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July 7, 2014

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1327**

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 7, 2014, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2368 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF  
CHARITABLE ASSETS  
**ACT 217 (14)**

*Aloha*  
Since  
*Neil Abercrombie*

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor

on JUL 7 2014

THE SENATE  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 217**  
**S.B. NO.** 2368  
S.D. 1  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF CHARITABLE ASSETS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The attorney general's role in providing  
2 oversight of Hawaii's charitable organizations is recognized  
3 under common law and through various provisions of the Hawaii  
4 Revised Statutes, including provisions in chapters 323D, 414D,  
5 431, 467B, 517E, and, 554, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The purpose  
6 of this Act is to codify section 3 of the Model Protection of  
7 Charitable Assets Act to grant the attorney general oversight  
8 over charitable assets regardless of the form in which they are  
9 held.

10           SECTION 2. Chapter 28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
11 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
12 read as follows:

13           "§28-       Protection of charitable assets; attorney  
14 general's authority. (a) The attorney general shall represent  
15 the public interest in the protection of charitable assets and  
16 may:

17           (1) Enforce the application of a charitable asset in  
18           accordance with:



1           (A) The law and terms governing the use, management,  
2           investment, distribution, and expenditure of the  
3           charitable asset; and

4           (B) The charitable purpose of the person holding the  
5           asset;

6           (2) Act to prevent or remedy:

7           (A) The misapplication, diversion, or waste of a  
8           charitable asset; or

9           (B) A breach of fiduciary or other legal duty in the  
10           governance, management, or administration of a  
11           charitable asset; or

12           (3) Commence or intervene in an action to:

13           (A) Prevent, remedy, or obtain damages for:

14           (i) The misapplication, diversion, or waste of a  
15           charitable asset; or

16           (ii) A breach of fiduciary or other legal duty in  
17           the governance, management, or  
18           administration of a charitable asset; or

19           (B) Determine that an asset is a charitable asset.

20           (b) If the attorney general has reason to believe an  
21           investigation is necessary to determine whether action is  
22           advisable under this section, the attorney general may conduct



1 an investigation, including exercising administrative subpoena  
2 power under sections 28-2.5 and 467B-9.3.

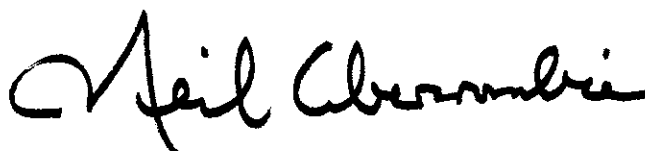
3 (c) This section shall not limit the powers and duties of  
4 the attorney general under the laws of this State.

5 (d) As used in this section, "charitable asset" means  
6 property that is given, received, or held for a charitable  
7 purpose. The term does not include property acquired or held  
8 for a for-profit purpose."

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 7 day of JUL, 2014



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII