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Attorney General Seeking Applicants For Antitrust Settlement Monies To Implement Health-Related Programs

HONOLULU – Hawaii Attorney General Earl I. Anzai today announced that his office is seeking applications from organizations interested in obtaining antitrust settlement monies to implement health-related programs.

Anzai said Hawaii is expected to receive in excess of \$1 million as a result of the settlement of a multistate antitrust lawsuit against six companies accused of illegally conspiring to raise the price of vitamins. The terms of the settlement require that the settlement monies be used to improve the health or nutrition of Hawaii citizens, or the advancement of nutritional, dietary or agricultural science.

Applications and other information will soon be available on the department's web site located at www.state.hi.us/ag/index.html. After his office has reviewed the applications, Anzai said the court must approve the proposed plan of distribution of the settlement monies. The approved applicants could expect funds to be released sometime in mid-2002.

Deadline for applications is December 6, 2001, and should be dropped off or mailed to Department of the Attorney General, 425 Queen Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, Attn: Vitamins Settlement Coordinator.