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SUBJECT: Docket No. A02-737 U of N Bencorp
Acceptance of Second Final Environmental Impact Statement
University of the Nations, Kona, Inc. Master Plan Update
Tax Map Key Nos. (3) 7-5-010:085 & (3) 7-5-017:006
Kailua-Kona, Island of Hawai'i, Hawai'i

Dear Director Evans:

At its meeting on December 3, 2025, the Land Use Commission of the State of Hawai'i ("Commission") voted unanimously to accept the Second Final Environmental Impact Statement for the University of the Nations, Kona, Inc. Master Plan Update, finding that it satisfactorily fulfilled the applicable requirements of Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 343 and Hawai'i Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 200.1.

The Commission's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order accepting the Second Final Environmental Impact Statement, is pending finalization, please process this letter as the notice of acceptance in the meanwhile.

We respectfully request the publication of this acceptance in the next available issue of *The Environmental Notice*. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (808) 523-3822 or via email at dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

Daniel Orodener
Executive Officer
Land Use Commission
State of Hawai'i

From: dbedt.opsd.erp@hawaii.gov
To: [DBEDT OPSD Environmental Review Program](#)
Subject: New online submission for The Environmental Notice
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026 10:35:12 AM

Action Name

University of the Nations Kona

Type of Document/Determination

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

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger(s)

- (1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds

Judicial district

South Kona, Hawai'i

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

(3) 7-5-010:085 and (3) 7-5-017:006

Action type

Applicant

Other required permits and approvals

Various - See Second Final EIS Section 1.6

Discretionary consent required

Use of County Lands

Agency jurisdiction

State of Hawai'i

Approving agency

State Land Use Commission

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Accepting authority

State Land Use Commission

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Is there a consultant for this action?

Yes

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Action summary

The University of the Nations, Kona is proposing to expand the existing campus located in Kailua-Kona on the Island of Hawai'i. The Master Plan Update has been prepared to expand the existing campus on two adjacent parcels identified by Tax Map Keys: (3) 7-5-010:085 and (3) 7-5-017:006. The subject parcels were reclassified to the State Land Use Urban District by the State of Hawai'i, Land Use

Commission in Docket No. A02-737. The Master Plan Update includes student housing, academic instruction buildings, a student center, a lower school, athletic facilities, a chapel, maintenance and storage facilities, and supporting infrastructure and roadway improvements. The Master Plan Update will require the Applicant to file a motion with the Land Use Commission to amend its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order for a Land Use District Boundary Amendment, dated August 8, 2003 and a Change of Zone.

Attached documents (signed agency letter & EA/EIS)

- [A02-737-UNK-2026-01-07-LUC-Acceptance-Letter-for-FEIS2.pdf](#)

ADA Compliance certification (HRS §368-1.5):

The authorized individual listed below certifies that documents submitted are unlocked, searchable, and ADA compliant. Audio files include transcripts, captions, or alternative descriptions.

Action location map

- [project_parcels.zip](#)

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Authorization

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