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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU REACTS TO CURBSIDE RECYCLING REPORT RECOMMENDING HAWAII KAI RECYCLING MODEL

Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, Kahala, Hawaii Kai) reacted to yesterday's release of the Department of Environmental Services' *Curbside Recycling Pilot Evaluation Report 2008* recommending the Hawaii Kai pilot project on curbside recycling be used as the model for implementation island-wide.

"I am pleased that the Department of Environmental Services report recommends the Hawaii Kai curbside recycling model. I commend Hawaii Kai residents for participating in the curbside recycling pilot project and setting the standard that recycling can be easy and successful," stated Councilmember Djou. "I have been a long-time proponent of getting curbside recycling done island-wide as a key part of dealing with the City's growing garbage problem. With Oahu's limited landfill space and beautiful natural environment, the lack of an island-wide curbside recycling program is not just a 'nice-to-have' but an absolutely must-have for all neighborhoods," Djou added.

Last year, Mililani and Hawaii Kai were selected as pilot recycling communities. The Hawaii Kai households were given a simpler system of one collection day for refuse and one collection day for recyclables each week, whereas Mililani households were given the same with the option of purchasing additional second-day refuse pickup for a fee of \$10 per month.

In the 2006 election, voters overwhelmingly instructed the City to institute a curbside recycling program. Mayor Hannemann is the third mayor in Honolulu history to launch a "pilot" recycling project. The Department of Environmental Services released the Curbside Recycling Pilot Evaluation Report yesterday. The City and County of Honolulu remains the largest city in the nation without a comprehensive countywide curbside recycling program.

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