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DCCA OPENS NEW MAUI BUSINESS ACTION CENTER

HONOLULU – Governor Linda Lingle and Mayor Charmaine Tavares officially opened the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA) new Business Action Center (BAC) on the island of Maui today.

The BAC, a part of the Business Registration Division (BREG) of the DCCA, assists businesses in obtaining and completing business registration, tax license, and employer registration forms. The BAC also provides information on permits and licenses for state, county, and federal government agencies, counseling and workshops offered by other business resource programs, alternative financing, government procurement and other useful information. The Maui BAC is the second BAC office to open. The first BAC office is located on Oʻahu.

A year ago, the department partnered with the Maui County Small Business Resource Center and began a pilot program to offer BAC services at the Maui Mall in Kahului on a part-time basis. Due to the success of the pilot program, the department is making the BAC's presence on Maui permanent.

"The Maui Business Action Center is part of our Administration's continuing efforts to make it easier to do business in Hawai'i," said Governor Lingle. "This new center, along with the increase in the number of services now available on-line, will help meet the needs of Maui companies by streamlining the process."

"We are excited to open the Maui BAC on a permanent basis," said Tung Chan, head of BREG. "This service is a direct result of the hard work and commitment of the BAC staff and our Maui County partners."

"This expansion to Maui would not have been possible without the care and support of our partner, the Maui County Business Resource Center headed by Anna Ribucan and other small business advocates on Maui who saw the value in our services and got the word out to the community," said BAC Manager Jayna Uyehara.

<u>Business Action Center – Maui</u>

Maui County Business Resource Center (MCBRC)

Maui Mall

70 E. Kaahumanu Avenue, Unit B-9

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