March 10, 2014

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
President and Members of the Senate
Speaker and Members of the
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 409
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State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
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Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on March 10, 2014, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2650 HD1 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR
THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE
AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE
BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS
COMMISSION
ACT 002 (14)

Signed

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii
A BILL FOR AN ACT


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

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $8,324,033 or so much thereof as may be necessary to the senate for the following expenses:

(1) The sum of $7,086,533 for defraying any and all session and nonsession expenses of the senate up to and including June 30, 2015, including the 2014 regular session, twenty-seventh legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 2014 and 2015 regular sessions;

(2) The sum of $1,150,000 for defraying the expenses of the legislative information system for cost items such as hardware, software, consultants, installation, materials, supplies, and other related costs
associated with the legislative information system that have been or will be incurred; and

(3) The sum of $87,500 for defraying the cost of the legislative broadcasting program to pay for the production and distribution of television broadcasts of legislative proceedings.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by the senate.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $11,428,576 or so much thereof as may be necessary to the house of representatives for the following expenses:

(1) The sum of $10,402,652 for defraying any and all session and nonsession expenses of the house of representatives up to and including June 30, 2015, including the 2014 regular session, twenty-seventh legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 2014 and 2015 regular sessions;

(2) The sum of $938,424 for defraying the expenses of the legislative information system for cost items such as
hardware, software, consultants, installation, 
materials, supplies, and other related costs 
associated with the legislative information system 
that have been or will be incurred; and 
(3) The sum of $87,500 for defraying the cost of the 
legislative broadcasting program to pay for the 
production and distribution of television broadcasts 
of legislative proceedings. 
The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by 
the house of representatives.

SECTION 3. Payment of expenses of the senate during the 
interim between the 2014 and 2015 regular sessions shall be made 
only with the approval of the president of the senate, and 
payment of expenses of the house of representatives during the 
interim between the 2014 and 2015 regular sessions shall be made 
only with the approval of the speaker of the house of 
representatives. 

SECTION 4. Before January 21, 2015, the senate and the 
house of representatives shall each have their accounts audited, 
and a full report of the respective audits shall be presented to 
the senate and to the house of representatives convening on 
January 21, 2015.
SECTION 5. Unless otherwise prescribed by law, the expenses of any member of the legislature while traveling abroad on official business of the legislature shall be $145 a day as authorized by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $2,793,849 or so much thereof as may be necessary to the office of the auditor for the following expenses:

(1) The sum of $2,643,849 for defraying the expenses of the office of the auditor during fiscal year 2014-2015; and

(2) The sum of $150,000 during fiscal year 2014-2015 for:
   (A) Performing special studies;
   (B) Improving capabilities for planning, programming, and budgeting;
   (C) Fulfilling other special requests made of the auditor by the legislature or jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives;
   (D) Legislative studies and contractual services for those studies; and
(E) Such other purposes as may be determined by the joint action of the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by the auditor.

SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $2,800,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to the office of the auditor during fiscal year 2014-2015 to be deposited into the audit revolving fund established pursuant to section 23-3.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the audit revolving fund the sum of $6,300,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to the office of the auditor during fiscal year 2014-2015 for the office to conduct or complete its audit functions as provided by law.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by the auditor.

SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $3,263,947 or so much thereof as may be necessary to the legislative reference bureau for defraying the expenses of the legislative reference bureau
during fiscal year 2014-2015, including equipment relating to
computer systems programming and operations.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by
the legislative reference bureau.

SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $1,085,728 or so much
thereof as may be necessary to the office of the ombudsman for
defraying the expenses of the office during fiscal year

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by
the ombudsman.

SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $909,531 or so much
thereof as may be necessary to the office of the state ethics
commission for defraying the expenses of the office during
fiscal year 2014-2015.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by
the state ethics commission.

SECTION 12. Except for moneys in the audit revolving fund,
as of the close of business on June 30, 2015, the unexpended or
unencumbered balance of any appropriation made by this Act shall
lapse into the general fund.
SECTION 13. Each section of this Act is declared to be severable from the remainder of this Act.

SECTION 14. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.