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**Student Science Fair Exhibits on View
at 'Imiloa Astronomy Center Feb. 16-25**

Hilo, Hawai'i – Schools, families, and visitors are invited to 'Imiloa Astronomy Center to view more than 100 student projects on display as part of the 2010 Hawai'i District Science and Engineering Fair annual competition.

This free showcase will run for two weeks beginning Tuesday, February 16 and continuing through Thursday, February 25. There is no charge to see the Hawai'i District Science and Engineering Fair. Admission applies for the 'Imiloa exhibits and Planetarium. The projects will be displayed in 'Imiloa's Moanahökü Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed on Mondays.

For the fourth year in a row 'Imiloa is extending a special invitation to any Big Island school interested in bringing students to view projects. "This is a wonderful opportunity teachers have to provide an experience for their students that will get them excited about science and hopefully inspire them to take the initiative to become future Science & Engineering Fair participants and possibly pursue careers in the sciences," said Gail Loeffler, School Programs Coordinator.

Schools that accept the field trip invitation will explore 'Imiloa's Exhibit Hall as well as a viewing of the new planetarium show, *IBEX: Search for the Edge of the Solar System* which focuses on the boundary between our Solar System and the rest of the galaxy.

Interested schools are encouraged to contact Craig Mitchell at 969-9720 or at cmitchell@imiloahawaii.org to make their reservations.

Opened in 2006, 'Imiloa Astronomy Center celebrates both Hawaiian culture and Maunakea astronomy. Through its exhibits and program, 'Imiloa strives to share inspiring examples of science and

culture together advancing knowledge, understanding and opportunity. The Center is a part of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i is located at 600 Imiloa Place in Hilo, off Komohana and Nowelo Streets at the UH-Hilo Science and Technology Park. For more information, go to www.imiloahawaii.org, or call (808) 969-9700.

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