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VIA EMAIL & HAND DELIVERY (senkouchi@capitol.hawaii.gov)

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
Senate President
415 South Beretania Street
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Audit of the Department of the Attorney General's Asset Forfeiture Program,
Report No. 18-09

Dear President Kouchi:

We are attaching a copy of our *Audit of the Attorney General's Asset Forfeiture Program*, Report No. 18-09, and the Auditor's Summary. The audit was performed pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 of the 2016 legislative session (HCR No. 4), which requires the Office of the Auditor to:

- 1) Evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the asset forfeiture program of the Attorney General;
- 2) Determine whether the program uses moneys for the purposes intended, pursuant to Chapter 712A, HRS;
- 3) Provide an accounting of money and property seized and disposed of through asset forfeitures under Chapter 712A, HRS;
- 4) Determine how many asset forfeitures occurred in cases that did not result in criminal convictions;
- 5) Follow up on recommendations made in Auditor's Report No. 95-22, *Sunset Evaluation of the Forfeiture Program*; and
- 6) Make recommendations as appropriate.

The report is accessible through our website at:
<http://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2018/18-09.pdf>.

If you have questions about the report, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Leslie H. Kondo
State Auditor

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