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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

June 15, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker
and Members of the House
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 15, 2012, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1764 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO THE RESIDENCY OF
APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.
Act 115 (12)

Aloha
Sincerely,
Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE RESIDENCY OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 78-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
3 "(b) All appointive officers in the service of the
4 government of the State or any county who are employed as
5 department heads and deputies or assistants to a department head
6 shall be citizens of the United States and residents of the
7 State for at least one year immediately preceding their
8 appointment [-]; provided that the foregoing one year residency
9 requirement may be waived by the appointing authority when the
10 appointive officer is required to have highly specialized or
11 scientific knowledge and training and a qualified applicant who
12 is a resident for at least one year is not available to fill the
13 position. All others appointed in the service of the government
14 of the State or in the service of any county or municipal
15 subdivision of the State shall be citizens, nationals, or
16 permanent resident aliens of the United States and residents of
17 the State at the time of their appointment. A national or
18 permanent resident alien appointee shall not be eligible for

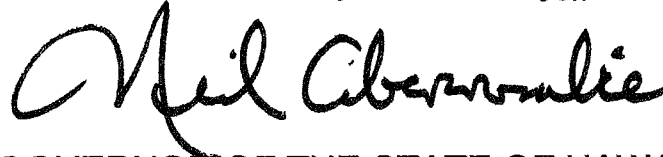


1 continued employment unless such person diligently seeks
2 citizenship upon becoming eligible to apply for United States
3 citizenship."

4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 15 day of JUN , 2012



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

