

EXEMPTION NOTICE FORM

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TO: 1. Agency-Maintained Public Files for Chapter 343 HRS Exemption Determinations
2. Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, if publication is desired
3. University of Hawai'i

FROM: Director of University of Hawai'i

SUBJECT: Exemption Notice for Sinclair Student Success Center

DATE: 1/19/2023

AGENCY OR APPLICANT ACTION

Check applicable box

- This exempted action is an agency action as defined by Section 343-5(b), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), and Section 11-200.1-8, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR),
- This exempted action is an applicant action as defined by Section 343-5(e), HRS, and Section 11-200.1-9, HAR

EXEMPTION TYPE:

The Exemption Notice for the action described below is based on the general types enumerated in Section 11-200.1-15(c), Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), Exemption Type **Interior alterations involving such things such as partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances**.

As applicable, the exemption for the action described below is also supported by the Exemption List for the [name of agency], reviewed and concurred to by the Environmental Council on [date of concurrence].

- Exemption List Class 7.
- Item Number 1-6.
- Applicable language from the exemption list: Interior alterations involving such things as partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION

Proposing Agency or Applicant: University of Hawai'i

Project Name & Address/Location: Sinclair Student Success Center, 2425 Campus Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Anticipated Start Date: 6/1/2023

Anticipated End Date: 12/31/2024

Island and District: O'ahu

Honolulu

Tax Map Key(s) and other geolocation means: TMK 2-8-029: 003

All Necessary Permits and Approvals: An application for new PRU is to be submitted within the year which will include the proposed scope of work for the project. A demolition permit is to be submitted by February with a building permit to follow, anticipated submittal by April.

NARRATIVE

Describe the action and why it qualifies for the exemption: This exemption covers the renovation work for the existing Sinclair Library. The library is to be repurposed to a student success center to better serve the students and their current needs in the higher learning environment. The scope of work includes exterior and interior work to the existing building. The exterior work is proposed to utilize the existing building footprint and building envelope with the replacement of the building elements in kind, such as the brick façade and roofing. Existing jalousie windows shall be replaced with fixed glazing. Installation of roof top photovoltaic panels are proposed to meet the desire for clean energy systems. The addition of a 1,600 square foot single story enclosure is proposed to house mechanical systems to support the buildings cooling needs. The interior work includes the reconfiguring of the interior partitions for administrative spaces along with conference rooms and open area gathering spaces. Mechanical and electrical systems are to be upgraded to meet current needs and demands, this includes centralized air conditioning system for the entire building, energy efficient lighting throughout, and power as required for the designed activities within the space.

RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

Describe the site, including any impacts on the receiving environment: The site is the existing Sinclair Library located at the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus. Site work includes the reconstruction of the existing sidewalks and re-landscaping existing landscaped areas. There is no anticipated adverse impacts on the receiving environment as the overall building footprint will remain with the same and any site work is to reconstruct what is originally there.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

I have considered the potential effects of the proposed project and all related activities against the criteria checked below:

| | Not Applicable |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Zoning Conformance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic (Vehicles, Bicycles, Pedestrian) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure (Roads, Buildings, Utilities) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality Pollutant Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid, Hazardous, and Liquid Waste Management | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Beach Access | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources and Practices | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual/Aesthetic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rare, Threatened, and/or Endangered Species | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface and Ground Water Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Floodplains | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian/Coastal Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Comments/summary of impact analysis: There is no cumulative impact from this project, since the project is repurposing an existing building with no increase to the buildings occupiable footprint. An Environmental Assessment is being prepared and anticipated to be submitted with the Manoa Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) this year. The LRDP includes a description of this project along with supporting documents.

MITIGATION

Describe all mitigation measures and best management practices planned to address impacts during the project activities and after project completion: (1) Geography, Topography, and Soils: Construction of the project will require minor regrading at the project site. A grading permit will be obtained from the City and County of Honolulu, and conditions of the permit will be adhered to, minimizing construction impacts. For soil disturbance the project site is under 1 acre and we will not be pursuing a NPDES permit. The project will provide an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and adhere to all requirements indicated within the plan . (2) Surface and Ground Waters: No significant impacts are anticipated to result from the construction and operation of the proposed project. (3) Flora and Fauna: Construction of the project will require removal of much of the vegetation at the project site. However, landscaping will be restored and improved from existing conditions following completion of construction. All significant trees within the project area have been identified and will be protected. The project team will include a landscape architect and arborist to assist. (4) Air Quality: Short-term impacts to air quality from fugitive dust may occur during grading and earthwork during construction. Construction related air quality impacts will be mitigated by complying with conditions of the project's grading permit and implementing appropriate Best Management Practices. (S) Historic Properties, Archeological and Cultural Resources: There are no historic properties present at the project site. The project is anticipated to have no adverse impact on archeological resources as none are likely to be present at the site. The State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) has been consulted with no comments at this time. (6) Flood and Natural Hazards: The proposed project is not prone to inordinate risk or natural hazards such as flooding. The project is not located in a flood hazard zone. (7) Noise: Ambient noise levels will increase during construction of the project. Construction related noise impacts will be mitigated by complying with the Department of Health's community noise control rules. (8) Roadways: The project is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on traffic operations on surrounding roadways or on parking because the project renovates an existing facilities with no change in type of use. A construction management plan will be prepared to mitigate construction-related traffic impacts. (9) Drainage System: The project is not anticipated to significantly increase storm water runoff flowing off-site. The existing building will not change in size with no addition of non-permeable surfaces to be added to the project site.

CONSULTATION

The following parties have been consulted about this declaration exemption (Name, affiliation, consultation date): The City and County of Honolulu will be consulted as part of the PRU permit process, and the State Historic Preservation Division will be consulted as part of the grading permit application process.

EXEMPT DECLARATION

The direct, cumulative, and potential impacts of the action described above have been considered pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes and Chapter 11-200.1, Hawai'i Administrative Rules. I declare that the action described above will have minimal or no

significant impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment.



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