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DCCA'S INVESTOR EDUCATION PROGRAM TARGETS NEIGHBOR ISLAND COMMUNITY

HONOLULU – The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) is taking extra steps to make sure Neighbor Island residents are well-informed when it comes to making investment decisions. The Department's Investor Education Program extends to the Big Island, Kauai, and Maui, beginning May 20.

The schedule for the Neighbor Island Outreach Project is as follows:

Hilo, Hawaii

Prince Kuhio Plaza

- May 20-21
- July 8-9
- September 9-10
- November 11-12

Lihue, Kauai

Kukui Grove Center

- June 10-11
- August 12-13
- October 7-8
- December 9-10

Kahului, Maui

Queen Kaahumanu Center

- May 27-28
- July 22-23
- September 16-17
- November 25-26

Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

Various Schools & Senior Centers

- June 23-24
- August 25-26
- October 20-21
- December 22-23

Information booths in Hilo, Kahului, and Lihue will be open on Fridays from 5:00pm to 8:00pm and on Saturdays from mall opening to 4:00pm. Investor education specialists will be available to answer questions and distribute educational materials to the general public. An information booth will not be available in Kailua-Kona. Instead, personal visits will be made to various schools and senior centers in the area.

“Since we are based on Oahu, Neighbor Island residents may be at a disadvantage when it comes to obtaining services from the State of Hawaii’s Securities Branch,” said Securities Commissioner Corinna Wong. “We want to extend our community outreach to the Neighbor Islands to make sure people have the right information before making important investment decisions.”

“This program will help interested investors make wise investment choices, help improve their financial knowledge, and teach them how to protect themselves from fraudulent scams,” said DCCA Director Mark Recktenwald. “We hope that residents will take advantage of this free educational opportunity.”

More information on the Commissioner of Securities’ Investor Education Program may be found at http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/sec/advice_investors/.

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