

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Land Division  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

September 11, 2015

Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

PSF No.:13OD-219

OAHU

Issuance of Direct Lease to Ho`ōla Nā Pua for Residential Treatment Facility Purposes; Amend Prior Board of July 25, 2014, Item D-9 by Allowing Security Presence under the Immediate Right-of-Entry for Due Diligence Purposes; Waialea, Koolauloa, Oahu, TMK (1) 5-8-001:051.

APPLICANT:

Ho`ōla Nā Pua, a domestic non-profit corporation and 501(C)(3) organization

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Section 171-6 and 43.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands situated at Waialea, Koolauloa, Oahu, identified by Tax Map Key: (1) 5-8-001:051, as shown on the attached map labeled **Exhibit A**.

AREA:

12.854 acres, more or less.

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Agricultural  
City and County of Honolulu LUO: AG-2

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(b) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act  
DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: No

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Vacant and unencumbered

CHARACTER OF USE:

Residential treatment facility purposes

LEASE TERM:

Thirty (30) years

COMMENCEMENT DATE:

The first day of the month to be determined by the Chairperson.

ANNUAL RENTAL:

\$480 per year, pursuant to the Board policy adopted on May 13, 2005 under agenda item D-19 on minimum rent for new disposition.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Semi-annual payments in advance.

RENTAL REOPENINGS:

Every 10<sup>th</sup> year during the term of the lease, subject to the Board policy on minimum rent applicable at the time of reopening.

PERFORMANCE BOND:

Twice the annual rental amount.

CHAPTER 343 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The Final Environmental Assessment for the subject request was published on the OEQC's Environmental Notice dated July 8, 2015 with a finding of no significant impact (FONSI).

DCCA VERIFICATION:

Place of business registration confirmed:	YES <u>  x  </u>	NO <u>    </u>
Registered business name confirmed:	YES <u>  x  </u>	NO <u>    </u>
Good standing confirmed:	YES <u>  x  </u>	NO <u>    </u>

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

None

REMARKS:

At its meeting of July 25, 2014<sup>1</sup>, under agenda item D-9, the Board approved-in-principle for the issuance of a direct lease to the Applicant for the above described purposes, subject to compliance with Chapter 343, HRS, within twenty-four (24) months of the Board's approval. The compliance requirement was met by the publication of the final environmental assessment and FONSI which was published on OEQC's Environmental Notice dated July 8, 2015.

The Applicant plans to set up a residential treatment facility for the victims of sex trafficking, which will be “girls between the ages of 11-17 which fits into the State programs for Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division”. Programs will be customized for each girl to prepare them for “reintegration into society as healthy, whole and productive young women.”

In addition to the information about the planned facility as provided by the Applicant, letters of support from Senior Judge Browning of the Family Court of the First Circuit, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kauai, State senators and representatives, and professionals involved in this field were also included in the 2014 submittal. For the Board's reference, these materials are now attached herein as **Exhibit B** and **C** respectively.

Board of Water Supply commented in 2014<sup>2</sup> by requiring the Applicant to relocate the domestic water and fire service meters from the premises to Kamehameha Highway. Applicant is aware of this requirement and will work with the Board of Water Supply on this issue.

Under the 2014 approval, the Applicant was issued a 24-month right-of-entry for due diligence purposes, which shall expire in October 2016 or the issuance of the requested lease. The Applicant requests the right-of-entry be amended to allow the placement of security presence on the premises. Instead of hiring a commercial security firm which would be a huge financial burden for the Applicant, they plan to have their own people staying on the premises. The Applicant is responsible to obtain all necessary permits for connection of all building services required, and they are fully aware that there is no subleasing happening on the premises.

---

<sup>1</sup> After the Board approved the request described above at its 2014 meeting, Friends of North Shore Charter filed a petition for contested case hearing. Such petition was subsequently withdrawn in October 2014. The 24-month right-of-entry permit was issued to the Applicant in mid-October 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Board of Water Supply has waterline and roadway easements over the subject property, and they requested the lessee to preserve such easements. It is a standard requirement that the lease will be subject to all existing encumbrances, like easements.

Since the State obtained the possession of the premises, the building was substantially vandalized. Upon the approval of today's request, the Applicant will start installing fencing and planting trees, and they are concerned about the protection of the premises from future vandalism. The right-of-entry signed by the Applicant has the standard conditions requiring insurance and indemnity. Staff does not have any objection to the requested amendment of allowing 24/7 security presence as described above.

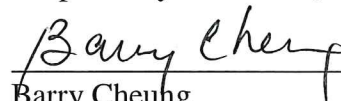
The Applicant has not had a lease, permit, easement or other disposition of State lands terminated within the last five years due to non-compliance with such terms and conditions.

There are no more pertinent issues or concerns. Staff recommends the Board issue a direct lease to the Applicant according to the terms and conditions described above.

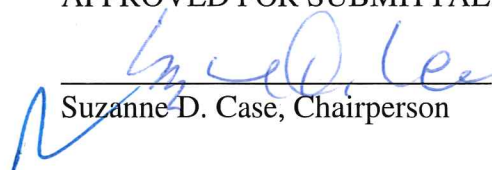
RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

1. Amend its prior action of July 25, 2014, under item D-9 by allowing the Applicant to place security presence on the premises during the effective period of the right-of-entry as described above.
2. Authorize the issuance of a direct lease to Ho`ōla Nā Pua covering the subject area under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
  - A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current non-profit lease document form, as may be amended from time to time;
  - B. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General; and
  - C. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

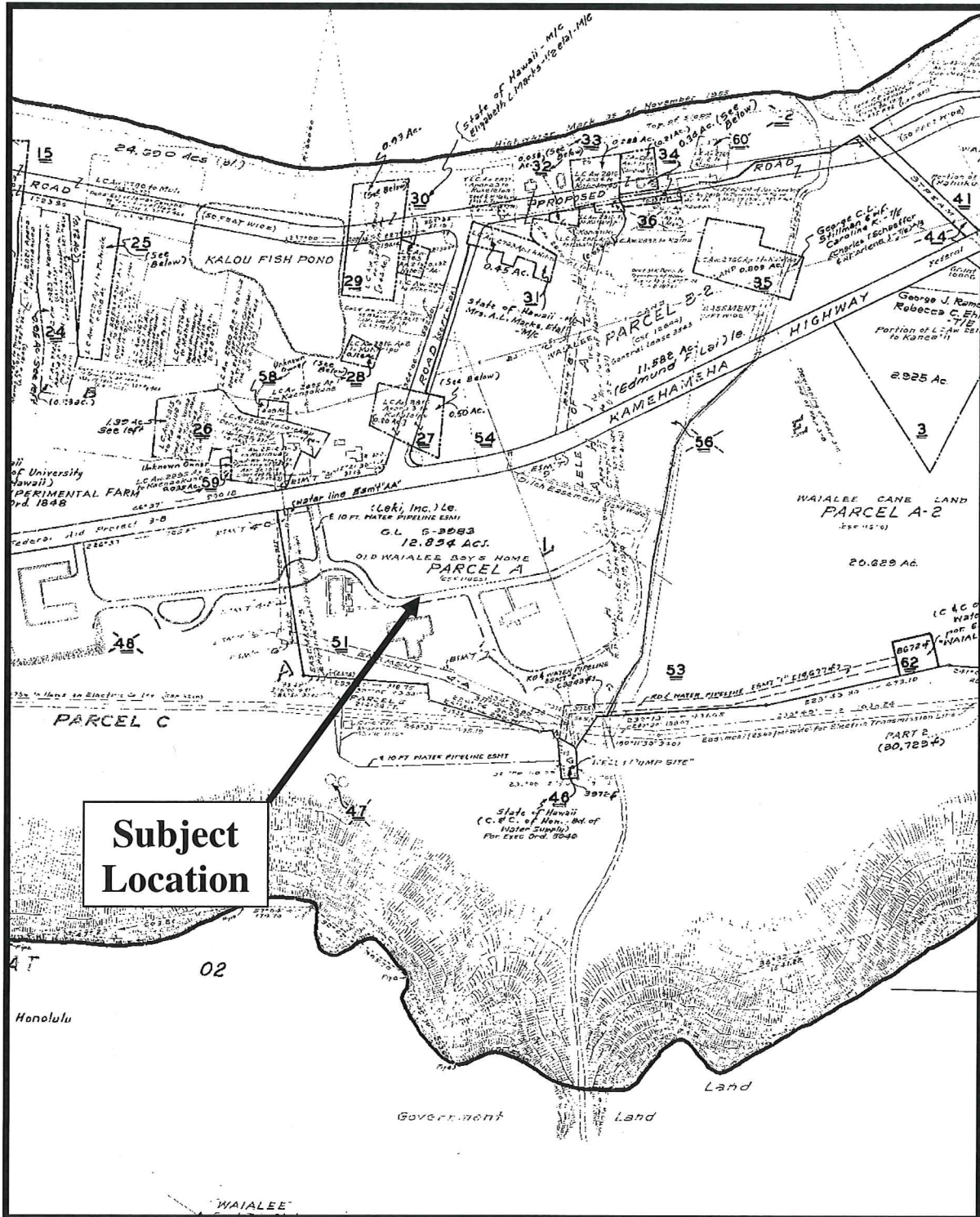
Respectfully Submitted,

  
Barry Cheung  
District Land Agent

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

  
Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson





**TMK (1) 5-8-001:051**

**EXHIBIT A**

**APPLICATION AND QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

(Non-Profit)

Write answers in the spaces provided. Attach additional sheets as necessary, clearly indicating the applicable section number.

**Part I: General Information**

1. Applicant's legal name: Ho`ola Na Pua (formerly filed as Hale`O Mana Koa )
2. Applicant's full mailing address:  
Ho`ola Na Pua, PO Box 401, Haleiwa, HI 96712
3. Name of contact person: Jody Allione  
Contact person Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Applicant is interested in the following parcel:  
Tax Map Key No.: 5-8-001:051 Location: 58-130 Kamehameha Hwy, Haleiwa, HI 96712  
If Applicant is current lessee: General Lease No.: \_\_\_\_\_
5. When was Applicant incorporated? December 4, 2013
6. Attach the following:
  - A. Articles of Incorporation **See Attachment 6A**
  - B. Bylaws **See Attachment 6B**
  - C. List of the non-profit agency's Board of Directors **See Attachments 6C bios**
  - D. IRS 501(c)(3) or (c)(1) status determination **In process**
  - E. Tax clearances from State of Hawaii and respective county Real Property Tax Office.  
**See attachment 6E Certificate of Good Standing**
  - F. Audited financial statements for the last three years. If not audited, explain why.  
If Applicant is a new start-up, attach projected capital and operating budgets.  
**See Attachment 6F**
  - G. Any program material which describes eligibility requirements or other requirements to receive services **Reference Title 11 Chapter 98 Special Treatment Facility Licensing Requirements. An application form for a Therapeutic Living Facility is in Attachment 6G.**

**Part II: Qualification**

7. Is Applicant registered to do business in Hawaii **See Attachment 6A** Yes/No
8. Has Applicant received tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service? Yes/No  
Funds raised under its previous identity as Courage Worldwide Hawaii-Courage House Hawaii that were designated for a site development in Hawaii will be transferred to Ho`ola Na Pua upon authorization by the donors. Ho`ola Na Pua plans to lease the property and manage the operation of the program in alliance with a local service provider managed by Dr. George



Rhoades and the Ola Hou Clinic in Aiea. This is a change from the previously referenced service provider Courage Worldwide. Ho'ola Na Pua will continue to lead the community outreach for awareness and youth education, legislative change volunteer coordination and medical community involvement .

9. Is Applicant licensed or accredited in accordance with federal, State or county statutes, rules, ordinances, to conduct the proposed activities? Yes/No  
In process

The licensing process is site dependent because much of the application information involves specific site attributes and requirements. The convalescent home that had operated at this site had to meet similar requirements that the proposed residential treatment center will require. A review of the facility shows that it has been in compliance with current county and state license requirements but it will be re-permitted in accordance with any new state and county requirements. Any required changes will be incorporated into the renovation plans as needed for licensing.

List all such licenses and accreditations required:

The licenses required are for a Therapeutic Living Program and Special Treatment Facility as described below.

#### **Therapeutic Living Program**

It is our intention to operate a Therapeutic Living Program ("TLP") while the application for the Special Treatment Facility (STF) is under review. A TLP enables us to care for 6-8 youth while also enabling us to get all the programs in place and work out the logistical issues of the facility. Working with a smaller group to begin with will also make it easier to work out the integration of our onsite programs with other outpatient programs on the island.

TLP group homes provide 24 hour care and integrated service planning that address the behavioral, emotional and/or systemic issues that prevent the youth from taking part in family and/or community life. They are designed for those whose needs can best be met in a structured program of small group living, in a community-based setting where they are supervised and provided services by professional staff that have been recruited and trained to work with children with emotional disturbance. These staff members are the primary agents of treatment working closely with the youth, the family or custodial parents and the treatment team members.

**Special Treatment Facilities**

Special Treatment Facilities ("STF") provide highly structured daily programming, close supervision, educational services, and integrated service planning designed for severely-emotionally/ behaviorally disturbed or developmentally disabled youth unable to function in a less restrictive setting. Services include multi-disciplinary assessment of the youth, skilled milieu of services by trained staff who are supervised by a licensed professional on a 24 hour per day basis, individual psychotherapy and / or counseling, individualized adjunctive therapies, substance abuse education and counseling, as appropriate and as part of an interdisciplinary treatment plan. Services are provided in a community based environment. Services are particularly focused on decreasing the specific behaviors, which place the youth at risk for more intensive programming. Services are required to be staff secure at all times. STF shall be licensed to ensure the health safety, and welfare of the individuals placed therein (HRS321-16.5). A description of a program similar to what is being utilized successfully in facilities on the mainland is in Attachment 16. The program will be implemented by Dr. Rhoades of the Ola Hou clinic in Aiea working with his staff and student interns from the University of Hawaii Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work. . A licensing specialist who has recently obtained the same licenses for a youth oriented program has agreed to work with our group on its license application and to assure compliance with all state regulations as defined in Department of Health Chapter 11-98.

10. Is Applicant in default or otherwise not in good standing with any State Department (e.g. POS agency, DCCA, DLNR, etc.)? Yes/No

If yes, explain:

11. Has Applicant had a State of Hawaii lease, permit, license, easement or sale in fee cancelled within the last five years? If yes, list: Yes/No

<u>Doc. No.</u>	<u>Type of Agreement</u>	<u>Term of Agreement</u>
-----------------	--------------------------	--------------------------

12. Does Applicant have any policies which discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex or physical handicap? Yes/No

If yes, explain:

The home is designed for treating girls between the ages of 11-17 which fits into the state programs for Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD). The program is specifically



designed for girls because they represent the high majority of sexually trafficked youth in Hawaii. It is problematic to integrate boys into this program and maintain the integrity of the treatment.

13. Has Applicant received funding from a federal, State, or county government agency, the Aloha United Way, and/or a major private foundation within the last three years? Please list all such contracts below: Yes/No

The team will be applying for grants and funding from various private foundations for ongoing operations funding. Some applications were submitted in late 2013 and are pending award decisions. One of these is a \$100,000 grant from the Castle Foundation. Attachment 14 is a list of potential grants that will be applied for starting in 2014.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
_____	_____	\$ _____

14. If Applicant has not received funding from a federal, State or county government agency, the Aloha United Way and/or a major private foundation during the past three years, describe Applicant's qualifications to effectively perform the proposed services, including but not limited to, grants or subsidies received from non-major, private funders and/or staff or Board members who possess significant experience in Applicant's service field.

The Ho'ola Na Pua; home will be a state licensed residential treatment center. The Juvenile social services system has funding associated with caring for these children who are place in their care through the judiciary or DHS/ CPS. As a service provider caring for these children who are under the DOH / Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division ("CAMHD"), there is currently a \$450 per diem rate for each child's care, which is approximately \$13,500 per month. Children who are under the DHS/OYS/CWS divisions are wards of the State and as such the state is required to find services that best suit each child's needs and provide funds for their care.

For private placements and children not in the social service system, the team has a business and marketing plan in place to raise the remaining operational funds. For instance, Courage Worldwide has been operating a home in California for the past three years under this funding model, using state funds available for children, grants available for this population, and fundraising within the community. Our Operating Budget (Attachment 6F) shows the scenarios for both 12 and 24 residents and the impact on the operating budgets. The maximum residents that can be accommodated based on the plans are 32 residents, based on 2 per bedroom and it is anticipated that this level of growth will not likely be achieved during the first three years of

operation. The financials are based on a 70% occupancy to allow for intervals between placements. The home plans to be certified with the Child Protective Services (CPS) to accommodate emergency short term placements for these girls as well as interim placement. Interim placement facilities are scarce in Hawaii at this time. As a result, our financial plans were calculated based on 10% placement of these "emergency" cases.

It is our intention to seek multi-year grants to supplement state client per diem funding, which can fluctuate with the term of the custody award, making consistent operational support problematic. The Ho`ola Na Pua volunteer grant team has compiled a list of potential grants that it plans to file for this year. The grants were screened based on mission and focus. There are a great number of grants available that target our client population's needs. Attachment 14 represents our research on potential grant funding sources for which we would be most eligible. We have a current grant application in review with the Castle Foundation who is looking for confirmation of a site in order to award a grant.

While foundation and government grants are important, Ho`ola Na Pua's Fundraising Plan is broad based and comprehensive. We are supported by an active cadre of volunteers committed to annual fundraising activities resulting in donations so far of over \$100,000 toward establishing a rescue facility. Some of these activities include ongoing restaurant sponsored fundraising, a golf tournament and an annual gala event attended by 250 donors the first year and 350 in 2013, which was our second year. We also recently launched a "\$1000 from 1000" campaign to obtain monthly support totaling \$1000 annually from 1000 donors to help sustain operations. We already have almost 60 donors enrolled in the campaign after less than a year of promotion. Other fundraising initiatives include outreach and educational presentations to businesses, churches and multiple mainstream organizations that have resulted in commitments to beneficiary status from organizations such as Soroptimists and various church Women's ministries. Many other contributors have specifically stated that they would commit to financial support once the facility is identified and operating.

The Department of Education provides onsite teaching to similar facilities in Hawaii. The facility will in essence act as a special school to provide education to disadvantaged youth in a separate facility, somewhat following the charter school model. The main difference being the facility also incorporates extensive therapy and life skills education in a residential facility.

### Part III: Program Activities and Persons to be Served



15. What activities will be conducted on the premises to be leased?

See Attachment 15.

16. What are the specific objectives of these activities?

The holistic care received by the girls at this home is designed to promote healing in all areas of their lives, restore their self worth, and to help them realize they were created for a purpose. An important component of each girl's customized therapy plan will be to prepare them for reintegration into society as healthy, whole, and productive young women. They will be young women who will be able to care for themselves and benefit their communities by living lives of purpose and passion. This care will have included educating them about the dangers of high-risk behaviors such as trafficking, prostitution as well as drug and alcohol usage once they are living on their own. Each girl's therapy plan will include viable means of avoiding those behaviors after reintegration through education and vocational training and how to empower others to avoid high-risk behaviors. Safe living arrangements, further education opportunities, job assistance, health-care and counseling will all be topics addressed in each girl's written, transitional plan; one that she will develop herself, with the assistance of her case manager.

The education and care girls receive at Ho`ola Na Pua is strengthened by our organization's approach that they are being adopted into a family, the Ho`ola Na Pua family. They will receive consistent, planned follow up by Ho`ola Na Pua staff after they transition to independent living. We plan to keep loving them and demonstrating that love with planned phone calls as well as personal visits. Our desire is to continue equipping, encouraging and empowering them to be and do all they are able to do, as if they were our own children. We also intend to invite the girls to return to Ho`ola Na Pua to share their stories and mentor new girls coming into the home.

17. Describe the community need for and the public benefit derived from these activities.

See Attachment 17A citing the benefits and successful implementation of this program in Northern California over the past 2.5 years.

Attachment 17B lists the accomplishments of the Ho`ola Na Pua team that has been operating as Courage Worldwide Hawaii over the past 24 months meeting the goals of public awareness, education of youth to avoid the traps of se traffickers and pimps and legislative change to hinder

demand.

Attachment 17C is a news editorial dated January 8, 2014 discussing child sex trafficking in Hawaii.

18. Describe the targeted population for these activities by: 1) age group, 2) gender, 3) ethnic background, 4) income level, 5) geographic location of residence, 6) special needs/disability, and 7) other applicable characteristic(s).

The focus of the program is the recovery and restoration of sexually trafficked adolescent females under age 18. The home is designed specifically for treating girls between the ages of 11-17 which fits into the state programs for Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD). The program is specifically designed for girls because they represent the majority of sexually trafficked youth in Hawaii. All ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds are welcome because this problem occurs in all ethnic, and socio-economic levels. The program will primarily focus on girls from Hawaii whether they are found in the state or recovered on the mainland. The facility could welcome girls from other Pacific Islands or states if there are special circumstances.

19. Describe all eligibility requirements of clients to participate in the activities, e.g. age, income level, ethnic background, income level, disability, etc.

See #18.response.

20. Do you require membership to participate in these activities? Yes/No  
If yes, list the requirements of becoming and remaining a member:

21. How many unduplicated persons will engage in the activities annually?

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Persons Per Year</u>
<u>Residential Therapy</u>	<u>10-32</u>
<u>On site education &amp; tutoring</u>	<u>10-32</u>

22. Is State funding made available for the activities to be conducted on the leased premises? Yes/No

If yes, by which State agency: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Div of DOH (CAMHD) Department of Human Services-Child Welfare Services/ Office Youth Services (DHS/CWS/OYS)



23. List all activities to be conducted on the leased premises which require payment of excise taxes, e.g. subleasing, sale of products or services. Include an estimate of annual gross revenues from each activity.

This is a non-profit organization. No revenues will be generated onsite. It will provide health care services for young girls under 18 who are rescued from sex trafficking and wards of the state, who have been assigned to the program for restorative therapy.

24. Describe the proposed site development plan for the property, indicating the location and size of buildings, parking areas, landscaped areas and related uses. Attach sketch of plan if available.

The property will be essentially the same. Modifications to the structure and parking facilities will be undertaken as needed to meet building code and state licensing requirements. The proposed facility use is similar to the recent use as a convalescent home, so no major modifications are anticipated for the property.

The former staff housing structure that is in serious disrepair will be demolished for safety reasons. Restoration of the burned out building to function as a stable and barn for small livestock is contemplated if the support structure is certified as safe by a civil engineer.

The primary renovations are interior remodeling to rebuild the kitchen and improve the bedrooms and bathrooms and to convert the central areas to a cozy dorm like environment. The plans will incorporate therapy classrooms and physical fitness , halau and music areas.

Remodeling plans will be prepared by a local volunteer architect.

25. What improvements to the land do you intend to make and at what cost?

Fencing and hedges will be installed to shield the view of the facility from the highway, and to limit unauthorized access. Costs are included in Attachment 6F.

26. How will the improvements be funded?

Primarily sourced from donations from the community and grants.

The improvements are estimated at \$1.5 million for materials and \$ 500,000 estimated for volunteer labor. We also have commitments for significant donated professional services. Numerous offers of volunteer labor have also been received from the various organizations that we have contacted in our public outreach and informational seminars.

Board member Jeremy Munoz is a state licensed General Contractor who will be managing the improvements on a pro bono basis; Mr. Munoz helped build the Courage Worldwide facility in Tanzania Africa. We are working with architectural services companies that have committed to providing design and permitting assistance also on a pro bono basis.

Major outlets such as Home Depot and Hawaii Hardware have programs to donate materials for non-profits. Applications are underway with these organizations. Estimated material donations could greatly reduce the estimated \$1.5 million improvement cost to less than \$ 500,000. Funding will also be obtained by solicitations and fundraisers over the next 6-9 months to add to the current account built up over the past year. Organizations such as the Weinberg Foundation have expressed interest, but they require completed plans in order to commit funding.

Various women's organizations such as Junior League have expressed interest in providing furnishings for the facility. A focused effort will also be made to obtain room and appliance sponsors as has been successfully undertaken by other homes

27. Describe all environmental, land use and other permitting requirements which must be met to develop the land as proposed.

DLNR- Environmental Assessment

HC&C: Conditional Use Permit      Phase 1 Therapeutic Living Facility

HC&C: Certificate of Need      Phase 2 Special Treatment Facility

Attachment 27 is a schedule for the permitting and licensing.

28. Will you be subleasing any portion of the property? If yes, describe the sublease uses:

No. Facility should be a single use to isolate the girls and maximize their safety and the effectiveness of their therapy.



**Family Court of the First Circuit — THE JUDICIARY • STATE OF HAWAII**  
RONALD T.Y. MOON KAPOLEI COURTHOUSE • 4675 KAPOLEI PARKWAY • KAPOLEI, HAWAII 96707-3272

**R. MARK BROWNING**  
SENIOR JUDGE

**JEANNETTE H. CASTAGNETTI**  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

**FA'AUUGA L. TO'OTO'O**  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

**DISTRICT FAMILY JUDGES**

**JENNIFER L. CHING**  
**SHERRI L. IHA**  
**LANSON K. KUPAU**  
**CHRISTINE E. KURIYAMA**  
**PAUL T. MURAKAMI**  
**STEVEN M. NAKASHIMA**  
**CATHERINE H. REMIGIO**  
**BODE A. UALE**  
**MATTHEW J. VIOLA**

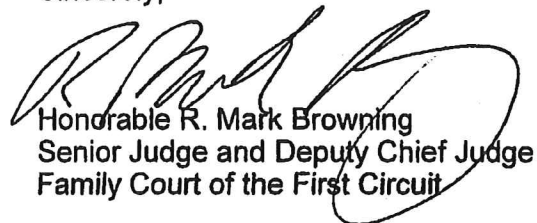
September 20, 2012

Jessica Munoz  
c/o Courage House  
P.O. Box 401  
Haleiwa, HI 96712

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for Hale O' Mana'o I'o, a residential treatment program for sexually exploited children in Hawai'i. With tourism being Hawaii's largest industry and with the large number of military personnel stationed here, there is a high demand for sexual services, which creates an equally high demand for young girls and boys to fill this demand. Although there are no accurate statistics, many of these juveniles come from families where they themselves have been abused or have observed domestic abuse/violence. There are few resources and services in Hawai'i with the specialized knowledge and ability to help these juvenile victims of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. Being able to divert juvenile victims to a Courage House instead of the Hale Ho'omalu Juvenile Detention Facility for appropriate support and services, will be a welcomed alternative.

Sincerely,



Honorable R. Mark Browning  
Senior Judge and Deputy Chief Judge  
Family Court of the First Circuit

**EXHIBIT "C"**



**Justin F. Kollar**  
Prosecuting Attorney

**Kevin K. Takata**  
First Deputy



**Rebecca A. Vogt**  
Second Deputy

**Diana Gausepohl-White, LCSW**  
Victim/Witness Program Director

**OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

**County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i**

3990 Ka'ana Street, Suite 210, Lihu'e, Hawai'i 96766  
808-241-1888 ~ FAX 808-241-1758  
Victim/Witness Program 808-241-1898 or 800-668-5734

January 7, 2014

Board of Land and Natural Resources  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 621  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Re: Residential Treatment Facility for Juvenile Victims of Sex  
Trafficking

Dear Gentleperson:

I write to support the need to build a residential treatment facility for juvenile girls who have been sex trafficked. Not only is there a lack of services for these victims, but there is also no place for them to live once rescued. Sadly, they are often placed in our youth correctional facilities, but remember, they are victims, not perpetrators.

A little more than a year ago, Hawaii was one of only four states without anti-human trafficking laws. Last year, local lawmakers successfully passed four bills that address the woeful lack of coordinated services for human trafficking victims. These laws codified enhanced legal protections and awareness provisions.

The upcoming legislative session will address more aggressive penalties for those who solicit underage girls for sex, and those that profit from this reprehensible crime. However, one of the biggest problems we still face is the lack of facilities to house the girls rescued from sex trafficking. Removing these victims from the area of the demand is key for the implementation of therapeutic care. This is one of the biggest problems that we face as a community focused on remediating this situation.

*An Equal Opportunity Employer*



As the leader of the State of Hawaii Human Trafficking Task Force, we are grappling with the magnitude of the issue of recovery programs for these girls, who are not treated with traditional outpatient or rehabilitation programs. Their traumas are complex, and without a safe haven and adequate treatment, they become repeat runaways and overburden the judiciary system. They are often ignored by law enforcement, which is frustrated at the constant return of these girls to the street and the lack of facilities to care for them. We believe there are hundreds of young girls trapped in this life and are desperately searching for a solution to their housing and treatment needs.

Based upon my experience as a deputy prosecuting attorney, I believe that having a licensed facility would fill the gap in our state programs and provide the much needed housing and services for these young victims.

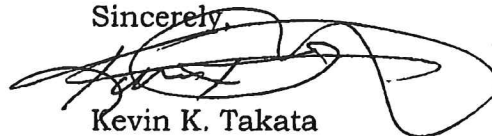
One of the key issues to effectively care for these young victims is to locate them in a place far removed from their pimps and in an environment that is large enough to provide the various therapies, education, and life skills instruction in a safe and healing place. Returning victims to the place they were taken from, or ran from, is not viable. Their often troubled families', or foster families', ability to deal with the multiple effects of being caught in this life has been shown not to be effective-- and often makes the problem worse. In fact, they usually return to the streets in frustration and anger.

Although the number of victims is difficult to quantify, it is apparent that there are scores of girls who are preyed upon in Hawaii because dozens come to the surface in the court system, in emergency rooms, and through various rescue operations. We need to address their plight through an approach that includes restoring the emotional, physical, and mental health of these precious lives. By creating a place to heal, the opportunity to live the lives they were meant to live can become a reality.

We believe that a residential treatment facility for juvenile victims of sex trafficking could be filled very quickly, which is an unfortunate consequence of the magnitude of this crime. There are very limited resources existing nationwide, and these girls do not want to be sent to a program on the mainland, even if that were an option.

Thank you for this opportunity to bring this need to your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin K. Takata', written over a circular scribble.

Kevin K. Takata  
First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney



*Nancie Caraway, PhD  
First Lady, State of Hawaii*

January 6, 2014

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Courage Worldwide  
Therapeutic Living Program and Special Treatment Facility  
DLNR: Former Crawford Convalescent Home Site

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing a letter of support for Courage Worldwide to build a residential treatment facility for juvenile girls who have been sex trafficked. We have found that there is not only a lack of services for victims of sex trafficking, but there is also no place for these juveniles who should be treated as victims, not perpetrators, to be housed once rescued. Sadly, they are frequently placed in our already overloaded youth correctional facilities, but are not given the necessary treatment for their recovery.

A little more than a year ago, Hawaii was one of only four states in the country without anti-human trafficking laws. Last year local lawmakers successfully passed four bills that address the woeful lack of coordinated services for human trafficking victims. These laws codified enhanced legal protections and awareness provisions into Hawaii's statutory schemes.

This legislative session will address the next steps to undertake more aggressive penalties for those who solicit underage girls for sex services and to convict and penalize their pimps. However one of the biggest problems we still face is the lack of resources and facilities to house and restore the underage girls rescued from sex trafficking. Removing the victims from the area of the demand is key for the implementation of intentional therapeutic care. This is one of the biggest problems that we face as a community focused on remediating this situation.

The Courage Worldwide Hawaii team is proposing to establish Hale O'Mana Koa, as a solution that addresses this specific problem. Their primary objective is to provide a long term licensed residential home and special treatment facility for these young victims of sex trafficking. Based upon my past experience as an educator and with a doctorate in this field of human trafficking, I believe this program would fill the gap in our state programs and provide the much needed housing and services for these young victims.

One of the key issues to effectively care for these young victims is to locate them in a place far removed from their pimps and in an environment that is large enough to provide the various therapies, education, and life skills instruction in a safe and healing place. Returning victims to the place they were taken from—or ran from is not viable. Their often troubled families' or foster families' abilities try to

deal with the multiple effects of being caught in this life has been shown not to be effective-- and often makes the problem worse. In fact, they usually return to the streets in frustration and anger.

Although the numbers of victims are difficult to quantify, it is readily apparent that there are hundreds of girls entrapped in this life in Hawaii because dozens come to the surface in the court system, in emergency rooms, and through various rescue operations. We need to address their trauma through a holistic approach encapsulating healing and restoration of the emotional, physical, and mental health of these precious lives. By creating a place to heal, the opportunity to live the lives they were meant to live can become a reality

The Courage Worldwide model is proven in California and Tanzania and would be easily adapted in Hawaii. The Hawaii Project team Hale O`Mana Koa is a well-organized and highly motivated volunteer group of professionals seeking an appropriate site and facility to license the Courage Worldwide program and initiate operation. We believe the state agencies and judiciary could fill the home as soon as it opens! There are very limited resources existing nationwide and these girls do not want to be sent to a program on the mainland even if that were an option.

Please support this much needed project by granting Hale O` Mana Koa a long-term lease for the state-owned Crawford Convalescent Home site.

Mahalo & best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancie Caraway". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Nancie Caraway, PhD



Margaret J. Cadiz MSW, LSW

Girls Court Therapist  
777 Punchbowl 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

To Whom It May Concern,

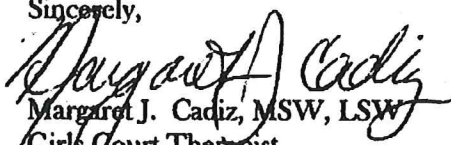
I am the therapist with the Hawaii Girls Court Program. I have been working with GC girls for several years and unfortunately have seen an increase in desperation for these girls who have turned to prostitution. Once we have successfully gotten them off the streets we have no where to put them, going home is not an option. They end up being "punished" and put in the detention home which is certainly not the place for them. Some end up in detention home as a "holding place" until we can find another safe place, but there is no suitable home for these girls in the state of Hawaii. The girls truly need a nurturing, safe home where they can heal from their horrific experiences.

I have personally counseled some of the girls and can tell you firsthand the trauma and devastation these girls have been through. It is heart wrenching to counsel them only to know that they may not be going back to a safe place, as so many have nowhere to go.

Hawaii needs to step up and protect our young victims. We need A Courage House built in Hawaii to rescue our young ones, help them to rebuild their lives safely and begin to renew their sense of self worth and belonging.

Courage To Be You has established a local group of dedicated volunteers who have worked tirelessly to get this house established. I truly support their efforts and hope that soon this home will be approved, up and running. Everyone needs a safe place to grow. I believe that Courage House will be an exceptional home and living environment to restore these children as secure, productive human beings. Let's all work together to make this happen now.

Sincerely,

  
Margaret J. Cadiz, MSW, LSW  
Girls Court Therapist.



October 9, 2012

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is in support of Courage House Hawaii (Hale O'Mana'oi'o)!

Through the volunteer leadership of Jessica Munoz, Courage House Hawaii has transformed a vision and passion into a real project that addresses a real problem here in the State of Hawaii.

As a former family court judge and lieutenant governor, I am aware of the issue that our state is facing with child sex trafficking. Victims of child sex trafficking require an array of services and in many instances the issues that they face cannot be treated with other maladies such as alcoholism and drug addiction. In most, if not all instances, victims of sex trafficking require intensive residential treatment focused on their specific circumstances.

Through Jessica and others who have volunteered their services over the past couple of years, the issue of child sex trafficking has been brought to the forefront with social workers, educators, law enforcement, and the judiciary. Unfortunately, there is a lack of services and an absence of an essential and overwhelming need of a short and long-term shelter for these young victims.

The primary objective of Courage House Hawaii is to provide a long term residential home for these young victims of sex trafficking. Based upon my past experience both on the bench and in the executive branch there is no question that Courage House Hawaii would fill a tremendous void in providing the continuum of services that these victims would need.

Therefore, please join me in supporting Courage House Hawaii. Your assistance will make the difference in bringing their mission, objective, and purpose to fruition!

Aloha Ke Akua!

Duke Aiona



## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

December 18, 2013

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Courage Worldwide  
Therapeutic Living Facility

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing a letter of support for Courage Worldwide to build a residential treatment facility for juvenile girls who have been sex trafficked. We have found that there is not only a lack of services for victims of sex trafficking, but there is also no place for these juveniles who should be treated as victims, not perpetrators, to be housed once rescued. Sadly, they are frequently placed in our already overloaded youth correctional facilities, but are not given the necessary treatment for their recovery.

A little more than a year ago, Hawaii was one of only four states in the country without anti-human trafficking laws. Last year local lawmakers successfully passed four bills that address the woeful lack of coordinated services for human trafficking victims. These laws codified enhanced legal protections and awareness provisions into Hawaii's statutory schemes.

This legislative session will address the next steps to undertake more aggressive penalties for those who solicit underage girls for sex services and to convict and penalize their pimps. However one of the biggest problems we still face is the lack of resources and facilities to house and restore the underage girls rescued from sex trafficking. Removing the victims from the area of the demand is key for the implementation of intentional therapeutic care. This is one of the biggest problems that we face as a community focused on remediating this situation.

The Courage Worldwide Hawaii team is proposing to establish Hale O'Mana Koa, as a solution that addresses this specific problem. Their primary objective is to provide a long term licensed residential home and special treatment facility for these young victims of sex trafficking. Based upon my past experience as a legislator that is leading the effort to address these issues, this program would fill the gap in our state programs and provide the much needed housing and services for these young victims.

One of the key issues to effectively care for these young victims is to locate them in a place far removed from their pimps and in an environment that is large enough to provide the various therapies, education, and life skills instruction in a safe and healing place. Returning victims to the place they were taken from—or ran from is not viable. Their often troubled families' or foster families' abilities try to deal with the multiple effects of being caught in this life has been shown not to be effective-- and often makes the problem worse. In fact, they usually return to the streets in frustration and anger.

December 17, 2013  
Page 2 of 2

Although the numbers of victims are difficult to quantify, it is readily apparent that there are hundreds of girls entrapped in this life in Hawaii because dozens come to the surface in the court system, in emergency rooms, and through various rescue operations. We need to address their trauma through a holistic approach encapsulating healing and restoration of the emotional, physical, and mental health of these precious lives. By creating a place to heal, the opportunity to live the lives they were meant to live can become a reality

The Courage Worldwide model is proven in California and Tanzania and would be easily adapted in Hawaii. The Hawaii Project team Hale O'Mana Koa is a well-organized and highly motivated volunteer group of professionals seeking an appropriate site and facility to license the Courage Worldwide program and initiate operation. We believe the state agencies and judiciary could fill the home as soon as it opens! There are very limited resources existing nationwide and these girls do not want to be sent to a program on the mainland even if that were an option. Please support this much needed project by granting Hale O' Mana Koa a long-term lease for the state-owned Crawford Home site.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (808)586-6130 or [senchunoakland@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:senchunoakland@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Me ke aloha pumehana,



Suzanne N. J. Chun Oakland  
State Senator  
13<sup>th</sup> District

SNJCO:atl





## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

January 7, 2014

William Aila, Chairperson  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Hale O' Mana Koa's long-term lease of the Former Crawford Convalescent Home site

Aloha Chairperson Aila,

*William*

I am writing a letter of support for Hale O' Mana Koa to build a Courage Worldwide Therapeutic Living Program and Special Treatment Facility for juvenile girls who have been sex trafficked. The organization is seeking to lease the state-owned Crawford Home site for their facility.

Hawaii has a real need for services for victims of sex trafficking. Unfortunately, due to the high number of visitors to our state, there are a large number of young women and girls who are forced into prostitution and sex trafficking. We are passing laws that are helping to rescue these victims of the sex trade industry, but after rescue, returning home is often not an option, at least initially.

Currently there is no place for these juveniles to be housed once rescued. They are frequently placed in our already overloaded youth correctional facilities, but are not given the necessary treatment for their recovery.

One of the key issues to effectively care for these young victims is to locate them in a place far removed from the area of demand and in an environment that is large enough to provide the various therapies, education, and life skills instruction in a safe and healing place. Thus, the former Crawford Home site is ideal.

Senator Laura H. Thielen

State Senate - 25<sup>th</sup> District

State Capitol, Room 223 - 415 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Phone: 808.587.8388 - FAX: 808.587.7240 - [senthielen@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:senthielen@capitol.hawaii.gov)

The Courage Worldwide model is proven in California and Tanzania and would be easily adapted in Hawaii. The Hawaii Project team Hale O` Mana Koa is a well-organized and highly motivated volunteer group of professionals. I have been impressed with their passion and commitment to address such a complex issue as juvenile sex trafficking.

The use of this facility would fill the gap in our state programs and provide much needed housing and services for these young victims. Please support this project by granting Hale O` Mana Koa a long-term lease for the state-owned Crawford Home site.

Sincerely,



Laura Thielen

cc: Jody Allione, Courage Worldwide Hawaii

Senator Laura H. Thielen

State Senate - 25<sup>th</sup> District

State Capitol, Room 223 - 415 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Phone: 808.587.8388 - FAX: 808.587.7240 - [senthielen@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:senthielen@capitol.hawaii.gov)



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

January 13, 2014

The Honorable William Aila, Director  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Courage Worldwide  
Therapeutic Living Program and Special Treatment Facility  
DLNR: TMK 1-5-8-130

**Bill**

Aloha Director Aila,

I am writing a letter of support for Courage Worldwide to build a residential treatment facility on a state-owned parcel in Haleiwa for juvenile girls who have been sex trafficked. We have found that there is not only a lack of services for victims of sex trafficking, but there is also no place for these juveniles who should be treated as victims, not perpetrators, to be housed once rescued. Sadly, they are frequently placed in our already overloaded youth correctional facilities, but are not given the necessary treatment for their recovery. In actuality, these youth victims should not be placed in our youth correctional facility, but rather in a systematic sex victims programs, to assist them in their recovery and rehabilitation, equipped with the tools to succeed in life.

A few years ago, Hawaii was one of only four states in the country without anti-human trafficking laws. Last year the Hawaii State Legislature successfully passed several bills that addressed the woeful lack of coordinated services for human trafficking victims. These laws codified enhanced legal protections and awareness provisions into Hawaii's statutory schemes.

This legislative session, we will address the next steps to undertake more aggressive penalties for those who solicit underage girls for sex services and to convict and penalize their pimps. However one of the biggest problems we still face is the lack of resources and facilities to house and restore the underage girls rescued from sex trafficking. Removing the victims from the area of the demand is key for the implementation of intentional therapeutic care. This is one of the biggest problems that we face as a community focused on remediating this situation.

The Courage Worldwide Hawaii team is proposing to establish Hale O'Mana Koa, as a solution that addresses this specific problem. Their primary objective is to provide a long term licensed residential home and special treatment facility for these young victims of sex trafficking. Based upon my legislative experience as former Chairman of the House Human Services Committee, I believe this program would fill the gap in our state programs and provide the much needed housing and services for these young victims.



The Honorable William Aila, Director  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
January 13, 2014  
Page 2

One of the key issues to effectively care for these young victims is to determine a proper place far removed from their pimps and in an environment that is large enough to provide the various therapies, education, and life skills instruction in a safe and healing place. Returning victims to the place they were taken from or ran from is neither a viable or reasonable option.

Although the numbers of victims are difficult to quantify, it is readily apparent that there are hundreds of girls entrapped in this life in Hawaii because dozens come to the surface in the court system, in emergency rooms, and through various rescue operations. We need to address their trauma through a holistic approach encapsulating healing and restoration of the emotional, physical, and mental health of these precious lives. By creating a place to heal, the opportunity to live the lives they were meant to live can become a reality.

The Courage Worldwide model is proven in California and Tanzania and would be easily adapted in Hawaii. The Hawaii Project team Hale O`Mana Koa is a well-organized and highly motivated volunteer group of professionals seeking an appropriate site and facility to license the Courage Worldwide program and initiate operation. We believe the state agencies and judiciary could fill the home as soon as it opens. There are very limited resources existing nationwide and these girls do not want to be sent to a program on the mainland even if that were an option.

For all of the foregoing reasons, I thank you in advance for your kind consideration to support this much needed project by granting Hale O` Mana Koa a long-term lease for the state-owned parcel TMK 1-5-8-130 in Haleiwa.

Sincerely Yours,



State Representative John M. Mizuno  
Vice Speaker  
State House District 28

**Representative John M. Mizuno ~ Vice Speaker**  
*Kalihi Valley ~ Kamehameha Heights*  
State Capitol, Room 439 ~ Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Phone: (808) 586-6050 ~ Fax: (808) 586-6051  
Email: [repmizuno@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repmizuno@capitol.hawaii.gov)



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

January 16, 2014

William Aila, *Chairperson*

Department of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Courage Worldwide  
Therapeutic Living Program and Special Treatment Facility  
Former Crawford Convalescent Home

Dear Chair Aila,

I am writing a letter of support for Courage Worldwide to build a residential treatment facility for juvenile girls who have been sex trafficked. I have recently become aware that there is not only a lack of services for victims of sex trafficking, but there is also no place for these juveniles who should be treated as victims, not perpetrators, to be housed once rescued. They are frequently placed in our already overloaded youth correctional facilities, but are not given the necessary treatment for their recovery.

One of the biggest problems we still face is the lack of resources and facilities to house and restore the underage girls rescued from sex trafficking. Removing the victims from the area of the demand is key for the implementation of intentional therapeutic care. This is one of the biggest problems that we face as a community focused on remediating this situation.

The Courage Worldwide Hawaii team is proposing to establish Hale O'Mana Koa as a solution that addresses this specific problem. Their primary objective is to provide a long term licensed residential home and special treatment facility for these young victims of sex trafficking. Based upon my experience in optimizing the use of state land for public benefit, the use of this facility would fill the gap in our state programs and provide much needed housing and services for these young victims who fill our hospitals and youth correctional facilities.

One of the key issues to effectively care for these young victims is to locate them in a place far removed from their pimps and in an environment that is large enough to provide the various therapies, education, and life skills instruction in a safe and healing place. Returning victims to the place they were taken from—or ran from is not viable. Their often troubled families' or foster families' abilities try to



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

deal with the multiple effects of being caught in this life has been shown not to be effective-- and often makes the problem worse. In fact, they usually return to the streets in frustration and anger.

Apparently there are hundreds of girls entrapped in this life in Hawaii because dozens come to the surface in the court system, in emergency rooms, and through various rescue operations on a monthly basis. We need to address their trauma through a holistic approach encapsulating healing and restoration of the emotional, physical, and mental health of these precious lives. By creating a place to heal, the opportunity to live the lives they were meant to live can become a reality.

The Courage Worldwide model is proven in California and Tanzania and would be easily adapted in Hawaii. The Hawaii Project team Hale O' Mana Koa is a well-organized and highly motivated volunteer group of professionals seeking an appropriate site and facility to license the Courage Worldwide program and initiate operation. We believe the state agencies and judiciary could fill the home as soon as it opens! There are very limited resources existing nationwide and these girls do not want to be sent to a program on the mainland even if that were an option.

Please support this much needed project by granting Hale O' Mana Koa a long-term lease for the state-owned Crawford Home site which seems ideal for housing these young victims.

With warm aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Thielen".

Representative Cynthia Thielen

Assistant Minority Leader

50th District (Kailua, Kaneohe Bay)

CT:MW





## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
415 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

September 17, 2012

Jessica Munoz  
Courage House Hawaii  
P.O. Box 401  
Haleiwa, HI 96712

Dear Mrs. Munoz,

Thank you for your determined work with Courage House to protect our children from sex trafficking, and for your efforts to rebuild the self-confidence and self-worth of victims of this travesty. There is much work to be done, yet you steadfastly move this important discussion forward. Indeed, once aware of this problem, it is incumbent on everyone to help.

I wholeheartedly support your efforts to establish a home that offers comfort and security to these young ladies while they put their lives back together. There are precious few long-term accommodations for adolescent females and there are not yet any homes in Hawaii specific to helping young sex trafficking victims.

It is distressing to learn how severe is the problem of sex trafficking in our state and nation and it is horrifying to think that such a fate could befall anyone, including my young daughter. We need to do everything we can to console and rehabilitate these abused children through wonderful programs such as Courage House.

Best wishes to you, Courage House, and the people you will be able to assist in their critical time of need!

Sincerely,

Gil Riviere  
House of Representatives  
46th District

**Representative Gil Riviere**

*District 46: Kaena Point, Schofield, Mokuleia, Waialua, Haleiwa, Waimea, Pupukea, Sunset, Kahuku, Laie*  
State Capitol - Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Phone: 586-6380 - Fax: 586-6381

E-mail [repriviere@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repriviere@capitol.hawaii.gov)



Ola Hou Clinic

Psychological Services

George F. Rhoades, Jr., Ph.D.

Michael R. Bressem, Ph.D.

Bradley Robison, Ph.D.

Michael J. Kou, Psy.D.

Laura Fam, M.A.

**TO:** To Whom It May Concern

**FROM:** George F. Rhoades, Jr., Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist

**RE:** Letter of support and need for Courage House Hawaii

**DATE:** January 22, 2013

Aloha Sir/Madam,

This letter is written to support the establishment of Courage House- Hawaii (Hale O'Mana'oi'o). It has been my privilege as an international author and speaker to work with survivors of trauma around the world. Today I am at an international consultation (conference) on sexual trafficking in South East Asia, held in Malaysia. The trauma of being kidnapped, deceived and/or enticed into sexual slavery is horrific and difficult to imagine or explain unless one has gone through this trauma.

The sexual trafficking in South East Asia is well known, but we have the same problem here in Hawaii. I have worked with a number of teenagers that have been trapped in this vicious cycle of being rescued, brought home and then out on the streets again to be further victimized. These teenagers often view themselves as "damaged goods" or are fearful of the pimps killing them or family. They typically feel that they have no place to go, have no psychological treatment and often are trapped again in sexual trafficking.

One teenager was kidnapped here in Hawaii and raped, beaten and drugged and brought into prostitution. She was rescued several times, but unable to get adequate treatment, no residential programs to address her needs and due to the unstable home life and the persistence of sexual traffickers/pimps was trapped once again. Today as an adult she is continuing to be strung out on drugs and living a trapped existence in prostitution in Hawaii.

This teenager and many more like her would have benefited from a short term/long term group home placement that specialized in the treatment of sexually trafficked adolescents. Courage House Hawaii would help provide a safe/stabile environment that would allow the teenage girls to have the treatment that they need to heal the trauma they have experienced and to rebuild their lives. Courage House Hawaii would help the young ladies to learn how to be young women and to once again have dreams and goals for the future. Being located in Hawaii, Courage House will be able to reach out to the families of the girls and allow for a more smooth transition back into their families (if they are safe) and into society. Mainland programs often fail as they do not know the culture of Hawaii's peoples and are unable to adequately coordinate with Hawaii families and programs.

As a clinical psychologist and Clinic Director of Ola Hou Clinic, I will actively participate in the development of the program for Courage House Hawaii and believe it is essential to the success of the treatment and rehabilitation of these fragile girls. I was privileged to be a founding executive committee member of the new Division 56 of the American Psychological Association, Trauma Psychology. The trauma of sexual trafficking is horrific for children, teens and adults. Courage House Hawaii would give our Hawaii teens that are trafficked a chance for safety and healing. Please let me know if you would like further clarification of this brief letter.

Thank You,

George F. Rhoades, Jr., Ph.D.

98-1247 Kaahumanu St., Suite 223, Aiea, Hawai'i, 96701; 808-487-5433/5444 (Fax)

Clinical Psychologist/Clinic Director

98-1247 Kaahumanu St., Suite 223, Aiea, Hawai'i, 96701; 808-487-5433/5444 (Fax)