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SUMMARY

Most citizens of the State of Hawaii have at one time or another become aware of a Federal statute, law or regulation which does not benefit Hawaii or its residents to the same degree as it does other states. Throughout Hawaii's long relationship with Washington, first as a Kingdom, then as a Territory and finally as a State, certain federal provisions have existed which have placed Hawaii in a category unique from that of other States or countries. Therefore, it is hoped that those concerned individuals, groups, agencies and organizations, to whose attention this report has been drawn, will make recommendations to Hawaii's elected officials in Washington which propose to even out inequalities that have been brought up by this report.

Copies of this report are being distributed to Hawaii's four Congressional delegates in Washington, the Governor of Hawaii, the Mayors of each of the counties, each of the three County Councils and the Honolulu City Council, the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, and the University of Hawaii School of Law. In a project of this size certain regulations and statutes have most likely been overlooked which contain potential areas of discrimination. In those areas in which this may be the case, it is hoped that the State

authorities mentioned above, once they have reviewed this report, will provide additional information on other provisions which treat Hawaii in an unfair manner in comparison to other States.

Hawaii's Congressional delegation in Washington, once they have had a chance to review the information contained in this report and analyze the forthcoming recommendations from those State people who have reviewed this report, will work together to press for whatever legislative or administrative relief is necessary to correct inequalities in Hawaii's relationship with the Federal Government.

In compiling this report it was discovered that most of the differences which appear, in the treatment of Hawaii in comparison to other States, stem from two facts:

- 1) Hawaii's unique geographical location in the middle of the Pacific Ocean,
- 2) Hawaii's unique racial composition.

In conclusion, it should be explained that before the completion of this project, a review of laws, regulations and policies which treat Hawaii in manner different from that of the other States had never been conducted. It was an expressed goal of Senator Inouye, upon undertaking

this project, that a comprehensive base be built on which other regulations, policies and statutes which treat Hawaii in a unique manner may be added in the years to come. In this way one will be able to keep track of, in a more rational and orderly manner, Federal regulations which directly affect Hawaii. It is hoped that this goal will be followed through in the years to come.

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