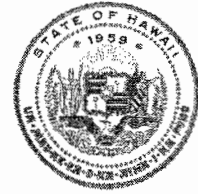




# Representative Tom Brower

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## Waikiki Neighborhood Board Report



July 09, 2013

Aloha and thank you for the honor of representing our home. I am proud to be the Chair of Tourism and member of the committees on Consumer Protection, Economic Revitalization, International Affairs, Judiciary, and Agriculture.

### I. Governor's Intent to Veto

The legislative session ended on May 2, sending some 200 bills to the Governor for his consideration. Last month the Governor provided the Legislature with a list of nine (9) bills he intended to veto; three (3) were officially vetoed at today's deadline. (See next page.)

The Legislature intends to review the Governor's rationale for vetoing the bills and will look into addressing his concerns in the coming session. At this time, there are *no* plans for a Special Session to override these vetoes.

### II. Waikiki Development/ Projects

- INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE: Mall developer Taubman Group updated me on the 360,000-square-foot open-air retail, dining and entertainment complex. Though I grew up with the International Marketplace and have fond memories of some of its vendors (such as Sole Suckers), I hope these revitalization efforts will create more jobs and attract more residents and tourists.

- RAIL: I met with the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation in mid-June. Rail will be built by 2019 and paid off three years later, without UH and Waikiki spurs. Though I am aware that many in our district oppose it, this is something I want to continue monitoring because of the cost, traffic and other impacts.

Rail is on the agenda for the next Kakaako Improvement Association's meeting. It will be held Aug. 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Ward Warehouse Conference Room, and will feature Mayor Caldwell and HART's Dan Grabauskas.

### III. Site Visit- Energy Tour

Earlier this month I joined House and Senate members on a tour of the hydrogen fueling station at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to see the Navy's use of alternative energy. We saw fuel cell powered vehicles and rooftop installations of hydrogen fuel cell backup power systems.

Interest in alternate fuels has never been greater, thanks to a need for cleaner air and reduced oil dependence. Hydrogen is renewable, abundant, efficient and, unlike other alternates, produces no emissions.

Although the legislative session is over, I am in the office daily.

*Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.*

*As a former 8-year Waikiki Neighborhood Board member, I value your interest in our community.*

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## NEWS RELEASE

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

GOVERNOR

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 24, 2013

### **Governor Sends Notice of Intent to Veto 9 Bills**

HONOLULU – After reviewing 293 measures passed by the 2013 Hawaii State Legislature, Gov. Neil Abercrombie today notified legislators of his intent to veto nine bills.

As required by the State of Hawaii Constitution, the Governor must provide 10 working days' notice for any measures that he may veto by July 9, 2013. As such, these bills are still under consideration and further review.

"I greatly respect the legislative process and the work of individual legislators in forming public policy," Gov. Abercrombie said. "This past session resulted in meaningful measures that will ultimately benefit the people of Hawaii. However, there may be difficulty in implementing some of these bills as they are currently written, and there are other measures that require further consideration."

The following bills are on the Governor's intent-to-veto notice:

- HB763 (Relating to the State Building Code) **VETOED**
- SB1265 (Relating to Contracts)
- HB619 (Relating to Feral Birds)
- HB988 (Relating to Native Wildlife) **VETOED**
- HB424 (Relating to Timeshare Conveyances)
- HB654 (Relating to Nursing) **VETOED**
- HB1130 (Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation)
- SB3 (Relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs)
- SB68 (Relating to Sentencing)

Most of these bills are potentially objectionable because of concerns, raised by state departments or agencies, reflected in testimonies provided during the hearing process. The purpose of the notice is to allow sufficient time for the Governor to give additional consideration, have further discussions and inquiries, and conduct deeper analysis before he makes his final decision.

In addition, the Governor notified the Legislature of his plan to line-item veto SB909 (Relating to Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items). Specifically, the Governor will use his line-item authority to veto the funding of the bill associated with the rejected Bargaining Unit 13 settlement offer.

To date, Gov. Abercrombie has signed more than 172 measures into law. The Governor continues to review legislative bills that he must either veto or sign into law by July 9, 2013, or allow them to become law without his signature.

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