

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION

From the preparation of an environmental assessment under the authority of Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), the law of Environmental Impact Statements, and Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 200.1, Subchapter 8.

AGENCY OR APPLICANT ACTION:

This exempt action is an agency action as defined by HRS Sections 343-5(a)(1) and 343-2, HAR Section 11-200.1-2, and HAR Chapter 200.1, Subchapter 8.

In accordance with HAR §11-200.1-16, the subject action is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to the Comprehensive Exemption List for the County of Kaua'i Department of Public Works and Department of Parks and Recreation, Exemption Class #10.3., Subdivision Consolidation of Public Lands, and HAR 11-200.1-15(c)(8).

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

County of Kaua'i transfer of Hā'ena Beach Park and Maniniholo Cave to the State of Hawai'i for continued public use.

Proposing Agency:	County of Kaua'i Department of Parks and Recreation
Project Name & Address/Location:	5-7920 Kūhiō Highway, Hanalei, HI 96714 / TMKs: (4) 5-9-005:019 and (4) 5-9-005:017
Approximate Start Date of Action:	February 27, 2026
Approximate End Date of Action:	May 27, 2026

NARRATIVE:

The County of Kaua'i proposes to transfer the Hā'ena Beach Park and Maniniholo Cave to the State of Hawai'i for continued public use as it would be beneficial to have one agency overseeing and managing both Hā'ena Beach Park and Hā'ena State Park/Kē'ē Beach.

CONSULTATION:

The following parties were consulted regarding this declaration of exemption:
Kaaina Hull, Director, Kaua'i County Planning Department
Alan Carpenter, Administrator, State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks

EXEMPT DECLARATION

The individual, direct, cumulative, or potential impacts of the above-described action were considered pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Chapter 11-200.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules. I

declare that this action will have minimal or no significant effect on the environment. This action is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Patrick Porter

Patrick Porter (Mar 6, 2026 11:40:32 HST)

PATRICK T. PORTER

Director of Parks and Recreation, County of Kaua'i

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