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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: GIVE BICYCLISTS AT LEAST 3 FEET**

Today, Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) introduced legislation to mandate that motor vehicle drivers give bicyclists at least three feet when passing them on a roadway. Djou's bill also explicitly prohibits drivers from throwing any objects at bicyclists on Oahu's roads.

"The City recently released a comprehensive bicycling plan for Oahu, but lacks funds to pay for much of the plans. One way to help keep our roads safe and encourage bicycling as a good transportation option is to mandate drivers give bicyclists at least three feet when passing them on the roads and prohibit drivers from throwing anything at bicyclists," stated Councilmember Djou. "My bill is a simple common sense idea that has already been adopted as law in multiple cities and states across the nation. We need to keep our roads safe for everyone, including bicyclists."

Djou's safe bicycling passing bill mandating a three foot passing berth between bicycles and vehicles has already been enacted as law in several other jurisdictions including Colorado, Louisiana, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Washington D.C. If enacted, violators of Djou's proposed bill will incur a maximum \$100 citation.

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