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## **Statement from the Office of the Governor**

Governor Lemanu Mauga has been monitoring the information available surrounding the acquisition of Hawaiian Airlines by Alaska Airlines. As this deal continues to develop, the Governor plans to reach out to both Hawaiian CEO Peter Ingram and Alaska CEO Ben Minicucci to discuss what such an acquisition would mean for American Samoa passengers. He hopes discussions can be had about adding additional options for those flying to and from American Samoa. Current reports suggest that both companies expect the deal to take 12 to 18 months to complete. Questions are also being raised about regulatory scrutiny of the deal and whether or not the current federal administration will allow the purchase. So, no immediate changes are expected but the Governor remains committed to working toward improved air transportation services for the entire territory.

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