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## State Senator Kaiali'i Kahele Receives Endorsement from Hawai'i U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono for Congressional District 2

[HONOLULU] – State Senator Kaiali'i Kahele today received the endorsement of Hawai'i U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono in his bid to represent Congressional District 2.

U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono said, "I support Democrat Kai Kahele for Congressional District 2. With his service in the Hawai'i Air National Guard and the Hawai'i State Legislature, Kai will bring with him a perspective and understanding of the critical needs of those who have served our country and of the priorities for our state. I look forward to working with him in Congress on education, health care and other critical issues as we face unprecedented challenges and look for ways to move our nation and our state forward."

Other prominent leaders who have also endorsed Kahele include: Hawai'i senior U.S. Senator Brian Schatz; Hawai'i U.S. Congressman Ed Case; former Hawai'i Governors John Waihe'e, Ben Cayetano and Neil Abercrombie, who serve as Honorary Co-Chairs of the Kahele for Congress Campaign Committee; Hawai'i State Senate President Ronald Kouchi; Hawai'i State Senate Vice President Michelle Kidani; and former Lieutenant Governor and former Hawai'i State Senate President Shan Tsutsui.

Kahele currently serves as Majority Floor Leader and Chairman of the Committee on Water and Land in the Hawai'i State Senate, where he represents his hometown of Hilo. He announced his candidacy on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 22, 2019 at the historic Moʻoheau Bandstand in downtown Hilo. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District encompasses Hawai'i Island, Maui, Kahoʻolawe, Molokaʻi, Lānaʻi, Kaua'i, Niʻihau and the rural parts of Oʻahu, including Waimānalo, Kailua, Kāneʻohe, the North Shore, and the Leeward coast.

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Kai Kahele serves as a Lt. Col. in the Hawai'i Air National Guard, United States Air Force. Use of his military rank, job titles, or photographs in uniform does not imply endorsement by the Hawai'i Air National Guard, United States Air Force or the Department of Defense.

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