REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
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STATUS OF THE PROGRAM FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY-THEMED PRODUCTS TO SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT

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PURPOSE

Act 186, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002, amended the State Endangered Species Act, Chapter 195D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to establish a program to financially benefit the environment by the development of environmentally-themed products such as collectible stamps, credit cards, and coins to be sold to the public. One of the provisions of that Act (Section 195D-5.5(d), HRS), required that an annual report be prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) of the Program’s products, costs, and revenues to be submitted to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of each Regular Session. This report is submitted to fulfill the reporting requirement for the period July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008.

FINDINGS

The Department initiated the sale of an environmentally-themed “Special number plate” as authorized under Section 249-9.3, HRS (“Special number plates”). The Department designed and ordered the decals to be placed on the Special number plates featuring native bird species with the message “Protect Our Native Species”. The decals have been made available to purchase at county motor vehicle registration locations for $25 each. For each new Special number plate issued, $20 is paid to the Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife and goes to support the protection of native species.

In January of 2008, 500 pairs of decals were ordered, with a production cost to the Department of $1,654.45, and 60 pairs of decals were subsequently purchased. Total revenue as of June 30, 2008 is $1,240. Cost and revenue balances at the end of the fiscal period are reported in Table 1.

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<th>Item No.</th>
<th>Product Description</th>
<th>Date Produced</th>
<th>Number Produced</th>
<th>Production Cost to Department</th>
<th>Revenue to Program</th>
<th>Current Inventory</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Special number license plate decals</td>
<td>2/1/08</td>
<td>500 pairs</td>
<td>$1,654</td>
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