



## The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Caucus

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### Caucus Supports Neil Abercrombie for Governor

HONOLULU – The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i today proudly announced its unanimous support of Neil Abercrombie for governor.

“No other candidate has Neil’s track record for standing up for civil rights and supporting our community,” said Jo-Ann Adams, chairperson of the GLBT Caucus.

The GLBT caucus issued its endorsement the day after Governor Linda Lingle vetoed HB 444. Neil Abercrombie is the only gubernatorial candidate who has consistently supported civil unions and the fundamental constitutional principles of equal protection.

“It took brave political leaders to dismantle laws outlawing slavery, interracial marriages and widespread discrimination against women,” Adams said. “Neil Abercrombie is the only candidate who shows that kind of brave leadership. Neil Abercrombie has demonstrated that he will work relentlessly to end the discrimination we face daily.”

The Caucus pointed to Abercrombie’s record in opposing discrimination.

- Neil Abercrombie supports the repeal of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell
- Neil Abercrombie rejected changes in Ryan White CARE Act that would reduce HIV/AIDS funding to Hawaii and other regions;
- Neil Abercrombie supported funding for programs such as Gregory House and was one of the first public officials to see HIV/AIDS as a major human crisis;
- Neil Abercrombie supported changing the Medicaid eligibility requirement so that those with an HIV-positive diagnosis became eligible for treatment, rather than the previous standard of a full-blown AIDS diagnosis;
- Neil Abercrombie supported equal treatment of federal employees by insisting that the federal government treat domestic partners as if they were spouses;
- Neil Abercrombie continuously supported legislation that would provide the legal protections of marriage to all couples, regardless of gender.

The Caucus is dedicated to the proposition that no individual should suffer discrimination based on race, religion, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, handicapped status or disability, national origin, age and any other non-merit status. Neil Abercrombie shares that vision and translates it into consistent action.

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