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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: REFORMING CITY PROPAGANDA MACHINE

Today, the Honolulu City Council passed Bill 29, CD2, introduced by Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu). This measure will require the City government to specifically identify all newspaper, radio and television advertising purchased with taxpayer money as "Paid for by Taxpayers of the City and County of Honolulu."

"City taxpayers deserve to know when the City government is using their money for propaganda. This measure does not prohibit any City ads, but merely demands that the administration match federal and state practices and tell the public when they seek to influence them using the public's very own funds," stated Councilmember Djou.

Djou's measure matches similar requirements for Federal officials and matches already existing practices by the state government. Djou's bill passed by a vote of 9 to 0 and now goes to the mayor for approval. Councilmember Djou will push for an over-ride if the mayor should veto this bill.

The City is currently spending tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars on promotional advertising pushing the controversial rail system, even though this measure may be a political ballot question this fall.

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