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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: NEW ENERGY INITIATIVES FOR CITY

Today Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) introduced three new energy measures for the City in response to last week's report by the City Auditor that the City's utility costs have increased by a whopping 44% between 2003 and 2007.

"Our government should take the lead in energy conservation to not only help the environment, but also to reduce costs to taxpayers. My energy package establishes new guidelines for the City to follow in helping to reduce energy use and costs," stated Councilmember Djou. "In particular, I am asking for the City to only purchase efficient 'Energy Star' equipment, set a maximum cap of annual utility usage, and name one individual responsible for energy and sustainability issues at City Hall."

Councilmember Djou's energy package includes three new measures:

- Bill 49 CD1 Mandating the City to purchase efficient 'Energy Star' equipment;
- Bill 50 - Establishing a cap for City utility usage. Under Djou's proposal, starting in FY2010, the City shall not consume more than 170mwh of energy. The cap is then gradually reduced by about 2mwh, or about 1%, per year and by FY 2015 a maximum utility cap of 160mwh is established for all City government operations.
- Reso. 08-182 - As recommended by the City Auditor, this resolution urges the administration to re-institute an energy 'czar' to oversee all City energy usage.

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