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GOVERNOR

January 29, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
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 1947, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$10,000,000 to increase the expenditure ceiling of the Deposit Beverage Container Program special fund in fiscal year 2006-2007. The number of deposit beverage containers actually sold (about 960,000,000) will greatly exceed estimates of two years ago (about 800,000,000). This is to meet a critical funding emergency within the Department of Health to enable appropriate payments to be made to recyclers and to the public.

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

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

c: The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means