

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

JUNE 24, 2002

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2816

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. 2816, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Student Loans for Teachers."

The purpose of this bill is to establish the Hawaii Educator Incentive Program to increase the number of qualified teachers in Hawaii public schools. This bill establishes a special fund to provide for tuition and textbook cost reimbursement to persons who complete a state-approved teacher education program in Hawaii and is employed as a teacher in a hard-to-fill position in the Hawaii public school system for a minimum of six consecutive years.

Section 14 of Article III of the State Constitution provides that "[e]ach law shall embrace but one subject, which shall be expressed in its title." The title of the bill states the subject to be "student loans for teachers." The bill, however, does not provide for student loans for teachers, but instead provides for the reimbursement of educational expenses to employed teachers. The reimbursement is available regardless of whether the expenses were paid through a student loan. Although the purpose of this bill has merit, the bill is constitutionally defective, because it does not comply with the requirements of Section 14 of Article III of the State Constitution.

For the foregoing reason, I am returning Senate Bill No. 2816 without my approval.

Respectfully,



BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii

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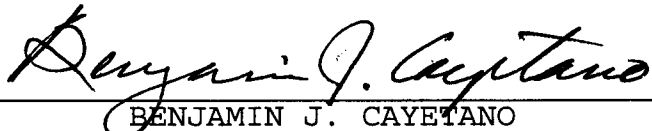
WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of the Governor's plan to return with the Governor's objections any bill presented to the Governor less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented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

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2816, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Student Loans for Teachers," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2816 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. 2816 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 24
day of June, 2002.


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii