April 23, 2014

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 23, 2014, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2248 HD1

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL
ACT 034 (14)

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

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. The legislature finds that the State of Hawaii is involved in several major lawsuits that could result in costly judgments against the State if not defended vigorously. These major lawsuits will require the State to retain expert counsel, expert witnesses, and bear other litigation costs.

The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency appropriation for costs associated with major litigation involving the State.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $700,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 to fund contracts to retain expert counsel, expert witnesses, and other legal services.
The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 23rd day of APR, 2014

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII