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**NEW RESTAURANTS OPEN
AT HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

HONOLULU — The state Department of Transportation today announced the opening of two new eateries at the Honolulu International Airport.

HMSHost Corporation, in charge of food services at Hawai'i airports, opened a new **Burger King** restaurant and a **Cold Stone Creamery** ice cream eatery today in the airport's Overseas Terminal near Gate 12. This follows the recent opening of the **Gordon Biersch Restaurant Brewery** in the airport's Ewa Concourse in May and the opening of the **Dewar's Clubhouse** restaurant in the Central Concourse in April.

"As part of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's airports modernization plan, we are pleased to have the continued dedication and participation of HMSHost in providing different dining options for our airport users," said state Department of Transportation director Brennon Morioka.

"The state and HMSHost are pleased to offer two more nationally recognized restaurant brands to our Honolulu travelers," said Morioka. "The growing variety of dining options will help to make the airport experience more pleasant for our residents and visitors."

"The airport experience is one that can be the beginning, transfer point or conclusion of a trip. We want to help make our state airports – the gateway to paradise for travelers – be an exceptional experience and one that makes the traveler's day better when it comes to getting a bite to eat or drink along the way," said Steve Johnson, Senior Vice President of Business Development for HMSHost.

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Construction of four new dining venues is also underway at Kahului Airport on Maui.

Sammy's Beach Bar & Grill, a new island style café developed in partnership with local Maui resident and rock singer Sammy Hagar will open in July of this year.

Jamba Juice; California Pizza Kitchen ASAP; and **Burger King** are scheduled to open in November.

The new eateries will join food outlets already servicing Kahului Airport, including the **Plantation Snack Bar, Stinger Ray's Grill and Bar** and **Starbucks Coffee**. In addition to the Starbucks in the main terminal, a new location will open in the baggage claim area.

Sammy's Beach Bar & Grill, developed in partnership with Sammy Hagar, former lead singer of the rock band Van Halen, will be a full-service restaurant that provides classic American fare with an island twist in a casual, beach-inspired atmosphere.

One-hundred percent of Sammy Hagar's profits from the restaurant chain will be donated to local Hawai'i charities via the Red Rocker Foundation, an organization Hagar and his wife Kari are establishing to help support children's organizations.

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