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EIS PREPARATION NOTICE

The following proposed action has been determined to require an environmental impact statement. Anyone can be consulted in the preparation of the EIS by writing to the listed contacts. 30 days are allowed for requests to be a consulted party.

KAUAI BELT ROAD, HANAIEI BRIDGE AND APPROACHES, PROJECT NO. BRF-056-1(20), HANAIEI DISTRICT, KAUAI, State Dept. of Transportation, Highways Division

The State Department of Transportation proposes improvements encompassing a Hanalei River crossing which would meet the current design standards for bridge loading and geometrics (pavement and shoulder widths). Rehabilitation of the existing bridge will be considered during the study. Also proposed are improvements to Kauai Belt Road from Hanalei Town to Princeville to improve safety. The project site is located in the Hanalei District on the island of Kauai. The proposed action considers alternative bridge improvements, and includes the improvements to Kauai Belt Road from Princeville to Hanalei Town. The total project length is about 2.9 miles. The alternative new bridge sites are all located downstream (northerly) of, and within about 600 ft. of the existing bridge crossing. Improvements to the highway should result in a safer highway relative to horizontal and vertical alignments.

Contact: Department of Transportation
Planning Branch
600 Kapiolani Blvd., Room 301
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Deadline: June 22, 1983.

NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS

The following are Negative Declarations or determinations made by proposing or approving agencies that certain proposed actions will not have significant effects on the environment and therefore do not require EIS's (EIS Reg. 1:4p). Publication in the Bulletin of a Negative Declaration initiates a 60-day period during which litigation measures may be instituted. Copies are available at 25 cents per page upon request to the Commission. Written comments should be submitted to the agency responsible for the determination (indicated in project title). The Commission would appreciate a copy of your comments.

OAHU

LIKELIKE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS, KULA KOLEA TO KALIHI STREETS, PROJECT NOS. 63A-02-81 AND 63A-03-81, HONOLULU, OAHU, State Dept. of Transportation, Highways Division

The Highways Division of the Department of Transportation, State of

Hawaii, proposes to improve the safety and movement of inbound traffic on Likelike Highway heading toward the City of Honolulu. Improvements proposed are:

1. The addition of a third inbound lane by widening the existing pavement from Kalihi Street to Kula Kolea Drive.
2. The installation of traffic signals at the Wilson Street intersection and at the Kam IV Road intersection.
3. The installation of new high pressure sodium street lights from School Street up to Valley View Drive.
4. The installation of a reinforced concrete barrier above Kula Kolea Drive.
5. The construction of a pedestrian structure at Kalihi Stream and the removal of the existing pedestrian underpass.

These improvements are needed to improve traffic safety at unsignalized intersections and to relieve traffic congestion along Likelike Highway during the morning peak period.

LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS, STATE CAPITAL COMPLEX, HONOLULU, OAHU, Dept. of Accounting and General Services

The Department of Accounting and General Services proposes to provide landscaping for the area between Vineyard Garage and Beretania Street. The project area is approx. 5 acres and is a part of the Hawaii State Capital Complex. The landscaping project will encompass areas that are presently being utilized for parking. Approx. 206 parking spaces will be eliminated. Replacement parking will be provided in parking garages.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT USE APPLICATION FOR COMMUNICATION RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS AT THE KOOLAU SUBSTATION AND MALAE BASE RADIO STATION, KANEOHE, OAHU, Hawaiian Electric Co., Inc./Dept. of Land and Natural Resources

The applicant proposes to install a new 10-ft. diameter microwave dish antenna on top of a new 38-ft. high steel pole at the Koolau Substation (TMK: 4-5-42:7). This new antenna will replace an existing antenna now aimed at the Malae Radio Station. The microwave antenna will be a grid type to minimize support structure size and visual impact. The applicant also proposes to install the following at its Malae Base Radio Station (TMK: 4-4-12:3):

1. A new 10-ft. diameter microwave dish antenna to communicate with the Koolau Substation.
2. A new 6-ft. diameter microwave dish antenna to communicate with the Laie area.
3. A new two section mobile radio antenna (similar to a TV antenna) for transmission of radio communications with HECO's radio equipped cars and trucks.

These three new communication facilities will be erected on a new 12-ft. high steel lattice structure which is 5 ft. square. This steel lattice structure will be mounted on an existing 12-ft. high building located within the bounds of the Malae Radio Station.

ZONING VARIANCE TO ALLOW THE CONTINUANCE OF A RESTAURANT USE IN A FORMER NON-CONFORMING RESTAURANT SPACE AND TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEPARATE ENTRANCE WITHIN THE BUILDING SETBACK IN WAIKIKI, OAHU, Denny's, Inc./City and County of Honolulu Dept. of Land Utilization

The applicant proposes to renovate and construct interior alterations to an existing restaurant space, (formerly Tokyo Joe's Restaurant) in the Royal Aloha Apartment Building (TMK: 2-6-14:26 and 31), 1909 Ala Wai Blvd., Waikiki, Oahu. The restaurant is situated on the first floor of the Royal Aloha Apartment Building on the mauka ewa corner. It has an area of approx. 5,100 sq. ft. Continued use of the space as a restaurant is sought through a zoning variance. The major exterior alteration will be the construction of an entrance within the 20-ft. building setback on McCully St. The zoning variance is required to allow the restaurant use to continue under the new operation, and to permit an encroachment into the building setback.

SHORELINE SETBACK VARIANCE (SSV) FOR THE INDENTED PORTION OF THE SEAWALL, FRONTING THE PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL, ALONG THE MAKAI-DIAMOND HEAD SIDE OF THE HALEKULANI HOTEL, WAIKIKI, HONOLULU, OAHU, Halekulani Corporation/City and County of Honolulu Dept. of Land Utilization

The applicant proposes to realign and construct a 40+ ft. long, indented portion of the seawall, fronting the proposed swimming pool, along the makai-Diamond Head side of the Halekulani Hotel, 2199 Kalia Road, Waikiki, Oahu, (TMK: 2-6-4:5-8). This portion of the seawall would be mauka of and adjoining the certified shoreline within the 40-ft. Shoreline Setback Area. The 40+ ft. long indented portion of seawall, with a public pedestrian walkway and planter divider, will follow the certified shoreline along the makai-Diamond Head side of the Halekulani Hotel and will connect to the State-owned portion of the seawall fronting the Hotel. The seawall is necessary to support the foundation of the proposed mauka swimming pool. The applicant and the DLNR are currently negotiating the jurisdiction, ownership, and liability of the proposed portion of seawall.

HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FACILITY, HILO, HAWAII, Dept. of Accounting and General Services

The negative declaration for the project was published in the September 23, 1982 EQC Bulletin. The scope of the project has since been revised. The project now consists of the design and construction of a 7,575 sq. ft. facility with parking space for 15 vehicles for the Plant Industry Facility of the Department of Agriculture in Hilo, Hawaii. Previously the project was to design and construct a 10,275 sq. ft. facility for the consolidation of the Department of Agriculture offices in Hilo. It would have replaced existing wooden structures and house offices now located in the State Office Building. However, due to the revision of the scope of the project, the new facility will be strictly for the Plant Industry Facility. The project will upgrade the Plant Industry Facility, improve operations and enable the Department of Agriculture to better serve the public. The estimate cost of design and construction is \$1,635,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

EIS's listed in this section are available for review at the following public depositories: Environmental Quality Commission; Legislative Reference Bureau; Municipal Reference and Records Center (Oahu EIS's); Hamilton Library; State Main Library and the Kaimuki, Kaneohe, Pearl City, Hilo, Kahului and Lihue Regional Libraries. Statements are also available at State Branch Libraries that are in proximity to the site of a proposed action (indicated by project description).

Comments on the following EIS's may be sent to: 1) the accepting authority, and 2) the proposing agency. Please note the deadline date for submitting written comments on the EIS.

WAINIHA ENVIRONMENTAL	HYDROELECTRIC IMPACT	PROJECT STATEMENT,
WAINIHA VALLEY, KAUAI, TMK: 5-8-01:1; 5-8-02:2, McBryde Sugar Co., Ltd./Dept. of Land and Natural Resources		

McBryde Sugar Company, Ltd., has operated a hydroelectric plant on the Wainiha River on Kauai, Hawaii, since 1906. The long-term success of this plant and the remaining economic resource of the river are such that McBryde proposes to construct a second run-of-the-river hydroelectric plant upstream of the existing plant. The proposed hydroelectric system will be similar to the existing one in that it will consist of a diversion weir, intake and headworks, water conductors, powerhouse, electrical transforming substation, transmission line and access road. The proposed plant will cost about \$10 million to construct and will generate about 22 million kilowatt hours per year. The output of the plant will be sold to Kauai Electric Company (KE). The project will have certain short-term impacts during construction, such as an increase in turbidity in the river. Longer term impacts center on fish populations. Although the present plant has had little discernible impact, some uncertainty remains about the long term impact of the proposed project. In order to reduce its perceived impact, McBryde proposes to eliminate entrainment of fish by installing fish screens in both the proposed and existing projects. Also, McBryde proposes to implement a program of flow releases to the river downstream of the new weir during prolonged periods of low natural flow. This program will cause the effects of diversions by the

upstream project to be no more severe than those of the existing plant. Thus, McBryde believes that the proposed project is environmentally feasible. The proposed project will have significant benefits. As a clean, renewable energy source, the project will save about \$1.5 million per year in imported oil and result in a direct benefit of \$339,000 per year to KE's customers. Other benefits will be improved system reliability, reduced air pollution from fossil fuel combustion, and creation of jobs during construction. The project will benefit McBryde by providing income which will offset the severe fluctuations in sugar revenues. This will help to ensure the long-term viability of McBryde, a mainstay to the economy of Kauai and its people.

This EIS is also available for inspection at the Kauai Community College Library, Hanapepe Library, Kapaa Library, Koloa Community School Library, and Waimea Library.

Deadline: June 22, 1983.

EIS'S SUBMITTED FOR ACCEPTANCE. The following EIS's have been submitted for acceptance and contain comments and responses made during the review and response period.

REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR HONOKAHUA WELL "B," LAHAINA DISTRICT, MAUI, HAWAII, County of Maui Dept. of Water Supply

Previously published May 8, 1983.

This EIS is also available for inspection at the Maui Community College Library.

Status: Currently being processed by the Office of the Mayor, County of Maui and OEQC.

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE PROPOSED IOLANI SCHOOL
PROPERTIES PROJECT, KAMOOALII,
KOOLAUPOKO, KANEHOE, OAHU, Iolani
School/State Land Use Commission

Previously published May 8, 1983.

Status: Currently being processed by
the State Land Use
Commission.

EQC RECOMMENDATION ON IOLANI SCHOOL
PROPERTIES PROJECT

In response to a request by the State Land Use Commission regarding the acceptability of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Iolani School Properties Project in Kaneohe, Oahu, the EQC found the EIS appropriate for Phase I. However, it was noted that the impacts of Phases IIA and IIB were not addressed and therefore in conflict with EQC Regulations.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the State Department of Transportation (DOT) has rescheduled its public meetings, on the proposed Makai Boulevard Concept, Nimitz Hwy. between Keehi I.C. and Pier 18, Project No. F-092-1(16), to the following dates:

- 1) Public Informational Meeting
Date: May 25, 1983
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Puuhale Elementary
School Cafetorium
345 Puuhale Road
- 2) Corridor and Design Public
Hearing
Date: June 15, 1983
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Puuhale Elementary
School Cafetorium
345 Puuhale Road

The primary purpose of the May 25, 1983 informational meeting is to inform the public of the alternatives under consideration by the Department of Transportation and to answer questions concerning any of the project's proposals. The primary purpose of the public hearing is to receive evidences and formal testimonies which would be entered into the official record for this project and which the Department of Transportation would weigh before decision making. Maps, the draft Environmental Impact Statement as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and written views received as a result of coordination with other government agencies are available for public inspection and copying at the following locations:

Department of Transportation
Highways Division, Planning Branch
600 Kapiolani Blvd., Room 304
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 50206
300 Ala Moana Blvd.
Honolulu, HI 96850

The draft Environmental Impact Statement is also available for public review and copying at the following locations:

Office of Environmental
Quality Control
550 Halekauwila Street, Room 301
Honolulu, Hawaii

Hawaii State Library
478 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

Kalihi-Palama Library
1526 Kalihi Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

Affected parties are urged to attend and participate in these meetings. Those unable or desiring not to appear at the meetings are urged to file signed statements presenting their views on this project. Such statements should be submitted by June 29, 1983 and are to be addressed to: Director, Department of Transportation, 869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

PUBLIC HEARING FOR WAIMANALO FACILITY PLAN AND EIS

In compliance with the public participation guidelines established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Division of Wastewater Management, Department of Public Works, City and County of Honolulu and the consultant firm of Wilson Okamoto and Associates, Inc. will hold a Public Hearing to consult with the public on wastewater facilities for the Waimanalo area. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 1983, at 7:00 p.m. at the Waimanalo Community-School Library, Assembly Room, located at 41-1320 Kalaniana'ole Hwy., Waimanalo, Oahu, Hawaii. A Facility Plan and EIS have been initiated to study alternatives and identify a recommended wastewater system for Waimanalo. The purpose of this meeting is to present the selected alternatives before final adoption of the Facility Plan. Interested persons are invited to present their written and/or oral views. Written comments may be submitted at any time up to and including the day of the meeting without personal appearance. Those persons wishing to present a statement in person at the hearing are requested but not required to submit three (3) copies of the proposed comments to the address below. Oral presentations will be limited to an initial three (3) minutes. If you desire further information, please write to the address below or call the person indicated.

Dr. Michael J. Chun
Director and Chief Engineer
Department of Public Works
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

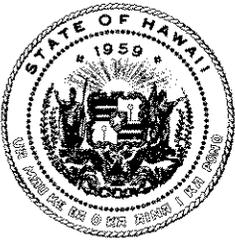
Contact Person:
Jay Hamai
523-4067

FREE EISs!

The OEQC and EQC has limited copies of extra draft and revised EISs available for anyone who wants them. These EISs are available on a first come, first choice basis. The EISs are located at 550 Halekauwila Street, Room 301, Honolulu, Hawaii. For those on the neighbor islands who do not have an opportunity to come to Honolulu, please send or phone the name of the desired EISs. Arrangements will be made to get the copies to you, if they are available. These EISs will not be mailed to an Oahu address.

OEQC LIBRARY

The OEQC Library is open to the public, Monday - Friday, 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Draft EISs, revised EISs, reference books and periodicals are available for use. The library is located at 550 Halekauwila Street, Room 301, Honolulu, Hawaii.



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