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**M**EMORANDUM

To: James K. Tokioka, Director

Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

FROM: Dawn N.S. Chang, Director

Department of Land and Natural Resources

Subject: Waikiki Beach Improvement and Maintenance Program

**Environmental Impact Statement** 

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) initiated the preparation of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Waikiki Beach Improvement and Maintenance Program in compliance with HRS Chapter 343 and HAR 11-200.1.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources acknowledges that the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), as provided in HRS Ch. 26-18 and Ch. 201, is charged with undertaking statewide business and economic development activities, including supporting the visitor industry.

Waikiki is an important commercial center of the visitor industry. Waikiki Beach is a critical element in the success of Waikiki in creating jobs and generating income for residents. Waikiki Beach needs to be restored and maintained in order to continue to support the state's economy.

Therefore, DLNR is requesting DBEDT to serve as the Proposing Agency to propose an action subject to disclosure of impacts as provided in HRS Chapter 343 and HAR 11-200.1. Please indicate acceptance of the role of Proposing Agency by signing below.

ACCEPTED:	DATE:
Junisan	Jul 8, 2024
James Kunane Tokioka	