February 5, 2018

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the House
of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

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

Transmitted herewith are proposed changes to the FY 19 Executive Supplemental Budget for the Departments of Accounting and General Services, Agriculture, the Attorney General, Budget and Finance, Health, Public Safety, and Transportation.

Your favorable consideration is requested for the following budget requests to amend the Supplemental Budget as follows:

OPERATING BUDGET

1. Updates to Operating Budget Requests

The following budget requests are proposed to update amounts requested in the operating budget:

Department of Accounting and General Services (AGS)

Enterprise Technology Services – Governance in Innovation (AGS 130/EG)

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Department of Budget and Finance (BUF)

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Department of Transportation (TRN)

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Adjustment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget

The following budget request is proposed for the CIP budget:

Department of Agriculture (AGR)

General Administration for Agriculture (AGR 192)

Amend the appropriation language for Item No. A-21.00, Slaughterhouse Facility, Hawai’i, to include the following public purpose statement: “The Legislature finds and declares that the appropriation is in the public interest and for the public’s health, safety and general welfare of the State.” A public purpose statement is necessary as the State will be funding the plans and design for a slaughterhouse facility that will be constructed and utilized by private entities.

Your staff may contact the appropriate agency for additional information. Your understanding and assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai’i

Attachment

c: Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz
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Capital Improvement Program Budget Adjustments:

House Bill No. 1900, Section 6, is amended:

Department of Agriculture (AGR)

AGR 192 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR AGRICULTURE

By amending Item No. A-21.00:

"21.00 P18011 SLAUGHTERHOUSE FACILITY, HAWAII

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