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Hurricane Lester Continues its Trek North Away from Hawai'i Hurricane Watch Called Off for the Hawaiian Islands

HONOLULU – Hurricane Lester is continuing its trek north away from the Hawaiian Islands and forecasters from the National Weather Service are confident it will maintain that trajectory. The hurricane watch for the Hawaiian Islands has been called off.

As of 5:00 a.m. today, the National Weather Service reported that Hurricane Lester is 165 miles north, northeast of Hilo on the island of Hawai'i, and 260 miles east of Honolulu. Hurricane Lester was moving west, northwest at 16 miles per hour, with maximum sustained winds of 100 miles per hour at its center. Forecasters expect the hurricane to weaken in the coming days.

Potential lingering weather impacts for Hawai'i caused by Hurricane Lester include high surf statewide for east and north facing shores and isolated pockets of heavy rain. The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) cautions residents and visitors to take all necessary safety precautions while enjoying the outdoors this Labor Day Weekend.

For updated information on Hurricane Lester, follow the Central Pacific Hurricane Center website at www.weather.gov/cphc.

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