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### **Senator J. Kalani English Looks Forward to a Bright Future for the Island of Lana'i**

Honolulu- On June 20, 2012, Castle & Cooke, Inc., privately held by David H. Murdock, announced the planned sale of its Lana'i assets to an entity privately- owned by Lawrence J. Ellison. Castle & Cooke has owned more than ninety-seven percent of the island since 1985. A transfer application with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has been filed and the transaction is subject to final government approval.

Over the past two decades David Murdock has been the major land owner of Lana'i, building and maintaining various operations including the Four Seasons Resorts Lana'i, Lodge at Ko'ele and the Four Seasons Resorts Lana'i at Manele Bay, two championship golf courses – The Experience at Ko'ele, The Challenge at Manele and La Ola, a photovoltaic solar farm.

Following the announcement of the island's sale, Senator J. Kalani English (District 6- Hana, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i, and Kaho'olawe) released a statement sharing his appreciation to Mr. Murdock for his efforts in sustaining the island over the years and hopes the community will see a bright future under its new ownership.

"To the people of Lana'i this transfer of ownership is much more than a business transaction," said Senator English. "It is the livelihood of a community and of an island. As such it remains imperative that cultural and conservational values be maintained."

"After speaking with Ellison's personal representative, I feel that he shares this same belief. And I look forward to meeting with him in the future, so that I can develop a better understanding of his vision. It is my hope that this new ownership is one which works with the community to foster a healthy and vibrant Lana'i."

Senator J. Kalani English currently represents the island of Lana'i under Senatorial District 6- Hana, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i, and Kaho'olawe. He also represented Lana'i as a Councilman from 1997- 2000.

To view Senator J. Kalani's June 20, 2012 remarks on the sale of Lana'i click [here](#).

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