

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

April 23, 2007

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1956

Honorable Members
Twenty-Fourth 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. 1956, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote."

The purpose of this bill is to add a new chapter to the Hawaii Revised Statutes that will cause Hawaii to join an interstate compact or agreement among the member states to award their electoral votes to the national popular vote winner regardless of the popular vote winner in each member state.

Under this bill, Hawaii's four electoral votes would be awarded to the presidential slate that receives the most votes as determined by the national popular vote regardless of which candidates won the popular vote in Hawaii. Given the potential under the interstate compact that Hawaii's electoral votes would be awarded in a manner that may not reflect the will of the majority of the voters in Hawaii, I believe that this bill is not in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Hawaii.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 1956 without my approval.

Respectfully,



LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii