

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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March 30, 2007

Mr. H. William Burgess Attorney at Law 2299-C Round Top Drive Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Dear Mr. Burgess:

I received your letter dated March 20, 2007, demanding for your clients (and other Hawaii residents similarly situated) "concurrent payments equal, on a per capita basis, to all disbursements of public funds exclusively for 'native Hawaiians' and 'Hawaiians' under federal, state, and local laws in Hawaii." There is no state program or policy providing for the disbursement to state residents or taxpayers of cash or other consideration equal to, or otherwise connected to, amounts that may be disbursed under various state programs for the benefit of native Hawaiians (50% or more Native Hawaiian) or Hawaiians (any part Native Hawaiian). Accordingly, neither I nor any other Hawaii state government official has any authority to grant your request for such disbursement. Under existing law, no person requesting such a disbursement, whether native Hawaiian, Hawaiian, or non-Hawaiian, would be entitled to such a disbursement.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

cc: Attorney General