July 11, 2017

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

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

This is to inform you that on July 11, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

SB976 HD1 CD1 RELATING TO TIER II FILING FEES FOR REPORTING OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES
ACT 162 (17)

Sincerely,

David Ige
Governor, State of Hawai‘i
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TIER II FILING FEES FOR REPORTING OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to increase the Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (HEPCRA) Act, Tier II filing fee from $100 to $200. In fiscal year 2014-2015, 889 total facilities (civilian and military) paid $68,300 in filing fees. These moneys are collected pursuant to section 128E-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and are deposited into the environmental response revolving fund.

The Tier II filings fees are used by the county local emergency planning committees to conduct joint emergency planning response training, to purchase specialized equipment, and for hazardous materials emergency preparedness activities. As HEPCRA operational and equipment costs have risen over the years it is necessary to increase the fee to maintain the emergency preparedness and response capabilities of the county first responders that respond to hazardous materials incidents statewide.
SECTION 2. Section 128E-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"$128E-9 Filing fees. Facilities that are required to report according to section 128E-6(a)(2), shall remit [$100]$200 with each submission of chemical inventory forms or Tier II forms to the commission by March 1 of each year. All moneys collected by the department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and accrue to the credit of the environmental response revolving fund established in section 128D-2."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

APPROVED this 11 day of JUL, 2017

[Signature]

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII
S.B. No. 976, H.D. 1, C.D. 1

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the

[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Clerk of the Senate
SB No. 976, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 2, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the
House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
Session of 2017.

Joseph M. Souki
Speaker
House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives