

First Hawaiian Bank to Open New Waiakea Branch in 2014

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The new branch will replace the smaller Kamehameha Branch Facility

(Honolulu, Hawaii, October 22, 2013) First Hawaiian Bank plans to open a new Waiakea Branch in the Prince Kuhio Plaza Shopping Center in Hilo. The branch will be located at 111 East Puainako Street, Building F in the retail location formerly occupied by Blockbuster Video. Renovations will commence in early 2014 and are expected to be completed by the Fall. The announcement was made today by Bob Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank president and CEO.

Once the new Waiakea Branch opens, First Hawaiian's Kamehameha Branch located at 120 Waiuanuenue Avenue in Hilo will close. All of the safe deposit boxes will be transferred to Waiakea and many of the branch's existing employees will transfer to the new location as well. No employees will lose their job. The 6,000 square-foot Waiakea Branch is double the size of the existing 2,520 square foot Kamehameha Branch and will offer much more customer parking. The new branch will also feature a 24-hour full-service ATM.

"We are pleased to provide our valued East Hawaii customers the latest in branch convenience," Harrison said. "Our branch network continues to play a key role in building relationships with our customers and this will allow us to greatly enhance our customers' branch experience with larger, more convenient facilities that are centrally located with adequate parking."

First Hawaiian Bank has been serving the Big Island community for over 103 years with the opening of its Hilo Branch in 1910.

First Hawaiian Bank (www.fhb.com), with assets of \$16.7 billion, was founded in 1858 and is Hawaii's oldest and largest bank. For over 155 years, First Hawaiian has been helping individuals, families, and businesses find solutions for their financial needs. The bank operates 57 branches in Hawaii, three in Guam and two in Saipan.