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Mayor Kawakami highlights federal priorities for County of Kaua'i at U.S. Conference of Mayors 87th Winter Meeting

Līhu'e – Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami traveled to Washington, D.C., last week to participate in the U.S. Conference of Mayors 87th Winter Meeting. In addition, the Mayor met with the Hawai'i Congressional delegation to highlight and discuss federal priorities for the County of Kaua'i.

“I was pleased to represent Kaua'i at the U.S. Conference of Mayors and meet with the 116th Congress,” said Mayor Kawakami. “The week was an opportunity for us to discuss important issues for the County of Kaua'i with mayors from across the nation, and I look forward to following up with them, as well as the various federal agency representatives who participated in the conference and our Hawai'i Congressional delegation, to continue to achieve the priorities and goals for the County.”

Mayor Kawakami met with the members and staff of the Hawai'i Congressional delegation and provided them with updates of challenges and successes on Kaua'i. He discussed the progress of the construction to strengthen the safety and mobility of the Līhu'e Town Core and outlined his priorities for creating affordable housing, increasing sustainability, improving transportation, and strengthening economic competitiveness through innovation.

“I also want to thank the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation members for their tireless work to find a permanent solution to end the recent shutdown that has impacted so many of our local federal workers and their families,” said Mayor Kawakami.



Additionally, Mayor Kawakami provided the Hawai'i Congressional delegation with detailed updates on the impacts of the 2018 floods. Beyond rebuilding Kaua'i, the Mayor will work with the delegation and stakeholders to install protections to prevent such devastation in the future. Furthermore, the mayor explained the proposed new landfill and was met with support from the Hawai'i delegation.

The 87th Winter Meeting, hosted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, included over 230 mayors from across the nation. The themes of the conference included affordable housing, economic prosperity and equality. Mayor Kawakami was joined by Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu Kirk Caldwell and Mayor of Maui County Mike Victorino.





Photo caption: Mayor Kawakami met with members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, which included Rep. Ed Case and Sen. Mazie Hirono during his trip to the U.S. Conference of Mayors 87th Winter Meeting at Washington, D.C., last week.

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