July 12, 2017

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

Re: HB375 HD1 SD1 CD1

HB375 HD1 SD1 CD1, entitled “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION” will become law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate $1,000,000 for the Hawaii Tourism Authority, working in conjunction with the private sector to address homelessness in tourist and resort areas.

Although this will help to leverage private funds via dollar for dollar match to provide much needed funding for homelessness, the bill is unconstitutional because the title does not match the contents of the bill. While I agree with the intent of the bill, it will be subject to further review by the Attorney General’s Office.

For the foregoing reasons, HB375 HD1 SD1 CD1 will become law as Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, effective July 12, 2017, without my signature.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaii
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $1,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the Hawaii tourism authority, working in conjunction with the Hawaii lodging and tourism association for projects to address homelessness in tourist and resort areas; provided that no funds shall be released unless matched dollar-for-dollar by the private sector.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.
HB No. 375, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

Joseph M. Souki
Speaker
House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives
H.B. No. 375, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Clerk of the Senate