

# The Environmental Notice July 23, 2025

JOSH GREEN, M.D., GOVERNOR MARY ALICE EVANS, DIRECTOR The Environmental Notice provides public notice for projects undergoing environmental review in Hawai'i as mandated under Section 343-3, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, the Environmental Impact Statement Law. Along with publishing Environmental Assessments (EAs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for projects in Hawai'i. The Environmental Notice also includes other items related to the shoreline, coastal zone, and federal activities.





The County of Kaua'i proposes the development of a 417-acre property located in Waimea, Kaua'i.

photo from the project's EIS Preparation Notice

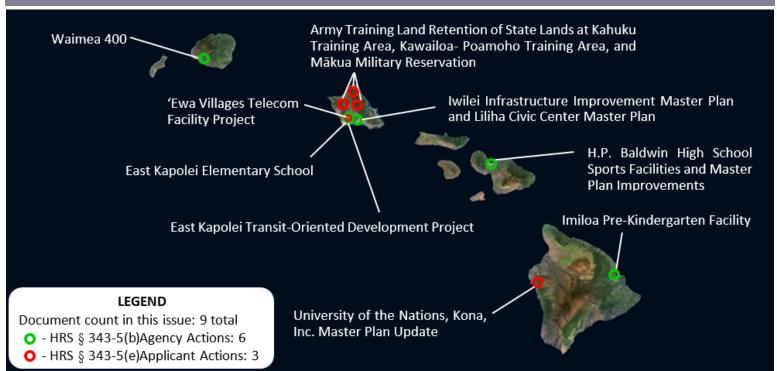
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is still seeking new members. To learn more about the work of the EAC, visit their <u>webpage</u>. To apply to be on the EAC, submit this <u>online application</u> under Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism Environmental Advisory Council.
- The 2025 Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials (HCPO) will take place on August 27-29, 2025 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. Registration is available <u>online</u>. Visit the <u>OPSD HCPO webpage</u> for more information.
- The EAC will be holding a Chapter 343 Exemptions Forum at HCPO on August 28th, 2025. The session will discuss the decision-making process for exemptions, the legal basis for exemptions, how agencies prepare exemption lists, and how individual exemptions are prepared and published.





# Hawai'ı EAs/EISs

## Imiloa Pre-Kindergarten Facility – Final EA (FONSI)

HRS §343- 5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds			
District(s)	South Hilo			
TMK(s)	(3) 2-4-001:007 (portion)			
Permit(s)	HRS Chapter 343 Compliance; HRS Chapter 6E Compliance; National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit; Community Noise Permit (If Applicable); Plan Approval; Grading, grubbing, Stockpiling Permit; Building Permits for Building, Electrical, Plumbing, & Driveway; Permit to Work within County Right-of-Way (If Applicable); Sewer Connection; Water Connection; Federal Aviation Administration Form 7460-1 Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration			
Proposing/	State of Hawai'i, Hawaii School Facilities Authority			
Determining	Doug Cullison, (808) 375-1414, doug.cullison@hisfa.org			
Agency	2759 South King Street, Room H201, Honolulu, HI 96826			
Consultant	Bowers and Kubota Consulting, Inc.; 2153 N King Street, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96819			
	Malachi Krishok, (808) 521-5361, <a href="mailto:mkrishok@bowersandkubota.com">mkrishok@bowersandkubota.com</a>			
Status	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination			

The Proposed Action includes the construction of three buildings: two classroom buildings with covered lanais and an administrative building, along with additional amenities such as a covered outdoor piko gathering area and enclosed outdoor learning environment. Each classroom building would include two classrooms each designed to accommodate 20 students, 1 teacher, and 1-2 teacher's assistants or family volunteers. In total, the four classrooms would have the capacity to serve up to 80 children of preschool ages 3-5 years old.

The classrooms will feature a warming kitchen and separate child-height sinks. Combined assisted-use toilet rooms with child-height handwashing stations will also be provided in each classroom building. The outdoor learning environment will be enclosed by an exterior fence to ensure a safe and secure setting. 12 new parking new parking stalls would be constructed west of the Project Site along 'Imiloa Place, which will continue to provide two-way ingress/egress from Nowelo Street to the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center and the proposed prekindergarten facility. Plans also include a new cul-de-sac for drop-off and pick-up.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Hawaii School Facilities Authority consultant, Malachi Krishok, at <a href="mailto:mkrishok@bowersandkubota.com">mkrishok@bowersandkubota.com</a>.

## University of the Nations, Kona, Inc. Master Plan Update – Withdrawal of FEIS

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HRS §343-	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds			
5(a) Trigger				
District(s)	South Kona			
TMK(s)	(3) 7-5-010:085; (3) 7-5-017:006			
Permit(s)	Various			
Approving	State of Hawai'i, State Land Use Commission			
Agency /	Martina Segura, (808) 587-3825, martina.t.segura@hawaii.gov			
Accepting	P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, HI 96804			
Authority				
Applicant	University of the Nations, Kona, Inc.; 75-5851 Kuakini Highway, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740			
	David Hamilton, (808) 326-7228, studentservices@uofnkona.edu			
Consultant	G70; 111 South King Street, Suite 170, Honolulu, HI 96813			
	Jeff Overton, (808) 523-5866, <u>uofnkona@g70.design</u>			
Status	The Applicant is withdrawing the FEIS Vol 1 and Vol 2, published on June 23, 2025.			

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in the June 23, 2025, edition of The Environmental Notice. Following publication, it was discovered that a comment letter received during the public comment period under the Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice was inadvertently omitted. Although we do not believe this omission affects the scope or substance of the FEIS, it was determined that the FEIS nevertheless should be withdrawn so that the necessary corrections can be made. Following that, the corrected FEIS will be simultaneously submitted to the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission (LUC) for acceptance and to the State of Hawai'i Office of Planning and Sustainable Development's Environmental Review Program (ERP) for publication in The Environmental Notice.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the University of the Nations, Kona, Inc. consultant, Kiralee Ramos, at <a href="mailto:kiraleeg70.design">kirar@g70.design</a>.

# Maui EAs/EISs

## H.P. Baldwin High School Sports Facilities and Master Plan Improvements – Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343- 5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds					
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District(s)	Wailuku					
TMK(s)	(2)3-8-007:004 and (2)3-8-007:055(por.)					
Permit(s)	Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), Environmental Assessment; Chapter 6E, HRS Historic Preservation					
	Compliance; Chapter 11-46 Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR); Community Noise Control, as applicable; Chapter 11-60.1-					
	33, HAR, Fugitive Dust, as applicable; National Pollutants Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, as applicable;					
	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Design Review; Construction Permits; Height Variance					
Proposing/	State of Hawai'i, Department of Education					
Determining	Denise Gibo, (808) 784-6200, denise.gibo@k12.hi.us					
Agency	1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813					
Consultant	Munekiyo Hiraga; 305 High Street, Suite 104, Wailuku, Hawaiʻi 96793					
	Emily Murai, (808) 983-1233, planning@munekiyohiraga.com					
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by August 22, 2025. Please click on title					
	link above to read the document, then send comments to planning@munekiyohiraga.com.					

The proposed H.P. Baldwin High School Sports Facilities and Master Plan improvements involve the construction of locker rooms, a weight room, a training room, track and practice field, four (4) physical education classrooms, a two-story building with 14 classrooms, as well as an agricultural education site and building. Additional site improvements to be implemented as part of the project will includes Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible ramps, utility installations, grading, drainage improvements, parking and landscaping.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Education consultant, Emily Murai, at <a href="mailto:planning@munekiyohiraga.com">planning@munekiyohiraga.com</a>.

# Kaua'ı EAs/EISs

## Waimea 400 – (EIS Preparation Notice)

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HRS §343- 5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds				
District(s)	Waimea				
TMK(s)	(4) 1-2-006:009; (4) 1-2-006:036; and (4) 1-2-006:037				
Permit(s)	State Land Use District Boundary Amendment, HRS 6E-8 Review, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Zone Change, Grading, Grubbing, Trenching and Stockpiling Permits, Electrical Connection, NEPA Environmental Assessment, NHPA Section 106, CWA Section 404 Permit				
Proposing Agency	County of Kaua'i, Department of Public Works Wade Lord, (808) 241-4906, wlord@kauai.gov 4444 Rice Street, Suite 275, Lihue, HI 96766				
Accepting Authority	County of Kaua'i, Department of Public Works Troy Tanigawa, (808) 241-4992, ttanigawa@kauai.gov 4444 Rice Street, Suite 275, Lihue, HI 96766				
Consultant	Bowers + Kubota Consulting, Inc.; 2153 N King Street, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96819 Mike Nishimura, (808) 521-5361, mnishimura@bowersandkubota.com				
Status	Administrative 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by August 22, 2025. Comments may be submitted via their website at <a href="https://waimea400.com">https://waimea400.com</a> . A public scoping meeting will be held on August 6, 2025 at 5:00 PM at Waimea Canyon Middle School.				

The County of Kaua'i proposes the development of a 417-acre property located in Waimea, Kaua'i on County-owned lands identified as Tax Map Keys (TMKs) (4) 1-2-006:009, :036, and :037, known as "Waimea 400." The Waimea 400 parcel is located mauka of Kaumuali'i Highway between Kekaha and Waimea and is envisioned to include a range of uses that will serve the West Kaua'i and broader island-wide community in perpetuity. The Conceptual Master Plan includes areas for affordable housing, agriculture, recreation, trails and paths, community use, and overall site drainage, flood storage and wetlands restoration. The program design and planning are being led by the County of Kaua'i Department of Public Works and Kaua'i County Housing Agency, with involvement from other County agencies and input from community stakeholders.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Public Works consultant, Malachi Krishok, at <a href="mailto:mkrishok@bowersandkubota.com">mkrishok@bowersandkubota.com</a>.

# O'AHU EAS/EISS

<u>Army Training Land Retention of State Lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawailoa- Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua</u> Military Reservation – (Non-Acceptance of Final EIS)

HRS §343-	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds				
5(a) Trigger	(2) Propose any use within any land classified as a conservation district				
District(s)	O'ahu - multiple districts				
TMK(s)	(1) 5-8-002:002; 5-9-006:026; 7-2-001:006; 6-9-003:001 (por.); 8-1-001:008 and portions of 007 & 012; and 8-2-001:001, 022, 024, 025, and portions of 002				
Permit(s)	Numerous				
Approving	State of Hawai'i, DLNR Land Division				
Agency	lan Hirokawa, (808) 587-0419, dlnr.land@hawaii.gov				
	1151 Punchbowl Street Room 220, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813				
Accepting	Board of Land and Natural Resources				
Authority					
Applicant	U.S. Army Garrison-Hawai'i & U.S. Army Installation Management Command				
	948 Santos Dumont Avenue, Building 105, 3rd Floor, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI 96857-5013				
	Phi Dang, (520) 687-2395, usarmy.hawaii.nepa@army.mil				
Consultant	G70; 111 S. King Street, Suite 170, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813				
	Jeff Overton, (808) 523-5866, ATLR-OAHU-EIS@g70.design				
Status	On June 27, 2025, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board, the Accepting Authority of the final Environmental				
	Impact Statement (EIS), voted not to accept the final EIS Vol 1, Vol 2, Vol 3, and Vol 4.				

Since 1964, the Army has leased approximately 6,322 acres on O'ahu from the State of Hawai'i. The leases expire on August 16, 2029. The Army proposes to retain up to approximately 6,322 acres of State-owned lands at KTA, Poamoho, and MMR in support of continued military training (Proposed Action). The purpose of the Proposed Action is to enable U.S. Army Hawaii (USARHAW) to continue to conduct military training on the State-owned lands within KTA, Poamoho, and MMR to meet its ongoing training requirements. The Proposed Action is needed to provide austere training environments, preserve maneuver areas, enable access between U.S. Government-owned lands in these three training areas, retain infrastructure investments, and allow for future facility and infrastructure modernization in support of USARHAW-coordinated training. The Proposed Action is a real estate action that would enable continuation of ongoing activities and does not include construction or changes in ongoing activities.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Land and Natural Resources Planner, Lauren Yasaka, at <a href="mailto:lauren.e.yasaka@hawaii.gov">lauren.e.yasaka@hawaii.gov</a>.

# O'AHU EAS/EISS CONTINUED

## East Kapolei Elementary School - Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343- 5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
District(s)	'Ewa
TMK(s)	(1) 9-1-017:208
Permit(s)	HRS 6E, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit, Community Noise Permit/Variance, Grading Permit, Building Permit, Permit to Operate/Transport Oversize/Overweight Vehicles over State Highways, Street Usage Permit
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai'i, Department of Education Jadine Urasaki, (808) 784-5040, jadine.urasaki@k12.hi.us PO Box 2360, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
Consultant	SSFM International, Inc.; 99 Aupuni Street, Suite 220, Pahoa, HI 96778  Jennifer Scheffel, (808) 356-1273, jscheffel@ssfm.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by August 22, 2025. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to the agency and copy the consultant.

The Hawai'i Department of Education is planning to build a new elementary school on an 11.861-acre site within the Ho'opili area of in the East Kapolei area of 'Ewa Beach on the Island of O'ahu. The planned enrollment for the school is 750 students.

The school would consist of five buildings, including a 1-story Administration Center, a 1-story Library/Media Center, a multi-purpose Cafetorium with full service kitchen and a covered multi-purpose play court pavilion, all arranged around a central outdoor play and learning commons.

The school would also include multi-purpose play fields, approximately 164 offsite parking stalls, loading areas, and Fire Department accessways, utilities and landscaping. The school would strive to achieve LEED for Schools v4 Silver Certification.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Education consultant, Jennifer Scheffel, at jscheffel@ssfm.com.

# <u>East Kapolei Transit-Oriented Development Project – Draft EIS Vol I, Vol III, Vol IV, 2024 Public Scoping Meeting Audio, and 2025 Public Scoping Meeting Audio</u>

HRS §343-	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds				
5(a) Trigger	(2) Hopose the ase of state of county lands of the ase of state of county lands				
District(s)	'Ewa				
TMK(s)	(1) 9-1-016:008; 9-1-017:096(por.); 9-1-017:097; 9-1-017:098(por.); 9-1-017:099; 9-1-017:163; 9-1-017:193(por.); 9-1-				
	018:008; 9-1-018:014; 9-1-018:015(por.); Kualakaʻi Parkway Right-of-Way (ROW)(por.); and Farrington Highway				
	ROW(por.)				
Permit(s)	See Chapter IX of Draft EIS				
Proposing/	State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources				
Determining	Ian Hirokawa, (808) 587-0419, ian.c.hirokawa@hawaii.gov				
Agency	1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96813				
Accepting	State of Hawai'i, Governor				
Authority	Josh Green, (808) 586-0034, https://governor.hawaii.gov/contact-us/contact-the-governor/				
	415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813				
Consultant	Munekiyo Hiraga; 305 High Street, Suite 104, Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793				
	Tessa Munekiyo Ng, (808) 983-1233, dlnrkapolei@munekiyohiraga.com				
Status	Statutory 45-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by September 8, 2025. Please send				
	comments to <a href="mailto:dlnrkapolei@munekiyohiraga.com">dlnrkapolei@munekiyohiraga.com</a> .				

The proposed action involves the development of the East Kapolei Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Project which will include the development of a transit-oriented, mixed-use hub with commercial, retail, hotel, medical, and affordable, workforce, and market-rate rental housing along with light industrial uses in the East Kapolei TOD area in 'Ewa, O'ahu, Hawai'i. The project area totals approximately 170 acres of land adjacent to or in proximity of the Keone'ae Rail Station, the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu (UHWO) and the Ho'opili master planned community.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Land and Natural Resources consultant, Tessa Munekiyo Ng, at <a href="mailto:dlnrkapolei@munekiyohiraga.com">dlnrkapolei@munekiyohiraga.com</a>.

# O'AHU EAS/EISS CONTINUED

## Iwilei Infrastructure Improvement Master Plan and Liliha Civic Center Master Plan – (Acceptance of Final EIS)

HRS §343-	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds				
5(a) Trigger	(4) Propose any use within any historic site as designated in the National Register or Hawai'i Register				
District(s)	Honolulu				
TMK(s)	Iwilei Master Plan Area: See Exhibit B of FEIS for full list of TMKs;				
	Liliha CC Site: (1) 1-5-007:001				
Permit(s)	Grading & Stockpiling Permits, Construction Dewatering Permits, Demolition Permits, Subdivision Permits, Building				
	Permits, Trenching Permits, Sewer Connection Permits, Certificates of Occupancy, TOD Special District Permits, Street				
	Usage Permits, DTS Plan Review, NPDES Permits, DCAB Review, Noise Permits, Chapter 6E HRS (Archaeological Review),				
	OPSD Review, Lane Use/Occupancy Permits, FAA Form 7460-1, FAA Form 7460-1 - Glint and Glare Analysis				
Proposing/	State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation				
Determining	Albert Palmer, (808) 587-0500, albert.h.palmer@hawaii.gov				
Agency	677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, HI 96813				
Accepting	Office of the Governor				
Authority	Governor Josh Green, (808) 586-0034, https://governor.hawaii.gov/contact-us/contact-the-governor/				
	415 South Beretania Street, Executive Chambers, Hawai'i State Capitol, Honolulu, HI 96813				
Consultant	PBR HAWAII & Associates, Inc.; 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 650, Honolulu, HI 96813				
	Tom Schnell, (808) 521-5631, sysadmin@pbrhawaii.com				
Status	The FEIS has been accepted by the Governor.				

The Proposed Action encompasses two interconnected components:

The Iwilei Infrastructure Improvement Master Plan covers a 555-acre area in Iwilei-Kapālama, Honolulu, Oʻahu. It advances State and City & County of Honolulu Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) goals by proposing infrastructure improvements to support future TOD redevelopment, including upgrades to sewer, water, drainage, stormwater, transportation, electrical, natural gas, and telecommunications systems to enable development of nearly 27,500 new housing units and change in uses for nearly 2 million square feet of commercial, institutional, industrial, and mixed-use space.

The Liliha Civic Center Master Plan proposes a mixed-use development on a 3.79-acre site in Iwilei, Honolulu. A collaboration between HHFDC and DAGS, the plan aims to create up to 219,000 square feet of State office space; 600 rental and/or for-sale leasehold residential units; commercial/retail space; parking; open space; and landscaping.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation consultant, Greg Nakai, at <a href="mailto:sysadmin@pbrhawaii.com">sysadmin@pbrhawaii.com</a>.

# O'AHU EAS/EISS CONTINUED

## 'Ewa Villages Telecom Facility Project – Final EA (FONSI)

HRS §343-	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds			
5(a) Trigger				
District(s)	'Ewa			
TMK(s)	(1) 9-01-082:009 (portion)			
Permit(s)	Conditional Use Permit-Minor; HRS § 6E Historic Preservation Review; Zoning Waiver; Building; Conditional Use Permit-			
	Minor; HRS § 6E Historic Preservation Review; Zoning Waiver; Building			
Approving	City and County of Honolulu, Department of Enterprise Services			
Agency	Jordan Abe, (808) 768-7201, jabe@honolulu.gov			
	777 Ward Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814			
Applicant	TowerCo; 5000 Valleystone Drive, Suite 200, Cary, North Carolina 27519			
	Brian Perrott, (401) 281-9729, <a href="mailto:bperrott@ebiconsulting.com">bperrott@ebiconsulting.com</a>			
Consultant	Planning Solutions, Inc.; 711 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 950, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813			
	Makena White, (808) 550-4538, makena@psi-hi.com			
Status	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination			

TowerCo is proposing to construct and manage a telecom facility, that includes a 120-foot-tall monopole, on a small portion of TMK No. 9-1-182:009, which is occupied by 'Ewa Villages Golf Course. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a strategically placed facility from which multiple service providers can improve and expand mobile communication services in the region. The project site is in the State of Hawai'i's Urban Land Use District and, while most of the golf course is in the City and County of Honolulu's AG-1 Restricted Agricultural District, the project site is in the R-5 Residential District.

The proposed project would use a 50-by-50-foot area near the golf course's parking lot. The 120-foot-tall monopole and associated infrastructure would be within a fenced area that would be shielded by landscaping and would not affect golf play. The monopole is currently envisioned to have a monopine disguise that would consist of radio frequency transparent branches from roughly 40 to 125 feet above ground. The facility could support the operations of up to four service providers and improve service for the rapidly expanding population in the region.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the TowerCO consultant, Makena White, at makena@psi-hi.com.

## PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OPEN FOR COMMENT

**Status:** The comment period for these projects began previously. Please click on the links below to read a document, then send comments to the relevant agency and copy any relevant applicant and/or consultant identified in the submission form that follows the initial agency letter.

**COMMENTS DUE JULY 23, 2025** 

Maui

Maui Aloha 'Aina Project – Draft EA (AFNSI)

O'AHU

Oahu Subsea Cable Telecommunications Project – Draft EA (AFNSI)

**COMMENTS DUE AUGUST 7, 2025** 

Kaua'i

Hokua Place 201H Housing Project – (EIS Preparation Notice)

<u>Pacific Missile Range Facility and Kōke'e Park Geophysical Observatory Real Estate Action – Draft EIS Vol 1,</u>
<u>Appendices Vol 2, Appendices Vol 3, Appendices Vol 4, and Public Scoping Meetings Audio Recording</u>

ΜΔιιι

Hana Highway at Kalepa Point Road Repairs – Draft EA (AFNSI)

Waikakoi and South Wailua Bridge Replacement Project – Draft EA (AFNSI)

O'AHU

Replacement of Waialua Beach Road Bridge (Bridge No. 605) Over Ki'iki'i Stream – Draft EA (AFNSI)

## **COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICES**

## SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (SMA) MINOR PERMITS

The SMA Minor permits below have been approved (<u>HRS § 205A-30</u>). For more information, contact the relevant county/state planning agency: Honolulu [(808) 768-8015]; Hawai'i [East (808) 961-8288], [West (808) 323-4770]; Kaua'i [(808) 241-4050]; Maui [(808) 270-7735]; Kaka'ako or Kalaeloa Community Development District [(808) 587-2846]

Location (TMK)	(TMK) Description (File No.)		
Oahu: Hauʻula (5-3-014:026)	Construction of a 1,581-sq. ft. ground-level dwelling unit with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a two-car garage, storage and utility area; (2025/SMA-47)	Jason & Kikiana Hurwitz/James Hayes, Planning Solutions.	
Oʻahu: Honolulu (3-9-016:012)	Retaining of a six-foot-high concrete rubble masonry wall and wood fence around the perimeter of a vacant lot on a 15,681 sq. ft. non-shoreline lot in Hawai'i Kai; (2025/SMA-40)	K Asset Management Co. Ltd.	

# SHORELINE NOTICES

## Applications for Shoreline Certification

The shoreline certification applications below are available for review and comment at the Department of Land and Natural Resources offices on Kaua'i, Hawai'i, Maui, and Honolulu, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220 (HRS § 205A-42 and HAR § 13-222-12). Maps and photos of each application file can be viewed here. All comments shall be submitted in writing to the State Land Surveyor, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, HI 96813 and postmarked no later than 15 calendar days from the date of this public notice of the application. For more information, contact Rebecca Anderson at rebecca.l.anderson@hawaii.gov.

File No.	Location	ZIP Code	тмк	Applicant	Owner
OA-2149*	56-155 Kamehameha	96731	(1) 5-6-	Benjamin E. K. Guieb	Larrucea Family Trust; Kishore
	Highway, Apts 1 & 2		001:090:0001		Kanakamedala & Mira Misra
			& 0002		
OA-2154	91-121 Olai Street	96707	(1) 9-1-026:027	Walter P. Thompson, Inc.	City & County of Honolulu
HA-660	78-131-A Ehukai	96740	(3) 7-8-012:001	Peter McCormick	Peter & Lorraine McCormick
HA-661	88-145 Kai Avenue	96704	(3) 8-8-005:094	Thomas G. Pattinson	Mark S. & Lori L. Rosebush

<sup>\*</sup> Please note: OA-2149 was reported on 07/08/2025 with an incorrect TMK number

## PROPOSED SHORELINE CERTIFICATIONS AND REJECTIONS

The shoreline notices below have been proposed for certification or rejection by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (HRS § 205A-42 and HAR § 13-222-26). Any person or agency who wants to appeal shall file a notice of appeal in writing with DLNR no later than 20 calendar days from the date of this public notice. Send the appeal to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.

File No.	Status	Location	Zip Code	тмк	Applicant	Owner
OA-2143	Proposed	55-051 Naupaka Street	96762	(1) 5-5-010:024	Wesley T. Tengan	George Edward Smoth & Mary Anne A. Smith Joint Revocable Trust
OA-2145	Proposed	92-301 Farrington Highway	96707	(1) 9-2-049:001	Engineers Surveyors Hawaii, Inc.	City & County of Honolulu
OA-2146	Proposed	4157 Black Point Road	96816	(1) 3-5-001:007	Ailana Surveying & Geomatics	Toshio Okumura & Barbarine Rich
HA-655	Proposed	15-1091 Ala Heiau Road	96749	(3) 1-5-031:067	Daniel Berg	Kermit Johnson & Doris Kinuyo Johnson

## FEDERAL NOTICES

As a courtesy, listed below are some relevant entries from the Federal Register published since the last issue of *The Environmental Notice*. For more information, click on the title link, also available at <a href="https://www.federalregister.gov">www.federalregister.gov</a>.

Proposed Rule: <u>Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Military Readiness Activities in the Hawaii-California Training and Testing Study Area</u> (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 07/16/2025)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has received a request from the U.S. Department of the Navy (including the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps) (Navy) and on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard (Coast Guard) and U.S. Army (Army) (hereafter, Navy, Coast Guard, and Army are collectively referred to as the Action Proponents) for Incidental Take Regulations (ITR) and multiple associated Letters of Authorization (LOAs) pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The requested regulations would govern the authorization of take of marine mammals incidental to training and testing activities, and modernization and sustainment of ranges conducted in the Hawaii-California Training and Testing (HCTT) Study Area over the course of seven years from December 2025 through December 2032. NMFS requests comments on this proposed rule. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the promulgation of the requested ITR and issuance of the LOAs; agency responses to public comments will be summarized in the final rule, if issued. The Action Proponents' activities are considered military readiness activities pursuant to the MMPA, as amended by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (2004 NDAA) and the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2019 (2019 NDAA). For more information, please click on the title link above.

# Rule: <u>Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of Critical Habitat for Five Species of Threatened Indo-Pacific Corals</u> (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 07/15/2025)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) designates critical habitat for five threatened Indo-Pacific coral species, *Acropora globiceps, A. retusa, A. speciosa, Fimbriaphyllia paradivisa* (formerly *Euphyllia paradivisa*), and *Isopora crateriformis,* pursuant to section 4 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Final critical habitat includes 18 specific areas encompassing approximately 237 square kilometers (km²; 92 square miles, mi²) of marine habitat in American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Pacific Remote Island Areas, and Hawai'i. We have considered economic, national security, and other relevant impacts of the designations, but are not excluding any areas from the critical habitat designations due to anticipated impacts. This rule is effective August 14, 2025. For more information, please click on the title link above.

# Rule: <u>Revision of National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures</u> (published by the Energy Department on 07/03/2025)

This interim final rule substantially revises Department of Energy's (DOE) regulations containing its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing procedures, which were promulgated to supplement now-rescinded Council on Environmental Quality regulations. Mindful that the Supreme Court recently clarified NEPA is a "purely procedural statute," DOE will henceforth maintain the remainder of its procedures in a procedural guidance document separate from the Code of Federal Regulations (DOE NEPA implementing procedures). Thus, DOE is revising 10 CFR part 1021 to contain only administrative and routine actions excepted from NEPA review in appendix A, its existing categorical exclusions in appendix B, related requirements, and a provision for emergency circumstances. DOE is revising appendix A in 10 CFR part 1021 to align with DOE's new NEPA implementing procedures that it is publishing separate from the Code of Federal Regulations. Appendix A in 10 CFR part 1021 (formerly categorical exclusions) are now administrative and routine actions that do not require NEPA review. DOE is also revising 10 CFR part 205, subpart W, to remove the NEPA procedures from its Presidential permit regulations. This interim rule is effective July 3, 2025. Comments are due by August 4, 2025. For more information, please click on the title link above.

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS**

## **Agency Actions**

Projects or programs proposed by any department, office, board, or commission of the state or county government which is part of the executive branch of that government per HRS 343-2.

#### **Applicant Actions**

Projects or programs proposed by any person who, pursuant to statute, ordinance, or rule, requests approval for a proposed action per <u>HRS 343-2</u>.

## **Draft Environmental Assessment**

When an Agency or Applicant proposes an action that triggers HRS 343, an Environmental Assessment shall be prepared at the earliest practicable time to determine whether the action's environmental impact will be significant, and thus whether an environmental impact statement shall be required per HRS 343-5(b), for Agency actions and HRS 343-5(e), for Applicant actions. For actions for which the proposing or approving agency anticipates a Finding of No Significant Impact (AFNSI), a Draft EA (DEA) shall be made available for public review and comment for 30 days and public notice is published in this periodic bulletin.

## Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The action's proponent shall respond in writing to comments on a DEA received during the 30-day review period and prepare a Final EA (FEA) that includes those responses to determine whether an environmental impact statement shall be required. If there are no significant impacts, then the Agency will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be required and the project has cleared HRS 343 requirements. The public has 30 days from the notice of a FONSI in this bulletin to challenge the FONSI in the Environmental Court and seek a ruling to require the preparation of an EIS.

## Final Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice

An EIS shall be required if the Agency finds that the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment. The Agency shall file notice of such determination with OPSD called an EIS Preparation Notice (EISPN) along with the supporting Final EA. After the notice of the FEA-EISPN is published in this bulletin, the public has 30 days to request to become a consulted party and to make written comments. The public (including the Applicant) has 60 days from the notice of the EISPN in this bulletin to ask a court to not require the preparation of an EIS.

# Act 172-2012, Direct-to-EIS, Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (with no EA)

Act 172 in 2012 amended HRS 343 by providing for an agency to bypass the preparation of an environmental assessment for various actions that in the experience of the agency would clearly require the preparation of an EIS. The agency must submit its determination that an EIS is required for an action (Act 172-2012, EISPN) with a completed publication form detailing the specifics of the action. This starts a 30-day scoping period in which the agency or applicant must hold a public scoping meeting for the preparation of the Draft EIS. Written comments and responses on the EISPN must be incorporated into the subsequent Draft EIS and oral comments from the public scoping meeting must be recorded and submitted to OPSD with the Draft EIS.

#### HFPΔ

While technically there is no "Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act," HRS 343 is often referred to by this term.

# Act 312-2012, Secondary Actions in the Highway or Public Right Of Way

Act 312-2012, amended HRS 343, by adding a new section (HRS 343-5.5, entitled "Exception to applicability of chapter"). HEPA allows for a statutory exception for "secondary actions" (those that involve infrastructure in the highway or public right-of-way) provided that the permit or approval of the related "primary action" (those outside of the highway or public-right-of-way and on private property) is not subject to discretionary consent and further provided that the applicant for the primary action submits documentation from the appropriate agency confirming that no further discretional approvals are required. An aid to understanding this is to visualize residential driveway improvements in the public right-of-way, versus, retail outlet driveway improvements in the public right-of-way.

## **Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

After receiving the comments on the EISPN, the Agency or Applicant must prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The content requirements of the DEIS shall contain an explanation of the environmental consequences of the proposed action including the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts and their mitigation measures. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this bulletin to comment on a DEIS.

## **Final Environmental Impact Statement**

After considering all public comments filed during the DEIS stage, the Agency or Applicant must prepare a Final EIS (FEIS). The FEIS must respond in a point-by-point manner to all comments from the draft and must be included in the FEIS. For Applicant projects, the Approving Agency is the Accepting Authority and must make a determination within 30 days or the FEIS is deemed accepted as a matter of law. For an Agency project, the Governor or the Mayor (or their designated representative) is the Accepting Authority, and unlike applicant actions, there is no time limit on the accepting authority reviewing the FEIS. Only after the FEIS is accepted may the project be implemented.

#### Acceptability

The Accepting Authority must be satisfied that the FEIS meets three criteria (process, content, response to comments) to accept it. Whether the FEIS is accepted or not accepted, notice of the Acceptance Determination is published in this bulletin. The public has 60 days from publication to legally challenge the acceptance of a FEIS. For both Applicant and Agency actions, the Applicant or the proposing Agency can prepare a Revised DEIS after a non-acceptance determination.



Maui Sunset

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## **National Environmental Policy Act**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal projects to prepare a Federal EA or EIS. In many ways it is similar to Hawai'i's law. Some projects require both a State and Federal EIS and the public comment procedure should be coordinated. Upon request by a federal agency, OPSD publishes NEPA notices in this bulletin to help keep the public informed of important federal actions.

#### **Conservation District**

Proposed uses of land in the State Conservation District require a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA). These applications are reviewed and approved/denied by the Department or Board of Land and Natural Resources. Members of the public may intervene in the permit process. This bulletin will include EAs & EISs for actions proposed within the Conservation District.

# Special Management Area and Shoreline Setback Area

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coast-line of all islands; development in this area is generally regulated by HRS 205A, and county ordinance. A portion of the SMA that is addressed by HRS 343 is the Shoreline Area, which includes land between the State-certified shoreline and the county-determined shoreline setback line. This bulletin will include EAs & EISs for actions proposed within the Shoreline Setback Area. Some projects going through the SMA permit process on O'ahu are also required to go through an environmental review process that mirrors HRS 343; these "ROH Chapter 25" EAs/EISs are included in this bulletin.

## **Shoreline Certifications**

State law requires that Hawai'i shorelines be surveyed and certified when necessary to clearly establish the shoreline setback from the certified shoreline. The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate regulatory boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their shoreline certified by the State surveyor prior to construction. This bulletin publishes notice from the Department of Land and Natural Resources of shore-line certification applicants and final certifications or rejections.

## **Environmental Advisory Council**

The <u>Environmental Advisory Council</u> is a 15-member citizen board appointed by the Governor. They serve as a liaison between the Director of OPSD and the general public concerning ecology and environmental quality. Agendas of their regular meetings are posted on the Internet and the public is invited to attend.

## **Agency Exemption Lists**

Government agencies may keep a list describing the minor activities they regularly perform that are exempt from the environmental review process. These lists and any amendments shall be submitted to the Council for review and concurrence (HAR 11-200.1-16). This bulletin will publish an agency's draft exemption list for public comment prior to Council decision making, as well as notice of the Council's decision on the list.

## **Endangered Species**

This bulletin is required by HRS 343-3(c), to publish notice of public comment periods or public hearings for Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP), Safe Harbor Agreements (SHA), or Incidental Take Licenses (ITL) under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as availability for public inspection of a proposed HCP or SHA, or a proposed ITL (as a part of an HCP or SHA).