

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 Repair Access Road and Waterline at Lilipuna Pier.

DATE: 1/30/2025

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 **Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities.**

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 2.
- Item Number K and Q.
- Applicable language from the exemption list: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height, and dimensions as the structure replaced.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION

Proposing Agency or Applicant: University of Hawai'i

Project Name & Address/Location: Repair Access Road and Waterline, Coconut Island

Anticipated Start Date: 1/31/2025

Anticipated End Date: 9/30/2025

Island and District: O`ahu Ko`olaupoko

Tax Map Key(s) and other geolocation means: TMK 1-4-6-001:001

All Necessary Permits and Approvals: [Click here to enter text.](#)

The following are agency responses to potential permits and approvals that may have been applicable to this project.

- 1) Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP)
 - a) Civil Engineering Branch Review – Not required. Project is in private property and less than one acre in disturbance
 - b) Special Management Area (SMA) – Multiple correspondences were sent to DPP Land Use Approval Branch for determination, without response. Under ROH Ch. 25 Article 7.1 “Emergency Permits”, this project is exempt.
- 2) Department of Health Clean Water Branch – SWPPP is not required since an NPDES permit is not required, due to less than one acre of disturbance.
- 3) Environmental Review Program (ERP) – ERP does not provide determinations for any documentation.

NARRATIVE

Describe the action and why it qualifies for the exemption: The project consists of the replacement/repair of an existing roadway pavement and waterline at the entrance of Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB) Lilipuna parking lot - Coconut Island, Kaneohe, Oahu. The existing pavement was damaged due to a failed waterline causing the undermining of the pavement and damaging its supporting system. Undermining has caused collateral damage to a wooden shed foundation which is causing it to lean outwards and a gate barrier arm and its sensors within the pavement were damaged. Work includes a temporary pedestrian walkway to bypass the damaged area. The repair project addresses the replacement of approximately 50 ft of the upper portion of the driveway. A portion of improvements is the installation of a 30 lf section of sewer line under the pavement. The pipe will be capped at both ends for future use. This section of pipe would have been installed under the Coconut Island Repair Sewer Lines project (declared and published in the June 8, 2023 "The Environmental Notice") but will be installed under this project to reduce future disturbance to the existing roadway. This action qualifies for an exemption because the work will reconstruct and replace the existing damaged waterline, roadway, and related equipment.

RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

Describe the site, including any impacts on the receiving environment: The location is an existing roadway pavement and waterline at the entrance of Lilipuna parking lot - Coconut Island, Kaneohe, Oahu. The access road is on a sloped vegetated area. The damaged area will be cleared, excavated, recompacted, and reconstructed. Proper Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be in place. Impact area is less than an acre.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

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

	Not Applicable
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Beach Access	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetlands | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Floodplains | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Riparian/Coastal Resources | <input 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 involves the reconstruction of existing driveway and waterline servicing Coconut Island.

MITIGATION

Describe all mitigation measures and best management practices planned to address impacts during the project activities and after project completion: (1) Topography and Geology: The project involves ground disturbance activities during the installation of the new sewer infrastructure, and water line and driveway repair. All ground disturbances will be restored to their original condition following construction and the project work is not expected to permanently alter the existing topographic and geologic conditions. (2) Soils: Groundbreaking activities will result in loose soils which will be susceptible to erosion if heavy rain occurs while work is being performed. The project will include an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan to prevent soil erosion. (3) Natural Hazards: Lilipuna Pier is categorized as Zone X and defined as an area with minimal flood hazards as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Impacts during flooding events will be minimized by both temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control measures. (4) Flora and Fauna: This project will involve the removal of vegetation in various areas, including landscaping and trees. HIMB will advise on any significant trees that require protection. (5) Wetlands: There are no wetlands located near Lilipuna Pier. The project work will not result in loss or destruction of existing wetland resources. (6) Air Quality: Dust may be generated because of ground disturbing and trenching activities, but the air quality should not be significantly impacted. Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to reduce potential impacts. (7) Noise: Noise disturbances to the surrounding area may occur due to construction activities. Noise impacts will be mitigated by complying with the Department of Health's community noise control regulations.

CONSULTATION

The following parties have been consulted about this declaration exemption (Name, affiliation, consultation date): The Environmental Review Program (ERP) was consulted on 11/18/24 to get clarification on requirements for submitting an Declaration of EA Exemption.

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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