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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU REACTS TO HANNEMANN'S FY09 BUDGET

Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) reacted to Mayor Mufi Hannemann's proposed FY09 budget.

"I am happy for the first time in my career as a City Councilmember there are no new tax increases proposed in the City budget," stated Councilmember Djou. "I am disappointed, however, that the City is continuing its massive increase in government spending. The mayor has proposed an overall spending increase of 10%, a rate over sextuple times that of inflation. These massive government spending increases simply can not be sustained by the public who is already over taxed."

The mayor's operating budget proposed to increase government spending by 12.3%. The capital improvement budget asks for a 5.3% spending increase. The total City budget proposes to increase government spending by 10%. The mayor's office suggests that the operating budget will increase by only 5.5%, but achieves this number only by excluding major spending increases for salaries, pension costs, health benefits and debt service. No business or family in Hawaii would ever exclude such costs as "spending."

(See attached Budget comparison chart.)

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