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HONOLULU — Gov. Neil Abercrombie says he will let a financial disclosure bill become law without his signature.

Abercrombie sent a letter to lawmakers Monday to let them know he is no longer considering vetoing the proposal.

The bill (SB 2682) would make annual financial disclosure statements of people serving on more than a dozen state boards and commissions publicly available.

Two members of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents resigned after state lawmakers unanimously passed the bill.

When Abercrombie said he would veto the measure, state Sen. Sam Slom called on his fellow lawmakers to override the veto.

Abercrombie says the threat of new technology and government inquiry into citizens' lives is an issue. But he also says it's legitimate to find out about possible conflicts of interest.

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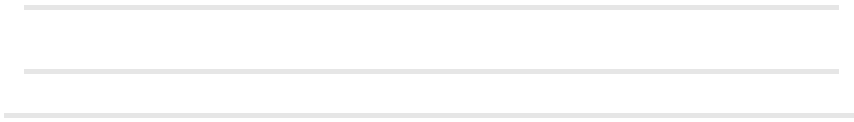
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