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### COUNCILMEMBER DJOU:

#### STOP CRIMINAL COCK IMPORTATION - BAN ROOSTERS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Today Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) reacted to news about the importation of gamecocks to Hawaii by a criminal enterprise for cockfighting, by again calling for a ban on roosters in residential areas.

“For years my constituents have complained about noise from roosters and illegal activities often associated with cockfighting. I have long supported and continue to press for a ban on roosters in residentially zoned areas,” stated Councilmember Djou. “News of a criminal enterprise shipping birds to Hawaii for illegal cockfighting only further illustrates the need for legislation banning roosters in residential areas. I need help from the public to pressure my colleagues on the council to advance this much needed legislation.”

To address the issue of roosters in residential areas, Councilmember Djou introduced Bill 49 (2007) that bans roosters in residential areas. Djou’s bill has since languished in the committee. Councilmember Djou introduced similar legislation in 2003, but it was rejected by the City Council after cockfighting enthusiasts intensely lobbied for its defeat. Since the rejection of Councilmember Djou’s proposal, an HPD officer has been implicated in a cockfighting corruption scandal and problems with illegal cockfighting and nuisance complaints continue to fester.

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