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Jeffrey Coakley Speaks Out Against Rail Tax

KOHALA, HAWAII – Jeffrey Coakley, 2016 candidate for District 7 (North Kona, Kohala, Waimea, Waikoloa) of the Hawaii State House of Representatives, issued the following statement in opposition to the Rail Tax:

“I stand with the Hawaii State Association of Counties, Mayor Harry Kim, and ALL of Hawaii Island senators, by opposing the measure before the Legislature; the neighbor islands should not be held responsible for the City and County of Honolulu’s failure to manage its finances.”

“Representative Evans has proven that she does not support the interests of our community and thus the voters of District 7. She has chosen to ignore the the people of the Big Island in favor of her own agenda and fundraising on Oahu.”

“Property taxes on the Big Island are increasing 6.5% as well as the increase in gas tax by 23¢ per gallon by 2020 because of Representative Evans supporting the taking away of \$19 million of Transient Accommodation Tax (TAT) generated by the Big Island. Thus causing the county of Hawaii to offset this shortfall by raising real property and gas taxes. Representative Evans dismissed my concerns about the tax inequality in 2016 and does so now as well.”

“Our community deserves a leader who will vote in accordance with the voters of District 7. It’s time for a change and the voters to elect a representative that represents them and only them!”

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