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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: CITY SHOULD EXAMINE USING THE 'SMART BOOT' TO ENFORCE UNPAID PARKING FINES**

Today, City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) introduced legislation asking the Honolulu police department consider using the parking boot to help enforce parking violations and vehicle insurance laws. Councilmember Djou specifically asked HPD model its program on the new 'smart boot' program implemented in Denver, CO.

"To help traffic, Honolulu needs to get illegal cars off the road. Stricter enforcement of parking and insurance laws can be a means of doing so. Denver has a new 'smart boot' program that efficiently allows the police to lock vehicles with more than three unpaid parking tickets. I think Honolulu should seriously look at implementing Denver's system for Oahu vehicles that lack insurance or have excessive unpaid parking tickets," stated Councilmember Djou. "I am excited that this plan can be implemented at minimal cost to the taxpayers and will help remove illegal vehicles from our streets."

In Denver, traffic enforcement officials may place a parking 'boot' on a vehicle with more than three unpaid parking tickets. The vehicle owner may remove the 'boot' by calling a 24-hour phone number and then paying the outstanding tickets, plus a processing fee, with a credit or debit card. The owner is then given a combination code to remove the boot. The vehicle owner must then return the boot to the public works department within 24 hours or their credit card will be charged an additional \$500 for keeping the boot.

Video and photos showing how the smart boot system works can be found on the vendor's web page at [www.paylock.com](http://www.paylock.com). In addition to Denver, multiple cities including Wilmington, DE, Richmond, VA, and Norwalk, CT have all adopted similar programs to help get vehicles with multiple violations off the road.

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