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HONOLULU

June 20, 2002

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2900

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, Senate Bill No. 2900, entitled "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for the Emergency Environmental Workforce."

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 2900 is to appropriate \$500,000 to continue the efforts of the emergency environmental workforce to improve the State's economy by employing citizens to protect the environment.


Act 4 of the Third Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2001 appropriated \$1,500,000 to establish an emergency environmental workforce to provide short-term employment for persons who lost their jobs as a result of the downturn in the State's economy following the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Although it appears that positive work was done under the initial funding for the program, the program was meant to be short-term in nature.

With the passage of time there is a reduced connection between the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the unemployment rate. In fact, recent data show that the unemployment rate was lower in April 2002 than in the months immediately following September 11, 2001. Because the amount appropriated under this bill would enable the program to employ very few persons for a limited period of time, it does not appear that continuation of the program will make a significant impact with respect to unemployment, the State's economy, or the environment.

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For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill
No. 2900 without my approval.

Respectfully,


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii

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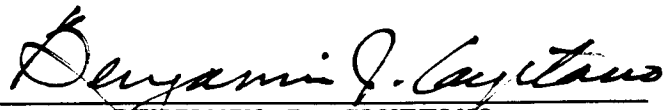
WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of the Governor's plan to return with the Governor's objections any bill presented to the Governor less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented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

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2900, entitled "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for the Emergency Environmental Workforce," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2900 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 Senate Bill No. 2900 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