



GOV. MSG. NO. 1146

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

May 5, 2011

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker  
and Members of the House  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

I am transmitting herewith SB1416 SD1 HD1, without my approval, and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

SB1416 SD1 HD1

RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Abercrombie".

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1416

Honorable Members  
Twenty-Sixth 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. 1416, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Highway Safety."

The purpose of this bill is to extend the period in which an owner of a new car is exempted from obtaining a certificate of inspection from two years to three years from the date of purchase.

While new vehicles are unlikely to experience major mechanical defects during the first three years after purchase, other faults, which would be discovered during an inspection, may still occur. These faults include defective head lamps, signal lamps, and brake lamps, expired registration and insurance cards, worn-out brakes, tires, and windshield wipers, modified suspension and window tint, and cracked windshields.

New cars already have a two-year exemption from a required inspection and I cannot, in good conscience, sign a bill into law that would add another year to that exemption, because that would increase the likelihood of the aforementioned faults occurring without discovery.

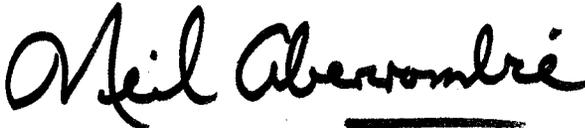
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For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill  
No. 1416 without my approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Abercrombie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor of Hawaii

**VETO**

THE SENATE  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011  
STATE OF HAWAII

**S.B. NO.** 1416  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that new cars sold within  
2 the State of Hawaii are covered under warranties lasting three  
3 years or thirty-six thousand miles. The legislature further  
4 finds that because Hawaii drivers do not typically exceed  
5 thirty-six thousand miles within three years of purchasing a new  
6 car, requiring drivers to obtain a certificate of inspection  
7 within two years of purchasing a new car imposes an undue burden  
8 on new car drivers and is not in the best interest of the State.

9           The purpose of this Act is to extend the period in which an  
10 owner of a new car is exempted from obtaining a certificate of  
11 inspection from two years to three years from the date of  
12 purchase.

13           SECTION 2. Section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

15           "(b) All other vehicles, including motorcycles, trailers,  
16 semitrailers, and pole trailers having a gross vehicle weight  
17 rating of [~~10,000~~] ten thousand pounds or less, and antique  
18 motor vehicles as defined in section 249-1, except those in

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1 subsections (c) and (d), shall be certified as provided in  
2 subsection (e) every twelve months; provided that any vehicle to  
3 which this subsection applies shall not require inspection  
4 within [~~two~~] three years of the date on which the vehicle was  
5 first sold."

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2013.

APPROVED this                      day of                      , 2011

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII