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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: CITY DRAGGING ITS FEET ON THE BOOT

Honolulu Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) called upon the Hannemann administration to start working on at least reviewing the implementation of a smart boot program for individuals who have three or more parking tickets.

"Numerous government entities across the U.S., including UH Hilo, have implemented a boot program to catch individuals who repeatedly refuse to pay their parking tickets. A parking boot program can also help traffic by removing illegal cars from the road. Such a program can be implemented with a private vendor at little or no cost to the Oahu taxpayers as Denver has done. I am disappointed that the Hannemann administration continues to drag its feet on investigating a parking boot program," stated Councilmember Djou.

On April 24, 2008, Councilmember Djou introduced Resolution 08-112, asking the City to study the feasibility of implementing a 'smart boot' program in Honolulu. The resolution was unanimously adopted by the City Council on June 4, 2008. Djou's resolution required the Managing Director to report back to the council within 90 days regarding the feasibility of a 'smart boot' program. Today is the 90th day past the 90-day deadline of October 8, 2008, for the Hannemann administration to deliver its report to the council. Councilmember Djou has sent repeated inquires to the Hannemann administration about the status about its progress in investigating the feasibility of a 'smart boot' program, but received no response. (See Council Communication No. 187, dated October 14, 2008; and 223, dated December 2, 2008.)

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