

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

June 20, 2003

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 298

Honorable Members
Twenty-Second 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. 298, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Correctional Facilities."

The purpose of this bill is to direct the executive branch to initiate the process to develop a replacement facility for the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) on the undeveloped portion of the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) site.

This bill is objectionable because it prevents the consideration of alternative, possibly more appropriate, sites and because it requires expensive soil testing and a feasibility and planning study without appropriating any funds to do so. If the HCF site is later determined to be the best site upon which to construct a replacement facility for OCCC, existing laws already allow the administration to take steps necessary to pursue that option. Accordingly, this bill is also unnecessary.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 298 without my approval.

Respectfully,

LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of the Governor's plan to return with the Governor's objections any bill presented to the Governor less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented to the Governor after adjournment sine die of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 298, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Correctional Facilities," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 298 is unacceptable to the Governor of the State of Hawaii;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby issue this proclamation, pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, giving notice of my plan to return House Bill No. 298 with my objections thereon to the Legislature as provided by said Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,
State of Hawaii, this 20th day
of June, 2003.



LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii