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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: GET ISLAND-WIDE CURBSIDE RECYCLING IMPLEMENTED NOW

Today, Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) reacted to the mayor's decision to start yet another curbside recycling pilot project.

"Although the mayor's decision to start a limited curbside recycling project is welcome, our community really needs an island-wide program. The City continues to tragically be the largest municipality in the U.S. without a comprehensive curbside recycling program. With Oahu's limited landfill space and beautiful natural environment, the lack of a curbside recycling program is not just a 'nice-to-have' but an absolutely must-have in our community," stated Councilmember Djou. "Pilot projects are nice, but I think the time has come for us to stop testing and start doing real curbside recycling."

Djou introduced and the City Council passed Bill 75 (05) last year, seeking to force the administration to implement a real curbside recycling program. The mayor thwarted the intent of Bill 75 by classifying the City's burning of trash as 'recycling.'

In the last election, voters overwhelmingly instructed the City to institute a curbside recycling program. Implementation of an island-wide curbside recycling program has been estimated to cost anywhere from \$2 million to \$8 million out of the City's \$2.1 billion budget. Mayor Hannemann becomes the third mayor in Honolulu history to launch a "pilot" recycling project.

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