

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

July 10, 2006

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2150

Honorable Members
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 2150, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Boating."

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the State from transferring small boat harbors to any county unless provided by statute.

This bill is objectionable because the proposed statute prohibiting the transfer of the small boat harbors to the counties is more restrictive than the already existing statute (section 200-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes). The statute already authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease fast lands within an existing state boating facility for private development, management, and operation without legislative approval.

Senate Bill No. 2150 provides that a similar transfer to a county would be prohibited. To the extent that the Legislature has already authorized the board to lease fast lands to private parties, the prohibition of leases to the counties, which are public bodies that are directly responsible to their citizens, is contrary to public policy because it places the counties at a disadvantage when compared with private parties if the counties desire to seek authority to operate a State-owned

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small boat harbor.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill
No. 2150 without my approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Lingle', written in a cursive style.

LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii