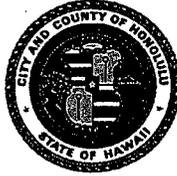


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June 20, 2013

The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin, Chair  
and Members  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Martin and Councilmembers:

I am returning, without my signature, Bill 10 (2013), CD1, relating to the Legislative Budget.

I have withheld my signature of approval because of the appropriations in the Bill of Special Fund monies from the Affordable Housing Fund, the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund and the Grants in Aid Fund to fund administrative activities of the City Council. Each of these Funds mandate an annual allocation of General Fund monies to the respective Fund, thereby reducing available General Fund monies for our core City services. I am particularly concerned that each dollar of the allocated monies be judiciously expended for the Fund purposes and that we, the City, can evidence to our taxpayers that their tax dollars have not been squandered.

With respect to the Grants in Aid Fund, the administration's budget includes funds in the Department of Community Services (DCS) to assist the Charter created Grants in Aid Commission in carrying out its activities and to pay for administration of the program. The Council reduced that line item budget by \$25,000 and included the same amount in the Legislative Budget.

For the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund and Affordable Housing Fund, the administration has not sought appropriation for administrative expenses from these Funds in the past and in the FY 2014 budget. However, the Council appropriated \$25,000 from each of these funds in their budget for FY 2014.

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I therefore object to the appropriation by the Council of Fund monies for the Council's own purposes, especially as administrative activities are properly the function of City executive agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell". The signature is stylized with a large initial "K" and a long, wavy horizontal line extending to the right.

Kirk Caldwell  
Mayor