



GOV. MSG. NO. 1069

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

July 11, 2007

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:

Re: House Bill No. 1630 HD2 SD2 CD1

On July 10, 2007, House Bill No. 1630, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Technology Workforce Development" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

This bill appropriates \$1.1 million to be expended by the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii for the project EAST program. EAST stands for environmental and spatial technology.

This bill poses possible constitutional concerns in that it sets up a spending mechanism without parameters and outside of the State Treasury. Article VII Section 4 of the Hawaii Constitution requires public funds to be spent pursuant to standards provided by law. Based on a review by the Attorney General, we find there are no standards specified in this bill or prior law for the Hawaii 3Ts school technology laboratories fund. There is another provision of existing law that says expenditures shall be approved by the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism director. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism would, therefore, assume the burden of ensuring these funds are spent in accordance with statutorily required standards. An unclear line of accountability for public funds is not in the public's best interests.

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and Members of the Senate
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For the foregoing reasons, I allowed House Bill No. 1630 to become law as Act 271 effective July 10, 2007 without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Lingle', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

LINDA LINGLE

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the project EAST
2 (environmental and spatial technology) initiative started as a
3 pilot program in the Maui district high schools during the
4 summer of 2000, which later moved to Hawaii county and then to a
5 middle school on Kauai. Project EAST holds great potential to
6 assist Hawaii's public schools to develop in Hawaii's youth
7 important critical thinking, problem-solving, and analytical
8 skills necessary for them to succeed in high technology-based
9 jobs. Project EAST integrates cutting-edge technology, such as
10 computer-assisted drafting, geographic information systems,
11 global positioning systems, and computer graphic applications
12 such as soft image, into the educational curriculum. The goal
13 of this initiative is to prepare students for the information
14 technology age by providing a comprehensive project-based and
15 student-centered learning program where students are responsible
16 for their own learning.

17 Seven project EAST labs have been established in Hawaii--
18 Chiefess Kamakahalei middle school on Kauai; Maui high school,



1 Baldwin high school, King Kekaulike high school, Lahainaluna
2 high school, and Kihei charter school on Maui; and Kea'au high
3 school on Hawaii. Since 2001, Hawaii students have won a number
4 of awards at the National EAST Conference, competing
5 successfully against approximately two hundred schools in six
6 other states.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
8 Hawaii 3Ts school technology laboratories fund to maintain the
9 project EAST program in existing schools and to expand the
10 program to schools statewide.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,100,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to be
14 deposited into the Hawaii 3Ts school technology laboratories
15 fund established pursuant to section 302A-1314, Hawaii Revised
16 Statutes.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii 3Ts
18 school technology laboratories fund the sum of \$1,100,000 or so
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to
20 maintain the project EAST program in existing schools and to
21 expand the program to schools statewide; provided that no funds



1 shall be expended unless matching funds are provided pursuant to
2 section 302A-1314(p), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Economic
4 Development Alliance of Hawaii, Inc., in accordance with section
5 302A-1314, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and implemented in
6 partnership with county economic development boards, as
7 appropriate, for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

