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GOVERNOR

July 8, 2014

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1310**

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of  
the House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

I am transmitting herewith SB2874 HD1, without my approval, and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

SB2874 HD1

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES

*Sincerely,*  
*Alaka*  
*Neil Abercrombie*

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2874

Honorable Members  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 2874, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Board of Land and Natural Resources."

The purpose of this bill is to amend the composition of the Board of Land and Natural Resources by requiring that at least one member has a background in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.

House Bill No. 1618, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Composition of the Board of Land and Natural Resources," which was also passed by the Legislature, is substantially similar to this bill. Because I intend to approve House Bill No. 1618, which will accomplish the purpose of this bill, there is no necessity to also approve this bill.

For the foregoing reason, I am returning Senate Bill No. 2874 without my approval.

Respectfully,  




NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor of Hawaii

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 171-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§171-4 Board of land and natural resources; terms and**  
4 **qualifications of members of the board; organization; expenses.**

5           (a) The board of land and natural resources shall be composed  
6 of seven members, one from each land district and three at  
7 large, to be nominated and, by and with the advice and consent  
8 of the senate, appointed by the governor as provided in section  
9 26-34. The term and removal of a member of the board and the  
10 filling of a vacancy on the board shall also be as provided in  
11 section 26-34. There shall be not more than three members on  
12 the board from the same political party. At least one member of  
13 the board shall have a background in conservation and natural  
14 resources, as evidenced by:

15           (1) A college degree in a relevant field, including  
16 forestry, wildlife conservation, geology,  
17 environmental science, or marine biology; or



1           (2) Work history sufficient to demonstrate an appropriate  
2           level of knowledge in the subject of land and natural  
3           resources, including parks and recreation, public  
4           lands management, natural area reserves, aquatic  
5           resources, boating and recreation, forestry and  
6           wildlife, water resources management, or conservation  
7           and resources.

8           (b) At least one member of the board, other than the  
9           member with a background in conservation and natural resources  
10           appointed pursuant to subsection (a), shall have demonstrated  
11           expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary  
12           practices, as evidenced by:

13           (1) A college degree in a relevant field, such as Hawaiian  
14           studies, native Hawaiian law, native Hawaiian  
15           traditional and customary practices, or a related  
16           subject area;

17           (2) Work history that demonstrates an appropriate level of  
18           knowledge in native Hawaiian traditional and customary  
19           practices; or

20           (3) Substantial experience in native Hawaiian traditional  
21           and customary practices.

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1        [~~(b)~~] (c) Each member shall disclose and file with the  
2 board a list of all transactions with the department of land and  
3 natural resources in which the member has a direct interest.

4 The member shall also disclose all transactions with the  
5 department involving any corporation, association, partnership,  
6 or joint venture in which the member is an officer, partner, or  
7 employee. Any member having any interest, direct or indirect,  
8 in any matter before the board shall disqualify oneself from  
9 voting on or participating in the discussion of the matter.

10        [~~(e)~~] (d) The governor shall select a chairperson of the  
11 board from among its members. The chairperson shall call and  
12 preside at meetings and may appoint a member of the board as  
13 secretary. The members of the board shall choose one of their  
14 number to act as chairperson during the absence or disability of  
15 the chairperson.

16        [~~(d)~~] (e) The members of the board shall serve without pay  
17 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses  
18 while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their  
19 duties."



1           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3           SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect  
4 on July 1, 2014.

                  APPROVED this                   day of                   , 2014

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII