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DHHL DEDICATES NEW HEADQUARTERS IN EAST KAPOLEI **First State Department to Move Entire Operation to Kapolei**

EAST KAPOLEI, HAWAII'I – Governor Linda Lingle and Lt. Governor James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr. joined the Kapolei homestead community, Hawaiian Homes Commission and other state and community leaders at the dedication of Hale Kalaniana'ole, the new headquarters for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) at East Kapolei.

Located at the end of the Kapolei Parkway, Hale Kalaniana'ole is a two-story, 45,000-square-foot office building on a nine-acre landscaped parcel, which includes parking.

"Hale Kalaniana'ole is the permanent home for DHHL," said Micah A. Kāne, Hawaiian Homes Commission chairman and director of the department. "We will be moving the entire Honolulu operations of the department to our new home. The department is the vanguard of government services moving to Kapolei. We hope this will be the beginning for a hub of state government based in Kapolei."

The new DHHL home is in the midst of several developments the department has undertaken. The 226-unit Malu'ohai subdivision was completed in 2001. The last homes in the 326-unit Kaupe'a subdivision are nearing completion. Site work for the 403-unit East Kapolei I began in 2006 with home construction scheduled to start this year.

A Memorandum of Understanding between DHHL and The Salvation Army was signed in 2006 for Kroc Center Hawai'i, a \$100 million world-class civic center on 10 acres of land at Kapolei. Negotiations are also being finalized for a 67-acre regional shopping center on Hawaiian home lands in Kapolei that will bring more than 3,800 additional jobs to the region.

Governor Lingle, who participated in today's dedication, congratulated the department for the landmark event and for its commitment to the Kapolei region.

“As Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole envisioned, the homestead lands are indeed beginning to flourish,” said Governor Lingle. “With more than 60 percent of homesteaders from O'ahu living on the Leeward Coast, it makes sense to bring the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands into the community it serves. In addition to the new headquarters, DHHL is lifting the entire community by providing infrastructure for the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu campus, building highways to alleviate traffic congestion, increasing economic opportunities in the area, and creating more affordable housing opportunities.”

“This move makes it easier for the West O'ahu community to provide their input, voice and mana'o on the important issue of Native Hawaiian land,” said Lt. Governor Aiona. “It is fitting that the new headquarters is named Hale Kalaniana'ole after the 'father' of the Hawaiian homes program.”

Kiewit Building Group is the site and building contractor for the \$21 million project. Next Design LLC is the design consultant. DHHL will occupy the headquarters in early May. Project funding was through certificates of participation.

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