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### **BEST WAY TO HELP SLUMPING ECONOMY – DECREASE TAXES**

Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) reacted to Mayor Mufi Hannemann's plans to address the slumping economy.

"I compliment Mayor Hannemann for making a statement that our economy is weakening before he jetted off to Miami," stated Councilmember Djou. "Unfortunately, the mayor didn't say a word about the best way the City could help the local economy - lowering taxes and putting more money in the hands of Hawaii's consumers. The mayor has simply raised too much in taxes during his administration. It's time to give more money back to the people to stimulate our sagging economy."

Since Mayor Hannemann took office, the City government has increased spending by record numbers, often exceeding the rate of inflation and personal income growth of the average Hawaii family.

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