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Hurricane Madeline Weakening, but Maintaining Trek to Pass South of Hawai'i

HONOLULU – Hurricane Madeline, currently a Category 2 hurricane, is continuing its trek across the central Pacific, with the hurricane's center expected to pass south of the island of Hawai'i, the closest point of land in the Hawaiian Islands.

As of 5:00 p.m. today, Hurricane Madeline was moving in a westerly direction at 10 miles per hour, with maximum sustained winds of 110 miles per hour. The center of the hurricane was located 315 miles east of Hilo on the island of Hawai'i and 510 miles east-southeast of Honolulu. Forecasters expect the hurricane to weaken over the next 48 hours.

Hurricane force winds are extending outward approximately 25 miles from the center, with tropical storm force winds extending up to 125 miles. A hurricane warning has been issued for the island of Hawai'i, with a tropical storm watch issued for the islands of Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i.

Gov. David Ige issued an emergency proclamation this afternoon authorizing the State of Hawai'i to provide financial relief for losses or damages caused by the hurricane.

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) is advising residents and visitors to take all necessary safety precautions until the all-clear notification for Hurricane Madeline has been issued.

For the latest information on Hurricane Madeline, follow Hawai'i news media reports and monitor the Central Pacific Hurricane Center website at www.weather.gov/cphc.

Travelers scheduled to arrive in or depart from Hawai'i this week should confirm the status of their flight before going to the airport.

HTA will post updates on the Special Alert section of its website at www.HawaiiTourismAuthority.org.

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