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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: MAYOR ALLOWS YET ANOTHER BUDGET TO GO FORWARD

Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) reacted to Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann's decision to permit a record \$3.5 billion budget to become law today without his signature.

“In his four years as mayor, Mufi Hannemann has already authorized the four largest budgets in Honolulu history. Today, the mayor rightly expressed some frustration in authorizing a fifth consecutive record breaking budget to become law, but for the wrong reasons,” stated Councilmember Djou. “City government is too big, but the mayor actually wants higher taxes and the ability to spend even more money. The administration’s philosophy of taxing at will and spending like crazy is simply wrong.”

The FY10 budget seeks to authorize expenditures of \$3.5 billion, comprised of a \$1.8 billion operating budget and a \$1.7 billion CIP budget, financed by increases to the real property tax, vehicle tax and multiple fees. As recently as FY05, total City spending was only \$1.5 billion.

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