Board of Land and
Natural Resources
State of Hawai‘i
Honolulu, Hawai‘i

ISSUANCE OF A REVOCABLE PERMIT FOR A PREFERENTIAL
HOLDROOM AT GATE 8 IN THE MAIN TERMINAL
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.
LĪHU‘E AIRPORT
TAX MAP KEY: (4) 3-5-01: PORTION OF 135

KAUA‘I

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Section 171-55, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS).

APPLICANT:

Southwest Airlines Co. (SWA), whose business address is 2702 Love Field Drive,
Dallas, Texas 75235-1611.

LOCATION AND TAX MAP KEY:

Portion of Līhu‘e Airport (LIH), Līhu‘e, Island of Kaua‘i, identified
by Tax Map Key: 4th Division, 3-5-01: Portion of 135.

AREA:

 Preferential Holdroom located at Gate 8 in the Main Terminal, containing an average area
of approximately 2,012 square feet, as described on the attached State of Hawaii,
Department of Transportation, Airports Division letter dated June 6, 2022 (DEP-A
22.0035), labeled Exhibit A.

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Urban
County of Kaua‘i: Industrial General/Special Treatment-Public Use (IG/ST-P)
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LAND TITLE STATUS:

Section 5(a) lands of the Hawai‘i Admission Act: Non-Ceded
DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to Hawai‘i Admission Act YES, NO X

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Land presently encumbered by Governor’s Executive Order No. 4614, dated October 28, 2019, setting aside 883.583 acres designated as Līhu‘e Airport to be under the control and management of the State of Hawai‘i, Department of Transportation for Airport Purposes.

CHARACTER OF USE:

Preferential Holdroom at Gate 8.

COMMENCEMENT DATE:

Upon execution of the revocable permit.

MONTHLY RENTAL:

$15,777.43 (based on a rate of $94.10 per square foot, per annum, as determined from the Airports Division Signatory Rates and Charges, Hawai‘i Airports System, effective July 1, 2022).

DCCA VERIFICATION:

Place of business registration confirmed: YES X NO 
Registered business name confirmed: YES X NO 
Good standing confirmed: YES X NO 

CHAPTER 343, HRS - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The State of Hawai‘i, Department of Transportation, Airports Division, has determined that the environmental impacts of the proposed tenant use for the subject land use is covered by the Līhu‘e Airport Master Plan Environmental Impact Statement, published by the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) in the August 8, 1976 and August 23, 1976, issues of EQC Bulletin and accepted by the Governor on April 26, 1977. Accordingly, all relevant mitigation from the EIS and best management practices will be implemented to address the minimum impacts of this action.
REMARKS:

In accordance with Section 171-55, HRS, relating to Permits, the Department of Transportation proposes to issue a month-to-month revocable permit to SWA for a Preferential Holdroom located at Gate 8 at LIH.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize the Department of Transportation to issue a month-to-month revocable permit to SWA, subject to: (1) terms and conditions herein outlined, which are by reference incorporated herein; and (2) such additional terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Director of Transportation to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

JADE T. BUTAY
Director of Transportation

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson and Member
June 6, 2022

Mr. David Sellers  
Southwest Airlines  
P. O. Box 36611  
Dallas, Texas  75235-1611  

Dear Mr. Sellers:  

Subject: Preferential Holdrooms/Gates for Fiscal Year 2023  

The First Amended Lease Extension Agreement provides airlines the opportunity to qualify for the preferential lease of holdroom(s)/gate(s) if they are able to complete a minimum of six daily turns per holdroom/gate. Due to the pandemic and its adverse impacts to air travel, preferential leasing was suspended for fiscal years 2021 and 2022.  

With the demand for air travel quickly rebounding, preferential lease of holdroom(s) will be reinstated for fiscal year 2023. Qualification criteria remains the same for all airports except for Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL), which is revised as follows.  

1. Minimum of six daily turns on a single gate, or  

2. Minimum of five daily turns on a single gate but less than six, and the total number of seats is greater than six times the average seats per turn for all scheduled commercial flights at HNL, based upon the projected flight schedules for the first month of the qualifying period.  

For July 2022, the average number of seats per turn for all scheduled commercial flights at HNL equals 387. Accordingly, to qualify under this criterion, an airline must be able to accommodate five or five and one-half daily turns with greater than 2,322 seats on a single gate.
In accordance with the above, and the Preferential Holdroom Lease Policies agreed to in 2013 between the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Airports Division (DOT-A) and the Airlines Committee of Hawaii, four airlines requested preferential holdrooms/gates for fiscal year 2023 as follows.

**Daniel K. Inouye International Airport**
- Alaska Airlines – Two preferential holdroom/gate
- Hawaiian Airlines – Thirteen preferential holdrooms/gates
- Southwest Airlines – Six preferential holdrooms/gates
- United Airlines – Three preferential holdrooms/gates

**Kahului Airport**
- Alaska Airlines – One preferential holdroom/gate
- Hawaiian Airlines – Seven preferential holdrooms/gates
- Southwest Airlines – Four preferential holdrooms/gates
- United Airlines – One preferential holdroom/gate

**Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport at Keahole**
- Alaska Airlines – One preferential holdroom/gate
- Hawaiian Airlines – Three preferential holdrooms/gates
- Southwest Airlines – Two preferential holdrooms/gates

**Lihue Airport**
- Hawaiian Airlines – Three preferential holdrooms/gates
- Southwest Airlines – Two preferential holdrooms/gates

**Hilo International Airport**
- Hawaiian Airlines – Two preferential holdrooms/gates
- Southwest Airlines – One preferential holdroom/gate
Based upon a review of the aggregate flight schedules at the respective airports and the most efficient utilization of gates, the following preferential holdroom/gate requests are approved effective July 1, 2022, based upon the conditions outlined below.

**Daniel K. Inouye International Airport**
- Alaska Airlines – Preferential lease of holdroom/gate E2
- Hawaiian Airlines – Preferential lease of holdrooms/gates A13, A14, A15, A16, A17, A18, A19, A20, B1, B2, B3, B4 and B5
- Southwest Airlines – Preferential lease of holdrooms/gates E1, E3, E5, E7 and E9
- United Airlines – Preferential lease of holdrooms/gates G3, G4 and G5

**Kahului Airport**
- Hawaiian Airlines – Preferential lease of holdrooms/gates 17, 19, 21, 23, 27 and 29
- Southwest Airlines – Preferential lease of holdrooms/gates 5, 7 and 9

**Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport at Keahole**
- Hawaiian Airlines – Preferential lease of holdrooms/gates 9 and 10 (which includes gates 10A, 10B and 10C)
- Southwest Airlines – Preferential lease of holdroom/gate 5 (which includes gates 4 and 6)

**Lihue Airport**
- Hawaiian Airlines – Preferential lease of holdrooms/gates 3 and 4
- Southwest Airlines – Preferential lease of holdroom/gate 8

**Hilo International Airport**
- Hawaiian Airlines – Preferential lease of holdrooms/gates 6 and 7

The airlines granted preferential holdrooms/gates understand that the DOT-A has the discretion to gate other airlines’ flights on preferential holdrooms when the airline with preferential holdrooms are not utilizing a holdroom. Failure to accommodate other airline flights on preferential holdrooms/gates as directed by the DOT-A will result in the immediate loss of one or more preferential holdroom(s)/gate(s). Further, the DOT-A has the authority to reduce the number of, or eliminate, preferential leasing of holdroom(s)/gate(s) at any time.

All flights by other airlines that are directed by the DOT-A to utilize a preferential holdroom/gate will be assessed the applicable joint use holdroom charge by the DOT-A.
Mr. David Sellers  
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The DOT-A appreciates your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 838-8602.

Sincerely,

ROSS M. HIGASHI  
Deputy Director - Airports

c: Jade Butay, Director (DOT)  
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EXHIBIT A