

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. 962 SD2 HD2 CD1

On July 12, 2005, Senate Bill No. 962, entitled "Relating to Prevailing Wages" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

This bill is one of several legislative efforts to restrict the effectiveness of the State's Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. Specially, this measure limits the Director's ability to determine prevailing wages for public works projects by restricting him to using only one methodology.

Because existing labor contracts establish prevailing wages for the vast majority of laborer and mechanics classifications in the State, the practical effect of this bill will be to codify the methodology the Director has been using.

Therefore, I allowed Senate Bill No. 962 SD2 HD2 CD1 to become law as Act 229 effective July 12, 2005 without my signature.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE