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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: STATE SHOULD HELP THE CITY PUT ON THE BOOT

Honolulu Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) introduced new legislation today to start the implementation of a smart boot program for individuals who have three or more parking tickets, conditioned on the State Legislature giving the counties the power to control such actions.

“With a tight economy, our government needs to find creative ways to address public policy problems and a parking boot system can do just that. A parking boot program will help traffic by removing illegal cars from the road and catch repeat traffic citation offenders. Such a program can be implemented with a private vendor at little or no cost to the Oahu taxpayers, as Denver and several other cities have done,” stated Councilmember Djou. “Our laws need to catch up with the times. My legislation is conditioned on the Legislature giving the counties the authority to capture some portion of traffic fines to implement this parking boot program.”

Last year, Councilmember Djou introduced, and the City Council unanimously adopted, a resolution asking the administration to study the feasibility of implementing a ‘smart boot’ program in Honolulu. Because of Djou’s resolution, the City examined the proposal, but concluded any effective implementation requires both a new City ordinance and some approval by the Legislature. Djou has now introduced the appropriate City legislation to start a parking boot program, but conditions the effective date on receiving legislative authorization.

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