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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2595

Honorable Members
Twenty-First Legislature
State of Hawaii

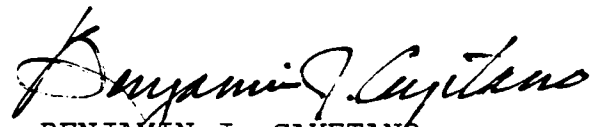
Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning without my approval, House Bill No. 2595, entitled "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation to Enhance Agricultural Tourism Venues."

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate \$500,000 out of the Tourism Special Fund for fiscal year 2002-2003 "for the enhancement of agricultural tourism venues" to be expended by the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA). The Legislature found that "key sites and events that involve both tourism and agriculture, such as overnight accommodations at farms and ranches and educational tours in agricultural areas, should be identified and systematically developed."

This bill is objectionable because it dictates to the HTA how to spend and how much to spend on agricultural tourism. The primary purpose for the creation of the HTA was to have one state entity responsible for the development and promotion of tourism. It is the role of the HTA board to decide how to allocate money from the Transient Accommodations Tax, including the extent to which that money should support agricultural tourism projects, and this bill unduly interferes with the HTA's exercise of its discretion. Furthermore, it is my understanding that the HTA has in fact allocated some money for agricultural tourism projects and, to that extent, this bill is also unnecessary.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 2595 without my approval.

Respectfully,


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii

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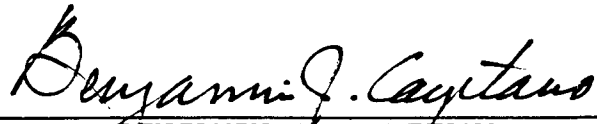
WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of the Governor's plan to return with the Governor's objections any bill presented to the Governor less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented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

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2595, entitled "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation to Enhance Agricultural Tourism Venues," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2595 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. 2595 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