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Airline Service Restored to Hana

Hana-- Senator J. Kalani English applauds Mokulele Airlines' new service from Kahului to Hana.

"I worked tirelessly over the years to have air service restored at rural airports across the State. I appreciate Mokulele's decision to operate out of Hana Airport, which is the first step towards restoring flights at other rural airports in the future," said Senator J. Kalani English, who lives in Hana and serves as chair of the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs.

Beginning October 1, 2012, Mokulele Airlines will operate twice-daily flight service from Maui's Kahului Airport to Hana Airport. It's been 12 years since there was flight service in Hana. Passengers will fly aboard a nine-seat Cessna Grand Caravan 208B during the 20-minute flight.

"Mokulele's flight service two times a day will bring a boost to the Hana community's economy and to its resort and spa, Travaasa Hana Maui. Essential services would also become more efficient, such as mail and newspaper delivery," added Senator English, who represents Hana, East and Upcountry Maui, Molokai, Lanai and Kahoolawe. Hana Medical Center, Hana School, State and County government would benefit from this new venture as well."

"Residents and visitors alike will enjoy the convenience of traveling in and out of Hana. We are ecstatic over the chance to cut our travel time from Hana to Kahului significantly. The drive from Kahului to Hana can take at least 2 hours, but by air, it will only take about twenty minutes," he said. "It will also greatly improve the quality of life for residents who work outside of Hana."

Ticket prices start at \$59 each way. The flight service is being launched in partnership with Travaasa Hana Maui, which is a resort and spa located at the end of the Road to Hana.

"Now Hana residents have an opportunity to connect to other parts of the State thanks to Mokulele. This service also provides an important lifeline for us," said Senator English.

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