

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

July 3, 2008

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2531

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, House Bill No. 2531, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the West Maui Transportation Access Plan."

The purpose of this bill is to set up a working group to develop a transportation access plan for West Maui, to be used as a model for developing access plans for other areas in the State. I support the intent of this bill to facilitate an open dialogue among stakeholders to discuss and develop a West Maui Transportation Access Plan to address road closures on this part of the island.

This bill appropriates \$50,000 of general fund monies for fiscal year 2008-2009 to hire a consultant without regard to the procurement process. As this appropriation was not included in the State's financial plan and because these funds would be used in a manner that circumvents the procurement process, I am issuing a line item veto.

Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution provides that, "[e]xcept for items appropriated to be expended by the judicial and legislative branches, the governor may veto any specific item or items in any bill which appropriates money for specific purposes by striking out or reducing the same."

Therefore, pursuant to my line item veto authority, I have stricken out the \$50,000 appropriation from section 3 at line 22 on page 4 of the bill by drawing a line through the

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\$50,000 appropriation out of the general fund for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the West Maui Transportation Access Plan Working Group and changing the amount to \$0.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 2531 with the appropriation in section 3 totaling \$50,000 in general fund appropriations for fiscal year 2008-2009 stricken out and reduced to \$0.

Respectfully,



LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii