HB 2163 would require the inventory of underground storage tanks within the Kakaako community development district in connection with the redevelopment of that district, and would require consideration of the existence of such tanks in planning for the redevelopment. This statement on this bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

In the premises of past occupants of the Kakaako district there are likely to be several underground storage tanks containing hazardous substances, and perhaps many such tanks. During a period of redevelopment, such tanks, being invisible, are likely simply to be abandoned. Serious problems have been experienced in the nation as the result of the abandonment of such tanks without appropriate disposal of their contents. The passage and implementation of HB 2163 would greatly reduce the likelihood that such problems will be experienced at Kakaako.