



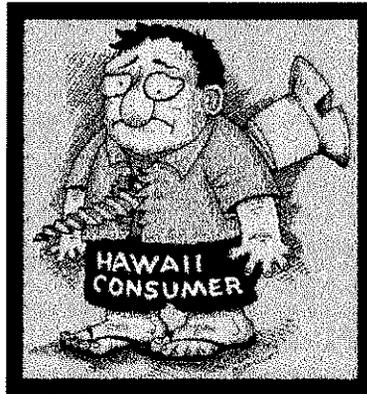
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REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
10 A.M. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008

Honorable Chair and Council Members;

My name is George Fox and I'm the President of Advocates For Consumer Rights. Our organization has been representing the interests of over 5,000 politically-active consumers on Oahu since 1994 and we have testified consistently before this body on rail transit.

We have repeatedly said and now say again, Saddling Oahu's taxpayers with the spiraling cost of building, operating and maintaining an all elevated rail system with its enormous stations, many elevators and escalators, 24-hour security, maintenance and all the rest is not a viable or sustainable option for Oahu. Our small county cannot afford such a grandiose system.

Running for Mayor in 1994, Mayor Mufi Hanneman said and I quote, "There are three things that have to be asked of government spending: "Do you need it? Can you afford it? And, most important, can you maintain it?" The older I get, the smarter my mother becomes. One of the important things she told me was: "Always live within your means". Unfortunately, Honolulu has never received this wise message.

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