needed for new construction, existing law already allows for public notice and comment. Accordingly, this bill provides no added benefits for these types of projects.

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For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill
No. 2382 without my approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin J. Cayetano". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii

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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 the Governor's plan to return with the Governor's objections any bill presented to the Governor less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented to the Governor after adjournment sine die of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2382, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Correctional Facilities," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2382 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. 2382 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 20
day of June, 2002.



BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii