



GOV. MSG. NO. 647

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

April 21, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution, I am transmitting herewith the following bill with a specific appropriation item stricken or reduced and my official statement of objections to that specific appropriation item contained in the bill.

HB3161 SD3

A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII HEALTH
SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 3161

Honorable Members
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 3161, entitled "A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation."

The purpose of this bill is to make an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$25,000,000, for fiscal year 2007-2008, to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) to ensure that HHSC can pay for the operation and provision of current levels of service at Leahi Hospital, Maluhia, Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital, Lana'i Community Hospital, Hilo Medical Center, Ka'u Hospital, Kona Community Hospital, Kohala Hospital, and Maui Memorial Medical Center.

This bill originally appropriated \$14,000,000 for HHSC and did not include moneys for the Maui Memorial Medical Center. The Legislature amended it by adding section 4, which makes an additional appropriation of \$11,000,000 for the Maui Memorial Medical Center, with expenditure of the money conditioned on whether the operating loan that was being negotiated by the Maui Memorial Medical Center did not close before April 4, 2008. The operating loan did not close until April 10, 2008; therefore, the section 4 appropriation of \$11,000,000 will be effective. However, because the operating loan did close and the additional \$11,000,000 appropriation for Maui Memorial Medical Center is no longer needed, this appropriation should now be deleted.

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Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution provides that, "[e]xcept for items appropriated to be expended by the judicial and legislative branches, the governor may veto any specific item or items in any bill which appropriates money for specific purposes by striking out or reducing the same."

Therefore, pursuant to my line item veto authority, I have stricken out the \$11,000,000 appropriation from section 4 at line 12 on page 2 of the bill by drawing a line through the \$11,000,000 appropriation out of the general fund for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the Maui Memorial Medical Center and changing the amount to \$0.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 3161 with the appropriation in section 4 totaling \$11,000,000 in general fund appropriations for fiscal year 2007-2008, stricken out and reduced to \$0.

Respectfully,



LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

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

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

4 SECTION 2. This emergency appropriation is necessary to
5 ensure that the Hawaii health systems corporation can pay for
6 operation and provision of current levels of service at Leahi
7 hospital, Maluhia, Samuel Mahelona memorial hospital, Lana'i
8 community hospital, Hilo medical center, Ka'u hospital, Kona
9 community hospital, Kohala hospital, and Maui memorial medical
10 center.

11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate \$25,000,000 in
12 general funds for fiscal year 2007-2008 to adjust accounts
13 payable remittances to no more than forty-five days from the
14 date of the invoice for Hawaii health systems corporation's
15 facilities in order to bring current accounts payable balances
16 that are due to essential vendors. This will allow delivery of
17 goods and services to these facilities to continue on a timely



1 basis so that the facilities will be able to maintain
2 operations.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$14,000,000 or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for
6 the Hawaii health systems corporation to pay accounts payable
7 within forty-five days from the date of the invoice for Hawaii
8 health systems corporation's facilities, excluding the Maui
9 memorial medical center located in the Maui region of the Hawaii
10 health systems corporation.

11 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of ~~\$11,000,000~~^{#0 ZZ} or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for
14 Maui memorial medical center; provided that the sum appropriated
15 under this section shall only be expended if the operating loan
16 that is being negotiated by Maui memorial medical center does
17 not close prior to April 4, 2008.

18 SECTION 5. The sums appropriated shall be expended by
19 Hawaii health systems corporation for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 6. If any provision of this Act, or the
21 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held
22 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or



1 applications of the Act, which can be given effect without the
2 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
3 of this Act are severable.

4 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

APPROVED this day of , 2008

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

