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Senator J. Kalani English Responds to Governor's \$900,000 for Grants-in-Aid Release to the Hana Health Medical Center

Honolulu- Governor Neil Abercrombie today announced the release of \$900,000 for grants-in-aid to the Hana Health Medical Center. The Hana Health Medical Center was identified earlier this year by members of the Legislature as a priority project and grant. The \$900,000 is to be used for planning and construction for medical center expansion, schematic design, and construction documents.

Senator J. Kalani English, who represents Hana, issued the following statement in response to Governor Neil Abercrombie's grants-in-aid approval:

"The Hana Health Medical Center has been needing attention and improvements for a long time and I am happy to hear that the modernization of the center will finally be moving along," said Senator J. Kalani English. "As the only medical center in the District of Hana, Hana Health Medical Center provides an integral part of the health, wellness and safety our residents and our visitors. The construction of a modern health facility will help to ensure that the current and future health care needs of Hana continue to be met."

Senator J. Kalani English currently represents Hana, East and Upcountry Maui, Molokai, Lana'i, and Kahoolawe.

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