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Mr. Douglas White

Re: Appeal from Agency Denial of Access to General Records (APPEAL 10-8)

Dear Mr. White:

The Office of Information Practices ("OIP") has opened the above-referenced file relating to your request for a determination as to whether Office of the Governor properly denied access to records under part II of the Uniform Information Practices Act (Modified), chapter 92F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Specifically, it is our understanding that you are appealing the denial of records and communications concerning bills passed during the 2009 Regular Legislative Session, except for inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or correspondence.

If you have any additional documents relating to your request, please forward the documents to us within five business days from receipt of this letter. We will also be seeking information from the agency concerning this appeal.

For your information, you are entitled to seek assistance from the courts without the need of first obtaining a determination from OIP. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 92F-42(1) (Supp. 2008). Such an action for access to records is heard on an expedited basis and, if you are the prevailing party, you are entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs. Haw. Rev. Stat. §§ 92F-15(d), (f) (1993). If you decide to file a lawsuit, you must notify OIP in writing at the time you file the action. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 92F-15.3 (Supp. 2008).

Should you have any questions concerning the status of your appeal, please do not hesitate to contact this office at 586-1400.

Very truly yours,

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