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Senator Solomon Applauds Governor's Release of \$75,000 for Hale Ho'ola Hamakua Hospital

Honolulu- Governor Neil Abercrombie recently announced the release of \$75,000 in capital improvement projects (CIP) for the Hale Ho'ola Hamakua Hospital in Honoka'a, Hawai'i. The project includes allocation for funds to complete an energy audit and installation of energy-saving equipment.

Senator Malama Solomon, who represents District 4 (Hilo, Hāmākua, Kohala, Waimea, Waikoloa and Kona) on the island of Hawai'i, issued this statement in response to the Governor's release of funds:

"I am very pleased that Governor Abercrombie has released these much needed funds to help improve the energy efficiency of Hale Ho'ola Hamakua Hospital," said Senator Malama Solomon. "As the most remote island chain on Earth, with the highest electricity rates in the country, it is incumbent upon us to find alternative methods to reduce our energy dependence. This project will allow the hospital to conduct an energy audit to determine cost efficient ways to decrease energy usage and install energy saving equipment."

Hale Ho'ola Hamakua Hospital in Honoka'a opened in 1951 and was originally known as Honoka'a Hospital. It is part of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, servicing the healthcare needs of the communities of Hāmākua, North Hawai'i and South Kohala.

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