

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

July 8, 2008

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 871

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, Senate Bill No. 871, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Food Waste Recycling."

The purpose of this bill is to establish a three-year pilot project in one or more schools for the recycling of food waste as part of the State's integrated solid waste management plan in chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The bill requires the Departments of Education and Health to consider using public-private partnerships and to seek and use public-private sector funding support in developing and implementing the pilot project.

This bill is objectionable because neither the Department of Education nor the Department of Health requested this project. In addition, this bill contains an appropriation of \$25,000 out of the general revenues of the State. I am concerned that this funding may be too limited to obtain any meaningful results and could create an undue burden on the Department of Education and the Department of Health by requiring them to seek funding from the private sector to sustain the project.

While I believe recycling is necessary, I also believe the Department of Education should determine whether such a

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program is warranted and will result in cost savings.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill
No. 871 without my approval.

Respectfully,

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

LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii