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**Trusted Leadership for Hawai'i****Join the Ige Grassroots Team Today!**

Friend --

This past weekend, the [Star-Advertiser's Richard Borreca](#) used the Governor's State of the State as the opening trumpet call for the 2014 governor's race.

The State of the State speech description implying that we have a budget surplus is not entirely accurate. In reality, over the past three years, I have worked with my colleagues in the Legislature to make tough decisions to build a responsible financial plan. The referenced \$844 million surplus is a direct result of the nearly \$800 million in cuts that the Legislature has made from the governor's proposed budgets during his tenure. But even this is not a true surplus, because our State's unfunded liabilities – such as civil service retirement benefit obligations – exceed this amount.

I am disappointed that growing the state's economy is not a priority of the Governor. I promise you that an Ige Administration would make this a priority so that we can afford to pay our obligations when they become due.

At this time, it is critical that we continue to build our team. [That is why I am asking you to join Team Ige and "Like" our Facebook Page today to keep up to date with the campaign!](#)

I hope that we can count on your continued support. Together we will win this!

Mahalo,

David

P.S. I cannot fight for you, and for Hawaii's financial future, alone, I need the help of supporters like you! [Can we count on you to join our campaign and make a grassroots contribution today?](#)

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