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KALOKO DAM SPECIAL DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL LIST

HONOLULU - Today, Attorney General Mark Bennett received from a special legislative committee, a list of names for possible appointment as a Special Deputy Attorney General regarding the Kaloko dam tragedy civil investigation.

Attorney General Bennett made the following statement:

"I thank the legislative committee for its hard work and diligence, and for forwarding a list of well qualified attorneys. I plan the following steps. First, I shall submit to the State's Chief Procurement Officer a request for an exemption from the State's procurement laws, so that I may select a name from the list. Second, while that process proceeds, I will arrange interviews with all the persons on the list. As I will be out of state on business next week, I expect those interviews to primarily take place the week of July 3, 2006. If the procurement exemption is granted, I plan to make my selection by July 7, 2006."

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