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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty First State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

I am transmitting herewith SB263 SD2 HD2 CD1, without my approval and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

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RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU
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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 263

Honorable Members Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 263, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Economic Development."

The purposes of this bill are to establish a "Hawaii Made" program in the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) and to appropriate \$150,000 for the "Hawaii Made" program out of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Pub. L. No. 117-2, § 9901, 135 Stat. 4, 223 (2021). This bill further adds Hawaii-made product labeling requirements under the jurisdiction of DBEDT that are almost identical to Hawaii-made product labeling requirements under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture (DOA).

This bill is objectionable because the labeling requirements would result in duplicative jurisdiction over the same labeling regulation between DBEDT and DOA.

Moreover, while DOA has statutory means of enforcement, DBEDT has none and would have no means to enforce these labeling requirements.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 263 without my approval.

Respectfully,

DAVID 1. IGE Povernor of Hawaiʻi