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TO: The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of \$4,700,000 from the Land Conservation Fund for
Grants Through the Legacy Land Conservation Program

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) request to release \$4,700,000 from the Land Conservation Fund (LCF) for the purchase of lands for State, county and non-profit land conservation organizations as authorized by the Legacy Land Conservation Program, has been reviewed.

The request, which includes eight grants purchasing a total of 173.8 acres statewide, has been reviewed and I have approved the following: 1) purchases by the State of Hawaii, totaling \$2,689,957 for lands at Honouliuli Preserve, Oahu; Hamakua, Kailua, Oahu; North Kohala, Hawaii; and Lapakahi, Kohala, Hawaii; and 2) \$609,425 for the purchase of 27.44 acres of conservation easement in Pupukea, Oahu, contingent on acquiring \$1,100,000 in federal matching funds.

The State's fiscal situation, reduction in Conveyance Tax revenues, and impending legislative amendments to the LCF will significantly affect LCF funding. A balance should remain in the LCF to preserve its function during the period of reduced funding.

Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.



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c: Honorable Georgina K. Kawamura