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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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To: Airport Manager, Honolulu Intl, (HNL), HI, FAA (AWP-600)

2306798

Info: FAA (AAS-300, AVP-1, AVP-200, AJV-A, AAS-1, AFS-260, AFS -200, Director of Air Traffic Operations WSA, Runway Safety Team), A4A, AAAE, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, CAPA, ATSAP, ATSG, ICAO, ICASS, IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, Jeppesen Sanderson Inc.

From: Becky L. Hooey, Director  
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: HNL Runway 4R Closure Procedures

We recently received ASRS reports describing a safety concern that may involve your area of operational responsibility. We do not have sufficient details to assess either the factual accuracy or possible gravity of the report. It is our policy to relay the reported information to the appropriate authority for evaluation and any necessary follow-up. We feel you should be aware of the enclosed deidentified report.

To properly assess the usefulness of our alert message service, we would appreciate it if you would take the time to give us your feedback on the value of the information that we have provided. Please contact Dr. Becky Hooey at (408) 541-2854 or email at [becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov](mailto:becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov).



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## ACN 2306798

### DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence	202511
Local Time Of Day	0001 to 0600

### PLACE

Locale	HNL.Airport
State	HI
Altitude - AGL	0

### ENVIRONMENT

Flight Conditions	VMC
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### AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Tower	HNL
Make Model Name	Small Transport
Operating Under FAR Part	135

### PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	Captain
Function - Flight Crew	Pilot Flying
ASRS Report Number	2306798

### PERSON 2

Function - Flight Crew	First Officer
ASRS Report Number	2306795

### EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Clearance
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - FAR
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy
Anomaly	Ground Incursion - Runway
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Other / Unknown
Detector - Person	Flight Crew

### NARRATIVE 1

Aircraft X was instructed to taxi to 4R at F via C. After proceeding to taxi to 4R at F we then obtained our takeoff clearance. Tower cleared us to take off on 4R at F. While climbing out and turning offshore we noticed the X on the departure end of 4R. When we were doing our preflight briefings we had read that 4R would be closed in the NOTAMs. However, looking at the digital ATIS there was no indications that 4R was closed. We had talked about it and we were going to ask Tower if 4R was open or closed. The runway lights were on and no barriers were up blocking any aircraft's ability to line up on 4R like they normally are. When we were given clearance to take off we believed they had reopened the runway and were good to go.

### NARRATIVE 2

Aircraft X was told to taxi to 4R at F via Taxiway C. After taxiing to 4R at F, we received our takeoff on Runway 4R at F.

During our climb-out and turn offshore, we observed the flashing "X" on the departure end of Runway 4R. In our preflight briefing, we had noted from the NOTAMs that Runway 4R was listed as closed; however, the digital ATIS contained no indication that 4R was closed. We discussed this discrepancy and planned to clarify with Tower whether 4R was open or closed. The runway lights were on, and no barriers were in place preventing aircraft from lining up on 4R as would normally be expected during a closure.

Given that Tower issued a takeoff clearance, we believed the runway had been reopened and that operations were authorized.

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## **SYNOPSIS**

Air taxi flight crew reported departing Runway 4R at HNL, they saw a flashing "X," and were unsure whether it was closed as the runway lights were on with no barriers present on the runway to prevent aircraft from lining up for takeoff.