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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

July 11, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

Re: House Bill No. 895 HD2 SD1 CD1

On July 10, 2007, House Bill No. 895, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicles" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

This bill authorizes the counties to increase from \$5 to \$10 the portion of the motor vehicle registration fee for disposing of abandoned vehicles. This bill also allows towing companies contracted by a county to increase vehicle towing and storage fees.

This bill runs counter to my long-held position that counties should be given greater flexibility in the administration of county functions. This bill establishes in State statute the specific fees the counties can and cannot charge for motor vehicle-related activities. As I have stated previously, State statutes should not micromanage the activities of duly elected officials at the county level.

For this reason, I allowed House Bill No. 895 to become law as Act 269 effective July 10, 2007 without my signature.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE