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COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS ENTITLED *GOVERNMENT 101*: *NATIONAL POLICIES FOR NATIVE NEEDS LAUNCHED!*

Honolulu, Hawaii – Under an initiative of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) launched and delivered the first of several public policy workshops Monday, October 12, 2004 to an unexpected crowd of over 60 Native Hawaiian community members at Kapolei High School.

Government 101: National Policies for Native Needs (GOV 101) is a special workshop developed to provide information on the federal government, its departments and agencies, as well as the roles of the Congress and Judicial Branch.

“There are over 160 federal statutes that include the Native people of Hawaii, from healthcare to education, and cultural preservation to affordable housing” remarked Lilia Kapunia, CNHA Vice President. “This workshop series aims to increase knowledge about the federal government system to empower the Native Hawaiian community to engage.”

CNHA develops and delivers the workshop materials with its Public Policy Project Advisory Committee members that include DHHL, the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations and Hui Kako`o Aina Ho`opulapula. A number of federal programs including the Native Hawaiian Healthcare Act, the Native Hawaiian Education Act and the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act are discussed in the workshop.

“It’s visionary for DHHL to promote this kind of education in our communities and to make it a priority to help increase the ability of Hawaiians to participate more fully, not only in the creation of policies that affect them, but in the delivery of federal programs in their communities,” said Jade Danner, CNHA Training Officer who conducted the workshop. “We hope that with increased knowledge, there will be increased access by our community, and best of all increased participation in the setting of policy that impacts Native Hawaiians going forward.”

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*Promoting the Advancement of Native Hawaiians
Through Empowerment and Informational Initiatives*

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More of these FREE workshops will be held statewide from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on the following dates:

- October 14, 2004 – Blanche Pope Elementary School, Waimanalo
- October 27, 2004 – Kaua'i High School, Lihu'e
- November 3, 2004 – Hilo High School
- November 4, 2004 – Kuhio Hale, Waimea
- November 10, 2004 – Wailuku Community Center
- November 11, 2004 – Lahainaluna High School
- November 19, 2004 – Lana'i High School Cafeteria

CNHA is a national member-based non-profit dedicated to providing support services to agencies and organizations that focus or deliver programs in Native communities. For more information, contact CNHA at 808.521.5011 (toll free at 808.709.2642) or visit CNHA's Web site at www.hawaiiancouncil.org.

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