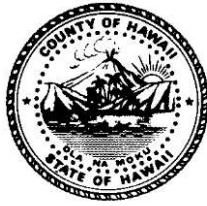


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VIA EMAIL



Dear Mr. Orodener:

**LUC Docket No. A02-737 (LUC 1216)**

**Applicant: University of the Nations, Kona, Inc. (formerly U of N Bencorp)**

**Subject: 2022 Annual Progress Report**

**Tax Map Key: (3) 7-5-010:085 & 7-5-017:006, North Kona, Hawai'i**

We have reviewed the 2022 annual progress report submitted in compliance with Condition No. 17 of LUC Docket No. A02-737. We find the report to be satisfactory and apologize for the delayed response.

Additionally, we note that the State Land Use Commission issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order, and Certificate of Service, filed and effective on December 8, 2022, to accept the 2022 status report and supplemental status report as satisfactory, but requested that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be submitted to the Commission in the first half of 2023. We can confirm that by letter dated August 28, 2023, our office provided comments to the Applicant pertaining to their Draft EIS.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Andrews at (808) 961-8155.

Sincerely,

Zendo Kern  
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