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The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker
and Members of the House
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2008, amended §76-77 (16), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to modify a statutory exemption from civil service applicable to the Counties of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai by setting a separate (higher) monetary limitation for contract for services with qualified community rehabilitation programs. The act also instructed the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) to submit annual reports to the Legislature regarding "expenditures of qualified rehabilitation programs and related activities."

Subsection (16) was added to §76-77, HRS, by Act 191, SLH 2007. When the bill was being heard, DHRD submitted testimony requesting that a similar provision be added to §76-16, which pertains to the State. However, the exemption to contract for services was not extended to the State. When House Bill (H.B.) No. 2272 was being heard in the Legislature, DHRD submitted testimony recommending that the reporting requirement be deleted from the bill as the statutory provision in question is not applicable to the State. However, the reporting requirement was not deleted. Therefore, although the State has no information to report, this letter is being submitted to the State Senate to fulfill the reporting requirement in Act 213, SLH 2008.

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

c: Honorable David Y. Ige, Chairperson of the Senate Ways and Means Committee
Honorable Clayton Hee, Chairperson of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chairperson of the House Finance Committee
Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chairperson of the House Labor and Public Employment
Committee