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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: House Bill No. 2507 HD1 SD2 CD1

On July 8, 2008, House Bill No. 2507, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate \$140,000 for two temporary full-time positions to support the implementation of Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, which, among other things, established the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Task Force. The funding, however, was not among my Administration's fiscal priorities. Furthermore, rather than appropriating funds to research an issue, I believe this money could be put to better use by directing it to existing programs such as the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, which has the potential to lessen our dependence on foreign oil and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

For the foregoing reasons, I allowed House Bill No. 2507 to become law as Act 235, effective July 8, 2008, without my signature.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE