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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

January 29, 2007

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

Dear Madam President:

I am requesting your immediate consideration and passage of Senate Bill 1500, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$4,500,000 to the Department of Taxation for the unfunded costs associated with administering the City & County of Honolulu surcharge on state general excise tax. It is important that this bill be immediately considered because if an appropriation by the Legislature is not made by March 30, 2007, the City's \$5,000,000 guarantee will take effect.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. The Department of Taxation will be available to answer any questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

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

LINDA LINGLE

cc: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

The Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development & Taxation

The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senate Committee on Intergovernmental & Military Affairs