



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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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: Senate Bill 1931 SD2 HD3 CD2

On July 10, 2007, Senate Bill 1931, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Education" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

Senate Bill 1931 establishes a working group administered by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to analyze if workforce development needs are being met by the public schools, and to report to the 2008 Legislative session. Additionally, the University of Hawaii and the Department of Education are required to submit specific reports to the 2008 Legislature on workforce development. The bill appropriates \$200,000 in general funds to the Department of Education and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

The major concern with this bill is that it is redundant with existing programs in the Department of Education and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

The Work Force Development Councils, established in 1998, and attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, already are tasked with identifying and implementing ways in which our educational system can meet the needs of our workforce. Additionally, this function is also a part of the wider mission of the P-20 Initiative that began in 1993.

This bill contains an appropriation totaling \$175,000 for the two-year biennium to the Department of Education to fund three new staff positions. The Department of Education has stated that the resources are insufficient for it to carry out the functions of this bill.

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For the foregoing reasons, I allowed Senate Bill 1931 to become law as Act 283,  
effective July 10, 2007, without my signature.

Sincerely,

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

LINDA LINGLE