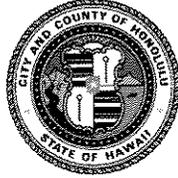


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The Honorable Todd K. Apo, Chair  
and Members of the Budget Committee  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Apo and Members:

Subject: CD1 Changes to the FY 2009 Executive Operating and Capital Budgets

We hereby submit testimony in response to the various Councilmember's proposed amendments to the Department of Information Technology's (DIT) Operating and Capital budgets for CD1.

The proposed councilmember's cut of \$537,183 will impact my ability to complete the hiring of 17 Full-Time Equivalent's, who have been recruited and are presently in the process of coming on board. In addition, five positions that I have on hold for the reorganization of DIT would be impacted and limit my ability to complete the much needed reorganization.

Of the 32 positions on our Vacancy Report dated January 31, 2008, this leaves ten positions: four are currently on contract; one was already unfunded and has subsequently been abolished, one is federally funded and on hold, we are actively recruiting for the remaining vacancies.

Our 2008 fiscal year-end projections show that in the salary and wage category that we will be short this fiscal year and will need to use current expense to fund the salary and wage shortfall.

Related to the recommendation to cut the CIP Major Procurement fund, is our request for two vehicles. The Department of Information Technology's technical staff travels around the island providing computer support to remote City Agencies (i.e. Satellite City Halls, Police substations, Parks & Recreation facilities, and as far away as Hanauma Bay, Hauula, or Waianae). The existing vehicle is 20 years old and needs to be replaced. It has broken down many times leaving my staff stranded and in some cases in dangerous traffic situations. Also, the breakdown of the vehicle limits my staff's ability to support the computer needs of other departments, due to the fact that we are often unable to secure a vehicle through the motor pool.

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In addition, our goal is to get a total of six radio technicians to maintain the 800 MHz emergency communications radio system. This would enable us to create three teams of staff that can respond to radio problems. Since our sites are very remote, a reliable 4-wheel drive vehicle is mandatory. Without the vehicle, we would not be able to make full use of the three teams and would have to create two teams of three, which would be inefficient. The establishment of these teams also significantly reduces (as reflected in my current expense line item) outside maintenance fees (110-0702-09-3401).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 768-7601.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon J. Bruce". The signature is stylized and cursive. Below the signature, the word "FOR" is written in a smaller, simpler font.

Gordon J. Bruce  
Director and CIO

cc: Office of the Mayor  
Department of Budget and Fiscal Services