



GOV. MSG. NO. 1079

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: Senate Bill No. 688 SD2 HD1 CD1

On July 10, 2007, Senate Bill No. 688, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Education" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The bill appropriates \$100,000 in general funds over fiscal biennium 2007-2009, for the P-20 Initiative. This Initiative is tasked with creating a continuum of education from early learning to adulthood.

Although the intent of the P-20 Initiative is laudable, I question the need for State funding of this project.

In April 2007, the P-20 Initiative received a \$10 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to support the Initiative's goal of having every third grader in Hawaii reading at grade level by 2015. This \$10 million provides substantial private investment for the Initiative.

This year there were programs of priority that did not receive adequate State general funds. Since the P-20 Initiative received a large private award, the \$100,000 in State funds could be used for other worthwhile programs.

For the foregoing reason, I allowed Senate Bill No. 688 to become law as Act 281, effective July 10, 2007, without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that preparing and
2 planning for Hawaii's future in the twenty-first century is
3 complex and multifaceted. The education of Hawaii's youth,
4 including early childhood through K-12 schooling to college and
5 career and work force training, continues to be of critical
6 importance. The legislature believes that the vision and plans
7 for education and schools at mid-century cannot be initiated too
8 early, and therefore the legislature supports the Hawaii P-20
9 initiative. The initiative is a consortium of public and
10 private educators, governmental officials, and community leaders
11 working together to improve learner achievement in Hawaii.

12 The purpose of this Act is to provide the impetus to
13 develop the vision and plans for education in Hawaii for the
14 twenty-first century by funding the Hawaii P-20 Initiative.

15 SECTION 2. The Hawaii P-20 initiative council shall
16 develop and initiate plans for education in Hawaii in the
17 twenty-first century, including identifying contributors and



1 planners; creating a vision, goals, objectives, and timelines;
2 and organizing meetings and electronic communication. The
3 general goals of the council shall be to ensure an engaged,
4 responsible, and productive citizenry in Hawaii in the twenty-
5 first century that is the expected result of an education system
6 and schools that are coordinated and articulated from earliest
7 teaching to career and workforce preparation and that promote
8 lifelong learning.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
12 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
13 2008-2009 for the Hawaii P-20 Initiative to develop and initiate
14 plans for education in Hawaii in the twenty-first century.

15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
16 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 4. The Hawaii P-20 initiative council shall
18 prepare progress reports for the legislature no later than the
19 last day of each calendar year for which it is funded by this
20 and future Acts.

21 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

