

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

June 20, 2003

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 290

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. 290, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Unemployment."

The primary purpose of this bill is to create a temporary state program to extend unemployment insurance benefits for an additional thirteen weeks for unemployed workers who had claims for unemployment benefits on or after September 11, 2001, and have exhausted their right to collect state, federal, and other unemployment benefits. Eligibility is conditioned on the federal Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) program not being extended after May 31, 2003.

This bill is objectionable because it is unnecessary. On May 28, 2003, President George W. Bush signed federal legislation, Public Law No. 108-26, to extend the federal TEUC program until December 31, 2003. Because an individual would be eligible for the additional benefits under this bill only if the federal TEUC program was not extended and because that program has been extended, no individual can qualify for the additional benefits under this bill.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 290 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. 290, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Unemployment," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 290 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. 290 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