



GOV. MSG. NO. 723

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 30, 2007

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

Dear Madam President:

Transmitted herewith are proposed changes to the General Appropriations Act of 2007 (House Bill No. 500). Your favorable consideration is requested to add \$2,640,000 in FY 08 in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) Forestry - Products Development program for forest site preparation and tree planting on 1,700 acres in the Kula Forest Reserve. A fire from January 20-28, 2007, severely burned approximately 1,800 acres and left it without any vegetation. Add \$275,000 in FY 09 to repair nine miles of roadway in the Reserve and \$225,000 in FY 09 for maintenance costs to ensure the establishment of the forest. Maintenance of newly planted areas is necessary to protect seedlings from other plants and pests.

Your staff may contact DLNR for additional information. Your understanding and assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

Attachment

c: Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker