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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President and Members of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 The Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Department of the Attorney General's <u>Annual Report on Recommendations for Denial of Claims for Legislative Relief</u>, as required by section 37-77, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with section 93-16, HRS, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at http://ag.hawaii.gov/publications/reports/reports-to-the legislature/.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (808) 586-1500.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Lopez Attorney General

c: Josh Green, M.D., Governor
Sylvia Luke, Lieutenant Governor
Legislative Reference Bureau (Attn: Karen Mau)
Leslie H. Kondo, State Auditor
Luis Salaveria, Director of Finance, Department of Budget and Finance
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Enclosure

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REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DENIAL OF CLAIMS FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF

Pursuant to section 37-77, Hawaii Revised Statutes

Calendar Year 2023

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AUTHORITY AND BACKGROUND

Section 37-77, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Attorney General to report annually to the Legislature on the claims for which a recommendation for denial is made. This reporting requirement is contrasted with the Attorney General's obligation under the same statutory authority to submit a bill to the Legislature that contains all the claims for which payment is recommended.

As required by section 37-77, Hawaii Revised Statutes, any data and documents supporting the claims submitted each year are maintained in the Civil Rights Litigation Division, Department of the Attorney General, and are available for inspection by the Legislature.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS DURING 2023 FOR WHICH DENIAL IS RECOMMENDED

No claims to report.