

July 13, 2005

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

Re: Senate Bill No. 1732 SD1 HD1 CD1

On July 12, 2005, Senate Bill No. 1732, entitled "Making an Appropriation for a Local Flood Warning System for Lake Wilson" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The bill appropriates \$19,000 in FY 2006 and \$20,000 in FY 2007 in general funds for the purchase and installation of stream gauges to operate a flood-warning system for Lake Wilson.

This bill is unnecessary given the fact that the Legislature approved funds for this project in the 2004 budget. Act 200 appropriated \$75,000 in CIP general obligation bonds and \$75,000 in federal funds for the design and construction of the stream gauges system. On December 22, 2004 I released \$75,000 to the State Civil Defense Agency for the Lake Wilson Flood Warning system. The State Civil Defense Agency is currently executing a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Geological Survey who will be installing the system. The balance of the CIP funds that are not needed will lapse on June 30, 2006.

In future years, the State intends to work with the private owner of Lake Wilson on a cost sharing arrangement for the system's maintenance. It should be pointed out that the State has not funded the operation or maintenance of other flood warning systems.

Therefore, I allowed Senate Bill No. 1732 SD1 HD1 CD1 to become law as Act 215 effective July 12, 2005 without my signature.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE