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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: TheBoat IS TOO EXPENSIVE

Today, Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) applauded Mayor Mufi Hannemann's decision to discontinue TheBoat, a project the mayor campaigned on in 2004 and launched with great fanfare last year.

"TheBoat was a good experiment, but simply too expensive for taxpayers. I am pleased that the mayor recognized the major fiscal problems with his project and discontinued TheBoat," stated Councilmember Djou. "At current funding rates, it would be cheaper for the City taxpayers to just give every regular rider of TheBoat a new car and free gas than continue funding TheBoat."

TheBoat was projected to cost City taxpayers \$5 million. With about 300 regular riders per day, TheBoat costs over 100 times what it costs taxpayers to transport an individual on TheBus. Last month, Councilmember Djou, along with several other members of the Honolulu City Council, proposed eliminating TheBoat from funding in the upcoming Budget.

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