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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: CITY COUNCIL IRONICALLY DEFERS ACTION ON WIND FARM LEGISLATION ON EARTH DAY**

Today, Earth Day, the Honolulu City Council Zoning Committee deferred action on Bill 28 (2008). This measure would expand the permitted use of wind farms on agriculture land on Oahu. The bill is the result of Reso. 06-142, introduced by City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu).

“To help the environment, we need to find alternative sources of clean energy and preserve Hawaii’s beautiful open land spaces. To achieve these worthy objectives of increasing renewable energy and preserving open space, I introduced legislation to expand wind energy farms on agricultural land on Oahu,” stated Councilmember Djou. “Ironically, today on Earth Day, the City Council Zoning Committee refused to act on this important proposal.”

The Sierra Club originally suggested the concept to Councilmember Djou to allow wind farms on Oahu agricultural lands as a dual means of preserving open space on Oahu and encouraging ‘green’ energy development. Councilmember Djou’s proposal has been discussed for two years and already unanimously passed the City Planning Commission, but is now stuck in the Zoning Committee, chaired by Councilmember Rod Tam. Councilmember Tam has asked for more time to review and collect information on Djou’s proposal.

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