

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2334

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. 2334, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Safety."

The purposes of this bill are to (1) repeal the civil service exemption for the positions of First Deputy Sheriff and Second Deputy Sheriff, and (2) require that the Deputy Director for Law Enforcement of the Department of Public Safety and the Sheriff be graduates of a law enforcement academy.

This bill is objectionable because it unnecessarily limits the Governor's ability to appoint the best qualified candidate for the positions of Deputy Director for Law Enforcement and the Sheriff. The issue of whether a person has graduated from a law enforcement academy is only one of the criteria to consider in selecting the best qualified candidate and should not automatically exclude an otherwise qualified candidate with experience in related fields such as prosecutors, public defenders, law enforcement experts, or military police.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 2334 without my approval.

Respectfully,



LINDA LINGIE
Governor of Hawaii