

Ige Questions Governor's Possible Veto of Disclosure Bill

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Senate Ways and Means Chair David Ige

HONOLULU — Democratic gubernatorial candidate State Senator David Ige is criticizing the governor's notice of intent to veto SB2682, which would require the disclosure of financial statements by members of 15 state boards and commissions, including the Public Utilities Commission, University of Hawaii Board of Regents, Board of Education, Hawaii Community Development Authority, Board of Land and Natural Resources, and others.

"I think it's incredible that the governor is planning to veto a bill that increases government transparency and accountability and was unanimously passed in both the House and the Senate," said Senator Ige. "The Legislature listened to the many citizens who want a



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more open government, and I call on the governor to do the same.”

Senator Ige added, “If the governor’s concern is that the bill will discourage certain individuals from accepting these positions, then so be it. We need people in our government who are willing to be forthcoming and transparent. If I were governor, I would have signed this bill immediately because I believe in an open government that is held accountable and discourages conflicts of interest.”

With nearly 30 years in the state Legislature, candidate for governor Senator David Ige has built a solid reputation as a thoughtful, honest and innovative legislator. He has been the chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means for the past four years, helping to shape and balance the state’s budget.

Senator Ige has led a total of 10 House and Senate committees, including Higher Education, Education and Technology, Health, Hawaiian Affairs, Economic Development, Commerce, and Consumer Protection and Information Technology. This year he was named one of the 13 “tech-savviest” state legislators in the nation by Government Technology magazine. Senator Ige has been at the forefront of applying technology solutions and information technology in government and education. More information on Senator Ige and his candidacy are available at www.davidige.org.

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