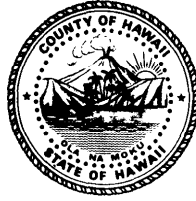


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Dear Mr. DeVany:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Essential Air Service (EAS) provided in Kamuela, Hawaii by Pacific Wings.

We would request that you make every effort within reason to assist Pacific Wings in maintaining this important service from Kamuela to Kahului and to Honolulu. The Kamuela/North Hawaii community is growing and there is a need for both business and emergency medical air transportation to Honolulu. As I am sure you know, the Kamuela area is approximately a one hour drive east and west from the Hilo International Airport and the Keahole-Kona International Airport.

I would hope that Pacific Wings would increase its public information program to enhance awareness of its flight schedule and the services it offers.

Thank you for your kind consideration of Pacific Wing's subsidy request.

Sincerely,

Stephen K. Yamashiro
MAYOR