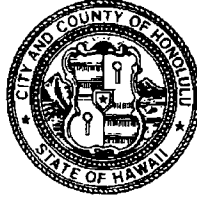


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April 30, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Sarah Allen, Director  
Department of Community Services

FROM: Jocelyn Doane, Division Administrator  
Department of Community Services

SUBJECT: HRS Chapter 343 Exemption Determination  
Pauahi Kupuna Hale

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jocelyn Doane", is written over the "FROM:" line of the memorandum.

Pauahi RHF Partners, LP, a Hawai'i limited partnership (Lessee), is presently leasing the City-owned property located at 167 North Pauahi Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817, Tax Map Key: (1) 1-7-003: 038 (Property). Lessee's 75-year lease was approved by the Honolulu City Council on December 4, 2019, by way of Resolution 19-301 (Resolution). As set forth in the Resolution, Lessee is undertaking renovations, which will include the installation of a second elevator (Project).

DCS has already reviewed and certified Lessee's environmental analysis for compliance with federal law, in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58. The attached exemption determination, and notice thereof, is required to comply with state environmental law HRS Chapter 343.

During the design process, a height restriction in the Chinatown Historic District required that the Project obtain a special district permit or exemption from the City's Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Pursuant to HAR § 11-200.1-9(a), HRS Chapter 343 will apply to applicant actions when they (1) require a discretionary permit, and (1) involve the use of money "flowing" from the City or State. The Project is thus subject to HRS Chapter 343, for (1) Lessee is seeking a discretionary permit from DPP, and (2) Lessee has received federal funds through DCS for the Project.

HAR § 11-200.1-14(b) requires that DCS, as the approving agency, assess the significance and impacts of the Project. A review of HAR §§ 11-200.1-15(c)(1), (2), and (3) reveals that the Project is eligible for an exemption, and accordingly does not require further environmental review, as it involves only a minor expansion or change of use beyond the previous use, involves improvements that will be generally on the same site without substantially affecting the structure, and only entails construction of an accessory or appurtenant structure. Because DCS found the Project to be exempt under HAR § 11-200.1-15,

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HAR § 11-200.1-17(a) requires that DCS file an exemption notice with the State Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC). The notice may be submitted online at: <https://health.hawaii.gov/oeqc/submittal-form/>.

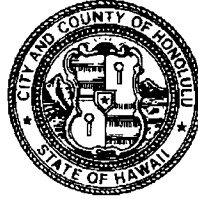
Upon your approval, the notice will be submitted to OEQC for publication. Should you have any questions, please contact Jocelyn Doane at 768-7753.

Attachment: Notice of DCS' Exemption Determination

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<del>For Sarah Allen, Director</del>	Joy Barua

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The attached HRS Chapter 343 exemption determination has been made by the Department of Community Services.

City and County of Honolulu  
 Department of Community Services  
 April 30, 2021, HRS 343 Exemption Determination

Action Title	Street Address	City, Island	Zip Code	TMK	Applicant	Trigger	Exemption	Action Description
Pauahi Kupuna Hale	167 North Pauahi Street	Honolulu, O'ahu	96817	(1) 1-7-003: 038	Pauahi RHF Partners, LP	HRS § 343-5(a)(1); HAR § 11-200.1-9(a)	HAR §§ 11-200.1-15(c)(1), (2), and (3)(D)	Installation of a second, ADA-compliant elevator to an existing low-income, senior housing structure to assist seniors with mobility and to assist first responders.