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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH  
ON BLESSING OF HOTEL HANA MAUI**

**Foresees strong future for "this gem of our community."**

HONOLULU – State Senator J. Kalani English (District 6 - Hana, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i and Kaho'olawe) today attended the blessing of the Hotel Hana Maui—experiencing a new beginning under the management of Green Tea, LLC.—and issued the following statement:

"Today's blessing fills me with great pride and great hope. This new beginning for the Hotel Hana Maui means jobs for our community, so badly needed in these tough economic times. And it comes at the right moment, as we see our state's tourism numbers recovering and more visitors returning to experience the best of what Hawaii has to offer; certainly, the rare beauty and lifestyle of Hana stands among Hawaii's best.

"But reinvigorating the hotel means more. Having worked alongside Green Tea, LLC., I have faith in the company's commitment to serving as a good neighbor to our Hana residents. Like so many who treasure our 'aina and our culture, we in Hana have never been interested in trading our lifestyle and values for mere economic gain. Working with Green Tea, which has shown a sensitivity and commitment to our unique community, I believe that we can have both.

"My first job was at the Hotel Hana Maui, so there is a special place in my heart for this gem of our community. With Green Tea and the community working together to preserve the best of each, I foresee a long and fruitful future for this partnership."

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