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Senator J Kalani English Applauds Arrival of TSA Pre✓™ Lanes at Hawaiian Airlines Ticket Lobbies

Honolulu- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) embarked on its first full week of services aimed at expediting additional TSA Pre✓™ security lanes at Kahului Airport on Maui and Līhu'e Airport on Kaua'i. Honolulu International Airport has been participating in the new TSA Pre✓™ lanes, which are part of an expedited screening initiative by TSA to move passengers identified as low-risk through airport security more quickly, helping to alleviate bottlenecks that slow the check-in process.

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs Chair J. Kalani English issued this statement in response to the program's initial launch:

"The progressive efforts being made by TSA will greatly enhance the experience of our traveling public," said Senator English. "TSA Pre✓™ offers an intelligence-driven, risk-based approach to security which is an important step in improving Hawaii's aviation security and alleviating airport congestion."

Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, along with the State Department of Transportation, met in September with TSA Administrator John S. Pistole and others to discuss TSA-related issues at various airports across the State. The TSA Pre✓™ program was among the topics addressed at the meeting. Other issues discussed included additional TSA personnel, decreased processing times, sequestration and possible FAA regulation exemptions for the remote airports.

"A big mahalo to TSA Administrator John S. Pistole and his Hawai'i based team for taking a proactive approach to aviation security," said Senator English. "I look forward to continuing our work together to improve Hawaii's air travel experience."

This week, the TSA is also opening Pre✓™ lanes at checkpoints at Sacramento International Airport, Oakland International Airport, San Jose International Airport and San Diego International Airport. An additional Pre✓™ lane at Kona International Airport is expected to open in 2014.

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