June 19, 2015

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

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

This is to inform you that on June 19, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1214 HD1 SD1 CD1 RELATING TO THE STATE-COUNTY FUNCTIONS WORKING GROUP
ACT 134 (15)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE-COUNTY FUNCTIONS WORKING GROUP.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the office of the auditor requires funding for the state-county functions working group established by Act 174, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014. The working group was established to evaluate, among other things, the division of duties and responsibilities between the State and counties relating to the provision of public services.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the office of the auditor to carry out the purposes of the working group.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the $103,000,000 of transient accommodations tax revenues allocated to the counties pursuant to section 237D-6.5(b)(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of $165,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 as follows:

(1) $15,000 to pay for the actual expenses incurred and expected to be made by the working group; and

(2) $150,000 to procure consultant services to assist the working group to:
(A) Evaluate the division of duties and responsibilities between the State and counties relating to the provision of public services; and

(B) Develop methodologies to determine the appropriate allocation of transient accommodations tax revenues between the State and the counties that properly reflects the division of duties and responsibilities relating to the provision of public services.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the auditor for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.