

July 13, 2004

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 3025

Honorable Members
Twenty-Second 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, Senate Bill No. 3025, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Office of Planning."

The purpose of this bill is to require the Office of Planning to report only to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and to clarify that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism has the sole jurisdiction over the Land Use Commission, state planning, and the Hawaii State Planning Act.

This bill is objectionable because it limits my administration's flexibility in executing programs and functions to achieve maximum results. The Office of Planning's major statutory responsibilities of land use planning, coastal zone management, and geographic information systems are not consistent with the Department of Business, Economic development, and Tourism and complement the Department of Land and Natural Resources core functions of land management and protection of resources. My administrative directive to have the Office of Planning consult with and report to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources has resulted in meaningful, productive, and successful undertakings in land use planning issues, and the current working relationship is consistent with the Legislature's call for more prudent, efficient, and effective government operations.

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For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill
No. 3025 without my approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle", written in a cursive style.

LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii