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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: FIXING RAIL – AIRPORT & PEARL HARBOR CONNECTED

Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) applauded today's action by the Honolulu City Council approving Resolution 08-261, which shifts the rail route from Salt Lake Boulevard to the airport and Pearl Harbor.

"If Honolulu does rail, we must do it right. Switching the rail route from Salt Lake Boulevard to the airport and Pearl Harbor is the first of several steps needed to correct numerous problems with the proposed Honolulu rail system," stated Councilmember Djou. "Linking the airport, the entry point for virtually all tourists affecting Hawaii's largest industry, and Pearl Harbor, one of Oahu's largest employment centers affecting Hawaii's second largest industry, is simple common sense. The airport and Pearl Harbor should never have been dropped from the rail route in the first place."

Resolution 08-261 was introduced by Councilmember Djou and Councilmember Todd Apo after voters approved rail at the general election last fall. Today's 6 to 2 vote is the final action required to change the rail route. The mayor has no power to veto or otherwise change the route.

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