April 8, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President:

Transmitted herewith are proposed changes to the Appropriations Act (House Bill No. 2200). Your favorable consideration is requested for the attached budget items:

Operating:

Department of Accounting and General Services:

Restore 1.00 permanent general fund position count (Position No. 17824) in the Information Processing and Communication Services Program (AGS 131EE) which was inadvertently abolished as a reduction-in-force position. No additional funds are required.

Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs:

Increase the special fund appropriation for Cable Television (CCA 102FA) by $4 million to provide for part of the 20% matching funds required to qualify for an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant of $33.2 million that will be awarded to the University of Hawaii’s (UH) Broadband Technology Opportunity Program. The $33.2 million in ARRA grant funds and the $8.4 million in matching funds ($4 million from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, $3.6 million from UH, and $800,000 from the Hawaii State Public Library System) totaling $42 million will fund a project to install fiber optic connectivity for 302 public schools, 51 public libraries, and 7 community colleges.
Department of Health:

Add 1.00 temporary federal stimulus funds (MOF V) count (Position No. 90505H) for the Environmental Management Program, Wastewater Branch (HTH 840FM), to continue staff oversight of ARRA grant funds. No additional funds are required.

PROVISOS

Department of Health:

Amend Part III to add a new subsection to allow appropriations made for federal stimulus funds (MOF V) appropriated for Environmental Management (HTH 840), Relating to the Safe Drinking Water Branch and Wastewater Branch, to lapse at the end of fiscal year June 30, 2011.

Your staff may contact the appropriate agency for additional information. Your understanding and assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINLAX

Attachment

c: Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
OPERATING

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

Information Processing and Communication Services (AGS 131/EE)

Restore 1.00 position for a filled Information Technology Specialist II (Position No. 17824) that was inadvertently abolished as a reduction-in-force position.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Cable Television (CCA 102/FA)

Increase the special fund ceiling to accommodate the expenditure of matching funds required for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant for the University of Hawaii’s Broadband Technology Opportunity Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Environmental Management, Wastewater Branch (HTH 840/FM)

Add 1.00 temporary federal stimulus fund position to continue staff oversight of ARRA grant funds.

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PROVISOS

Amend Part III to add a new subsection to read:

SECTION _____. Provided that any law or provisions of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the appropriations made for federal stimulus funds (MOF V) appropriated for Environmental Management (HTH 840) relating to safe drinking water branch and wastewater branch authorized under this Act shall not lapse at the end of fiscal year 2009-2010 for which the appropriation is made; provided further that the federal stimulus funds appropriated in fiscal year 2009-2010 that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2011, shall lapse as of that date.