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## CONGRESSMAN-ELECT KAHELE BEGINS TRANSITION TO WASHINGTON D.C. WITH ONE WEEK ORIENTATION

[WASHINGTON D.C.] – Today, Congressman-elect Kai Kahele began his transition to Washington D.C. by participating in the 117th Congress' New Member Orientation. The orientation kicked off this morning at 8am EST and will commence daily sessions over the course of the week. Hosted by the Committee on House Administration, the orientation is a tradition that allows incoming lawmakers to learn more about what's to come as they prepare to take office. A second orientation session will take place later in the month.

"I look forward to the opportunity to learn all I can over the course of the week so that I will be able to best represent the people of Hawai'i's Second Congressional District from day one," said Kahele from Emancipation Hall in Washington, D.C., the location of King Kamehameha the Great's statue. "This is a pivotal time for Hawai'i and our nation. Congress can no longer stand to be divided if we are to truly heal our nation and overcome the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. That is why I am excited for this time to work alongside all freshmen members of Congress, from both sides of the aisle, to create relationships, find common ground, and bridge the divide for the betterment of our nation."

Kahele will be recruiting individuals to serve in key positions on his Congressional staff in Washington D.C. and in his District Office. Interested persons can apply immediately via the website: [www.kaikahele.com](http://www.kaikahele.com).

Kahele served 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 also serves as a lieutenant colonel with the Hawai'i Air National Guard, United States Air Force. During the campaign, he volunteered for active duty in the state's response to the COVID-19 crisis from April 14 to August 7, 2020.

Kahele received endorsements from many prominent leaders, including former U.S. President Barack Obama, former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, U.S. Senators Brian Schatz and Mazie Hirono, U.S. Congressman Ed Case, and Campaign Honorary Co-Chairs and former Hawai'i Governors John Waihe'e, Ben Cayetano and Neil Abercrombie. Kahele also received the endorsements of every public union in Hawai'i, as well as numerous local and national organizations.

Hawaii's 2nd Congressional District encompasses Hawai'i Island, Maui, Kaho'olawe, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Kaua'i, Ni'ihau and the rural parts of O'ahu, including Waimanālo, Kailua, Kāne'ohe, the North Shore, and Leeward coast.

*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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