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[TEST] Star-Advertiser: "Abercrombie wrong"

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Aloha Friend,

The headline in the Star-Advertiser said it all: **"Abercrombie wrong to cancel on AARP, seniors."**

The newspaper called out the governor for canceling three AARP debates and blaming the cancelations on "scheduling conflicts," despite his campaign agreeing to the dates at a meeting on July 3:

"Hawaii leaders never dispute the importance of aging issues; anyone who tried would have the weight of statistics against them. According to figures from the state's Executive Office on Aging, the 2010 census showed that 1 in 5 Hawaii residents were age 60 or older. By 2020, that population will represent 1 in 4 of the total.

"And in a little more than five years, the number of people age 85 and older — the frail elders, who need the most help with daily routines — will rise by one-third, to a total of about 40,000 people. It's a multigenerational concern, since what happens to seniors also happens to the families who bear the caregiving responsibilities.

"This is why the public has the right to feel disappointed by Gov. Neil Abercrombie's decision to cancel three political matches from a shrinking list of remaining opportunities to assess the two main Democratic gubernatorial candidates. It's a decision he really should rescind in the coming days."

Our kupuna deserve better. Will you donate \$10 to David's campaign so Hawaii's seniors get the respect from the state's top official that they deserve?

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