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GOVERNOR

July 9, 2008

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 No. 2833 SD1 HD1 CD1

On July 8, 2008, Senate Bill No. 2833, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Sustainability" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The purpose of this bill is to require the University of Hawaii's College of Social Sciences Public Policy Center to review the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, create benchmarks for each of the goals in the plan, and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

Since its inception, my Administration has raised concerns about the usefulness of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. Rather than engaging in extended planning exercises, my Administration has focused on developing and implementing specific projects with bold, definable outcomes that will impact Hawaii today, tomorrow, and over the next 50 years.

Two years and \$1.7 million dollars of State funds have already been spent by the Legislature on the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. This bill will require the University to spend additional time and resources on the plan, despite the fact that the Legislature gave the University no funding with which to conduct a review of its contents. I remain concerned that this bill continues the discussion, rather than implements actions that are needed to transform our economy.

For the foregoing reasons, I allowed Senate Bill No. 2833 to become law as Act 225, effective July 8, 2008, without my signature.

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE