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The Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say, Speaker
and Members of the House
Twenty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Speaker Say and Members of the House:

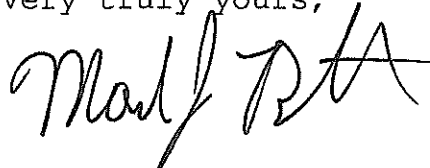
Attached is the report on expenditures requested in section 24 of Act 118, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, Relating to Emergency Relief for Natural Disasters. Section 5 of the Act appropriated \$500,000 for overtime, travel, and other staff expenses and to hire consultants and experts to review legal issues related to dam and reservoir failures, and issues relating to the safety of existing dams and reservoirs.

Please be advised that all of the fiscal year 2005-2006 expenditures (\$414,770.75) have been charged within the existing appropriation for the Department of the Attorney General provided by Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005. This was done recognizing that the \$500,000 appropriation provided by Act 118, SLH 2006, would be inadequate to cover the expenditures required (especially given that pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 192, I will be retaining a Special Deputy Attorney General), and I chose to cover these costs within our fiscal year 2005-2006 operating budget, so as to have available for expenditure the specially appropriated \$500,000 in fiscal year 2006-2007. This Department plans on seeking permission to ask for another emergency appropriation.

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If you have any questions regarding this report,
please contact me or our Administrative Services Officer, David
Moore, at 586-1223.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Bennett". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mark J. Bennett
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Attachments

cc: The Honorable Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawaii

The Honorable Georgina K. Kawamura
Director, Department of Budget & Finance

