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September 16, 2025

Director Mary Alice Evans Environmental Review Program Office of Planning and Sustainable Development 235 S. Beretania St., Rm. 702 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mary Alice Evans:

SUBJECT: Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), Chapter 343

**Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)** 

(PL-ENV-2024-000019)

Project: Kamehameha Schools – Keauhou Bay Management Plan

Applicant: Kamehameha Schools (Marissa Harman)

Agent: G70 (Kawika McKeague)

TMK: (3) 7-8-012:098, 101, 103, 048, 027, 004, 013, 014, 054, 061, 065, 007 &

(3) 7-8-010:044, and 049, North Kona District, Hawai'i

The County of Hawai'i Planning Department hereby accepts the Final EIS for Keauhou Bay Management Plan, dated September 2025, which is located in the North Kona District, on the island of Hawai'i. The Final EIS is deemed acceptable based on the requirements of HRS Chapter 343, and Hawai'i Administrative Rules Section 11-200.1-28. Please publish this determination in the next edition of The Environmental Notice. We have uploaded an electronic copy of this letter and the Final EIS to your online submittal site.

The Final EIS adequately discloses and describes all identifiable environmental impacts and satisfactorily responds to review comments. The procedures for assessment, consultation, review, and the preparation and submission of the Final EIS have all been completed satisfactorily as specified in the environmental impact statement regulations. The content requirements of those regulations have been satisfied.

Director Mary Alice Evans Environmental Review Program Office of Planning and Sustainable Development ERP PL-ENV-2024-000019 September 16, 2025 Page 2

If you have any questions, please contact Alex J. Roy at 808-961-8140 or via email at <a href="mailto:alex.roy@hawaiicounty.gov">alex.roy@hawaiicounty.gov</a>

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Darrow (Sep 16, 2025 07:29:52 HS)
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cc via email: Cody Winchester, G70

From: dbedt.opsd.erp@hawaii.gov

To: <u>DBEDT OPSD Environmental Review Program</u>

Subject: New online submission for The Environmental Notice

**Date:** Tuesday, September 16, 2025 2:37:24 PM

#### **Action Name**

Kamehameha Schools - Keauhou Bay Management Plan

### Type of Document/Determination

Final environmental impact statement (FEIS) acceptance or non-acceptance

## HRS §343-5(a) Trigger(s)

- (3) Propose any use within a shoreline area
- (4) Propose any use within any historic site as designated in the National Register or Hawai'i Register

#### **Judicial district**

North Kona, Hawai'i

## Tax Map Key(s) (TMK(s))

(3) 7-8-012:098; (3) 7-8-012:101; (3) 7-8-012:048; (3) 7-8-010:044; (3) 7-8-012:027; (3) 7-8-012:004; (3) 7-8-012:013; (3) 7-8-012:014; (3) 7-8-012:054; (3) 7-8-012:061; (3) 7-8-012:065; (3) 7-8-012:007; (3) 7-8-010:049; (3) 7-8-012:103

### **Action type**

Applicant

### Other required permits and approvals

Various Site, Grading, Building and Infrastructure Approvals

### Discretionary consent required

Special Management Area Use Permit (Major); Shoreline Setback Variance

## **Agency jurisdiction**

County of Hawai'i

#### Approving agency

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### Agency contact name

Alex Roy

### Agency contact email (for info about the action)

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### **Email address for receiving comments**

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(808) 961-8140

# **Agency address**

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I PLANNING DEPARTMENT 101 PAUAHI STREET, SUITE 3 Hilo, HI 96720 United States Map It

### **Accepting authority**

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### **Applicant**

Kamehameha Schools

### Applicant contact name

Marissa Harman

### **Applicant contact email**

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567 S King Street Honolulu, HI 96813 United States Map It

## Is there a consultant for this action?

Yes

#### Consultant

G70

### **Consultant contact name**

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### **Action summary**

Kamehameha Schools proposes to implement the Keauhou Bay Management Plan (KBMP) on approximately 29

acres at Keauhou Bay. The objective of the KBMP is to reinvigorate and transform the Keauhou Bay area to become a place where culture and education is celebrated and highlighted amidst viable commercial operations, which are essential to fund the cultural and educational programming within the immediate area. The KBMP proposes to reorient commercial activities away from culturally sensitive areas to alleviate congestion and establish a new place-based cultural educational center. Existing commercial operations and parking areas will be relocated to new facilities in more appropriate locations away from cultural resources. The KBMP also proposes to create a new low-impact lodging on the resort-zoned plateau mauka of the bay. The new reconfiguration will focus on place-based cultural stewardship, enhance and encourage bayfront access for kama'āina and kupa'āina, and promote high quality educational experiences for all.

# Attached documents (signed agency letter & EA/EIS)

- 2025-09-15-Letter-to-Director-Mary-Alice-Evans-OPSD-PL-ENV-2024-000019-FEIS ERP 05.pdf
- KBMP-FEIS-Vol-31.pdf
- KBMP-FEIS-Vol-21.pdf
- KBMP-FEIS-Vol-11.pdf

### ADA Compliance certification (HRS §368-1.5):

The authorized individual listed below acknowledges that they retain the responsibility for ADA compliance and are knowingly submitting documents that are unlocked, searchable, and may not be in an ADA compliant format for publication. Audio files do not include transcripts, captions, or alternative descriptions. The project files will be published without further ADA compliance changes from ERP, with the following statement included below the project summary in The Environmental Notice: "If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact (authorized individual submitting the project at email)."

#### **Action location map**

• KeauhouBay ProjectLocation1.zip

#### **Authorized individual**

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#### **Authorization**

• The above named authorized individual hereby certifies that he/she has the authority to make this submission.