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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU REACTS TO MAYOR'S PROPOSAL FOR AN AIRPORT RAIL SPUR**

Today, City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) reacted to the Mayor's proposal for the State to give the City \$350 million for an airport rail spur.

"While I am always happy for the State to just give the City hundreds of millions of dollars, the problem is that the City administration is trying to dig itself out of its own self-created mess by not including the airport or UH on the rail route in the first place," stated Councilmember Djou. "The mayor's spur proposal introduced at the start of the Hawaii Democratic Convention and his refusal to either talk to Governor Lingle or bring this before the current Honolulu City Council probably shows this plan has as much to with future elective politics as anything else."

At a press conference held today, the Mayor announced a proposal to include a rail spur line linking up Honolulu International Airport. The Mayor stated that this new line for the City mass transit system would cost \$350 million and would be paid for by the State government. The State government has yet to agree to turn over \$1 to the City for the proposed mass transit system.

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