

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1777

Honorable Members
Twenty-First Legislature
State of Hawaii

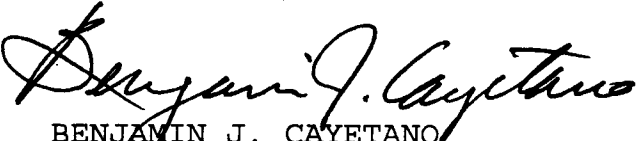
Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 1777, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Utilities."

The purpose of this bill is to amend section 269-16.9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide that the Public Utilities Commission may exempt a telecommunications provider or service from the provisions of section 269-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to public hearing and contested case requirements.

This bill is objectionable because the amendment is unnecessary. Section 269-16 is a provision of chapter 269. The current language in section 269-16.9 authorizes the Commission to exempt a telecommunications provider or service from "any or all of the provisions of . . . [chapter 269], except the provisions of section 269-34, upon a determination that the exemption is in the public interest." Consequently, section 269-16.9 already authorizes the Commission to exempt a telecommunications provider or service from the provisions of section 269-16.

For the foregoing reason, I am returning House Bill No. 1777 without my approval.

Respectfully,


BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawaii

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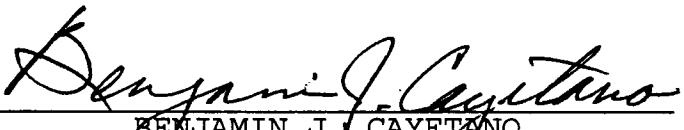
WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of the Governor's plan to return with the Governor's objections any bill presented to the Governor less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented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

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1777, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Utilities," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1777 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. 1777 with my objection 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