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**Landlord Training Program:
Keeping Illegal Activity Out of Rental Property**

HONOLULU - Lieutenant Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona Jr., Attorney General Mark Bennett, Director of Health Chiyome Fukino, MD., Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Peter Carlisle, Hawai'i Prosecuting Attorney Jay Kimura, and Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® President Wayne Richardson III today announced a landlord training program on "Keeping Illegal Activity Out of Rental Property."

State and county government officials have partnered with Hawai'i's real estate industry leader to bring the original nationally recognized program to Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Maui, and O'ahu.

"These types of innovative public-private partnerships help provide our communities with the necessary tools to keep them safe," Lt. Governor Aiona said. "This program is part of a collaborative and proactive effort to stop illegal drug activities and other criminal activities that threaten the health, safety and welfare of our residential neighborhoods."

Although law enforcement agencies have the option of taking action against property managers and owners who permit the long-term presence of illegal drug activity or other criminal activity on their properties, they prefer to work with landlords to prevent such problems. This program is part of that effort.

Effective property management can have a major impact on the health of a community. This program provides training in techniques that can be used to stop the spread of drug activity on rental property. Program topics include rental agreements, how to manage property in a way that discourages illegal behavior and ensures early warning if illegal behavior occurs, and working with the police. Applying this program may result in benefits such as a more stable and satisfied tenant base, with increased demand for rentals; lower maintenance and repair costs; improved property values; improved levels of personal safety for both tenants and neighbors; and less time spent on crisis control. The training will be presented by John Campbell of Campbell DeLong Resources, Inc. The program will also include a presentation by the Department of Health's Office of Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response on the State's new requirements for the decontamination and clean-up of methamphetamine manufacturing sites.

The training will be held from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm on the following dates:

February 21, 2008 Big Island – Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort and Spa

February 22, 2008 Kaua'i – Kaua'i Marriott Resort and Beach Club

February 25, 2008 Maui – Maui Prince Hotel

February 26, 2008 O'ahu – Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i

The \$32 registration fee includes lunch, a comprehensive manual, and applicable laws and references. Continuing education credits are offered for an additional fee to real estate license holders. The deadline to register is February 15, 2008.

For more information, including registration information, call the Hawaii Association of REALTOR® at (808) 733-7060, or toll-free from neighbor islands at (888) 737-9070, or visit www.hawaii Realtors.com.

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